

# 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:

Sunday School 9:30am

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. Wearing masks indoors is optional. 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

**Ring the Bells**

*Calling the community of Easton to worship*

**Welcome**

Pastor Marv Combs

**Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness**

*Please Stand as you are able*

Pastor: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**All: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

**All: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

## Opening Hymn

## Beneath The Cross of Jesus

*Lutheran Book of Worship page 107*

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I long to take my stand;  
The shadow of a mighty rock  
Within a weary land,  
A home within a wilderness,  
A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat  
And burdens of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus,  
My eye at times can see  
The very dying form of one  
Who suffered there for me.  
And from my contrite heart, with tears,  
Two wonders I confess:  
The wonder of his glorious love  
And my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, your shadow  
For my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than  
The sunshine of his face;  
Content to let the world go by,  
To know no gain nor loss,  
My sinful self my only shame,  
My glory all, the cross.

*Elizabeth Clephane 1830-1869*

*Frederick Maker 1844-1927*

## Prayer of The Day

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us

steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Please be seated*

## **Reading of the Word**

### **The First Reading**

**Genesis 12:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." <sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Reader: The word of the Lord

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

### **Psalm 121 (Congregation, please read the bold print verses responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

<sup>4</sup>**He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

<sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

<sup>6</sup>**The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

## **The Second Reading**

**Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader: The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

**The Gospel**

**John 3:1-17**

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a

teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." 3Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." 4Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" 5Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' 8The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" 10Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 11Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**The Children's Message**

Jennifer Hartwig

*Children are invited up to the altar for the message.*

*Please stand as you are able*

**Hymn of the Day**

**Lift High The Cross**

***Refrain***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Confession of Faith**

Pastor: Let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.



**C:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right Hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His Kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in One holy, Christian, and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

*Please be seated*

Pastor: Peace be with you

**All:** And also with you

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

### **Time for Offering**

*Offerings and Worship Slips may be placed in the plates as the ushers pass them through the pews. The slips are for you to use to communicate to the staff at Immanuel and for our congregation to keep track of our attendance numbers. Thank you for your help.*

## **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**

# **Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them to the Lord**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**All: It is right to give him thanks praise.**

## **Communion Preface**

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**

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**

*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.*

**Communion Music      When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

*Page 482 in Lutheran Book of Worship*

**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 Response**

**The Song of Simeon**

*Please read responsively.*

Pastor: Lord, now you let your servant go in peace;

**All: Your word has been fulfilled.**

Pastor: My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people.

**All: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.**

Pastor: 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.

**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**

**Blessed Assurance**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*Refrain*

**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. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

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**Dismissal**

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**C. Thanks be to God! *Sing: Amen, Amen, Amen***

### **Postlude**

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## **Announcements & Opportunities to Serve**

**Prayer focus this week on praying.** Psalm 141:2 NIV. May my prayer be set before you like incense; May the lifting up of my hands be like evening sacrifice.

**Tech Team Volunteers, please sign up for your favorite months in 2023 to help with sound and technology.**

**Easter Sunday Choir Forming!** Fran Hansen and Barbara Petersen would like to put together a choir performance for Easter Sunday Worship. If you would like to sing in a choir on Easter Sunday plan to stay after church for choir practice starting next Sunday March 12th.

**Lenten Worship & Soup Suppers are this Wednesday in the Social Hall at 6:30PM.** Please sign up to bring a soup to share and if you were born in the months of Apr - Jun you can bring a dessert to share. Volunteers are welcome to help set up and clean up each week.

**SAVE THE DATE! March 26th is our All Church Potluck and Polish Day.** Pull Pork Sandwiches will be provided by your Council President this year. Please bring a side dish to share and plan to stay after lunch to help polish the altar ware. **Communion at the altar rail will resume on the first Sunday of the month starting on April 2, Palm Sunday.** Volunteers are needed to care for the altar ware each month, setting out and washing up. See the Gold bulletin board to sign up and help.

**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, Sandy Britter, Ed Bordin, Donnie Cathey, Gaye Cissel, Valarie Cooper, Jody Daly, Ed Gomez, Donna Kennedy, Diane & Darel Mehrten, Marcus Miranda, Gloria Payne, Lance Petersen, Christie Pettitt, Debbie Pilegard, Patti Price, Bob Reynolds, Sharon Reynolds, Kenneth Selzer, Richard Smith, & Keitt Wilson.

**For those morning the loss of loved ones:** The families of Carol Cox, Mim Gould, Al Hooper, Frank Moore, and Lorraine Slaton.

**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		_____	

## **This Week at Immanuel**

### **Today:**

9:30AM Sunday School for EVERYONE!  
10:30AM Worship, Communion  
11:30AM Fellowship Time

### **Monday:**

7:00PM NA in Grace Hall

### **Tuesday:**

10:00AM Women's Book Study in Library  
7:00PM Women of Hope Bible Study in GH

### **Wednesday**

12:25PM FCA Lunch  
6:30PM Soup Supper in Social Hall  
7:00PM Lenten Worship in Sanctuary

### **Thursday**

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

### **Next Sunday:**

9:30AM Sunday School for all ages.  
10:30AM Worship & Communion  
11:30 AM Fellowship Time  
11:45AM Congregational Prayer in Sanctuary

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

**Ushers:** Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland

**Greeters:** All of Immanuel

**Sound & Technology:** Fred,

**Scripture Reader:**

**Fellowship Server:** Mike & Laura Nielsen

**Council Lock Up in March:**

### **Worship Assistants Next Week:**

**Ushers:** Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland

**Greeters:** All of Immanuel

**Sound & Technology:** Fred, \_\_\_\_\_

**Scripture Reader:** Laurel Jacobsen

**Fellowship Servers:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Council Lock up in March:**

*Sign up for worship assistant opportunities on the blue bulletin board in church entryway.*

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