

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

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

Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ since 1888

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

Worship for everyone online

Wednesday Schedule

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

Welcome to You in Your Home while we worship God! God invites all who would seek His face to worship Him this morning. Be open to the Holy Spirit as you hear God's Word and sing His praises. He is mighty and worthy of our praise! We are well-aware of the challenges we all face with the health crisis we are enduring. God is in charge and will see us through. Let us continue to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

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

To learn more about Immanuel please call the church office or fill out the worship registration slip on the back page of your bulletin and place send it in to the church. The office would like to keep track of all of the worshippers this week.

Call a friend immediately following your worship and talk and enjoy fellowship over the phone, maybe while you each enjoy a snack. Keeping connected to are brothers and sisters in Christ is important and very uplifting. Phone a friend!

Order of Worship

Prelude

Laurel Jacobsen

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Silence for reflection

Confession: O God our heavenly Father, we confess to you that we have rebelled against you. We have not given you first place in our lives, but have chosen, many times, to be our own masters. Show us our sin, O Lord, and give us the power to repent and to follow you with our whole heart. Remake us into people whose greatest desire is to delight in you and to glorify your name. Have mercy on us, and forgive us our sins for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Absolution: The Psalmist says, "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." Hear this good news, people of God – trusting in the promises of God, your sins are forgiven, in Jesus' name. God will lead you into the future in purity and holiness. Rejoice in God's great goodness today.

Amen.

Opening Song

"Jesus Paid It All"

Sung by Austin Bratton

The First Reading

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Gospel Lesson

John 10:1-10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

The Sermon

“Open the Door”

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.

The Offering

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.

Prayers for the People

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.

Benediction

Closing Song

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” *Celebration #694*

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green He leadeth me
The quiet waters by

My soul He doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness
E'en for His own name's sake

Yea though I walk in death's dark vale
Yet will I fear no ill
For Thou art with me and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still
My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes
My head Thou dost with oil anoint
And my cup overflows

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be

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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

PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE WEEK! Let's focus on living a life of joy. **Psalms 90:14 NIV.** "Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days".

INVOLVEMENT DURING THE "NEW NORMAL." Pastor John is compiling rosters of people who would like to read and participate during the taping of our weekly worship services. Please contact Pastor or Victoria if interested.

OUR CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE HELPING IMMANUEL STAY IN TOUCH. Each council member has voluntarily taken names from our church directory to call weekly and see how our folks are doing during this difficult time. Please let us know if you are homebound and would like to be included (if you haven't been called). We are the Church and want us to stay in community. God loves you and so do we!

EASTON FOOD DISTRIBUTION: Monday, May 4th will be a drive by distribution in front of Easton Presbyterian Sanctuary. The food will be packed under the cover and delivered to the cars. Again the Food Bank will not require complete registration, just names and total members in the household for each recipient. Volunteers are asked to wear a mask, bring your own water bottle and wear close toed shoes.

ONLINE WORSHIP HAS HAD HUNDREDS OF VIEWS! Thank you all who have tuned in. If you would like assistance with viewing online worship, please give the office a call.

WOMEN'S EVENT! IMMANUEL'S BIG HAT DAY! JOIN US ON ZOOM MAY 20TH Mark your calendar now for a virtual gathering and wear a big hat! We will send out invitations with the link to the meeting for Zoom. You may join in even if you don't have a computer you can listen in on your phone. We will discuss the verses in Matthew 6:31-33 and all the hats we as women wear, especially during this crazy time. More information will be sent out to you as it is planned. Save the date, May 20th at 7:00PM.

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:
Olga Hansen, Elsie Hoff, Marilyn Iversen Art & Marian Olesen, Phyllis Petersen, and Howard Nielsen.

Those in need of healing: *Bobby Bell, Sandy Britter, Luanne Byrd, Daniel DiPietro, Shirley Keller-Firestone, Pat Griffin, Pastor Gary Gould, Jenny Lee Hodges, Marguerite Johnson, Florence Johnston, Darel Mehrten, Glenn & Marilyn Nielsen, Isaac Orozco Sr., Fil Navaro, Eva Orum, Chuck Phillips, Sr., Tim Pilegard, Virginia Pilegard, Timm Trickett, & Joe Wozniczka.*

For those morning the loss of loved ones:
The family of Tom Britter.

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.

This Week at Immanuel

Today

10:30AM Worship for Everyone in your own shelter!

11:30AM Fellowship Time: phone a friend from church.

Monday

12:30PM Easton Food Distribution at Easton Presbyterian Church

Thursday

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Next Sunday is Mother's Day!

10:30AM Worship online in your own shelter.

11:30AM Fellowship Time: phone a friend from church!

The church staff continue working within the church as needed. The mail is picked up every day please don't worry about sending your offerings through the mail. Online giving is available there is a recurring donation option offered. See immanueleaston.com and click on donate.

The bulletins are being sent out via postal mail to those who do not have access to the internet. Bulletins are always available online. If you know of someone who would like to receive a bulletin in the mail, please call the church office.

Please remember to call a friend from church and continue to pray for those affected by this virus.

If you have a special prayer request or other need please call or email the church office. Messages are checked daily.

Stay safe, we are working together by working apart. Keep praying. God is good all the time! All the time, God is good.