

# 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

**Ring 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**

### **“Let All Things Now Living”**

*Lutheran Book of Worship page 557-558*

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us,  
Protected and stayed us,  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us,  
His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Till shadows have vanished  
And darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces:  
The stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains,  
The rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.

We too should be voicing  
Our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration a song let us raise  
Till all things now living  
Unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

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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 7:55-60**

55But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56Look, he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" 57But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 58Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader: The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

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

1In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

**2Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**

3You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

**4take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.**

**5Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

15My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

**16Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

**The Second Reading**

**1 Peter 2:2-10**

2Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — 3if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

4Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and 5like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.6For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."7To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the

builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"<sup>8</sup>and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall. "They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader: The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

**The Gospel**

**John 14:1-14**

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." <sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the

Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. 12Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

## “Lord Of The Dance”

*Led by Rich & Allys Kahn*

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***

**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 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***

## **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

## “Lift High The Cross”

*Lutheran Book of Worship page 377*

### *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*

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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## Dismissal

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

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

## Postlude

Laurel Jacobsen



## **Announcements & Opportunities**

**Prayer Focus this week on forgiveness.** Ephesians 4:32 NIV. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

**Thank you to the 4 blood donors last Sunday.** Question to ponder: would you like the Blood Drive to come to Easton on Wednesday Afternoons? We had a great turn out when we had the Blood Drive on Ash Wednesday. Please share your thoughts with one of our church council members today.

**Thank you everyone who came out and enjoyed the May Day Celebration with Immanuel yesterday.**

**Everyone is invited this Saturday to the Danish American Historical Society Aebleskiver Brunch from 9:00-11:00AM at the Pioneer Village in Selma.** Donations are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Tickets sold at the door no reservations required. **The Danish Cultural History Presentation will begin at the Historic St. Ansgar's Church at 11:15 a.m.**

**Women of Immanuel you are invited on Tuesday mornings** from 10:00-11:00am in the church library for prayer and Bible discussion. We will meet this Tuesday with Pastor Taylor to decide on which book from the Bible that we want study, Pastor Taylor will guide us through the book of choice starting on Tuesday, June 6th!

**Fellowship Servers are needed for Mother's Day Sunday, next week.** If you would like to serve refreshments next Sunday especially or any available Sunday, please sign up on the gold bulletin board in the church entryway.

**Volunteer at Washington Colony Cemetery on Saturday May 27th 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 you own lawn chair.

**The Immanuel Library is filled with wonderful books highlighting Easter! Check them out and enjoy!**

**Family Camp at Logger Flat Group Campground in the Sequoia National Forest is June 11-18th!** The campground is near Hume Lake and Immanuel has it rented for the week. Come when you can and leave when you must. Pack up and come for the weekend or pack up for a few days' mid-week or come and stay all week. The choice is yours the venue is beautiful. Bring your food and shelter.

**We need a few more volunteers** to help wash communion cups today and next month. Please sign up on the gold bulletin board in the church entryway.

**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.

**The Flowers** on the altar this morning are presented by Marie Salvasser for glory and honor to God and in memory of her mother, Lillian Fritz.

### **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, Jody Daly, 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, Richard Smith, Rebecca Stempniak, & 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 \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 1st Time Guest ☐ 2nd Time or Regular Attender ☐ 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

### **Monday:**

7:00PM NA in Grace Hall

### **Tuesday:**

10:00AM Women's Bible Study in Library

### **Wednesday**

12:25PM FCA Lunch for WUHS Students

### **Thursday**

6:00AM Men's Bible Study 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:** Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland

**Greeters:** All of Immanuel

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

**Scripture Reader:** Carol Bennetts

**Fellowship Servers:** ?

**Altar Ware:** Sharon & John Reynolds

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

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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 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

☐ I have hymn suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_