



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

REV. DAVID CASEY-MOTLEY, PASTOR

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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 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
January 8, 2023 ~ 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

Welcome, beloved of God! As the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism, so does God's Spirit rest on us as we gather today — and always

WORDS OF PREPARATION

God, thank you for calling each one of us "Beloved Child," just as you did with Jesus at his baptism

Divine Service, Setting Two

Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 167-183

♪ = *congregation sings response*

Prelude Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning (R. Heber/J. Harding)
Janice Isenberg, Soloist

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. 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

Epiphany Reading

The Visit of the Magi

Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: “‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Opening Hymn: As With Gladness Men of Old

LSB 397

Sit

~ Installation of Congregational Officers ~

Those to be installed are presented before the altar. The pastor addresses the congregation:

P Beloved in the Lord, Holy Scripture admonishes us that “all things should be done decently and in order.”

To that end, the constitution and bylaws of this congregation establish various offices to which men and women are elected and appointed to serve. In so doing, the Church follows the example of the Early Christian Church as described in Acts, chapter six:

The twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”

The apostle Peter writes in his first epistle:

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Each officer is named individually according to his or her respective office.

P [Name] has been [elected/appointed] to serve as [title of position].

The pastor addresses the officers-elect:

P You have been chosen to fill specific offices and positions of responsibility at Immanuel Lutheran Church. You are to work with the pastor(s), that our life together in Christ may be orderly and pleasing in His sight.

You are to see that the services of God’s house are held at the proper times, that the Word of God is purely preached and taught according to the Lutheran Confessions, that the Sacraments of Christ are administered according to His institution, that provision is made for the Christian instruction of young and old, that the erring are admonished, and that discipline is maintained.

You are to see that the temporal affairs of the congregation are properly administered and that proper support is provided for the workers of this congregation. You are to assist in caring for the poor and the sick, in cultivating harmony among the members, in promoting the general welfare of the congregation, and in furthering the kingdom of Christ here and throughout the world.

While holiness of life and obedience to Christ are expected of all members of the congregation, it is especially important that you, as office-bearers in His Church, show yourselves, by word and example, to be faithful to Him in service and Christian devotion.

In the presence of God and of this congregation, I therefore ask you: Do you accept the office(s) entrusted to you, and do you promise faithfully to carry out your duties, trusting in the Lord and conforming yourself to His Word in accordance with the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? If so, then answer: I do.

R *I do.*

The pastor addresses the congregation:

P Beloved in the Lord, you have heard the promises of faithfulness spoken by these men and women whom you have selected to serve as officers of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Do you promise to support them in their work, to remember them in your prayers, and to work with them to the best of the abilities that God has given you, so that He may be glorified and His work be done in our midst? If so, then answer: We do.

C **We do.**

The pastor addresses the officers-elect:

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, I install you as officers of *Immanuel Lutheran Church* in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The almighty and most merciful God enlighten and strengthen you in your offices that you may be good and faithful stewards to the glory of His name and the good of His people.

C **Amen.**

Stand

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have raised up these servants for work among Your people. We humbly implore You to grant them, by Your Holy Spirit, those gifts needed for the faithful carrying out of their tasks, most especially wisdom, strength, and willing hearts. Let Your blessing rest on this congregation. Strengthen the faith, quicken the love, and enkindle the zeal of its members, that Your name may be glorified and that here and in all places under heaven the

kingdom of Your Son may be advanced. We remember with thanksgiving those who have faithfully served Your people and have now completed their time of service. We pray that in the end of days we, with all Your faithful people, may hear the voice of Christ saying: “Come, you who are blessed by My Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world”; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

~ 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 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a

P Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

C I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

P Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage
and the ends of the earth your possession.

**C You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”**

P Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

**C Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling,**

P For his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

**C 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.*

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 170

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

♪ C *Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

♪ C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same 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

Isaiah 42:1–9

¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;

he will bring forth justice to the nations.
²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;
³a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged
 till he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his law.
⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
 who gives breath to the people on it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
 I will take you by the hand and keep you;
 I will give you as a covenant for the people,
 a light for the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
 to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD; that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to carved idols.
⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
 before they spring forth
 I tell you of them."

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

Epistle

Romans 6:1–11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be

united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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. Matthew, the third chapter.

Matthew 3:13–17

♪ **C** *Glory to you, O Lord.*

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

♪ **C** *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Sit

Kids Worship

Sermon Hymn: Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

LSB 398

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come 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.**

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all the baptized, that having been united to Christ's death and resurrection through water and the Word, we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and equipped with His gifts to live the new life given us by God's gracious act, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who proclaim Jesus Christ, that through their godly message, many would repent of their sins and join Him in His heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For families, that the Lord would bless all parents, especially mothers, to joyfully acknowledge the gifts of spouse, children and home; and for the elderly, the widowed and the orphaned, that our heavenly Father would show forth His grace to them so they would not feel alone, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the rulers of the nations, that they would submit to the preaching of God's Word and acknowledge Jesus as the Christ and true King, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those threatened by natural disaster, dangerous weather, pestilence, flood or famine, that our God who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, would provide all that is needed for this body and life, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those in need of healing and deliverance, [*including _____*,] that God would provide healing, restoration and justice according to His good and gracious will; and that He would cause us to rejoice in the everlasting faithfulness of Christ, His Servant, who preserves the bruised reed and the faintly burning wick, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, You have called Your Church from every tribe and nation. Grant that Your people throughout the world would rejoice in the death and resurrection of Christ and live as those who have died and risen with Him in Holy Baptism; 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 Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light (J.Schop/Arr.R Thygerson)

Stand

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.

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.

Closing Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the gift of your Word, 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: Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

LSB 873

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	Janice Isenberg
Assisting Elder	
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Pastor/Elder
Sound Operator	David Schmidt
Camera Operator	Jennifer Phillips
Greeters	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley
Tellers	Karen Lyons & Jennifer Phillips

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL NEXT SUNDAY

Ushers	Mark Frase & Dale Kenton
Lay Reader	Chrissy Frase
Greeter	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley
Assisting Elder	Todd Butler
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Veronica Phillips
Sound Operator	Rex Rosebrock
Camera Operator	John Crampton
Tellers	Dee Lambert, Glen Plutschak, & Linda Jefferson

ADMINISTRATION

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday – Thursday	Nursery School	8:50a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Monday– Friday	Church Office Open	9:00 – 12:00 noon
Monday	Church Council	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bell Practice	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	WinGS	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	Sunday School and Adult Bible Study	9:15 a.m.
	Worship Service	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 January 1, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICE

Attendance: 45

Goal Income Per Week: \$3,802.04

Offering: \$2,815.00

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

Cheryl Hochmuth 1/14

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

Please pick up your poinsettias today after church Thank you

Information needed:

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

Today we remember the family of Lucas Nagel, who fell asleep in the Lord on New Year's Eve. May our gracious Lord give them His grace, comfort, and peace.



SERMON NOTES

Title

Text

Law

Gospel

Summary

Application

