

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ since 1888
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Immanuel Lutheran Church is a
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Sunday Schedule

Grace in Action for all ages 9:15AM
Worship for everyone 10:30AM

Wednesday

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

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

Welcome To God's House! We enter the Epiphany Season and rejoice in the light of Christ and the newness He brings to our lives. Epiphany means "to make manifest," or "to reveal." It is God's delight to reveal His Truth to us each day through the Holy Spirit. May God enlighten each of us as we worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. A hearty welcome to visitors this morning!

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

Ringing the Bells

Calling the community of Easton to worship

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Deacon: Almighty God, you have called us by name in Baptism and blessed us with spiritual gifts. We worship you this morning, not only with raised hands in praise, but in dedicated service to you. May our lives be a fragrant offering to you, O Lord, and may the blessing of the Holy Spirit be upon us as we strive to be more like you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Praise Music

“Here I Am To Worship”

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes let me see

Beauty that made this heart adore You

Hope of a life spent with You

Here I am to worship

Here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that You're my God

You're altogether lovely

Altogether worthy

Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days so highly exalted

Glorious is heaven above

Humbly You came to the Earth You created

All for love's sake became poor

Here I am to worship

Here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that You're my God

You're altogether lovely

Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

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Here I am to bow down
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To me

“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!

The Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-10
Mike Nielsen, Reader

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

The Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore, I want you to understand that no one speaking by the

Spirit of God ever says ‘Let Jesus be cursed!’ and no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.’ Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’

Children’s Message

Jacob Wood

The Sermon

“Discover Your Spiritual Gifts”

Pastor John

The Apostle’s Creed

ALL: 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

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Lutheran Book of Worship Pages # 369

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
That we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

Please stand 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

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“Living For Jesus”

Celebration #605

Living for Jesus a life that is true
Striving to please Him in all that I do
Yielding allegiance glad-hearted and free
This is the pathway of blessing for me

O Jesus Lord and Savior I give myself to Thee
For Thou in Thy atonement didst give Thyself for me
I own no other master my heart shall be Thy throne
My life I give henceforth to live O Christ for Thee alone

Living for Jesus who died in my place
Bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace
Such love constrains me to answer His call
Follow His leading and give Him my all

O Jesus Lord and Savior I give myself to Thee
For Thou in Thy atonement didst give Thyself for me
I own no other master my heart shall be Thy throne
My life I give henceforth to live O Christ for Thee alone

Living for Jesus wherever I am
Doing each duty in His holy name
Willing to suffer affliction or loss
Deeming each trial a part of my cross

O Jesus Lord and Savior I give myself to Thee
For Thou in Thy atonement didst give Thyself for me
I own no other master my heart shall be Thy throne
My life I give henceforth to live O Christ for Thee alone

Living for Jesus through earth's little while
My dearest treasure the light of His smile
Seeking the lost ones He died to redeem
Bringing the weary to find rest in Him

Please be seated.

Announcements

Dismissal

Pastor: *Go in peace and serve the Lord!*

ALL: Thanks be to God! (Sung) Amen, Amen, Amen!

Postlude

Laurel Jacobsen

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOCIAL HALL FUNDRAISER – Come and be inspired by attending our fundraiser for the renovation of our social hall. We will begin with a New York Steak Dinner at 5:00 p.m. and hear the vision of our multi-use facility. Sign-up in the narthex. Make sure you have January 25 marked on your calendar. This is a huge event – we need everyone there!

HIS LITTLE FEET IN CONCERT – We are blessed to host an international children's choir Wednesday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m. Children from India and Africa will bless us with their sacred music. Host homes are needed for 30 children and chaperones. This is an ecumenical event involving all our Easton churches. For more information, contact Pastor John.

Memorial Service For Clifford Ostergard – Our thoughts and prayers go to Llewellyn and family in their time of grief as Bud passed away December 31. The graveside is at 10:00 a.m. at Washington Colony Cemetery, and the Memorial Service is at 11:00 a.m. at Immanuel. A reception will follow in the social hall. Rest Eternal, Grant Him, Dear Lord!

CHIMES DEADLINE: February Chimes articles are due on January 22nd at 11:00AM.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE ON JANUARY 26TH FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN THE SOCIAL HALL.

ANNUAL REPORTS will be available next sunday, if you have not submitted your contribution please do so tomorrow.

DISHES, DISHES & MORE DISHES, please take a stroll through the church kitchen and pick up your missing plates, trays, pots and pans. You may just need them for your Christmas Celebrations.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED AND HELPED WITH THE TEA PARTY!

THE BOUTIQUE IS OPEN THIS MORNING AFTER CHURCH. Enjoy a walk through the social hall and see what's new!

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: *Kobe Bell, Joey Brewer, Henry Clark, 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, and Howard Nielsen.*

Those in need of healing: *Bobby Bell, Tom & Sandy Britter, Joyce Butterfield, Luanne Byrd, Levi Demant, Linda Demant, Daniel DiPietro, Pat Griffin, Pastor Gary Gould, Jenny Lee Hodges, Kathy Ann Little, Darel & Diane Mehrten, Isaac Orozco, Fil Navaro, Eva Orum, Chuck Phillips, Sr., Virginia Pilegard, Timm Trickett, Ryan Tofteland, & Joe Wozniczka.*

For those morning the loss of loved ones: *The family of Clifford Ostergard.*

Continue to Pray for our Call Process: *For our Interim Pastor and the Call Committee as well as the new Pastor the Lord will send to Immanuel.*

Name _____	Date _____
Address _____	Phone _____
City / State / Zip _____	Email _____
Names / ages of Children living at home _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Time Guest <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Time or Regular Attender <input type="checkbox"/> Member I came as a guest of _____	
Home Congregation _____	

Altar Flowers today are provided by Mark & Victoria Salwasser the glory and in celebration of Marie's birthday tomorrow.

This Week at Immanuel

Today

9:15AM Grace in Action for all ages!

10:30AM Worship for Everyone!

11:00AM Fellowship Time!

Monday

1:30PM Tai Chi in Grace Hall

7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday

6:00PM Faith Bible Study in Grace Hall

Wednesday

8:00AM Breaking Grounds Cafe

6:00PM Youth Group meets in Grace Hall

Thursday

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

10:00AM Women's Study in Grace Hall

Next Sunday

10:00AM Worship for Everyone with communion

11:00AM Fellowship Time

Worship Assistants This Week:

Ushers: Don Pettitt & Lee Terkelsen

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Crucifer: Marcus Orum

Acolyte: Emilee Goff

Fellowship: John Muir

Council Lock Up January: Jacob Wood

Lead Deacon in January: Barbara Petersen

Worship Assistants Next Week:

Ushers: Lee Terkelsen & Don Pettitt

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Crucifer: Marcus Orum

Acolyte: Brooke Messenlehner

Altar Duty: Deacons

Fellowship Servers: _____

Please see the BLUE BULLETIN BOARD for opportunities to serve at Immanuel.

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: _____