

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

Worship 10:30am

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 Centers for Disease Control Guidelines during pandemics. Currently masks are optional at indoor gatherings. 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

O Lord, always lead and follow us with your grace, that we may be still more intent on doing good. 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

Lift High The Cross

Chorus

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name**

Come brethren follow where our Savior trod
Our King victorious Christ the Son of God *Chorus*

Led on their way by this triumphant sign
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine *Chorus*

O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree
As Thou hast promised draw men unto Thee *Chorus*

Set up Thy throne that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace *Chorus*

For Thy blest cross which doth for all atone
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne *Chorus*

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died *Chorus*

So shall our song of triumph ever be
Praise to the Crucified for victory *Chorus*

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Please be seated

Prayer of The Day

Mighty and merciful God, strengthen and uphold your church, that we may choose life. By your Spirit, guide us to walk in the ways of your Son, Jesus, and shed the encumbrances of excess possessions; 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

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

15See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. 16If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. 17But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, 18I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. 19I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, 20loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 1 (Please read bold print verses responsively)

¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

²**but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

The Second Reading

Philemon 1:1-21

1Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, 2to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: 3Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God 5because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. 6I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. 7I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. 8For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, 9yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love — and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. 10I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. 11Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. 12I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. 13I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; 14but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. 15Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, 16no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother — especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. 17So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. 18If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. 19I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. 20Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. 21Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

The Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, according to St Luke the fourteenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

25Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, 26"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. 27Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? 29Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, 30saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' 31Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 33So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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

I Danced In The Morning

I danced in the morning when the world was begun
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth
At Bethlehem I had My birth

Chorus

**Dance then wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance said He
And I'll lead you all
Wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all
In the Dance said He**

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow Me
I danced for the fishermen for James and John
They came with Me and the dance went on *Chorus*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame
The holy people said it was a shame
They whipped and they stripped and they hung Me on high
And they left Me there on a Cross to die *Chorus*

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back
They buried My body and they thought I'd gone
But I am the dance and I still go on *Chorus*

They cut Me down and I leapt up high
I am the life that'll never, never, die
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me
I am the Lord of the Dance said He *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.

Offerings and worship slips, located in the back of the bulletin, may be placed in the plate as it is passed by the ushers. Worship slips are appreciated for recording attendance and correspondence with the Pastor and Church Secretary. 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 Cantic

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.**

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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

He Lives

I serve a risen Savior He's in the world today
I know that He is living whatever men may say
I see His hand of mercy I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him, He's always near

Chorus

**He lives. He lives. Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way, He lives He lives
Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives
He lives within my heart**

In all the world around me
I see His loving care
And though my heart grows weary
I never will despair
I know that He is leading
Through all the stormy blast
The day of His appearing
Will come at last *Chorus*

Rejoice rejoice O Christian
Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs
To Jesus Christ the King
The Hope of all who seek Him
The Help of all who find
None other is so loving
So good and kind *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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Church Announcements:

The Flowers on the altar are presented for glory and honor to God by Bill and Kay Pucheu.

Prayer focus for the week: on the labor God has given us. Exodus 20:9 NIV. "Six days you shall labor and do all your work."

Congregational Prayer, if you would like to join together for prayer with others from our congregation there is a time for that **next Sunday.** We will gather in front rows of the sanctuary when the bell rings about 15 minutes after worship.

Men's Bible Study is cancelled this Thursday! They resume at 6:00am on September 8th.

October Chimes Deadline: September 21st at 11:00AM! Please submit all articles for the October Chimes by that date.

Caruthers Fair is next month: please pray for volunteers for this ministry, we always need helpers that love to serve with this ministry. There are lots of areas where help is needed please check the bulletin board in the church entryway and sign up where you would like to help! Please talk to Mark or Victoria Salwasser or others who have worked at fair before if you have any questions.

Bethel Lutheran Home Board Members are selling Sal's Vouchers to raise money for the Residents and Staff at Bethel Lutheran Home this year. See John Jensen or Laurel Jacobsen for a \$20.00 voucher today!

Service Volunteers Needed: please see the blue bulletin board in the church entryway if you would like to read scriptures during worship, serve refreshments after church or adorn the altar with fresh flowers for Sunday morning worship.

Clothing Swap Shop this Wednesday at 7:00PM! We will welcome Alex Gardner to speak about the latest trends for Fall Fashions! Bring clothing donations anytime, even if you would like to come early to the event to add your clothes to the swap, Grace Hall will be open at 6:00pm. Sort by size and bring all of your gently worn/used donation items and place them on the appropriate labeled table in Grace Hall. Size, belts, purses, jewelry, etc. The SWAP SHOP will begin with refreshments, devotions and our fall fashion update and then let the shopping begin! All remaining items will be packaged for donations to local charities.

Women's Monthly Bible Study starts on October 4th in Grace Hall at 7:00PM. The study will be on **The Portraits of Jesus**. We meet in Grace Hall the first month and decide if we want to rotate meeting in people's homes and or continue in Grace Hall.

Charcuterie Fun date changed to Oct. 22nd at 9:00am (?) in Grace Hall. Sign up today to gather and learn how to make beautiful charcuterie boards for you and your friends! We have no sign ups yet. Is 9:00am too early, would you rather come at 10:00 or 11:00? Share your thoughts with: Carol, Gina, Kay, Kristi, Marcia or Victoria.

Weekly Thursday Morning Bible Study is currently discussing: "Liturgy of The Ordinary-sacred practices in everyday life." by Tish Harrison Warren. The book is fantastic and great for all ages. You can order the book online, or purchase it for your digital reading source. We gather on Thursday mornings at 10:00am and are moving to our meeting spot to the church library.

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, Leah Linger, & Matthew Tigchelaar.

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

Those in need of pain relief & healing: Dave Angel, Sandy Britter, Ed Bordin, Gaye Cissel, Deby & Ken Goff, Al Hooper, Kim Jennings, Paul Jones, Donna Kennedy, Diane Kraft, Dave Marlar, Diane & Darel Mehrten, Marcus Miranda, Velia Miranda, Christie Pettitt, Debbie Pilegard, Tony Pings, Lois Rasmussen, Margaret Raven, Evelyn Rister, Kenneth Selzer, Richard Smith, Caitlin Tyler, Keitt Wilson & Laura Wolfe.

For those morning the loss of loved ones: For the family of Rick Bean, *(Laura Nielsen's brother)*

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 _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Time Guest	<input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Time or Regular Attender
<input type="checkbox"/> Member	I came as a guest of _____
Home Congregation _____	

This Week at Immanuel

Today:

9:30AM Sunday School for all ages in Grace Hall

10:30AM Worship & Communion

11:45AM Fellowship Outside

Monday:

7:00PM NA in Grace Hall

Wednesday

7:00PM Women's Clothing Swap Shop

Thursday

10:00 Women's Book Discussion in Church Library

Next Sunday:

9:30AM Sunday School for all ages in Grace Hall

10:30AM Worship & Communion

11:30AM Fellowship Outside

12:00PM Congregational Prayer

Worship Assistants This Week:

Ushers: Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland

Greeters: All of Immanuel

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

Scripture Reader: Luke Stempniak

Fellowship Servers: Friends of Immanuel

Council Lock Up in September: Victoria Salwasser

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Sound & Technology: Christian Jensen, Michelle & Scott Hollenbeck

Scripture Reader: Laurel Jacobsen

Fellowship Servers: Salwasser Family

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.

I want to learn more about faith.

I want to receive the monthly newsletter ("The Chimes")

I am receiving communion today

I want to speak with the parish nurse

I have a message for (circle:) the office / the pastor

I have a prayer request: _____

I have hymn suggestions: _____

I want to learn more about baptism

I want to become a member of Immanuel

I want a visit from the visitation pastor

I want to speak with the pastor