

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

Immanuel means "God with us" (Matthew 1:23)

**Proclaiming the Good News of
Jesus Christ since 1888**

March 24, 2024



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

Laurel Jacobsen

Ring the Bell *Calling the community of Easton to worship*

Welcome

Deacons

Please stand as you are able, our service today begins at the back of the sanctuary.

Deacon: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

Deacon: As Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the town of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. “Go into the village over there,” he said, “and you will see a donkey tied there with its colt beside it. Untie them and bring them here. If anyone asks what you are doing, just say ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will immediately send them.” This was done to fulfill the prophecy, “Tell the people of Israel, ‘Look, your King is coming to you. He is humble, riding on a donkey – even on a donkey’s colt.’” The two disciples did as Jesus said. They brought the animals to Him and threw their coats on the road ahead of Jesus, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. He was in the center of the procession, and the crowds all around Him was in the center of the procession, and the crowds were shouting.

People: “Praise God for the Son of David! Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Praise God in highest heaven!”

Deacon: The entire city of Jerusalem was stirred as He entered. “Who is this?” they asked.

People: “It’s Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee!”

Deacon: We praise You, O God, for the acts of love by which You have redeemed us through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along the way. Let these branches be for us signs of His victory, and grant that we who bear them in His name may ever hail Him as our King, and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life!

People: Amen!

Deacon: Let us enter our Jerusalem and proclaim Jesus as King of kings and Lord of lords!

Please be seated.

Special Music Procession of the Palms

Immanuel’s Choir

“Look Now, Your King Is Coming”

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Deacon: 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.

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

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

“All Glory Laud And Honor”

Lutheran Book of Worship Page 108

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Apostolic Greeting *(2 Corinthians 13:14)*

D: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

Prayer of The Day

Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

Reading of the Word

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsive Reading

Psalm 31:9-16

Congregation, please read the bold print verses responsively.

⁹Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

¹⁰For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.

¹¹I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

¹²I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.

¹³For I hear the whispering of many — terror all around! — as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

¹⁴But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my 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

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

The Gospel

John 12:12-16

Deacon: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 12th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord-- the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

D: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

You may be seated.

Children's Message

Marcia Hollenbeck

Homily

Written by Pastor Taylor Stempniak

Read by Terry Gardner

Please stand for the hymn of the day.

Hymn of the Day

“Jubilate Deo”

Lead by Rich & Allys Kahn

Jubilate ev'rybody
Serve the Lord in all your ways
And come before His presence singing
Enter now His courts with praise

Chorus

For the Lord our God is gracious
And His mercy's everlasting
Jubilate jubilate
Jubilate Deo *Repeat*

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Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Confession of Faith

Deacon: 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.**

Deacon: Peace be with you

All: And also with you

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

Please be seated

Offering

Offerings may be placed in the plate as it passes 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

“Create In Me A Clean Heart”

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your Spirit.

Offertory Prayer

Deacon: 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.

D.: Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon: 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.

ALL: Amen

Please stand as you are able.

Benediction

Deacon: 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

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Lutheran Book of Worship page 170 verses 1,2 & 3

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Dismissal (*Matthew 5:16, Philippians 2:4, Romans 12:1, John 12:26, Matthew 28:16-20*)

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

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

Postlude

Laurel Jacobsen

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Announcements

The Flowers on the altar this morning are presented by Stacy and Linda Avedisian for glory and honor to God.

Prayer Focus on Jesus rising. Matthew 28:6 NIV. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

Women's Bible Study will not meet again this Tuesday. All women are invited to gather in the church library at 9:00AM on April 2nd and review the book of Exodus, chapters 20:18 through chapter 24.

Thank you to the blood donors today for the Russ Dunbar Memorial Blood Drive. Every donation helps three people.

Immanuel is serving lunch to Fellowship of Christian Athletes on Wednesdays in the month of April! If you would like to help by donating Chocolate Chip Cookies with no nuts for the kid's, please bring them to the church by 10:00AM on Tuesdays. Please mark the total number cookies in the bags to make it easier to count. Each Wednesday we serve approximately 260 cookies. If you would like to help with lunch preparation or have any questions, contact Ericka Gardner.

The next Fellowship Luncheon will be on THIS Thursday, March 28th, at noon in the Social Hall. Sign up today on the gold bulletin board.

This Wednesday, March 26th at 8:00AM is the April Chimes deadline. Please email or place your submissions in the office secretary box in the church entryway across from the men's restroom door.

Holy Week Schedule: Fellowship lunch on Thursday at noon in the Social Hall. **Maundy Thursday Worship** with our Presbyterian neighbors on Thursday at 7:00pm at Easton Presbyterian Church and a Tenebrae Service on **Good Friday**, at 7:00 PM in our sanctuary.

Would you like to be a Volunteer that helps with the pancake breakfast? Cooks are needed from 6:00-8:00AM and cleaners are needed from 8:00-9:00AM. **Please sign up on the Gold Bulletin Board today.**

Fellowship Servers are needed for next Sunday. Easter Sunday is a big day at Immanuel and we ask everyone who is baking for the holiday to bring a small plate of cookies to share on a disposable plate. **If you would like to help with serving coffee and juice and cleaning up afterwards, please sign up on the gold bulletin board today.**

Fresh Flowers needed for our wood cross in front of our church Easter Sunday. Please bring fresh flowers and put in the holes of the cross as you come to worship on Easter morning. It's a beautiful site to see the cross decorated with fresh flowers. **Volunteers are needed to set up the old wooden cross in front of Immanuel and volunteers are needed to take it down after Easter. Please contact Victoria in the church office if you would like to make that happen.**

Easton Easter Sunrise Service

On the North East Corner of

Elm and Lincoln

Next Sunday at 6:48AM

Centering on Christ

In the Center of Easton

Everyone is invited!

Brought to you by the churches of Easton

Immediately following the

Sunrise Service a Pancake & Sausage

breakfast will be served in the

Immanuel Social Hall

A free-will offering will be taken for the

Marjaree Mason Center

Everyone is invited!

Breakfast will be served until 8:30AM!

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: Bobbie Beshears, Sandy Britter, Ed Bordin, Emily, Gaye Cissel, Janice Cox, Steve Fletcher, Kristen Gibson, Ken Goff, Liz Harrison, Jan Kersgaard, Paul Jones, Donna Kennedy, Carol Martin, Randy McFarland, Marcus Miranda, Velia Miranda, Joann Ortega, Gloria Payne, John Pectorich, Larry Pickens, Patti Price, David Stidham, Pastor Amy Schifren, Rebecca Stempniak, & Keitt Wilson.

For those mourning the loss of loved ones. The Lairson & Hansen families.

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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This Week at Immanuel

Today:

9:30AM Sunday School for all ages
10:30AM Worship & Communion
11:30AM Fellowship Time Outside
11:45AM Choir Practice

Monday:

7:00PM NA meet in Grace Hall

Tuesday

No women's Bible study this week.

Wednesday

8:00AM Chimes Deadline

Thursday Maundy Thursday

6:00AM Men's Bible Study in Social Hall
12:00PM Fellowship Lunch in Social Hall
7:00PM Maundy Thursday Service
at Easton Presbyterian Church

Friday

7:00PM Good Friday Service in Sanctuary

Next Sunday: Easter!

6:48 AM Sunrise Service at Immanuel Park
Pancakes & Sausage served in Social Hall
No Sunday School on Easter Sunday
10:30AM Worship
11:30AM Fellowship Time Outside

Worship Assistants This Week:

Ushers: Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Sound & Technology: Allys,

Scripture Reader: Alex Gardner

Fellowship Servers: John Jensen & Pat Griffin

Council Lock Up in March: Stacy Avedisian

Worship Assistants Next Week:

Ushers: Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Sound & Technology: Allys,

Scripture Reader: Alex Gardner

Fellowship Servers: _____



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