

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
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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! When the world is in turmoil we need to stand on the Solid Rock of our Lord Jesus Christ who is the same yesterday, today and will be forever. Now more than ever, in the midst of a pandemic, racial tension and violence, we need Jesus to be in our midst to heal and make whole. Our worship today equips us to be a welcoming church for all people, making an impact for the Kingdom of God. God's blessing on each of you as you worship the One who reconciled the world to Himself on the Cross!

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

Pastor Dawn Spies

Opening Prayer

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: 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 hid: 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, 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.

Lord of all creation
Of water earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
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Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)
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God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me
Father hold me, hold me
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy holy, holy, holy

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Reading of the Word

Stephanie Hollenbeck

The First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Second Reading

Romans 8:12-17

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of dutiful service to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very

Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow.⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.⁹ Let anyone with ears listen!”

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower.¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path.²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;²¹ yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Children’s Sermon

Laurel Jacobsen

Sermon

“Planting Seeds of Faith”

Pastor Taylor Rister

Sermon Hymn

Change my heart oh God, make it ever true
Change my heart oh God, may I be like You

You are the potter I am the clay, mold me and make me, this is what I pray

Sing song 2 times.

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.

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

“The Seeds Of The Kingdom”

Jesus scatters the seeds of His Kingdom
Far and wide He announces new birth
I the Lord of Creation am making new
Every inch of the groaning earth

Like the smallest of seeds in the winter
Is the Kingdom of God as its sown
But the powers of hell shall against it fail
When the Kingdom of God is grown

Though we wait for the Lord of the harvest
And we long for our King to appear
Even now in our hearts by the Spirit’s power
The Kingdom of God is near

He has planted the seeds of His Kingdom
In the hearts of the poor and the weak
He declares to the captives I bring good news
You shall be mighty oaks of strength

Through the city of God flows a river
From the throne of the Lamb waters pour
And behold on the banks grows the Tree of Life
Where the nations are healed and restored

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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

Week of 7-13-2020 Focus: For the blessings of faith-filled preachers. Isaiah 52:7 NIV
“How beautiful on the mountain are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, ‘Your God reigns’.”

Thank you Blood Donors, The Russ Dunbar Memorial Blood Drive had 15 volunteers and were able to collect 12 units of much needed blood. We will have the next blood drive on August 23rd.

Men's Bible Study will begin meeting again on the Patio at the CPDES Hall in Easton at 6:00AM on July 16th! Please let all the men in your life know that this ministry is about to fire up and discuss God's word led by Phil Tews. The hall has graciously loaned their facilities to the Men's Bible Study until we can safely meet again in the social hall.

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, 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: Connie Bennetts, Mike Bennetts, Sandy Britter, Luanne Byrd, Daniel DiPietro, Pastor Gary Gould, Jenny Lee Hodges, Marguerite Johnson, Florence Johnston, Glenn & Marilyn Nielsen, Isaac Orozco Sr., Fil Navaro, Eva Orum, Chuck Phillips, Sr., Virginia Pilegard, Timm Trickett, & Joe Wozniczka.

Those grieving the loss of loved ones: for the family of Ron Salwasser and Jeff Gonchoroff

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.