

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:
Sunday School via Zoom 9:00AM
Outdoor & Online Worship 10:30am

Refuge Via Zoom
Wednesdays 7:00-8:00pm

Lenten Worship Online
Wednesdays 7:00PM

Welcome! Wherever you are; whether at home and on-line, or at our outdoor service, 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 and in person. 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! **Please separate each household group seating by at least 6 feet. Please wear a mask.**

Order of Worship

Prelude

Karl Nielsen

Ringing the Bells

Calling the community of Easton to worship

Welcome

Pastor Taylor Stempniak

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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.

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

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.

Please be seated

Opening Hymn

Open The Eyes Of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love, as we sing holy holy holy

Open the eyes of my heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory
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Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

Paul Baloche

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Prayer of The Day

Eternal and Immortal God, only you are able to transform the hopelessness of a shameful death into the hope and promise of eternal life. Show us the way to stand firm in the promise of eternal life through all of life's trials and tragedies; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.
Amen.

Reading of the Word

Common Thread: When the Lord reveals himself to us, in word, deed, and sacrament, we are blessed to be transformed by his presence in our lives.

The First Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

1When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. 2And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." 3Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 4"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 5No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 6I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 7I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. 15God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 22:23-31

23You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! 24For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him. 25From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. 26The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever! 27All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. 28For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. 29To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. 30Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the LORD, 31and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

The Second Reading

Romans 5:1-11

1Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. 3And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. 6For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. 8But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. 9Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. 10For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. 11But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

The Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, according to St Mark the eighth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

31Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." 34He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Children will remain in their seats with their parents

The Children's Sermon

Pastor Taylor

Sermon

A Call To Give Up Control

Jacob Wood

Hymn of the Day

We Believe

Karl & Allyson Nielsen

In this time of desperation when all we know is doubt and fear

There is only one foundation we believe we believe

In this broken generation when all is dark You help us see

There is only one salvation we believe we believe

We believe in God the Father, we believe in Jesus Christ

We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life

We believe in the crucifixion we believe that He conquered death

We believe in the resurrection and He's coming back again

So let our faith be more than anthems greater than the songs we sing
In our weakness and temptations we believe we believe
We believe in God the Father, we believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion we believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection and He's coming back again

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised
In the here and now let love invade
Let the church live loud our God will save
We believe we believe
And the gates of hell will not prevail
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe we believe

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He's coming back again
He's coming back again
We believe we believe

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Confession of Faith

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

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.

Please be seated

Pastor: Peace be with you

All: And also with you

Pastor: Let us share God's peace with one another.

Offerings may be placed in the red offering bags on each corner.

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

Holy Communion

We Prepare

Pastor: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Words of Institution

Please stand as you are able.

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciple, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

Please be seated.

Communion Distribution

Everyone should have a small communion package. Raise your hand if you did not receive one as you arrived at the worship service, and an usher will deliver one to you. The pastor will say the blessing before the elements are received, so we may take them in unity with one another.

Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you.

Pastor: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Post Communion Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

ALL: Amen

Post Communion Canticle**“Lamb of God”**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Pastor: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Closing Hymn**Mighty To Save**

Karl & Allyson Nielsen

Ev'ryone needs compassion love that's never failing

Let mercy fall on me ev'ryone needs forgiveness

The kindness of a Savior The hope of nations

Savior He can move the mountains my God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save forever Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me all my fears and failures

Fill my life again I give my life to follow

Ev'rything I believe in now I surrender

Savior He can move the mountains my God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save forever Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light and let the whole world see we're singing

For the glory of the risen King, Jesus

Shine your light and let the whole world see

We're singing for the glory of the risen King

Savior He can move the mountains my God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave Jesus conquered the grave

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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!

Dismissal

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Announcements & Opportunities to Serve

Altar Flowers are presented by Christie & Don Pettitt for glory and honor to God in memory of Christie's mother, Cecilia Pedersen.

Prayer Focus for the week: Focus on our amazing God.

Exodus 15:11 NIV. "Who among the gods is like you LORD? Who is like - majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?"

SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 6TH FOR EASTON COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY!
Please come out and help us clean up our community Saturday morning from 9:00AM-Noon. We will gather in front of Immanuel at 9AM to grab some gloves and garbage bags. Groups will divide and conquer what we can for the town of Easton. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring your own water.

The Easton Community Food Distribution is TOMORROW! If you would like to volunteer to distribute food to those in need please meet at the Easton Presbyterian parking lot at 12:00PM, bring your own water, and wear close toed shoes and a mask. The food is bagged from social distanced pallets and carted out to the cars for a drive through distribution on Willamette Ave. If you know of anyone who would benefit from the distribution, please share this information with them.

First Communion Classes are available for those wishing to learn more about the sacrament of communion! Pastor Taylor will be hosting communion classes for children (or adults!) who are interested in learning about communion. Children of all ages are invited to join. If you or your child would like to join, please contact Pastor Taylor at (803)767-5128 or by email: ptmarie96@gmail.com

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, Gail Hansen, Marilyn Iversen, Art & Marian Olesen, Howard Nielsen, Phyllis Petersen, & Lois Rasmussen.

Those in need of healing: Those in need of healing Marilyn Bell, Sandy Britter, Joshua, Eli Cisneros, Gaye Cissel, Pastor Gary Gould, Dennis Haugh, Al & Judy Hooper, Florence Johnston, Gil Nagel, Don Nielsen, Glenn & Marilyn Nielsen, Phyllis Petersen, Christie & Don Pettitt, Virginia Pilegard, Doris Sparks, Aslak Syse, Lee Terkelsen, Timm Trickett, Mark & Kami Waggoner, Joe Wozniczka, Joni Zingarelli & Kris Zingarelli.

Those morning the loss of loved ones:

The family of Luanne Byrd (*Susie Tews sister*), The family of Sgt. Paul Brown, The family of Geoff Cooper (*Llewellyn Ostergard's brother*)