

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:
Outdoor & Online Worship 10:30am
Wednesdays 7:00-8:00pm
Refuge in the Social Hall
For Junior High & High School

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 John Saethre

Opening Prayer

Help us, almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the resurrection feast may be reflected in our daily work and conversation. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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

We Will Glorify

We will glorify the King of kings; we will glorify the Lamb
We will glorify the Lord of lords who is the great I Am

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before His throne
We will worship Him in righteousness, we will worship Him alone

He is Lord of heaven Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live
He is Lord above the universe, all praise to Him we give

Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am

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Prayer of The Day

Gracious God, through your Son's resurrected presence you transform us from frightened, self-absorbed people into a community marked by peace, forgiveness, and mercy. Guide us to faithfully be signs to the world of your abundant grace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Reading of the Word

Oh, to be of one heart and one soul with other people. The people of God are blessed with this aptitude. Indeed, they are endowed with this great gift right along with the whole earth. Praise the Lord! Therein lies our ability to be of one heart and soul. We have so much to praise him for, as do the sun and moon, angels and kings, young and old alike. For he has brought light into a dark world, forgiven and cleansed us. He has given us his Holy Spirit and peace. Praise the Lord!

The First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

32Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. 33With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 148

1Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
2Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!
3Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
4Praise him, you highest heavens, and you water above the heavens!
5Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.
6He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
7Praise the LORD from the earth, your sea monsters and all deeps,
8fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!
9Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
10Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
11Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
12Young men and women

alike, old and young together! 13Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. 14He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

The Second Reading

1 John 1:1-2:2

The Word of Life

1We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 2this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— 3we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

God Is Light

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. 6If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 7but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Christ Our Advocate

2My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able

The Gospel

John 20:19-31

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, according to St John the nineteenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

19When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." 26A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." 30Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

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Sermon

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Hymn of the Day

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid,
here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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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

“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

Because He Lives

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus, He came to love heal and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives

**Because He lives I can face tomorrow, because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living,
Just because He lives**

How sweet to hold our newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days
Because Christ lives

**Because He lives I can face tomorrow, because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living,
Just because He lives**

And then one day I'll cross that river, I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to vict'ry, I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He reigns

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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! Amen, Amen, Amen

Postlude

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Announcements & Opportunities to Serve

Week of 4-11-2021. Focus on acknowledging Jesus. 1 John 4:15 NIV. "If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God."

Chimes Articles due for May Chimes will be one week early this month, please have your articles to the office by this Wednesday, April 14th!

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make Easter Sunday a successful celebration of our Risen Lord and Savior!

Updated 2021 Church Directory is available now. Pick one up at church on Sunday, or in the office this week.

Interested in Joining Immanuel? Please contact Immanuel Church office if you would like to become an official member. Pastor Taylor will offer more information after Easter.

Our "Email Sunday School" class began on March 28th. There is still time for you to join. We are studying "Meeting God". Here's how it works: Every morning I will send out an email to begin the conversation for the day. My email is: deaconofbutter@yahoo.com. I invite and encourage you to join in. We currently have about 16 participants. The books are under the gold bulletin board in the church entryway or call me and I'll get one to you. Hope to see you in virtual class. John.

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.

Immanuel's Book Study has finished, **Not a Fan, by Kyle Idelman**. There are a few unused copies left in the church office if someone would like to read them. The next book study won't begin until sometime in May.

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: Sandy Britter, Gaye Cissel, Pastor Gary Gould, Sandra Lock, Al & Judy Hooper, Florence Johnston, Don Nielsen, Glenn & Marilyn Nielsen, Andre Oudum, Christie & Don Pettitt, Virginia Pilegard, Stanley Shamp, Jimmy Stricklin, Aslak Syse, Timm Trickett, Caitlin Tyler, Mark & Kami Waggoner & Joe Wozniczka.

Those mourning the loss of loved ones: The family of Marilyn Bell and Marguerite Johnson.

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.

Altar Flowers today are presented by the Salwasser family for glory and honor to God and in memory of Ron.

This Week at Immanuel

Today

9:00AM Sunday School on Zoom

10:30AM Outdoor & Online Worship

Wednesday

11:00AM **May Chimes Deadline**

Thursday

6:00AM Men's Bible Study

Next Sunday:

9:00AM Sunday School on Zoom

10:30AM Outdoor & Online Worship

Worship Assistants This Week:

Ushers: Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Sound & Technology: Christian Jensen, Jacob Wood, John Jensen

Scripture Reader: Daniel Hartwig

Council Lock Up:

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