

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:
Intergenerational Sunday School 9:30AM in Social Hall
Worship 10:30am in Sanctuary

Welcome! Wherever you are; whether at home and on-line, or joining us in our beautiful sanctuary, 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. May God grant you safety and protection during these unprecedented times. Immanuel follows the current Center for Disease Control Guidelines during the pandemic and current recommendation is that masks are optional indoors. Please share our worship opportunities with your family and friends and those who don't know the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Immanuel is a member of the North American Lutheran Church whose Core Values are: Christ-Centered, Mission-Driven, Traditionally-Grounded, and Congregationally-Focused.

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday and other special occasions of the church year. If you have received instruction concerning the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to receive this sacrament here. If you would like to learn about either baptism or communion, please speak with the pastor following the service or check the box on the worship registration form to schedule an appointment. Only non-alcoholic wine is used in communion at Immanuel.

Moms and Dads, we love children and we welcome children to worship with you and the whole congregation. If you so desire, we do have a nursery – the room with the large window next to the Library at the back of the sanctuary. In there is a rocking chair, toys, as well as a speaker and large window so you can see and hear the service. Your kids may enjoy the activity bags on the rack at the back of the church.

To learn more about Immanuel please be sure to fill out the worship registration slip on the back page of your bulletin and place it in the offering bag as you exit the sanctuary or fill out the guest registry located in the church entry.

Restroom facilities are located in the church entry (the narthex). When walking out of the sanctuary take a left and they are at the end of the short hallway.

Join us outdoors immediately following our worship service where we can greet you more personally.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Laurel Jacobsen

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

Welcome

Pastor Taylor Stempniak

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, look favorably upon your family. Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world, and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize your love. 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. (Gelasian Sacramentary, 7th Century)

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.

Opening Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Lutheran Book of Worship page 482

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a tribute far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all!

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Please be seated

Prayer of The Day

God of new life, you have drawn us through the waters of baptism and into your everlasting reign. Through Christ's life within us, guide us daily through death to sin and brokenness and into new life in grace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Reading of the Word

The First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

16Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, 17who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: 18Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. 19I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. 20The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, 21the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalms 126 (Congregation, please read the bold print verses responsively)

1When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

2Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

3The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

4Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

5May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

6Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

The Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

4even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of

Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. 12Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

The Gospel

John 12:1-8

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord

1Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 2There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 3Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 5Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor? 6(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) 7Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

You may be seated.

The Children's Sermon

Pastor Taylor Stempniak

Children are invited up to the altar with Pastor Taylor.

Sermon

Pastor Taylor Stempniak

Please stand for the hymn of the day.

Hymn of the Day

The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame
And I love that old cross, where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain

Chorus

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown**

O the old rugged cross so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above,
To bear it to dark Calvary **Chorus**

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine
A wondrous beauty I see, for 'twas on that old cross
Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me **Chorus**

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear
Then He'll call me some day, to my home far away
Where His glory forever I'll share **Chorus**

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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.

Please be seated

Pastor: Peace be with you

All: And also with you

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

Offering

This morning the ushers will pass offering plates through the pews for your offerings and attendance slips. There is a QR Code printed on the back of the bulletin for those wishing to donate online through our website.

Offertory Response

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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.

All: 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

Communion will be served this week by intinction. Please follow the direction of the ushers, as you come to the altar the host will be dipped in the non-alcoholic wine and served to you by Pastor or a Deacon. Immanuel welcomes you to communion this morning.

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 Song of Simeon

The tune is located on the bottom half of page 93 in the front section of the Pew Hymnal

**Lord, now you let your servant go in peace;
Your word has been full-filled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
Which you have prepared in the sight of every people:
A light to reveal you to the nations
And the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
Is now, and will be forever. Amen**

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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

Please stand as you are able.

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!

Closing Hymn

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

O soul are you weary and troubled
No light in the darkness you see
There's light for a look at the Savior
And life more abundant and free **Chorus**

Chorus

***Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace***

Through death into life everlasting
He passed and we follow Him there
Over us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conquerors we are **Chorus**

His Word shall not fail you He promised
Believe Him and all will be well
Then go to a world that is dying
His perfect salvation to tell **Chorus**

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Dismissal

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God! Amen, Amen, Amen

Postlude

Laurel Jacobsen

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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

The flowers on the altar this morning are presented by the Orum Family for glory and honor to God and in celebration of Wayne’s birthday.

Prayer focus on the renewal of life, spring. Joel 2:21-22 NIV “Do not be afraid, land of Judah; be glad and rejoice. Surely the LORD has done great things. Do not be afraid, you wild animals, for the pastures in the wilderness are becoming green. The trees are bearing fruit; the fig tree and the vine yield their riches.”

During Stewardship Month, we encourage you to pray about how the Lord is calling you to serve in His church. Please mark on the survey any way that you are interested in serving and being involved in the life and growth of this congregation. Completed surveys can be placed in the offering plate on any Sunday morning in April or dropped off at the office.

Intergenerational Sunday School Readings for discussion on Sunday mornings around the tables in the Social Hall at 9:30AM. EVERYONE and ALL ages are welcome.

| Date | Egermier Pages | Bible Chapters |
|-------|---|---------------------------|
| 04/03 | Hagar and Ishmael—A wife for Isaac | Genesis 20- Genesis 25:18 |
| 04/10 | Esau Sells His Birthright—Jacob and Esau Meet Again | Genesis 25:19—Genesis 35 |
| 04/17 | Easter Sunday | Easter Sunday |
| 04/24 | Joseph Becomes a Slave—Joseph, a Ruler in Egypt | Genesis 37—Genesis 41 |
| 05/01 | Joseph’s Dreams Come True— Joseph’s Family moves to Egypt | Genesis 42—Genesis 50:26 |

Lenten Soup Supper Potlucks conclude this Wednesday; Soup Supper begins in the Social Hall at **6:15pm** with a soup potluck! **Council members get to supply desserts.** Service starts in Sanctuary 7:00PM. **This year’s Lenten Offerings** will be designated to the NALC Disaster Relief Fund and can be placed in the red offering bags in the sanctuary.

Easter is Coming! Here is how you can help Immanuel help Easton! Sign up on the Blue Bulletin Board or Call or Email the church office.

1. Scripture Readers for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services both at 7:00PM.
2. Pancake Breakfast Set Up: volunteers needed to help the Youth on Saturday, April 16th time to be determined by those who want to help.
3. Pancake Cooks Early Easter Morning: Gather at 6:00AM to fire up the oven and griddle.
4. Easton Community Sunrise Service starts at 6:22AM followed by Easton Community Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Immanuel Youth to raise money Ukraine.
5. Lots of Fresh Flowers for the Wood Cross that will be placed out front of our church on Easter morning. Easter Worship at 10:30AM.

Survey Available for Music Ministry at Immanuel! The music team at Immanuel would like to reach out to the congregation and let everyone know that their gifts and talents are welcome during worship! Who would like to share their gift of music during worship, what would you like to share, and how can the team help with assisting everyone with the desire to bring their gifts of music to the Lord on Sunday mornings during worship? If you are interested in celebrating your faith with music, please sign up on the blue bulletin board in the church entryway. Allyson Nielsen is conducting a survey about music ministry at Immanuel.

Immanuel Library is filled with wonderful books highlighting Easter! Check them out today and fill your Spring Break reading!

Easter Sunday we are need some volunteers to help the Youth with the Community Pancake Breakfast. If you are an early riser we would love your energy for sausage warming and pancake making this year! Contact the church office or sign up on the blue bulletin board if you are able to help.

May 1st from 8:00-10:00AM, Our Saviour's Lutheran church in Caruthers is hosting their annual abelskiver breakfast fundraiser for the mission projects. Join them for baked ham and aebleskivers at 13441 S. Quince in Caruthers. They accept a free will offering to help support their mission projects within their community.

Holy Week Schedule

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| Thursday: | 4.14.22 | 7:00PM | Maundy Thursday Service (readers needed) |
| Friday: | 4.15.22 | 7:00PM | Good Friday Service (readers needed) |
| Saturday: | 4.16.22 | TBD | Set up Social Hall for Community Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for Ukraine. |
| Sunday | 4.17.22 | 6:22AM 6:52AM 10:30AM | Easton Community Sunrise Service at Park Immanuel Youth Pancake Breakfast in Social Hall Easter Worship in Sanctuary |

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, Ryan Freitas, Michael Hansen, Caleb Hathaway, Leah Linger, & Matthew Tigchelaar.

Those unable to travel about: Gail Hansen, Art & Marian Olesen, Paul Pedersen, Lois Rasmussen & Bonnie Terkelsen.

Those in need of pain relief & healing: Dave Angel, Sandy Britter, Ed Bordin, Gaye Cissel, Esther Gutierrez, Al & Judy Hooper, Kim Jennings, Carl Jensen, Donna Kennedy, Diane Mehrten, LynnMarie, Laura Nielsen, Christie Pettitt, Tony Pings, Margaret Raven, Kenneth Selzer, Caitlin Tyler & Keitt Wilson.

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.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City / State / Zip _____ Email _____

Names / ages of Children living at home _____

1st Time Guest 2nd Time or Regular Attender Member I came as a guest of _____

Home Congregation _____

This Week at Immanuel

Today:

10:30AM Worship & Communion
12:00AM Fellowship Outside

Monday:

7:00PM NA in Grace Hall

Wednesday

1:00PM FCA Lunch for WUHS Students
6:15PM Soup Supper in Social Hall
7:00PM Lenten Service in Sanctuary

Thursday

6:00AM Men's Bible Study

Next Sunday:

10:30AM Worship & Communion
11:30AM Fellowship Outside

Worship Assistants This Week:

Ushers: Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Sound & Technology: Christian Jensen, Michelle & Hollenbeck, Scott Hollenbeck

Scripture Reader: Laurel Jacobsen

Fellowship Servers: Laurel & Randy

Council Lock Up in April: Mark Salwasser

Worship Assistants Next Week:

Ushers: Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Sound & Technology: Christian Jensen, Michelle & Scott Hollenbeck

Scripture Reader: Mike Nielsen

Fellowship Servers: _____

Sign up to volunteer for scripture reading, altar flowers and fellowship service on the blue bulletin board.



Scan our QR code for links to our website, calendar texts subscription, and online giving!

Please check the appropriate box and write your message in the space below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I want to learn more about faith. | <input type="checkbox"/> I want to learn more about baptism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I want to receive the monthly newsletter ("The Chimes") | <input type="checkbox"/> I want to become a member of Immanuel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am receiving communion today | <input type="checkbox"/> I want a visit from the visitation pastor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I want to speak with the parish nurse | <input type="checkbox"/> I want to speak with the pastor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have a message for (circle:) the office / the pastor | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have a prayer request: _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have hymn suggestions: _____ | |