

# 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 and they recommend that wearing a mask at all indoor gatherings 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 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**

**Ringing the Bell** *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                      “I Love To Tell The Story”**

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

*Refrain*

**I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory  
And tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### **Prayer of The Day**

O God, your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

*Please be seated*

### **Reading of the Word**

#### **The First Reading**

#### **Genesis 32:22-31**

22The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. 24Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. 25When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. 26Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." 27So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." 28Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." 29Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. 30So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." 31The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

**All: Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 145: 8-9,14-21**

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>**The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup>**The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.**

<sup>16</sup>You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

<sup>17</sup>**The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

<sup>19</sup>**He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.**

<sup>20</sup>The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

<sup>21</sup>**My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.**

## **The Second Reading**

## **Romans 9:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ — I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit — <sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Reader: The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

**The Gospel**

**Matthew 14:13-21**

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

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

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: 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      “Standing In The Need Of Prayer”**

Not my brother not my sister  
But it's me O Lord standing in the need of prayer  
Not my brother not my sister  
But it's me O Lord standing in the need of prayer

Not the preacher not the deacon  
But it's me O Lord standing in the need of prayer  
Not the preacher not the deacon  
But it's me O Lord standing in the need of prayer

Not my father not my mother  
But it is me O Lord standing in the need of prayer  
Not my father not my mother  
But it is me O Lord standing in the need of prayer

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**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

## **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.**

Pastor: Peace be with you

**All: And also with you**

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

*Please be seated*

## **Offering**

*Offerings may be placed in the plate as it is passed along with the worship registration slip from the back of the bulletin. There is a QR Code printed on the back of the bulletin for those wishing to donate online through our website.*

## Offertory Response “Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful”

*Front section page 86 in Lutheran Book of Worship*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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## 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**

*Please repeat the names of those we pray for this week.*

## **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 and 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 Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy 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 Thine 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 Hymns**

### **“Lamb of God”**

*Page 92 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, grant us peace.

### **“In The Garden”**

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*

**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**

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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## **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 Canticle**

### **“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

## “Count Your Blessings”

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed  
When you are discouraged thinking all is lost  
Count your many blessings name them one by one  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done

### *Chorus*

**Count your blessings name them one by one  
Count your blessings see what God hath done  
Count your blessings name them one by one  
Count your many blessings see what God hath done**

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?  
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?  
Count your many blessings every doubt will fly  
And you will be singing as the days go by *Chorus*

When you look at others with their lands and gold  
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold  
Count your many blessings money cannot buy  
Your reward in heaven nor your home on high *Chorus*

So amid the conflict whether great or small  
Do not be discouraged, God is over all.  
Count your many blessings angels will attend,  
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end *Chorus*

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## **Dismissal**

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

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

## **Postlude**

**Joanna Maragh**

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# *Announcements*

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**Thank you to our Pianist Joanna Maragh who is substituting for Laurel this morning.**

**Prayer focus this week on calling on the Lord.** Isaiah 8:9-10 NIV. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say, here am I. “If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness and your night will become like the noonday.”

**Daily Devotionals are available on the table under the Gold Bulletin Board.** Please help yourself to anything on the table.

**Women’s Bible Study will not meet this Tuesday morning.** Join Pastor Taylor for a Women’s Tuesday Morning Bible Study on the book of Hebrews from 10:00-11:00 am in the church library. The weekly readings for our next meeting on August 15th will be on: Hebrews 9 and Genesis 3.

**Men’s Bible Study gathers from 6:00-7:00AM on Thursday mornings in the Social Hall.** All men are welcome and each first time attendee receives a new Bible. Invite your friends for breakfast and a quick hour of study.

**Volunteers are needed to teach Children’s Sunday School Classes.** If you are interested in helping with Children’s Ministry at Immanuel, please call the church office as soon as possible.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR FAMILY CAMP 2024: June 7-14, 2024 at  
Logger Flat Campground near Hume Lake!**

**The Russ Dunbar Memorial Blood drive will be August 27th from 8:30-12:30PM.** Please sign up on the Blue Bulletin Board today or digitally through the QR code on the poster, or through the link listed in the Chimes.

**All Church Potluck following our Country Gospel Service on August 27th!** Plan on staying after for church and enjoying time together.

**SAVE THE DATES FOR THE CARUTHERS FAIR FOOD BOOTH!**

The fair starts on September 27th and runs through the 30th. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex on August 27th. If you have any thoughts or ideas about the Caruthers Fair please share them with any church council member. Their contact information is listed in the church directory or see them after church today.

**Remember to sign up on the Gold Bulletin Board for:**

Fellowship Lunch on August 24th at 12:00pm in the Social Hall.

Sunday School Volunteers

Youth Ministry Volunteers

Blood Drive on August 27th from 8:30-12:30PM

All Church Potluck August 27th after Worship

**Prayers for 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, & Kenneth Selzer, Bonnie Terkelsen.

**Those in need of pain relief & healing:** Sandy Britter, Ed Bordin, Don Cathey, Gaye Cissel, Valarie Cooper, Margaret Fletcher, Kristen Gibson, Ed Gomez, Jan Kersgaard, Kay Jensen, Paul Jones, Donna Kennedy, Diane & Darel Mehrten, Marie Meneses, Marcus Miranda, Velia Miranda, Betty Moore, Laura Nielsen, Gloria Payne, Patti Price, Bill Pucheu, Bob Reynolds, Sharon Reynolds, Richard Smith, Rebecca Stempniak, & Keitt Wilson.

**For those morning the loss of loved ones:**  
The family of Murray Cline McCann.

**For people dealing with loneliness and depression. For those battling the illness and the health care providers tending to those in need.**

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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  
11:30AM Fellowship Time Outside  
11:45AM Congregational Prayer

### Monday:

7:00PM NA meet in Grace Hall

### Thursday

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

### Next Sunday:

9:30AM Sunday School in Grace Hall  
10:30AM Worship & Communion  
11:30AM Fellowship Time Outside

### Worship Assistants This Week:

**Ushers:** Lee Terkelsen,

**Greeters:** All of Immanuel

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

**Scripture Reader:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Altar Ware:** Allyson Nielsen & Family

**Fellowship Servers:** The Hansen Family

**Council Lock Up for August:** Carol Bennetts

### Worship Assistants Next Week:

**Ushers:** Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland

**Greeters:** All of Immanuel

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

**Scripture Reader:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fellowship Servers:**

*Sign up to volunteer for scripture reading, altar flowers  
and fellowship service on the blue bulletin board.*



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