

*Welcome to  
Immanuel Lutheran Church*

*Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ since 1888*

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Sunday Schedule:  
Online Worship 10:00AM  
Outdoor Worship 11:30AM  
Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm via Zoom Refuge  
For Junior High & High School  
Call church office for contact information.

**Welcome!** Wherever you are on-line, we welcome you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We are united as a people of God in worship as a Body of Christ, the Church. We wish we could be together physically in our beautiful sanctuary, but the pandemic has forced us to be creative as our team has gone to great lengths to bring us together, technologically. May God grant you safety and protection during these unprecedented times. Please share our worship opportunities with your family and friends and those who don't know the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ!

## *Order of Worship*

### **Prelude**

**Ring the Bells**      *Calling the community of Easton to worship*

### **Welcome**

### **Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature and be born of the Virgin Mary. Grant that we, having been redeemed and made your children by grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

### **Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness**

*Please Stand as you are able*

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. 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. 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*

All: Most merciful God, 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**

*Please be seated*

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray...

**Prayer of The Day**

God of majesty may your Spirit help us to know that in the midst of all that assails us your promise of light and presence through Jesus Christ remains constant and unchanging. Strengthen our faith, bring us your peace, and send us to share both with others. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord; who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

**Reading of the Word**

**The First Reading**

**Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes

what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 111:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup>Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup>Full of honor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

<sup>5</sup>He provides food for those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

<sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

<sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.

<sup>8</sup>They are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

<sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever.

## **The Second Reading**

**Galatians 4:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

## **The Gospel**

**Luke 2:22-40**

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

22When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), 24and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." 25Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. 26It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, 28Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 29"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; 30for my eyes have seen your salvation, 31which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." 33And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Him. 34Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed 35so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too." 36There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37then as a widow to the age of eighty- four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. 38At that moment she came, and began to praise God

and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. 39When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

**The Children's Sermon**

Pastor Taylor

**Sermon**

*Tis the Sunday After Christmas*

Pastor Taylor

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

## **Confession of Faith**

*Leader: 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*

**Offerings may be delivered to the church via mail or drop off. Donations are accepted online at our website: [immanueleaston.com](http://immanueleaston.com).**

## **Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray. 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**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

*Please stand as you are able.*

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!**

*Please be seated.*

## **Announcements**

### **Dismissal**

*P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!*

**C. Thanks be to God! (Sung) Amen, Amen, Amen!**

### **Postlude**

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### **Announcements & Opportunities to Serve**

**Focus our prayers this week** on hope for our future. Jeremiah 29:11 NIV.

“For I know the plans I have for you” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

**Pastor Taylor will be leading an outdoor Worship Service** at 11:30AM on Sunday mornings. This service will not be recorded for online viewing. We will be using the Service of the Word, which will be shorter than our recorded Worship Service yet offer a time of reading scripture and meditation as well as a time to be together in person for worship and communion. Please govern yourself according to all pandemic safety precautions.

**The Easton Food Distribution on January 4th!** Please join us if you are strong and healthy for the drive through distribution process. Pallets are set 6 feet apart, volunteers load sorted food in carts and distribute to cars driving through on Willamette from Geneva in front of Easton Presbyterian Church at **Noon**. Please wear a mask and bring your own water bottle and wear close toed shoes.

**“Portals of Prayer” pocket size devotionals for January – March are available** in the narthex under the gold bulletin board. If you would like a book sent to you, please call Victoria at 237-7909 and she will mail one to you.

### **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.*

**Members and their families serving in the military:** Erica Botello, Joey Brewer, Henry Clark, Michael Hansen, Caleb Hathaway, Scott Linger, Matt Ward, & Matthew Tigchelaar.

**Those unable to travel about:** Olga Hansen, Marilyn Iversen, Art & Marian Olesen, Phyllis Petersen, & Howard Nielsen.

**Those in need of healing:** **Those in need of healing** Marilyn Bell, Sandy Britter, Luanne Byrd, Eli Cisneros, Gaye Cissel, Geoff Cooper, Angel De La Fuente, Pastor Gary Gould, Dennis Haugh, Judy Hooper, Florence Johnston, Sam Navaro, Gil Nagel, Glenn & Marilyn Nielsen, Sr., Christie Pettitt, Chuck Phillips, Sr., Virginia Pilegard, Aslak Syse, Timm Trickett, Joe Wozniczka & Joni Zingarelli.

**For those morning the loss of loved ones:** The family of Jenny Lee Hodges.

**For people dealing with loneliness and depression caused by these pandemic precautions.**  
**For those battling the Coronavirus and the health care providers tending to those in need.**