

# 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:

Worship 10:30am

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**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 the pandemic. 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 aligned with 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**

**Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness**

*Please Stand as you are able*

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: 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**

Leader: 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.**

Leader: In mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**

**Opening Hymn**

**In The Garden**

*Chorus*

**And He walks with me  
And He talks with me  
And He tells me I am His own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known**

I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses *Chorus*

He speaks and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing *Chorus*

I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Tho' the night around me be falling  
But He bids me go thro' the voice of woe  
His voice to me is calling *Chorus*

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**Prayer of The Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, by the baptism of your beloved Son you manifested your Triune nature and your will to save us. May we remember our own baptism so that we may daily die to sin and walk in newness of life; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our

Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

*Please be seated*

### **Reading of the Word**

*Wisdom is a gift of the Spirit of God. It is not something we learn in a classroom or technically even in the school of hard knocks, rather it is a quality bestowed upon the faithful by a loving Lord who desires his people would know his will and his holy Word. Jesus, at the young age of 12, exhibited this gift of wisdom as he discussed the Scriptures with the teachers in the Temple.*

### **The First Reading**

**Isaiah 42:1-9**

1Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. 2He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; 3a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. 4He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. 5Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: 6I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, 7to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. 8I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. 9See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader: The word of the Lord

### **All: Thanks be to God**

#### **Psalm 29 (Congregation, please read the bold print verses responsively)**

1Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**2Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

3The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

**4The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

5The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**6He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

7The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**8The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

9The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

**10The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

11May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

### **The Second Reading**

### **Romans 6:1-11**

1What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? 2By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? 3Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. 5For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7For whoever has died is freed from sin. 8But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to 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**

**Matthew 3:13-17**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel, according to St Matthew the third chapter.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

13Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. 16And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

*Children are invited up the altar for the Children's Message.*

**The Children's Message**

Jennifer Hartwig

**Message from Pastor Taylor via**

Barbara Petersen

*Please stand as you are able*

## **Hymn of the Day**

### **Blessed Assurance**

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine  
O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

#### *Chorus*

**This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long**

Perfect submission perfect delight  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy whispers of love *Chorus*

Perfect submission all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blest  
Watching and waiting looking above  
Filled with His goodness lost in His love *Chorus*

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## **Confession of Faith**

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

Leader: 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*

Leader: Peace be with you

**All: And also with you**

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

*You are invited to greet your neighbor with a handshake or wave*

### **Time for Offering**

*Offerings may be placed in the plates as the ushers pass them through the pews. You may also put your worship registration slips in the plate as it is passed.*

### **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**

*Leader: 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**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Leader: 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 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

## Go My Children with My Blessing

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
    In my love's baptismal river  
    I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
    Here you heard my dear Son's story,  
    here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
    Here my Spirit's power filled you,  
    here his tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.  
I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.  
    I the Lord will be your Father,  
    Savior, Comforter and Brother.  
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace.”

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## Dismissal

*L. Go in peace and serve the Lord!*

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

## Postlude

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## Announcements & Opportunities to Serve

**Prayer Focus for the week: Week of 1-9-2023. Focus on newness. 2 Corinthians 5:7 NIV.** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!

**Sunday School for all ages resumes NEXT SUNDAY on January 15th at 9:30AM in Grace Hall!**

**Save the Date: January 26th for the next Fellowship Luncheon.** If you will be attending, please sign up on the blue bulletin board today! If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Gina Cogan today.

**The Annual Congregational Meeting for Immanuel Lutheran Church will be on January 29th following worship.**

**Congregational Prayer will be in the Sanctuary after worship today.** Join us for prayer, silent or spoken. The bell will ring during fellowship time and we will gather in the sanctuary.

**Please pick up a copy of Portals of Prayer or Our Daily Bread devotionals located under the Gold Bulletin Board in the church entryway.**

**Annual Reports:** the following leaders of events are asked to submit a brief recap of the year's activities to share with our members in our annual report. Submissions requested to the church office via email: [office@immanueleaston.com](mailto:office@immanueleaston.com) **by January 10th, 2023. Leaders of:** Audit Committee, Blood Drive, Caruthers Fair, Congregational President, Deacons, FCA Lunch Ministry, Financial Secretary, Library, Music Committee, Friendsgiving and Christmas Lunch Program, Nominating Committee, Quilter/Crafter, Small Group Ministry, Sunday School, Treasurer, Trustee, Ummata Events, Women's Ministry President, Women's Ministry Treasurer, Any Other Programs happening at Immanuel that aren't' listed please submit articles. Thank you all for your help.

**Volunteer opportunities for 2023 Sundays:** Altar Flowers, Scripture Readers, Fellowship Servers: If you would like to be part of the worship experience at Immanuel on Sundays there are opportunities to place flowers on the altar, or read scriptures during worship or serve refreshments after church, sign up on the sign-up sheets on the blue bulletin board Please call the church office for more information.

**Sunday School at Immanuel Lutheran Church  
The New Session for Children Starts  
Next Sunday – January 15th!**

**IN GRACE HALL**

**Kindergarten – 5th grade at 9:30am on first floor  
Preschool meets at 10:00am in the Preschool Room  
Parents are welcome at Preschool too!**

**The first 6 Week Trimester will be about:**

**Creation**

**Noah**

**Abraham**

**Samuel**

**David**

**Jonah**

**We will have Music, Stories and Crafts!**

**Bring your Friends! It's going to be FUN!**

**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, Canaan Campbell, Joey Brewer, Henry Clark, Ryan Freitas, Michael Hansen, Leah Linger, & Matthew Tigchelaar.

**Those unable to travel about:** Gail Hansen, Paul Pedersen, Christie Pettitt & Bonnie Terkelsen.

**Those in need of pain relief & healing:** Lisa Anderson, Joanie Ascencio, Sandy Britter, Ed Bordin, Gaye Cissel, Mim Ed Gomez, Gould, Fran Hansen, Al & Judy Hooper, Donna Kennedy, Doris Knorr, Diane & Darel Mehrten, Velia Miranda, Frank Moore, Lance Petersen, Christie Pettitt, Gloria Payne, Debbie Pilegard, Patti Price, John Reynolds, Kenneth Selzer, Rowena Shaterian, Elaine Slaton, Richard Smith, Gary Terkelsen, & Keitt Wilson.

**For people dealing with loneliness and depression. For those battling the illness 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 _____	

**The Flowers** on the altar this morning are presented by the Salwasser family for glory and honor to God and in celebration of Marie's birthday on the 13th.

## **This Week at Immanuel**

### **Today:**

10:30AM Worship & Communion

11:30AM Fellowship Time

11:45AM Congregational Prayer in Sanctuary

### **Monday:**

7:00PM NA in Grace Hall

### **Tuesday**

Annual Reports due to church office

### **Thursday**

6:00AM Men's Bible Study in Social Hall

11:00AM Women's Bible Study in Library

### **Next Sunday:**

9:30AM Sunday School in Grace Hall

10:30AM Worship & Communion

11:45AM Fellowship Outside

### **Worship Assistants This Week:**

**Ushers:** Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland

**Greeters:** All of Immanuel

**Sound & Technology:** Jim Hansen, Lee Terkelsen, Victoria Salwasser

**Scripture Reader:** Gina Cogan

**Fellowship Server:**

**Council Lock Up in January:** Gina Cogan

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**Fellowship Servers:**

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