

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

Opening Prayer

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: We must deny ourselves to follow Jesus. We must pick up our crosses and follow Him.

ALL: To deny ourselves requires that we obey Jesus' commands.

Pastor: Let us confess that sin stops us from obeying. Let us confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. In thought and in action we have failed to obey and love God and one another. Forgive us, Lord Jesus.

ALL: Forgive us; renew in us a right spirit. Have mercy on us and lead us by the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, I declare to you that you are forgiven all your sins. May we delight in God's will and walk humbly with him. To the glory of Your awesome name we pray, Amen.

Opening Songs

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

LBW #566

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountainside let freedom ring.

My native country, thee, land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty,
To thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light.
Protect us by thy might, great God, our king.

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Reading of the Word

The First Reading

1 Peter 2:9-10

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:1-2, 16-20

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ²And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. . . . ¹⁶"The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" ¹⁸And Jesus said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Sermon Reading

I Samuel 16:6-13

6 When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed stands here before the Lord.” 7 But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The Lord has not chosen this one either.” 9 Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the Lord chosen this one.” 10 Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The Lord has not chosen these.” 11 So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.” Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.” 12 So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.” 13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Sermon

“God Knows the Heart”

Pastor Terry Rommereim

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

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

LBW #332

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:
His truth is marching on.

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
While God is marching on.

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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

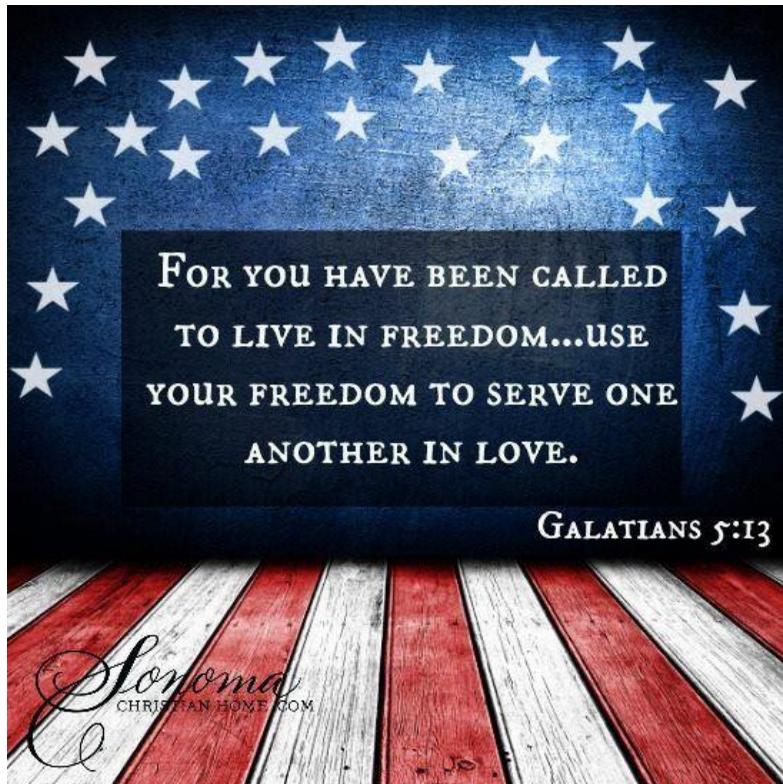
Week of 7-6-2020: Focus: For the freedom we have Jesus Christ. Ephesians 3:12 NIV
“In Him and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.”

Small Group Bible Studies for members in groups of 8-10 people! Immanuel has many Bible Studies in various forms of workbooks, devotionals and DVD lead series. During this pandemic, small group meetings can offer a time of fellowship and enrichment. If you are interested in joining a small group that would meet in someone's home or in someone's backyard, please call the church office at 237-7909 or email: immanueleaston@sbcglobal.net and Immanuel will get you connected.

The first small group to gather will begin on July 1st at the home of Allyson Kahn, this group of women will watch the DVD series “The Best Yes” by Lysa Terkeurst, the book is about making wise decisions in the midst of endless demands. The back of the book highlights: Lysa is learning that there is a big difference between saying yes to everyone and saying yes to God. She will help you:

- Cure the disease to please with a biblical understanding of the command to love.
- Escape the shame and guilt of disappointing others by learning the secret of the small no.
- Overcome the agony of hard choices by embracing a wisdom-based decision-making process.
- Rise above the rush of endless demands and discover your Best Yes in July.

This six-week session will be on Wednesdays at 7:00PM. For more information, contact the church office. If you miss a week or two, the workbooks will guide you through to stay caught up. Join us when you can.



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, Connie Bennetts, Mike Bennetts, Sandy Britter, Luanne Byrd, Daniel DiPietro, Pastor Gary Gould, Jeff Gonchoroff, 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.

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.