

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday Schedule:
Outdoor Worship 10:30am
Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm Outdoor Refuge
Via Zoom
For Junior High & High School

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Immanuel means "God with us" (Matthew 1:23)

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

Laurel Jacobsen

Ringing the Bells

Calling the community of Easton to worship

Welcome

Pastor Taylor Stempniak

Opening Prayer

Pastor: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father 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

On Eagles Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge, with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Final refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand;
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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Prayer of The Day

Gracious God, you are the Alpha and Omega, our beginning and end. May your Spirit kindle in us a spirit of readiness, that we might at all times and in all places be prepared for the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading of the Word

Common Thread: The Lord is sovereign above all others—above the kings of the Old Testament, Caesar, and the kings of our own day. As Christians we are called to bow before the Lord and live each day as citizens of his kingdom.

The First Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

21Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? 22It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; 23who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. 24Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. 25To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. 26Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is

missing. 27Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? 28Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. 29He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. 30Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; 31but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm

147:1-11

1Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. 2The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. 3He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. 4He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. 5Great is our LORD, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. 6The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground. 7Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre. 8He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills. 9He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry. 10His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner; 11but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

16If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! 17For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. 18What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. 19For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. 20To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. 21To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's

law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. 22To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. 23I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

The Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord

29As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. 31He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. 32That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. 33And the whole city was gathered around the door. 34And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. 35In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. 36And Simon and his companions hunted for him. 37When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." 38He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." 39And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

Where Does Hope Come From?

Pastor Taylor

Hymn of the Day

I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above
of Jesus and His glory of Jesus and His love
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do

I love to tell the story 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love
I love to tell the story, more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies, of all our golden dreams
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me
And that is just the reason, I tell it now to thee

I love to tell the story 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love

I love to tell the story, 'Tis pleasant to repeat
What seems each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation, from God's own holy Word

I love to tell the story 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting, to hear it like the rest
And when in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song
'Twill be the old, old story, that I have loved so long

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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

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.

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

“Thank the Lord”

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done.
Let everyone who seeks the Lord, rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises, and leads his people forth in joy
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul, I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in my soul

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul, I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul

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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!

Please be seated for Announcements.

Dismissal

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Announcements & Opportunities to Serve

Prayer Focus for the week: Focus on the gift of communion. Psalms 34:8 NIV. “Taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him”.

We need volunteers for Lenten Soup Delivery. During Lent, it is our goal to deliver soup to members of our congregation who are not currently able to get out and about as easily as they once could. We are hoping to prepare a soup dinner and deliver it to each of these members. This would be one meal a week throughout the five weeks of Lent. We have 40 members that we are looking to care for during this time. If you would like to adopt some of your brothers and sisters in Christ to cook for during Lent and/or you are willing to deliver soup to them, please contact the Church office before February 15th and let us know how many you would like to cook for! If you'd like to cook but can't deliver, we will arrange for someone else to deliver!

We need your soup recipes for the Lenten Soup Suppers! This Lent we will be offering an online service to honor COVID-19 precautions, but we want to ensure that we are still celebrating the sense of community that our soup suppers create. If you have a soup recipe you'd like to share with the congregation, please send, call, or email the church office with the recipe. We will send out two recipes during each of the five weeks of Lent so we can all enjoy eating the same meal together as we worship. Send your recipes in as soon as possible.

Congregational Prayer this Thursday night, February 11th on Zoom. Please check your email on Thursday for the zoom link. We gather at 7:00pm via zoom. You may join us in prayer with your voice or just your presence. Please log on as we gather together to lift up our prayers to our Almighty Creator.

Ash and Dash This year on Ash Wednesday, February 17th, we will be offering an online service beginning at 7:00 pm. During this service, you are invited to make the sign of the cross on the forehead of yourself or your family members as a reminder of mortality. If you would also like to have the imposition of ashes, we will be offering a drive-through service on the 17th from 5:30-6:30 where you can receive ashes. Pastor Taylor will wear a mask for the imposition, and you are asked to do so as well.

Nancy Newsom started a Book Discussion on “Not A Fan.” By Kyle Ielman The group meets on Wednesdays at 3:00PM at Immanuel practicing pandemic safety precautions, pick up a book in the church office. It's not too late to join.

Now Offering Text Alerts Do you forget to check your email when you get home? Do events sometimes slip your mind? Is texting your preferred way of communication? Good news! Immanuel is now offering text alerts for church events. We will send out a brief text reminder about church events an hour before they begin. Church prayer requests and weekly schedules will still be offered through email. If you'd like to sign up for event reminders, please email or text Pastor Taylor your name and cell number. Her email is ptmarie96@gmail.com and her cell number is (803)767-5128.

Church News: Just an FYI: the gas has been disconnected to the social hall due to a small gas leak. Currently the social hall does not have a hot water, a working stove, or heater. Due to the impending remodel we have not scheduled the gas to be turned back on.

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, Paul Brown, Joshua, Luanne Byrd, Eli Cisneros, Gaye Cissel, Pastor Gary Gould, Gail Hansen, Dennis Haugh, Al & Judy Hooper, Florence Johnston, Gil Nagel, Don Nielsen, Glenn & Marilyn Nielsen, Phyllis Petersen, Christie & Don Pettitt, Virginia Pilegard, Lois Rasmussen, Aslak Syse, Lee Terkelsen, Timm Trickett, Joe Wozniczka, Joni Zingarelli & Kris Zingarelli.

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.