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Immanuel means “God With Us”

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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☐ In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

☑ Amen.

☐ Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☑ Amen.

☐ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

☐ Most merciful God,

☑ **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

☐ Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:21-23

☑ **Amen.**

***HYMN, “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” LBW Hymn 549**

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;

Green Book

To his feet your tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

Evermore his praises sing.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King!

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2. Praise him for his grace and favor
To our forebears in distress.
Praise him, still the same forever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

3. Tenderly he shields and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely as his mercy flows.

4. Angels help us to adore him,
Who behold him face to face.
Sun and moon bow down before him;
All who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

*GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

2 Corinthians 13:14

*KYRIE (*sung*)

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P Kyrie eleison: **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

Blue Book

P Christe eleison: **C** **Christ, have mercy.**

P Kyrie eleison: **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

Mark 10:47

**☒ Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God’s people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God’s people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God’s people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God’s people on earth,
and peace to God’s people on earth.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ Let us pray together . . .

☑ **O God,**

**because your abiding presence always goes with us,
keep us aware of your daily mercies
that we may live secure and content in your eternal love;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN'S SONG, "*Jesus Loves Me*"

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong: They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died haven's gates to open wide.
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

Anna Bartlett Warner (1824-1915)



FIRST READING, Jeremiah 20:7-13

O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;

you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"

then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him."

But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;

let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

(NRSV)

℣ The Word of the Lord.

✠ Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91

℣ You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

☞ **Will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.”**

℣ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence;

☞ **He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

℣ You will not fear the terror of the night,
or the arrow that flies by day,

☞ **Or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

℣ A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.

☞ **You will only look with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.**

℣ Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling place,

☞ **No evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.**

℣ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

☞ **On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

℣ You will tread on the lion and the adder,

☞ **The young lion and the serpent
you will trample under foot.**

℣ Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.

☞ **When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.**

℣ With long life I will satisfy them,

☞ **And show them my salvation.**

(NRSV)

SECOND READING, Romans 6:12-23

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. *(NRSVue)*

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, “Alleluia!”**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

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Blue Book

John 6:68

***GOSPEL, Matthew 10:5a, 16-33**

📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

🎵 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

📖 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions . . . “I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.”

(NRSV)

📖 The Gospel of the Lord. 🎵 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN, “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” WOV Hymn 713

Lord, let my heart be good soil, *Blue Book*
Open to the seed of your Word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
Where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Handt Hanson (1950-)

SERMON

Pastor David James Baer

***HYMN, “How Firm a Foundation” LBW Hymn 507**

1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, *Green Book*
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

2. Fear not! I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

4. Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still on my bosom be borne.

English Hymn (1787)

**☞ I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Response: **☞ Lord, in your mercy,**

☞ Hear our prayer.

— SACRAMENT —

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

☞ The Lord be with you.

☞ And also with you.

☞ Lift up your hearts.

☞ We lift them to the Lord.

☞ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☞ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*PROPER PREFACE

☐ It is indeed right and salutary
that we should at all times and in all places
offer thanks and praise to you,
O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection
opened the way of everlasting life.
And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS

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☐ **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blue Book

*Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9
Second Century Christian Hymn*

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

☐ In the night in which he was betrayed
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
“Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
“This cup is the new testament in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

*LORD'S PRAYER

**☩ Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Matthew 6:9-13

COMMUNION

All baptized Christians who trust that Jesus is true to his promise — giving his body and blood with the bread and wine for you for the forgiveness of your sins — are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper with us. White grape juice is available in the center of each tray for those who are unable to receive wine for health reasons. During the distribution of Holy Communion, the congregation sings:

WOV Page 39, "Lamb of God"

WOV Hymn 706, "Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup"

LBW Hymn 474, "Children of the Heavenly Father"

LBW Hymn 554, "This Is My Father's World"

LAMB OF GOD

**☩ Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

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Blue Book

John 1:29

Seventh Century Hymn

HYMN, “Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup”

WOV Hymn 706

Refrain: Eat this bread, drink this cup.

Blue Book

Taste and see the goodness of God.

Bread of life, cup of love,

We rejoice in your presence.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
praise with heart and voice;
in my God I glory forever:
listen and rejoice! *Refrain*

2. Look upon the Lord, be radiant,
never turn away.
God will save in ev'ry affliction,
hear us when we pray. *Refrain*

3. Angels fold their wings around us,
guard through good and ill.
Those who seek the Lord will lack nothing;
taste, and have your fill. *Refrain*

4. Saints of God, bow down and worship,
bless the holy name.
Rise to tell God's greatness forever,
wondrous deeds proclaim! *Refrain*

Psalm 34

Jeremy Young (1948-)



1. Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge ne'er was given.

Green Book

2. God his own doth tend and nourish;
In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them;
In his mighty arms he bears them.

3. Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth,
And their sorrows all he knoweth.

4. Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

Carolina V. Sandell Berg (1823-1903)

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HYMN, “This Is My Father’s World”

LBW Hymn 554

Green Book

1. This is my Father’s world,
And to my list’ning ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world;
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father’s world;
The birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world;
He shines in all that’s fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
He speaks to me ev’rywhere.

3. This is my Father’s world;
Oh, let me not forget
That, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world;
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let the heavens ring;
God reigns, let the earth be glad!

Maltbie D. Babcock (1858-1901)



***COMMUNION BLESSING**

☞ The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his holy and precious blood strengthen and keep you in true faith unto life everlasting.

☛ Amen.

Eighth Century Blessing

***CANTICLE, “Thankful hearts and voices . . .” WOV Page 40**

☛ Thankful hearts and voices raise;

Blue Book

Tell everyone what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice
and bear Christ’s holy name.

Send us with your promises, O God,

And lead us forth in joy

With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

☞ Almighty God,

you provide the true bread from heaven,

your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant that we who have received

the Sacrament of his body and blood

may abide in him and he in us,

that we may be filled with the power of his endless life,

now and forever.

☛ Amen.

***BLESSING**

☞ Almighty God, Father, † Son and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

☛ Amen.

***DISMISSAL**

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☛ Thanks be to God.

***HYMN, “On Eagle’s Wings”**

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: “My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!”

Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear:
Under his wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. *Refrain.*

3. You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. *Refrain.*

4. For to his angels he’s given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.
And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Psalm 91
Michael Joncas (1951-)

POSTLUDE

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Alex and family	Agnes & Mark Baumann
Patricia Bridgeman	Lenae Ebel
Kirsten Flagstad	Bob Grams
Gail Hemeyer	Peter Iverson
Shelley Iverson	Charles Jackson
Felicity Kramer	Allison Lester
Cleo Miller	Kristin & Lester Nies
Connie Ross	Kathy Rost
Rita Shewmake	Guyla Baer Sturgeon
Carletta and Steve Vasknetz	Anne Vossler
David Wanhannen	
Cherry Bieber (friend of Jon and Shelley Iverson)	
Jody Blevins (daughter of Claire and Maxine Ripley)	
Curtis Clark (friend of Patricia Bridgeman)	
Marla Ebel (sister of Rita Shewmake)	
Kris Eide (sister of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)	
Melanie Erickson (sister of Brenda Rath)	
Wayne Fiechtner (brother of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)	
Ronnie Fischer (brother of Judy Haiwick)	
Addie Graves (sister-in-law of Brandon and Alyssa Loll)	
Sherry Grismer (sister of Pastor David Baer)	
Ernie Griner (11-year-old friend of Meta Halverson)	
Martina Ham (mother of Diane Kunz)	
Doug Hewitt (brother-in-law of Diane Kunz)	
David Hoaas (brother-in-law of Lynelle Follum)	
Donovan Hunt (son of Carol Vercoe)	
Grace Iverson Johnson (daughter of Jon and Shelley Iverson)	
Coleen Iverson-Routh (sister of Jon Iverson)	
Steve Kampfe (son of Garland and Kathy Kampfe)	
JoAnn Knutson (mother of Todd Knutson)	
Kathryn Koch (mother of Mike Koch)	
Roger Kurtenbach (friend of Jean Zambon)	
Callie Kvanvig (great niece of Ray Follum)	
Michael & Jan Meyer (brother & sister-in-law of Midge Hemeyer)	
Caren Miller (sister of Maxine Ripley)	
Mitch Palmer (friend of Paul Swisher)	
Roy Riley (grandson of Carol Vercoe)	
Tim Ripley (friend of Paul Swisher)	
Jess Teigen (friend of Amelia Knutson)	
Xayne Vroman (great grandson of Cindy and Harold Davis)	
Traci Westberg (daughter-in-law of Tony and Alona Westberg)	
Sandra Wittrock (sister of Darrell Pulscher)	
Kay Zuhr (sister of Chris Burleson)	
Zhuang People (unreached people group in China)	

ORGAN TASK FORCE UPDATE: The Organ Task Force continues its work. The task force will be presenting its findings and some possible options to the congregation and seeking input on Sunday, July 12. Basic information will be presented during worship and an informational session and time for questions and feedback will be held after worship. The task force has received proposals for new traditional electronic organs from Allen and Rodgers and for an electronic organ based on the Hauptwerk system, and for a used Allen organ. A proposal has also been requested from a pipe organ builder from Hermosa. A special meeting of the congregation will be held after worship on Sunday, July 26, to officially consider an organ proposal. The Church Council would like to be able to present a single proposal for consideration. Your input now and on Sunday, July 12, will be helpful in our decision making. Toby Rath is the chairman of the task force. Please talk to a task force member if you have any input about an organ.

THE ORGAN TASK FORCE will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the church. They will be reviewing proposals for organs and preparing for their presentation to the congregation on Sunday, July 12.

AN ORGAN FUND has been started by the Church Council to raise money for a possible new organ. Our organ has been experiencing intermittent outages and is not dependable enough for use in worship. You may designate a gift for the organ fund through the offering.

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH is Pastor Valery Hryhoryk, an NALC global worker in Belarus. Belarus has one of the most repressive governments in Eastern Europe and ministry there is very difficult. Pastor Valery formed Belarus Lutheran Missionary Fellowship (BLMF) as a way to actively reach children, youth and families with the Gospel and to restore the historic Lutheran Church in Belarus which was persecuted by communists. Included in the many outreach activities of BLMF are: children's camps, theological seminars, community care ministries, Christian book publishing and distribution, and a music ministry. You can learn more at www.alwm.org/belarus. Mission of the Month highlights one of the ministries supported through your regular giving to Immanuel.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Today	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:15 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
	10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
Monday	7:00 a.m. — Men's Group
Wednesday	6:30 p.m. — Organ Task Force
Thursday	9:00 a.m. — Painting Fellowship Hall
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:15 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
	10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School

THANK YOU to all who helped with our Spring Work Day last Sunday. We were able to finish some clean-up and work projects around our church building and grounds. We really appreciate everyone who helped with those projects and those who volunteered to help with painting the fellowship hall.

WE WILL BE PAINTING the fellowship hall on Thursday. We plan to start work at 9 a.m. Several people have volunteered to help with the painting project. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the library social room or talk to Joanne Baer if you can help paint. We want to be sure to have enough paint and supplies ready.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is set for Sunday, July 12, through Thursday, July 17, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Immanuel. This is a community VBS hosted by the three churches of Whitewood. Please mark your calendars and invite children to our VBS. Please let Pastor David know if you are willing to help with VBS this year. Both teachers and helpers are needed.

ONLINE WORSHIP: We stream our Sunday worship service on the internet for those who are unable to join us in person. You can join the service live at 9 a.m. on Sunday or watch the recording of the service at a later time. Links to the service are on our website.

WELCOME TO ALL who are worshipping with us today. We especially welcome our visitors. If you are unfamiliar with our worship, one of our members will gladly assist you. Visitors, please be sure to sign the guest register in the narthex. We hope that you will worship with us again soon.

ALL ARE INVITED to stay for a time of fellowship following worship. Baked goods, donuts, coffee, and juice are available. An offering is received to cover expenses.

OFFERINGS are being received in the offering plate on the table near the entrance to the sanctuary. The Church Council suggested trying this method of receiving offerings for the summer and seeking feedback from members. Please share your thoughts and suggestions with Pastor David or a Church Council member.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 10:25 a.m. on Sundays in the library social room. In observance of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America, we will be using a study called, “We the People: Citizens of Two Kingdoms” from the Lutheran Hour. This week’s episode is “A Christian Nation — Really?” Please join us for this opportunity to grow in faith.

A MEN’S GROUP meets at 7 a.m. on Mondays at the church. All men are welcome.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the congregation will be held after worship on Sunday, July 26, to consider a proposal for a new church organ and to officially elect Heidi Aker as Immanuel’s treasurer. An informational meeting on the organ will be held on Sunday, July 12, to present options for the organ and to seek feedback.

SERVICE TEAM #2 is looking for volunteers to help with serving during July. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the library social room.

GREETING CARDS, napkins and cookbooks are for sale by the Immanuel Church Women. They are available on the bookshelf in the fellowship hall near the kitchen.