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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, “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”**

Hymn 230

Green Book

1. Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from your Son
And bring to nought all he has done.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, your pow’r make known,
For you are Lord of lords alone;
Defend your holy Church, that we
May sing your praise triumphantly.

3. O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

Martin Luther (1483-1546)

***GREETING**

☞ 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)*

WOV Page 28

☞ Kyrie eleison:

☛ **Lord, have mercy.**

Blue Book

☞ Christe eleison:

☛ **Christ, have mercy.**

☞ Kyrie eleison:

☛ **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.**

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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

☞ The Lord be with you.

☛ **And also with you.**

☞ Let us pray together . . .

☛ **Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given great and precious promises
to those who believe.**

**Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts,
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

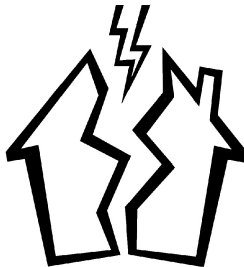
SONG, “*Jesus Loves the Little Children*”

Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white,
They are precious in his sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus cares for all the children,
All the children of the world.
Ev'ry child in ev'ry land,
Jesus holds them in his hand.
Jesus cares for all the children of the world.

Clarence H. Woolston (1856-1927)

Dorothy N. Schultz



— WORD —

FIRST READING, Jeremiah 23:16-29

This is what the LORD Almighty says:

“Do not listen to what the prophets are prophesying to you;
they fill you with false hopes.

They speak visions from their own minds,
not from the mouth of the LORD.

They keep saying to those who despise me,
‘The LORD says: You will have peace.’

And to all who follow the stubbornness of their hearts
they say, ‘No harm will come to you.’

But which of them has stood in the council of the LORD
to see or to hear his word?

Who has listened and heard his word?

See, the storm of the LORD
will burst out in wrath,
a whirlwind swirling down
on the heads of the wicked.

The anger of the LORD will not turn back
until he fully accomplishes
the purposes of his heart.

In days to come
you will understand it clearly.

I did not send these prophets,
yet they have run with their message;

I did not speak to them,
yet they have prophesied.

But if they had stood in my council,
they would have proclaimed my words to my people
and would have turned them from their evil ways
and from their evil deeds.

“Am I only a God nearby,”
declares the LORD,
“and not a God far away?

Who can hide in secret places
so that I cannot see them?”
declares the LORD.

“Do not I fill heaven and earth?”

declares the LORD.

“I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’ How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship. Let the prophet who has a dream recount the dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?” declares the LORD. “Is not my word like fire,” declares the LORD, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?”

📖 The Word of the Lord.

(NIV)

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:81-88

📖 My soul faints with longing for your salvation,
but I have put my hope in your word.

🙏 **My eyes fail, looking for your promise;
I say, “When will you comfort me?”**

📖 Though I am like a wineskin in the smoke,
I do not forget your decrees.

🙏 **How long must your servant wait?
When will you punish my persecutors?**

📖 The arrogant dig pits to trap me,
contrary to your law.

🙏 **All your commands are trustworthy;
help me, for I am being persecuted without cause.**

📖 They almost wiped me from the earth,
but I have not forsaken your precepts.

🙏 **In your unfailing love preserve my life,
that I may obey the statutes of your mouth.**

(NIV)



SECOND READING, Hebrews 11:17 - 12:3

By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future.

By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones.

By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength;

and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated — the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (NIV)

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, “Alleluia!”**

WOV Page 31

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Blue Book

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

John 6:68

LORD, to whom
shall we go? You
alone
JOHN 6:68
have the words
of ETERNAL LIFE.

***GOSPEL, Luke 12:49-56**

📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

👉 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

📖 *Jesus said to his disciples:* “I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does. And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is. Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?” (NIV)

📖 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-)

***HYMN, “Faith of Our Fathers”**

LBW Hymn 500

Green Book

1. Faith of our fathers, living still
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene’er we hear that glorious word.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

2. The martyrs, chained in prison dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free;
And blest would be their children’s fate
If they, like them, should die for thee.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

3. Faith of our fathers! We will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife;
Proclaim thee, too, as love knows how,
By saving Word and faithful life.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Frederick W. Faber (1814-1863)



**☞ 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 to 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.**

*Eighth Century Creed based on
Rules of Faith and Baptism Creeds
dating back to the Second Century*

THE PRAYERS

WOV Page 33

Response: **☞ Lord, in your mercy,**

☞ Hear our prayer.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

***OFFERTORY, “Let the Vineyards”**

WOV Page 35

**☞ Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.**

Blue Book

**Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.**

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**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**

℟ 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**

℟ 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.

Third Century Christian Liturgies

***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:

**☩ 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
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 507, "How Firm a Foundation"

LBW Hymn 459, "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

LAMB OF GOD

WOV Page 39

Blue Book

**☩ 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



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*

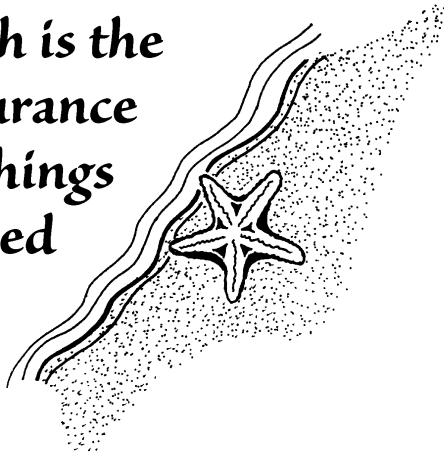
3. Angels fold their wings around us,
guard through good and ill.
Those who seek the Lord will lack nothing;
taste, and have your fill. *Refrain*

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-)

**Faith is the
assurance
of things
hoped
for.**



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.

A Selection of Hymns (1787)

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HYMN, “O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

LBW Hymn 459

Green Book

1. O Holy Spirit, enter in,
And in our hearts your work begin,
And make our hearts your dwelling.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
Your strength in us upwelling.
In your radiance
Life from heaven
Now is given
Overflowing,
Gift of gifts beyond all knowing.

2. Left to ourselves, we surely stray;
Oh, lead us on the narrow way,
With wisest counsel guide us;
And give us steadfastness, that we
May follow you forever free,
No matter who derides us.
Gently heal those
Hearts now broken;
Give some token
You are near us,
Whom we trust to light and cheer us.

3. O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
Let your good Word in doubt and strife
Be in us strongly burning,
That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith,
From you true wisdom learning.
Lord, your mercy
On us shower;
By your power
Christ confessing,
We will cherish all your blessing.

Michael Schirmer (1606-1673)

***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.

— SENDING —

***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, “Lead On, O King Eternal”**

LBWHymn 495

Green Book

1. Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;
Hence-forth in fields of conquest
Your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation
Your grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal,
We lift our battle song.

2. Lead on, O King eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy
The heav'nly kingdom comes.

3. Lead on, O King eternal:
We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might!

Ernest W. Shurtleff (1862-1917)

POSTLUDE



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Alex and family	Mona Balo
Nancy Crowhurst	Don Dubbe
Lenae Ebel	Shelley Iverson
Felicity Kramer	Claire and Maxine Ripley
Connie Ross	Violet Rost
Guyla Baer Sturgeon	Paul Swisher
Mary Tracy	Carletta and Steve Vasknetz
Anne Vossler	

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)
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)
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)
Melani Roewe (sister of Derek Besler)
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)
Ryan Thomas (cousin of Mary Tracy)
Xayne Vroman (great grandson of Cindy and Harold Davis)
Jane White and family (friend of Mary Tracy)
Traci Westberg (daughter-in-law of Tony and Alona Westberg)
Robert Zuhr (brother-in-law of Chris Burleson)
Zhuang People (unreached people group in China)

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, www.immanuellutheranwhitewoodsd.com. The bulletin is posted to the website prior to the live broadcast.

NALC DISASTER RESPONSE is responding to the flooding in the Kerrville, Texas, area. There are several NALC and LCMC congregations in the area. You can learn more about current NALC Disaster Response efforts or give online at www.thenalc.org. You may also designate a gift for NALC Disaster Response through the offering or mail your gift to 2113 Harwood Road, Suite 309; PMB 409; Bedford, TX 76021-4703. A portion of our regular offerings at Immanuel supports NALC Disaster Response.

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.

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH is the World Mission Prayer League (WMPL) and specifically the ministry of Charles and Anita Jackson. The World Mission Prayer League exists to see that populations with limited or no access to the Gospel experience the love of Christ and that believers and communities of believers in the Americas and elsewhere engage in active and collaborative participation in living out their roles in the Great Commission. Charles and Anita Jackson serve in WMPL Canada. Charles is the Executive Director of WMPL Canada, and Anita works with Prayer Mobilization and Communications. Charles and Anita have served with WMPL since 2001 first in Kenya, and then in Mongolia. They began to serve in the WMPL Canada home office in 2018. WMPL is a Lutheran community committed to know Christ, pray for the advance of his kingdom, share the Gospel and ourselves with those who do not know him; and encourage Christians everywhere in this global task. You can learn more about WMPL at wmpl.org. Mission of the Month highlights one of the ministries supported through your regular giving to Immanuel. Charles and Anita will be visiting Immanuel on Sunday, Aug. 31.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Today	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
	10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
Monday	7:00 a.m. — Men's Group
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
	10:15 a.m. — Assembling School Kits
	10:25 a.m. — Church Council

NEW PEW CUSHIONS? The Church Council is considering the possibility of recovering the pew cushions. They can use your help picking a color for the cushions. A palette of fabric colors is in the library social room for your consideration. Please put a sticker on the colors you like to help us choose a color.

WE WILL BE PUTTING TOGETHER Lutheran World Relief School Kits after worship next Sunday. We have enough school supplies to be able to complete at least 120 kits. Thank you to all who have brought school supplies. Please plan to stay after worship next Sunday and put together some kits. Make a difference in the life of a child and help a child go to school.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet after worship next Sunday.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND PARENTS are encouraged to talk to Pastor David about the scheduling for confirmation this fall. There are some new conflicts with school sports practices this year. We may want to move confirmation to Wednesday evenings.

WE NEED SOME MORE PEOPLE who are willing to help with the online live streaming of our worship services especially on an emergency basis when the regular volunteers are sick or unable to be here. Only basic computer skills are needed. Talk to Linda Beulke or Pastor David if you are interested in helping with streaming.

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 10:25 a.m. on Sundays in the library social room. “The Truth Project” is the focus of our Adult Sunday School class. The Truth Project is a video curriculum that teaches a Christian worldview. Everyone is encouraged to join us for this opportunity to grow in faith.

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

2025 NALC CONVOCATION was Aug. 5-8 in Pittsburgh, Penn. Jair Larson and Pastor David represented Immanuel. Talk to Pastor David or Jair for more on their experience. For more information on the convocation, to download documents, or to watch recordings of convocation sessions go to *lutheranweek.com* and *thenalc.org*.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to help with serving in worship during August. Both service groups work in August because of the busy summer schedules. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the library social room.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES are being gathered for Lutheran World Relief school kits. Back-to-school sales are a great time to pick up school supplies for LWR school kits. Items that are needed for the kits are: spiral notebooks (70 sheet), pencils, pens, large erasers, crayons (box of 24), pencil sharpeners, rulers with centimeters, and blunt scissors. Please bring the items to the church by next Sunday (Aug. 24) when we will be putting together the kits. Help a needy child go to school by helping us make LWR school kits.