



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

P.O. Box 39, 242 Main Street
Preston, MD 21655

*Caring for Our Community Through Christ
for 125 Years!*

REV. DAVID CASEY-MOTLEY, PASTOR

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*Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
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GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Restrooms** are located downstairs. An elevator is available in the narthex.
- A **nursery room** is available at the rear of the Sanctuary for young children and their parents. The nursery room is equipped with a speaker so you can hear the service.
- **Registration cards** are placed in the back of the pews for worshipers to use for: 1) Visitor registration; 2) Communion registration for communion services; 3) Prayer requests may be written on the back of the card; after filling out the card, please place it in the offering plate.
- **Preprinted offering envelopes** are available in the pews for special offerings and Special Funds donations. Visitors are welcome to use these envelopes as well as members. Members, please make sure to note your envelope number on these special envelopes and place in the offering plate.
- **Kids Worship** - We love having children in church! It is so important for the kids to be welcomed and loved in God's house. Kids Worship is offered during the service, after the Bible Readings. Kids ages 3 through 10 can come downstairs where we offer an age appropriate lesson on the readings, snack and sometimes a craft. Children will return to the sanctuary at end of service and on communion Sundays just before communion. For more information contact Rene Langwost at 410-253-8735.

We kindly request that all cell phones be silenced.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE CIRCUMCISION AND NAME OF JESUS

January 1, 2023 ~ 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

Welcome! We begin worship and this new year as we always live: in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

O Lord, let my New Year's resolution be to follow you more closely and to trust in your loving guidance.

HOLY COMMUNION AT IMMANUEL

Holy Scriptures clearly teach that in Holy Communion we are receiving the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus, together with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins and to strengthen our Christian faith and life. Furthermore, Holy Scriptures clearly teach that those who do *not* share this belief about the Sacrament would be sinning against Jesus if they were to receive the Sacrament (1 Corinthians 11:27, 29).

For this reason, if you desire to receive Holy Communion, you are, in obedience to God's Word (1 Corinthians 11:28), to examine yourself *before* receiving the Sacrament. To do so, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Have I been baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
2. Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness?
3. Do I believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, paid for my sins by His death on the cross?
4. Do I believe that in Holy Communion Jesus gives me His true body and true blood, with the bread and wine, to forgive my sins and to strengthen my Christian faith and life?
5. Do I intend, with God's help, to turn away from my sin and try to live as God wants me to live?

If you are a visitor who has not communed with us before, we ask that you meet with our pastor as soon as possible to let him know your intention to commune. If you answer "Yes" to all five of these questions, *and you are a communing member in good standing in your church*, you are truly worthy and well-prepared to receive the Sacrament here at Immanuel. If you are not in agreement, we ask you, out of concern for your spiritual welfare, to refrain from the Sacrament.

Those receiving the Sacrament should wait for the usher's invitation to approach the altar. The pastor will offer you the bread. The assistant will offer the individual glass of wine to those who desire to receive it in this manner, after which the pastor will offer the chalice to those who desire to receive the wine in that manner. A few glasses of white grape juice are available for those who are not able to drink wine.

Divine Service, Setting Two

Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 167-183

♪ = congregation sings response

Prelude

Gathering Prayer Concerns

Welcome

The Call to Worship

P This is the day the Lord has made.

C **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P We pause silently to prepare ourselves for worship.

Sharing of the Peace

P The Lord says to you as Paul wrote to the church at Colossae: "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful."

C **We come to the Lord to hear His Word, to receive His forgiveness, and present our tithes and offerings at the altar, and to celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar. It is my desire to be reconciled – to make things right – with you my sisters and brothers (Matthew 5:23-24). Receive the "peace" I share with you as I receive the peace of God through Jesus.**

Stand

Opening Hymn:

Awake My Soul and with the Son

LSB 868

~ Confession and Absolution ~

LSB 167

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **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 on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

~ Service of the Word ~

Introit

Psalm 105:4–8; antiphon: Isaiah 40:3b

P May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the LORD!”

C Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

**P Then I said, “Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:**

**C I desire to do your will, O my God;
your law is with-in my heart.”**

**P Glory be 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.**

Kyrie

LSB 168

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

♪ C *Lord, have mercy.*

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

♪ C *Lord, have mercy.*

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

♪ C *Lord, have mercy.*

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

♪ C *Lord, have mercy.*

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

♪ C *Amen.*

This Is the Feast

LSB 171

P This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

♪ C

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
♫ C *And also with you.*

P Let us pray.
Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
♫ C *Amen.*

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 6:22–27

²²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²³“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

²⁷“So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Galatians 3:23–29

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173

♪ C *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter. *Luke 2:21*

♪ C *Glory to you, O Lord.*

²¹And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord
♪ C *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Sit

Sermon Hym : How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

LSB 524

Sermon:

Stand

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,

begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For humble hearts, that we would acknowledge the great wonder of our almighty God sending His Son to be born of the virgin Mary, under the Law, working already for our salvation on the day of His circumcision; and that God would receive our heartfelt thanks for the righteousness and forgiveness of sins we have obtained through Jesus' life, death and resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P For steadfast faith, that we would ever be thankful for the lovingkindness God has shown to us in Christ, and never forget His benefits or lose sight of His promises, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For preservation from prejudice, that we would firmly believe from God's Word that we are all one in Christ; for a deep appreciation of our distinctive callings, that we would recognize the beauty of God's diverse creation and our specific place within it; and that we would not resent what God has called us to be and to do, but rejoice to serve as He has ordained, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For our leaders, including our president, governor, Congress, legislators, judges and magistrates, that our God would give them the wisdom and courage to act with integrity on behalf of all people, especially those least able to defend themselves, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For those in need who cry out to God, [*especially _____*], that our Father would remember them, bless and keep them by His grace, lift up His countenance upon them, and give them peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For all the children of God invited to the table of His Son here today, that He would give us His Holy Spirit to discern Christ's body and blood and come with joyful and repentant hearts; and that He would strengthen us by this blessed communion to love Him above all and to love one another in His name, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P Gracious Father, in Your steadfast love You have put off the day of Jesus' return until the perfect time, when the number of Your elect is complete. Keep Your people watchful, vigilant and awake with Your gift of faith until that day; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Sit

Offering

Offertory

LSB 176

♪ C *What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 177

P The Lord be with you.

♪ C *And also with you.*

P Lift up your hearts.

♪ C *We lift them to the Lord.*

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪ C *It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 178

♪ C *Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be

our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C 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.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

LSB 180

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
✪C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 180

✪C *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.

Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

C **Amen.**

Communion Hymn: O Lord, We Praise Thee

LSB 617

Communion Hymn: Jesus Loves Me

LSB 588

Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 181

♪ **C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let ev'ryone 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.**

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

LSB 183

**P 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.**

♪ **C Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

LSB 394

Sit

Announcements

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Divine Service, Setting Two from Lutheran Service Book

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SERVICE INFORMATION

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL TODAY

Pastor	Rev. David Casey-Motley
Administrative Assistant	Sharon Gutz
Director of Music, Emeritus	Dennis L. Janko, M.M.
Director of Music & Organist	Lynn Short
Director of Hand Bells	Janice Isenberg
Ushers	Mark Frase & Dale Kenton
Lay Reader	Iris Rieck
Assisting Elder	Rex Rosebrock
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Catie Casey-Motley
Sound Operator	David Schmidt
Camera Operator	Ruth Thomas
Greeters	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley
Tellers	Shelly Kapitan & John Crampton
Organist	Paul Nichols

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL NEXT SUNDAY

Ushers	Mark Frase & Dale Kenton
Lay Reader	Janice Isenberg
Greeter	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley
Assisting Elder	
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Pastor/Elder
Sound Operator	David Schmidt
Camera Operator	Jennifer Phillips
Tellers	Karen Lyons & Jennifer Phillips

ADMINISTRATION

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday – Thursday	Nursery School	8:50a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Monday	Church Office Closed	
Tuesday– Friday	Church Office Open	9:00 – 12:00 noon
Friday	The Epiphany of our Lord	
Saturday	Men’s Prayer Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
Sunday	Worship Service/Installation of Officers	10:30 a.m.
	AA Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Be sure to check the church calendar for events happening at Immanuel Lutheran this month. Check with the church office before scheduling meetings or activities so they can be put on the calendar.

STATISTICS December 24, 2022

WORSHIP SERVICE

Attendance: 104

Goal Income Per Week: \$3,802.04

Offering: \$1,558.00

STATISTICS December 25, 2022

WORSHIP SERVICE

Attendance: 37

Goal Income Per Week: \$3,802.04

Offering 2,617.00

TREASURER’S REPORT FOR November 2022

Goal income per month	\$16,475.17
Actual Offerings	13,566.00
Total Disbursements	<u>-15,820.90</u>
Checking account balance, end of month	\$48,574.36

PRAYER LIST & CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS

SHUT-INS – RETIREMENT FACILITIES – NURSING HOMES: June Elzey, Jimmy Fuchs, Lee Roesti, Lawrence & Viola Schmick, Martha Ann Schmick, and Janice Plutschak.

SPECIAL PRAYERS – Wyatt Ewing, Jennifer Flanagan, Butch Frase, Linda Frase, Pete Hitchens, Cheryl Hochmuth, Dennis Janko, Bob Lorenz, Rev. Donald Meyer, Charlene Robbins, Kenny and Michelle Wheatley, Nicole James, Maggie Thompson, and Pastor Nuss

ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE PERSONNEL & FIRST-RESPONDERS
Ryan Andrew, Heather Blake, Matthew Harris, Shelby Hochmuth, Michael Jantz Jr., Robbie Phillips, Eric Stacey, Jerry Stivers, Amber Thamert.

BIRTHDAYS

Joe Bartenfelder	1/3
John Fuchs	1/4
Luke Gadow	1/2
Landon Garcia	1/4

ANNIVERSARIES

No anniversaries this week

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME VISITORS! Before leaving, please stop in the Narthex to sign the guest book. We hope to see you again!

There are dates on the Flower Chart which are open.



Thank you

Pastor David and I want to thank the church for our Christmas gifts. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

Please give me any new phone numbers or addresses that are new, so that I can update the Church Directory for 2023. Deadline for changes is January 15th.

Yours in Christ,
Sharon Gutz, Administrative Assistant



SERMON NOTES

Title

Text

Law

Gospel

Summary

Application