

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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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 is our present help in time of trouble. Worship is vital to keeping us centered on our solid foundation in Christ in these turbulent times. God is our Rock and our Salvation and is worthy of our praise. A special welcome to those who are tuning in for the first time. You are automatically a part of the Immanuel family!"

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 worshipers 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

Pastor: Almighty God in Heaven, here we are before You, hearts exposed. Nothing is hidden from Your sight.

ALL: There is no place where secrets remain hidden because You know all things.

Pastor: We confess that we are sinners in desperate need of Christ our Savior to cleanse us from our sins.

ALL: Cleanse our thoughts through the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us.

Pastor: We stand forgiven in Your presence by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

ALL: We magnify Your holy and worthy name, Jesus, both now and forevermore.

Pastor: Thank You, Jesus!

ALL: Thank You, Lord. Amen.

Hymn

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

LBW #296

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not, to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about, with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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The First Reading**Psalm 69:7-18**

7 For it is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that dishonor has covered my face. 8 I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother's sons. 9 For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me. 10 When I wept and humbled my soul with fasting, it became my reproach. 11 When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them. 12 I am the talk of those who sit in the gate, and the drunkards make songs about me. 13 But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love answer me in your saving faithfulness. 14 Deliver me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters. 15 Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the pit close its mouth over me. 16 Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me. 17 Hide not your face from your servant, for I am in distress; make haste to answer me. 18 Draw near to my soul, redeem me; ransom me because of my enemies!

The Second Reading**Romans 6:1-11**

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Special Music**Noah Cisneros**

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 10:24-39

²⁴ “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. ²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. ³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶ And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Sermon

“Quality Mirrors and Glass”

Pastor Dawn Spies

Greetings People of Immanuel,

It is a blessing to study God’s word with you. As we read the gospel for today, it seems to be filled with images of discontent and conflict. In that way, it mirrors our world to some extent in these current days. So, let’s take a moment to sit at Jesus’ feet, let us hear well what Jesus has to teach us today.

In the gospel of Matthew, we join Jesus just after he has gathered his disciples, given them power and authority to heal the sick, raise the dead, and cast out demons! He even sends them out to get a little experience with this new authority. Now, he has gathered his disciples together again for a time of teaching.

Jesus tells his disciples that they are to reflect the one they follow, “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master” (Matt. 10:24-25). In other words, the disciples can’t be motivated by power or authority. They are meant to be models and examples of Jesus; they will reflect who Jesus is to the world around them.

As they do this, they are not likely to find praise and adoration. Jesus tells them that they will see persecution because they are followers of Jesus. Jesus’ coming to earth does not usher in a time of perfect peace. Rather, those who follow Jesus are likely to see conflict and unrest all around them. Yet, Jesus comforts his disciples! He encourages them to turn toward Jesus in every situation. Jesus says, “So have no fear of them [(those who persecute you)], for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. **What I tell you** in the dark, say in the light, and **what you hear** whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear...” (Matthew 10:26-28a). Notice not only does God remind the disciples that there is no need to fear, we see that the disciples are called to listen to Jesus’ teaching well! Jesus will be teaching his disciples as a small group. They are called to carry that message—thought their words and deeds—out into the world.

It is the same for us, brothers and sisters. We are called to mirror Jesus to the world around us. We are called to look like the one we follow. We are called to be humble and obedient to God, and to serve those around us. I know the world can seem to be frightening at times. Yet, this is our God. He stands with us. He encourages us to love those around us as we seek to live together in peace. He comforts us and teaches us.

In the week ahead, let us rejoice together for each blessing and moment of grace. And, when the world seems filled with conflict and uncertainty, let us turn to Jesus seeking forgiveness in our own lives and asking for grace and peace for the world around us.

Blessings,
Pastor Dawn

Confession of Faith

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

Prayers of the Church

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

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

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

LBW #293

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood supports me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

Edward Mote

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Announcements

Happy Father's Day! Call a father and wish him a Happy Father's Day!

This Week let's focus on those fathers and other men who told us about Jesus.

Psalms 71:18. NIV. "Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come".

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER! Check out Immanuel's library for your summer reading pleasures. There are fun activity books for kids featuring great Bible Stories and devotions for kids to use all summer. The activity books were donated by Nancy Newsom and are in the narthex for the kids to use and keep, they don't have to be returned.

Offering can be mailed to the church or given online: www.ImmanuelEaston.com/Donate

We'll be opening for live, in person worship... soon! Watch your mail, the church website, and our Facebook page (search for Immanuel Lutheran Church, Easton) for more information.

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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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, Mathew Pitchford, Matthew Tigchelaar & Matt Ward

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, Connie Bennetts, Mike Bennetts, Sandy Britter, Luanne Byrd, Daniel DiPietro, Pat Griffin, Pastor Gary Gould, Jeff Gonchoroff, 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, Ron Salwasser, Timm Trickett, & Joe Wozniczka.

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