

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

C Amen.

P 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.

P 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.

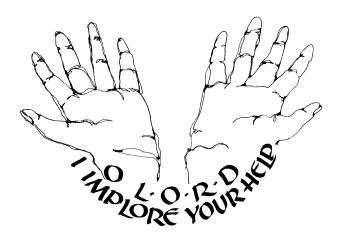
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins.

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, "When In the Hour of Deepest Need" Tune: LBW 230

- 1. When in the hour of deepest need We know not where to look for aid; When days and nights of anxious thought No help or counsel yet have brought.
 - 2. Our comfort then is this alone That we may meet before your throne; To you, O faithful God, we cry For rescue from our misery.
- 3. For you have promised, Lord, to heed Your children's cries in time of need Through him whose name alone is great, Our Savior and our advocate.
 - 4. And so we come, O God, today And all our woes before you lay; Be with us in our anguish still; Free us at last from ev'ry ill.
- 5. So we with all our hearts each day To you our glad thanksgiving pay, Then walk obedient to your Word, And now and ever praise you, Lord.

Paul Eber (1511-1569)

*GREETING

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

And also with you.

2 Corinthians 13:14

*KYRIE (sung)

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P Kyrie eleison: **Q** Lord, have mercy. Blue Book

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

P Kyrie eleison: **Q Lord, have mercy.** *Mark* 10:47

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☑ 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.

Luke 2:14, John 1:29 Fourth Century Greek Hymn

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- **P** Let us pray together . . .
- O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, you have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us.

 Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name 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)



— WORD —

FIRST READING, Genesis 32:22-31

During the night Jacob quickly took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream along with all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone. Then a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he could not defeat Jacob, he struck the socket of his hip so the socket of Jacob's hip was dislocated while he wrestled with him.

Then the man said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking." "I will not let you go," Jacob replied, "unless you bless me." The man asked him, "What is your name?" He answered, "Jacob." "No longer will your name be Jacob," the man told him, "but Israel, because you have fought with God and with men and have prevailed."

Then Jacob asked, "Please tell me your name." "Why do you ask my name?" the man replied. Then he blessed Jacob there. So Jacob named the place Peniel, explaining, "Certainly I have seen God face to face and have survived."

The sun rose over him as he crossed over Penuel, but he was limping because of his hip. (NET)

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- **☑** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

- L I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
- **My** help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.
- L He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- **☑** Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- L The LORD himself watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

② So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

L The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.

⚠ The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

(BCP/LBW)

SECOND READING, 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5

You, however, must continue in the things you have learned and are confident about. You know who taught you and how from infancy you have known the holy writings, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Every scripture is inspired by God and useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the person dedicated to God may be capable and equipped for every good work.

I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: Preach the message, be ready whether it is convenient or not, reprove, rebuke, exhort with complete patience and instruction. For there will be a time when people will not tolerate sound teaching. Instead, following their own desires, they will accumulate teachers for themselves, because they have an insatiable curiosity to hear new things. And they will turn away from hearing the truth, but on the other hand they will turn aside to myths. You, however, be self-controlled in all things, endure hardship, do an evangelist's work, fulfill your ministry.

L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, "Alleluia!"

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

John 6:68

Blue Book

*GOSPEL, Luke 18:1-8

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.
- P Then Jesus told them a parable to show them they should always pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected people. There was also a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he refused, but later on he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor have regard for people, yet because this widow keeps on bothering me, I will give her justice, or in the end she will wear me out by her unending pleas."' And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unrighteous judge says! Won't God give justice to his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he delay long to help them? I tell you, he will give them justice speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"
- **P** 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,
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-)

Blue Book

SERMON

Pastor David J. Baer

*HYMN, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

LBW Hymn 439

Green Book

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear — All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!

2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged — Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness — Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge —
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
You will find a solace there.

Joseph M. Scriven (1819-1886)



G 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

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Response: P Lord, in your mercy,

G Hear our prayer.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*OFFERTORY, "Let the Vineyards"

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Q Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P Merciful Father.
- We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.

 Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,

 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

— SACRAMENT —

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **Q** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **Q** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*PROPER PREFACE

P 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:



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ఆ 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.

Isaiah 6:3. Matthew 21:9

*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" WOV Hymn 783, "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" LBW Hymn 474, "Children of the Heavenly Father"

LAMB OF GOD

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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.

John 1:29

Seventh Century Christian Hymn

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

Refrain: Eat this bread, drink this cup.

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-)

HYMN, "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" WOV Hymn 783

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And its righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Matthew 6:33

2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Matthew 7:7

3. We do not live by bread alone, But by every word That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.

Matthew 4:4 Karen Lafferty (1948-)

HYMN, "Children of the Heavenly Father" LBW Hymn 474

- 1. Children of the heavenly Father Safely in his bosom gather; Nestling bird or star in heaven Such a refuge ne'er was given.
 - 2. God his own doth tend and nourish, In his holy courts they flourish. From all evil powers 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 Sandell Berg (1832-1903)

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*COMMUNION BLESSING

P 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

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*CANTICLE, "Thankful hearts and voices..." WOV Page 40

Thankful hearts and voices raise; 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

P 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.

G Amen.

*BLESSING

■ Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

*DISMISSAL

- **P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **☑** Thanks be to God.

*HYMN, "Day by Day"

WOV Hymn 746

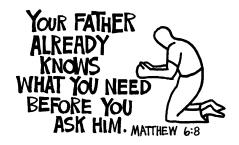
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1. Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, Bringing comfort to my anxious soul. Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me Draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal. Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, Brings to naught the burdens of my quest; Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, Where at last I'll find eternal rest.

- 2. Day by day, I know you will provide me Strength to serve and wisdom to obey; I will seek your loving will to guide me O'er the paths I struggle day by day. I will fear no evil of the morrow, I will trust in your enduring grace. Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow Till in glory I behold your face.
- 3. Oh, what joy to know that you are near me When my burdens grow too great to bear; Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no matter what betide me, You will hold me ever in your hand. Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.

Carolina Sandell Berg (1832-1903)

POSTLUDE



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Alex and family Bill Burleson
Don Dubbe Lenae Ebel
Shelley Iverson Felicity Kramer

Dorothy Pulscher Claire and Maxine Ripley
Connie Ross Guyla Baer Sturgeon

Paul Swisher Carletta and Steve Vasknetz

Anne Vossler David Wanhannen

Kaleb (great grandson of Jean Sneesby) Cheryl Anderson (sister of Corey Halverson) Cherry Bieber (friend of Jon and Shelley Iverson) Jody Blevins (daughter of Claire and Maxine Ripley) Larry Conklin (brother of Claudia Christensen)

Marla Ebel (sister of Rita Shewmake)

Kris Eide (sister of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)

Melanie Erickson (sister of Brenda Rath)

Ellen Fiechtner (mother of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath) Steve Fiechtner (brother of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)

Ronnie Fischer (brother of Judy Haiwick)

Addie Graves (sister-in-law of Brandon and Alyssa Loll) Ernie Griner (11-year-old friend of Meta Halverson)

June Halverson (mother of Corey Halverson)

Martina Ham (mother of Diane Kunz)

Ike Iverson (father of Jon Iverson)

Grace Iverson Johnson (daughter of Jon and Shelley Iverson)

Coleen Iverson-Routh (sister of Jon Iverson)

Steve Kampfe (son of Garland and Kathy Kampfe)

Callie Kvanvig (great niece of Ray Follum) Lois Meyer (sister-in-law of Midge Hemeyer)

Michael and Jan Meyer (brother and 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)

Aaron Richards (infant son of Grace (Smith) and Hunter Richards)

Ava Rouvennolt (6-year-old girl with cancer, friend of Judy Haiwick)

Dean Sandidge (son of Lance Sandidge, grandson of Leon and Shanna)

Carreen Smith (sister of Mimi Swisher)

Jeremy Sundby (nephew of Claire and Maxine Ripley)

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)

Melissa Williams (friend of Mark and Mary Tracy) Robert Zuhr (brother-in-law of Chris Burleson)

Zhuang People (unreached people group in China)

Thomas and Deuane Thorstad (NALC global workers in Southeast Asia)

THE NEW PEW CUSHIONS were installed this week. Thank you to everyone who gave special gifts for the cushions.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with the lunch for Scott Aker's funeral on Saturday. We need salads and bars and people to help with serving at the funeral lunch. Sign up on the sheet on the table in the library social room.

A HARVEST FESTIVAL MUSIC CONCERT featuring Alvin McAmis and Friends is at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Whitewood Community Hall. The concert is free.

A PANCAKE FEED will be held 7 a.m. to noon next Sunday at the Whitewood Fire Hall (just east of the church). A donation to support the work of the Whitewood Volunteer Fire Department will be received. Please support our firefighters.

STURGIS KIWANIS HOBO STEW FEED is 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. next Sunday at the Sturgis Community Center. This is an annual fund-raiser for their local youth projects. Tickets for all-you-can-eat Hobo Stew are \$10 and available in advance or at the door.

A CHILI AND SOUP COOKOFF is 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, at the Sturgis Community Center. The events is a fund raiser for the Sturgis Alliance of Churches. All donations received help those in need in the Sturgis area.

A TREASURED LIVES SURVIVOR PANEL will be presented at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at St. Joseph's Hall at the Cathedral, 522 Cathedral Drive in Rapid City. Treasured Lives is an anti-sex trafficking organization that ministers to victims. It is one of the ministries supported by your gifts to Immanuel. Advanced tickets are required and are available online at www.treasuredlives.org/events.

A NEW THURSDAY NIGHT STUDY will be starting on Thursday, Oct. 30. We will be studying the Lutheran "solas:" Faith Alone, Scripture Alone, Grace Alone, etc. The eight-week class will be offered at 6:45 p.m. on Thursdays and will be preceded by a light supper.

WE ARE UPDATING OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY. If you have a new address or phone number or if there are other changes you'd like on your page in our church directory, please get those changes to Linda Beulke or Pastor David. If you'd like a new photo, you can get that to them too. If you worship at Immanuel, we'd like you to be in our directory. Remember that our directory is loose leaf so that we can update it regularly.

BOOKS AND CULTURE DISCUSSION GROUP is a group that meets monthly at Immanuel to discuss recent important "secular" books that have broad cultural significance and consider their implications from a Christian perspective and biblical worldview. Please read the selected book to prepare for discussion with the group. The book for October is *The Coming Wave: AI, Power, and Our Future* by Mustafa Suleyman and Michael Bhaskar. Artificial intelligence and its related areas, including biotechnology and nanotechnology, will result in significant changes in our culture, the life of every person, and potential risks or benefits for human survival. The book is available from local bookstores and online. The group meets monthly and selects a book to be read for discussion. The next meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 28. For more information talk to Doug Wessel who is leading the group.

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH is Pastors Thomas and Deuane Thorstad and their family who serve in the Mekong region of Southeast Asia. Pastor Tom is an NALC pastor. His wife, Pastor Deuane, is a pastor of the Lao Evangelical Church of Laos. They have three children. They are NALC global workers supported through Awakening Lives to World Mission. Their ministry work centers around Bible translation and theological education of pastors and lay leaders who live and serve in tribal areas of the unreached people groups of Laos, Thailand, and Myanmar. Over 86 percent of the people in those countries are considered unreached, with no less than a 0.05 percent Christian presence and no known Bible translation in their people's language. Pastor Tom and Pastor Deuane work with local churches in those countries and have a strong relationship with the church leadership in those countries. You can learn more at www.alwm.org/laos-thailand. 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. — Church Council

Monday 7:00 a.m. — Men's Group

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. — Women's Group

Wednesday 4:30 p.m. — Kids Club

6:00 p.m. — Confirmation class

Thursday 5:30 p.m. — Choir rehearsal

6:30 p.m. — Light Supper 6:45 p.m. — Exodus class

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. — Worship

10:15 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship 10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School

NEW MEMBERS will be formally received next Sunday. If you are interested in joining Immanuel, please talk to Pastor David.

WHITEWOOD KIDS CLUB — our Wednesday night children's ministry — meets from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. each week. Kids Club is designed for children Age 4 through Grade 5. For more information about Kids Club or to volunteer to help with Kids Club, talk to Brit Porterfield or Pastor David.

THURSDAY NIGHT STUDY: Dr. Doug Wessel is teaching a course at Immanuel entitled, "The Exodus: Biblical and Historic Perspectives on Freedom with Implications for America." This foursession class will discuss the Israelite exodus from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the promised land. The principles that can be learned from the biblical account of this experience are foundational for building a free and responsibility society. The implications of these principles for the future of freedom in America will be considered. The class is offered at 6:45 p.m. on Thursdays and will be preceded by a light supper.

WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping 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. Donuts, coffee, and juice are available. A free-will offering is received to cover expenses.

TODAY IS PASTOR DAVID'S BIRTHDAY. Join him for birthday cake following worship.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet at 10:25 a.m. today. Copies of the agenda are available on the table in the library social room.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Scott Aker. Scott is the brother of Alan Aker, Cindy Ladner and Deb Schmidt. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Immanuel. May God comfort all who mourn with the hope of the Resurrection.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday. They are studying the book of Acts. All women are welcome to be a part of this monthly study. A short meeting will follow.

A MEN'S GROUP meets at 7 a.m. on Mondays at the church. They are currently studying the book of 1 Peter. All men are welcome. Talk to Mark Tracy or Jon Iverson for more information.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL will not meet today because of the Church Council meeting. Adult Sunday School normally meets at 10:25 a.m. on Sundays in the library social room. We are watching an interview podcast series from 1517 featuring Kelsi Klembara. She interviews scholars and authors about various topics. We will watch each episode over two weeks to allow time for discussion. The topics will change regularly, so you can join us for a few weeks or come regularly. Next week we will watch an interview with the Rev. Dr. Mark Mattes on assurance of salvation — how you can know that you are saved.