

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ since 1888
July 28, 2019



Immanuel Lutheran Church is a
A Mission of the North American Lutheran Church
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Sunday Schedule

Worship for everyone 10:00am

Wednesday

Junior High & High School
Youth Group Meet from 6:00PM-8:00PM

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Immanuel means "God with us" (Matthew 1:23)

Welcome To God's House! Enter His courts with praise and thanksgiving! God is victorious and has called us into a life of purpose and joy. A special welcome to Pastor Dawn Spies as she leads in our worship this morning and preaches God's Word in our midst. A hearty welcome to visitors this morning. You are our treasured guest!

Immanuel is part of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). Our Core Values include being Christ-Centered, Mission-Driven, Traditionally-Grounded and Congregationally-Focused.

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month as well as other special occasions of the church year. If you are baptized and have received instruction concerning the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to receive this sacrament here. If you would like to learn about either baptism or communion, please speak with the pastor before the service or check the box on the worship registration form to schedule an appointment. Only non-alcoholic wine is used in communion at Immanuel.

Moms and Dads, we love children and we welcome children to worship with you and the whole congregation. If you so desire, we do have a nursery – the room with the large window next to the Library at the back of the sanctuary. In there is a rocking chair, toys, as well as a speaker and large window so you can see and hear the service. Your kids may enjoy the activity bags on the rack at the back of the church.

To learn more about Immanuel please be sure to fill out the worship registration slip on the back page of your bulletin and place it in the offering plate or fill out the guest registry located in the church entry.

Restroom facilities are located in the church entry (the narthex). When walking out of the sanctuary take a left and they are at the end of the short hallway.

Join us for a snack and a cup of coffee or juice immediately following our worship service where we can greet you more personally.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Laurel Jacobsen

Ring the Bells

Calling the community of Easton to worship

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Deacon: Our lips praise the Lord, but are our hearts soft before Him? We may lift our hands, but are our spirits in the posture of praise? We desire to worship the Lord in Spirit and in truth, so let us position ourselves in humility, asking the Lord to shed the layers of hardness from our hearts so that our praises would be like sweet incense unto Him. May the praises of our tongues be ever pleasing to You, O Lord, we pray, Amen.

Praise Songs

“My Life is in You, Lord”

My life is in You, Lord. My strength is in You, Lord.
My hope is in You, Lord. In You, it's in You.
My life is in You, Lord. My strength is in You, Lord.
My hope is in you, Lord. In You, it's in You.

I'll praise you with all of my life.
I'll praise you with all of my strength.
With all of my life, with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in You.

My life is in You, Lord. My strength is in You, Lord.
My hope is in you, Lord. In You, it's in You.
My life is in You, Lord. My strength is in You, Lord.
My hope is in you, Lord. In You, it's in You.

I'll praise you with all of my life.
I'll praise you with all of my strength.
With all of my life, with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in You.

In You, it's in You.
In You, it's in You. My life!

“Everlasting God”

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our strong deliverer

You are the everlasting God, The everlasting God
You do not faint, You won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 18: 20-33

Then the LORD said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.'

So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.' And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.

The Epistle Reading

Colossians 2:6-15

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in

baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’ He said to them, ‘When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.’

And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.” And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.” I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

‘So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

You may be seated.

Children’s Message

Ericka Gardner

Confession of Faith according to the Apostle's Creed

C: 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 the dead. 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Collection of the Offering

Offertory Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

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Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
Thou my best thought by day and by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower,
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou, and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

In obedience to God's command to His people throughout the ages and in accord with the example set by the early church, we collect an offering in thanksgiving to God for what He's first given us, to care for the needs of our neighbors and to support the ministry of the Church both locally and globally (Deuteronomy 6:1-13, Acts 2:45, 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; 9).

Please stand and sing as the gifts are brought forward and presented.

Offertory Response

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

C. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world, signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“O Master, Let Me Walk With You”

Lutheran Book of Worship page # 492

O Master, let me walk with you
In lowly paths of service true;
Tell me your secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me your patience; share with me
A closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong,

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broad'ning way,
In peace that only you can give;
With you, O Master, let me live.

Announcements

Dismissal

P. *Go in peace and serve the Lord!*

C. **Thanks be to God! (Sung) Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Postlude

Laurel Jacobsen

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Opportunities & Announcements

WE WELCOME PASTOR DAWN SPIES as our pulpit guest this morning while Pastor John and Debby are on vacation to Minnesota. Dawn is no stranger to Immanuel, leading the Women's Bible Study, preaching as pulpit guest and pitching in wherever needed. You are a special blessing from God, Dawn!

THIS TUESDAY IS THE NEXT WOMEN'S EVENT! Join us at 6:00PM for a special guest speaker Pastor Ana Lopez from Beauty for Ashes and a Fashion/Travel Capsule led by Betty Moore. Learn what the new trends are for summer and fall, and learn how you can pray for the ministry Beauty for Ashes. The evening will conclude with a clothing swap! Clean your closets and bring your unwanted clothes for the swap. All leftover clothes and accessories will be donated to Easton Presbyterian Yard Sale which supports their Bible Adventure Club, an ecumenical, week night, family program.

THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: All Women are welcome to join us for our summer study, 12 Women of the Bible. We'll gather on Thursdays at 10am in Grace Hall.

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN! SERIES FINALE: August 27th Clay Makers led by Joanie Hathaway. The evening begins at 6:00-8:00PM, include a great dinner, inspiration and fun, sculpting natural wind chimes. We will gather on Rally Day, September 8th to complete the wind chime project. Invite your friends and show them *Immanuel* for this two-part event.

THE REFUGE, is the new name for Immanuel's Youth Group led by Jacob Wood. Their gatherings resume this Wednesday at 6:00PM in GRACE HALL. This ministry is for 6th -12th grade students to enjoy time together, reflect on the Bible, share a meal and play some games. Send your kids this week for fun and faith.

ATTENTION EVERYONE! DON'T FORGET IMMANUEL'S LIBRARY! READ A BOOK, FILL OUT A SHORT REVIEW AND GET A PRIZE! There are a couple short reviews to read too, they may just direct you to a great book. There are so many good books to choose from! All of them are Christian Friendly. You will feel better after reading a good book. Take a vacation from television, streaming U-tube, and social media just read a book!

PLAN NEXT YEAR'S VACATION TODAY! FAMILY CAMP 2020 IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 24-30, 2020 at Loggers Flat Campground near Hume Lake.

PASTOR JOHN has a new cell phone number, please make the change in your directory and mobile device: 559-859-5132.

Prayers of the church

For Christ’s Church: *Eternal God, we thank You for Your Church through which the gospel of Jesus Christ has been manifest in every age. As we move into a time of transition, help us to know that though the world around us changes, You do not change. And while we may not know what the future has for us, You know what that future looks like and are already there, so call us to Yourself and give us the courage and confidence to step out in faith.*

Members and their families serving in the military: *Joey Brewer, Henry Clark, Alonzo Farias, Michael Hansen, Caleb Hathaway, Scott Linger, Matt Ward, & Matthew Tigchelaar.*

Those unable to travel about: *Tom Britter, Olga Hansen, Elsie Hoff, Marilyn Iversen Art & Marian Olesen, Phyllis Petersen, Helen Mackersie, and Howard Nielsen.*

Those in need of healing: *Bobby Bell, Christian Bradley, Tom & Sandy Britter, Alvina Cabrera, Anna Campbell, Lori Clifford, Fred Cogan Sr., Sherry Grismore, Susan Hooper, Sandra Jensen, Jim Johnson, Andrew Lopez, Janet & Bill Messenlehner, Isaac Orozco, Larry Pedersen, Chuck Phillips, Sr., Virginia Pilegard, Ryan Tofteland, Anna Salazar & Joe Wozniczka.*

Those working in the mission fields: *Holly Hathaway.*

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City / State / Zip _____ Email _____

Names / ages of Children living at home _____

1st Time Guest 2nd Time or Regular Attender Member I came as a guest of _____

Home Congregation _____

The Flowers on the altar this morning are presented by *Marcus Orum* for glory and honor to God and in celebration of his sister, Allison Terrones' birthday.

This Week at Immanuel

Today

10:00AM Worship for Everyone!

11:00AM Fellowship Time

Monday

1:30PM Tai Chi in Grace Hall

7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday

6:00AM Women's Event in Social Hall!

Wednesday

Inter-Generational Movie Night!

Thursday

6:00AM Men's Bible Study in Social Hall

10:00AM Women's Bible Study in Grace Hall

Friday

Next Sunday

10:00AM Worship for Everyone & Communion

11:00AM Fellowship Time

Worship Assistants This Week:

Ushers: Don Pettitt & Lee Terkelsen

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Crucifer: Marcus Orum

Acolyte: Catrina Johnson

Fellowship: John & Sharon Reynolds

Lock up for August: Christie Pettitt

Lead Deacon for August: Christie Pettitt

Worship Assistants Next Week:

Ushers: Lee Terkelsen & Don Pettitt

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Crucifer: Marcus Orum

Acolyte: Emmerson Gardner

Children's Sermon:

Fellowship Servers: Marie Salwasser & Family

Please check the appropriate box and write your message in the space below.

I want to learn more about faith.

I want to receive the monthly newsletter ("The Chimes")

I am receiving communion today

I want to speak with the parish nurse

I have a message for (circle:) the office / the pastor

I have a prayer request: _____

I want to learn more about baptism

I want to become a member of Immanuel

I want a visit from the visitation pastor

I want to speak with the pastor

I have hymn suggestions: _____