

# 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

**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. Masks are optional at all 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

**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**

#### **“Crown Him With Many Crowns”**

*Lutheran Book of Worship page 170, verses 1, 3, 4, 6*

Crown him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless king  
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love--  
Behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their burning eyes  
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died and rose on high,  
Who died, eternal life to bring,  
And lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of years,  
The potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
Ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail  
Throughout eternity.

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## **Prayer of The Day**

Living God, in the midst of our doubts and fears you bring your peace and presence through the wounded hands of Christ. Breathe on us the power of your Spirit, increase our faith, and quell our doubts and fears; through 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

### The First Reading

**Acts 1:6-14**

6So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." 12Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. 13When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader: The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35**

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

<sup>1</sup>Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.

**<sup>2</sup>As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.**

<sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

**<sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds — his name is the LORD — be exultant before him.**

<sup>5</sup>Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

**<sup>6</sup>God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.**

<sup>7</sup>O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

**<sup>8</sup>the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

<sup>9</sup>Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished;

**<sup>10</sup>your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**

<sup>32</sup>Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the LORD,

**<sup>33</sup>O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**

<sup>34</sup>Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies.

**<sup>35</sup>Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!**

## **The Second Reading**

**1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

### Chapter 4

12Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. 14If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

### Chapter 5

6Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. 7Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. 8Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. 9Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. 10And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. 11To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

**The Gospel**

**John 17:1-11**

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

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

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify



you,<sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.<sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.<sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.<sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.<sup>6</sup> I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.<sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;<sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.<sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.<sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.<sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

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

*You may be seated.*

**The Children's Message**

Pastor Taylor Stempniak

*Children are invited up to the altar with Pastor Taylor.*

**Homily**

Pastor Taylor Stempniak

*Please stand for the hymn of the day.*

## Hymn of the Day

### “Beautiful Savior”

*Lutheran Book of Worship page 518*

Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
Truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows,  
Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine,  
Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine!

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## **Confession of Faith**

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

### **Confession of Faith – *Nicene Creed***

**All: 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**

Pastor: Peace be with you

**All: And also with you**

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

*Please be seated*

### **Collection of the Offering**

*Offerings may be placed in the plate as it is passed along with the worship registration slips found at the back of the bulletin. There is a QR code printed on the back page for those wishing to donate online.*

### **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

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

### 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.

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.**

### 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 this morning will be served at the altar. Immanuel Lutheran Church invites all believers in Christ to come forward with the direction of the ushers. The Pastor will invite you to kneel as you are able at the rail, communion will be served by placing the bread the body of Christ, in your hand, and pouring the blood of Christ, the wine in the cup. Clean cups are upside down on the rail. Please leave your used communion cup right side up on the rail as you are blessed and leave. Please take as much time at the altar as you need for prayer and reflection. Immanuel only serves non-alcoholic wine.

### **Communion Distribution Hymns**

#### **“Lamb of God”**

*Page 114 in the front section of Lutheran Book of Worship.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. A-men

#### **“Thine Is The Glory”**

*Page 145 in hymn section of 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 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

## The Spirit Song

*Praise Band*

Oh let the Son of God enfold you  
With His Spirit and His love  
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul  
Oh let Him have those things that hold you  
And His Spirit like a dove  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole

### *Chorus*

**Jesus oh Jesus  
Come and fill Your lambs  
Jesus oh Jesus  
Come and fill Your lambs**

Oh come and sing this song with gladness  
As your hearts are filled with joy  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name  
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness  
Give Him all your years of pain  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name

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## Dismissal

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

**All: Thanks be to God! Sing: Amen, Amen, Amen**

## Postlude

Laurel Jacobsen

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# Announcements & Opportunities

**Prayer focus for this week** Focus on finding joy. Psalm 119:35 NIV. Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.

**Women of Immanuel** you are invited this **Wednesday** for **Dinner, Devotions and Bunco** in **Grace Hall** at **6:00PM**.

**Volunteer at Washington Colony Cemetery** this **Saturday** at **7:30am** putting up crosses and flags at the cemetery. Volunteer again on **May 29th** at **3:00pm** to take down the flags and crosses.

**Memorial Day Service** will be on **Monday, May 29th** at **10:00AM** at **Washington Colony Cemetery**. Please bring your own lawn chair.

**The Immanuel Library** is filled with wonderful books! Check them out and enjoy some this week!

**Family Camp at Logger Flat Group Campground** in the **Sequoia National Forest** is canceled this year. Unfortunately, the roads will not be repaired by the time of our reservations. If you would like to help secure the location for next year, please call the church office. To help you need super-fast internet and precise timing.

**Tech team volunteers** are needed for **Sunday morning worship service**. If you would like to volunteer on the tech team to help with streaming the service, running power point or the sound system please sign up and talk to the church office for training.

**Next Sunday is Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday!** Emilee Goff, Brooke Messenlehner and Brook Hartwig will be confirmed next Sunday.

A decorative black and white logo for 'Bunco Night'. The text 'Bunco' is in a large, white, serif font, and 'Night' is in a smaller, white, cursive font below it. The text is set against a black background with ornate white scrollwork and flourishes around the edges.

Please join us for a night of fellowship,  
fun, & faith

*MAY 24 @ 6 PM*

Invite the women in your  
life for a fun night!

We will be providing  
dinner, devotion, and a  
fun time.

At Immanuel Lutheran  
Church in Grace Hall.

RSVP: Marcia  
(559)269-7299 or  
Church Office  
(559)237-7909

No Skill Required.

**The Flowers** on the altar this morning are presented by Steve & Margaret Fletcher for glory and honor to God.

**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, Connor Mannix, & Matthew Tigchelaar.

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

**Those in need of pain relief & healing:** Sandy Britter, Ed Bordin, Donnie Cathey, Gaye Cissel, Valarie Cooper, Steve Fletcher, Kristen Gibson, Ed Gomez, Paul Jones, Donna Kennedy, Doris Knorr, Diane & Darel Mehrten, Marcus Miranda, Gloria Payne, Lance Petersen, Christie Pettitt, Debbie Pilegard, Patti Price, Bob Reynolds, Kenneth Selzer, Lee Terkelsen, Rebecca Stempniak, Allison Terrones, Keitt Wilson & Linda Wozniczka

**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 all ages
- 10:30AM Worship & Communion
- 11:45AM Fellowship Time
- 11:50AM Congregational Prayer in Sanctuary

### **Monday:**

- 7:00PM NA in Grace Hall

### **Tuesday:**

### **Wednesday**

- 12:25PM FCA Lunch for WUHS Students
- 6:00PM Women's Bunco in Grace Hall

### **Thursday**

- 6:00AM Men's Bible Study in Social Hall
- 12:00PM Fellowship Luncheon in Social Hall

### **Next Sunday:**

- 9:30AM Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30AM Worship & Communion
- 11:30AM Fellowship Outside

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

**Ushers:** Mike Moser, Randy McFarland

**Greeters:** All of Immanuel

**Sound & Technology:** John, Allys & Fred

**Scripture Reader:** Carol Bennetts

**Fellowship Server:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Council Lock Up in May:** Sharon Reynolds

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

**Ushers:** Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland

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**Sound & Technology:** John, Allys & Lee

**Scripture Reader:** Carol Bennetts

**Fellowship Servers:** Council will serve Cake & Punch in celebration of our Confirmands.

*If you are willing to serve next Sunday please sign up on the bulletin board in the entryway.*



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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