Welcome to
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ since 1888

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Sunday Schedule:

Grace in Action for all ages 9:15am

Worship 10:30am

Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm

Junior High & High School
Refuge

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

Welcome! We say "farewell" to the year, 2019, ready to welcome a New Year, 2020. As we worship today, may we give thanks for what God has done for us in the past and look forward to a time of growth in Christ: *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold new things have come. 2 Cor.5:17. May* our worship glorify God for what He has done and is going to do in our future life!

Immanuel is aligned with the North American Lutheran Church whose Core Values are: 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

Deacon's Prayer

Deacon: Gracious God. You have called us together as your people and blessed us as your holy children. As we gather this day, teach us what it means to be children of God. Show us your ways and cover us with your Holy Spirit. As we begin this new year: root us ever more firmly in your word, inspire us in worship, and challenge us in faithfulness and service. We are your people and we praise your holy name. Amen.

Please stand.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Let us enter a time of confession, seeking God's mercy for our past actions and trusting in God's promise of forgiveness and grace in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: 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.

All: Amen

Pastor: 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.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

All: 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.

Pastor: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, God 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.

All: Amen.

Praise Songs

"Revelation Song"

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

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"Holy and Anointed One"

Jesus, Jesus
Holy and anointed one
Jesus

Jesus, Jesus
Risen and exalted one
Jesus

Your name is like honey on my lips
Your spirit is like water to my soul
Your Word is a lamp unto my feet

Jesus, I love You
I love You

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Holy and anointed one
Jesus

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Risen and exalted one
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Please be seated

Mission Moment Laurel Jacobsen

Reading of the Word Allyson Kahn

The First Reading **Ephesians 1:3-14**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us

for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel Lesson **John 1:10-18**

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Please be seated.
All children are invited up for the Children's Sermon

The Children's Sermon Ericka Gardner

Sermon **"The Word Became Flesh"** Pastor Dawn Spies

Please stand, as you are able, for the confession of the Apostles Creed.

Confession of Faith

Pastor: Let us confess our faith using the words of 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.

Please be seated

Collection of the Offering

Laurel Jacobsen

Offertory Hymn **"Let Our Gladness Have No End"**

Lutheran Book or Worship #57

Let our gladness have no end, Hallelujah!
For to earth did Christ descend. Hallelujah!

On this day God gave us
Christ, his Son, to save us;
Christ, his Son, to save us.

See the loveliest blooming rose, Hallelujah!
From the branch of Jesse grows. Hallelujah!

On this day God gave us
Christ, his Son, to save us;
Christ, his Son, to save us.

Into flesh is made the Word, Hallelujah!
He, our refuge and our Lord. Hallelujah!

On this day God gave us
Christ, his Son, to save us;
Christ, his Son, to save us.

Text: Bohemian carol, 15th cent.; tr. unknown

Please stand as the gifts are brought forward.

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

Pastor: Let us prayer. Merciful Father,
All: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, 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.

Prayers of the Church

Holy Communion

Preparing our Hearts and Minds for Communion

Pastor: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.
All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: 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.

Communion Distribution

Today's communion is served at the altar. The usher will invite you up from your pew, please wait at the altar, Pastor will invite you to kneel, then choose a clean cup which is upside down. You will be served a piece of bread and non-alcoholic wine. After you have been served please leave your cup right side up and the Pastor will dismiss you from the altar rail.

Communion Hymns

"Blessed Assurance" WOV #699

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long:
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long:
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long:
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent"

Lutheran Book of Worship #198

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descending
Comes our homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way;
As the Light of light, descending
From the realms of endless day,
Comes, the pow'rs of hell to vanquish,
As the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829-1885, alt.

Please stand.

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!

Sending Hymn **"O World of God Incarnate"** LBW #231

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from you, dear Master, received the gift divine;
And still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands still guides, O Christ, to you.

Oh, make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations your true light, as of old;
Oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

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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Announcements & Opportunities To Serve

PRAYER FOCUS OF THE WEEK: Let's pray that God will show us the good works that he has planned for us. Ephesians 2:10

BE SURE TO SET ASIDE JANUARY 25 ON YOUR CALENDARS! Immanuel is starting the New Year with a wonderful challenge - to renovate our Social Hall. We will have a fundraising drive Saturday, January 25 at 5:00 p.m. complete with good food, great stories of God's blessings to Immanuel, and a vision for our future as a congregation - which centers on our multi-use Social Hall. Be in prayer for this event. Please contact of fundraising chairman, Jon Marthedal (559) 696-7951 or the church office if you have any questions.

SERMON SERIES FOR THE NEW YEAR. Pastors John and Dawn will be partnering on a sermon series on "Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts" for the next three Sundays. Be sure to attending during this time of renewal in our commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church!

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES are on a table in the church entryway. Please pick them up today. If you are new and would like a pack of contribution envelopes, please call the church office at 237-7909. Thankyou.

CHILDREN'S GRACE IN ACTION & CONFIRMATION Resumes next Sunday, January 12th at 9:15AM in Grace Hall.

REMINDER! Help us keep the church safe during this holiday season, please remember to lock the door behind you and tug it shut. The wet weather swells our old doors.

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE CONGREGATION WILL BE PRINTED IN JANUARY! If you are responsible for writing an annual report about a ministry that you lead for our congregation, please have them to the church office by **January 8th.**

EPIPHANY TEA PARTY & BOUTIQUE THIS SATURDAY! Don't miss your chance to enjoy Immanuel's wonderful Boutique and Tea Party, featuring Pastor Dawn speaking about Epiphany. The Boutique will open at 10:30AM for your shopping pleasure. The Tea Party will begin at 11:00AM. This year's Tea Party will feature a Silent Dessert Auction.

BOUTIQUE DONATIONS NEEDED: If you would like to donate handmade items for the Boutique please bring them to the Church this Friday. Laura Nielsen will set up Friday morning. The Boutique will also be open briefly next Sunday morning following worship.

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 ON JANUARY 19TH.

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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for Clifford Ostergard will be Saturday, January 18th at 11:00AM at Immanuel. There will be a celebration of life luncheon following in the social hall.

WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: We're going to take a 6-week tour of Paul's Missionary Journeys! Please join us starting January 16th, each Thursday morning 10:00 – 11:00 am in Grace Hall.

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED JANUARY 11TH AND 18TH. Call the church office for information on how you can help, 237-7909.

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, Susan Hooper, Kathy Ann Little, 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.*

Date _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

City / State / Zip _____

Names / ages of Children living at home _____

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

Home Congregation _____

Altar Flowers are presented by *Rich & Allyson Kahn* for glory and honor to God and in memory of Allyson's grandfather, Erda Dunagan.

This Week at Immanuel

Today

8:00-Noon Russ Dunbar Memorial Blood Drive

9:15AM Adult Christian Education Classes

10:30AM Worship for Everyone & Communion!

Monday

1:00PM Tai Chi

7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday

8:00AM Breaking Grounds Café in social hall

11:00AM Annual Reports Due

12:20OM FCA Lunch in social hall

Thursday

600AM Men's Bible Study in Social Hall

Next Sunday:

9:15AM Grace In Action for all ages in Grace Hall

10:30AM Worship for Everyone in Sanctuary

11:30AM Fellowship

Worship Assistants This Week:

Ushers: Don Pettitt & Lee Terkelsen
Greeters: All of Immanuel
Crucifer: Marcus Orum
Acolyte: Jacob Caglia
Altar Duty: Faith Bible Study
Fellowship: _____
Council Lock up for December: Fred Cogan
Lead Deacon for December: John Jensen

Worship Assistants Next Week:

Ushers: Lee Terkelsen & Don Pettitt
Greeters: All of Immanuel
Crucifer: Marcus Orum
Acolyte: Emilee Goff
Scripture Reader: _____
Fellowship Servers: _____
Council Lock Up January: Jacob Wood
Lead Deacon in January: Barbara Petersen

All new 2020 service opportunity sheets are hanging in the church entryway on the blue bulletin board.

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

☐ I want to learn more about faith.

☐ I want to learn more about baptism

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

☐ I want to become a member of Immanuel

☐ I am receiving communion today

☐ I want a visit from the visitation pastor

☐ I **want** to speak with the parish nurse

☐ I want to speak with the pastor

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

☐ I have a prayer request: _____

☐ I have hymn suggestions: _____