



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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*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 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
January 29, 2023

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

We gather in Jesus' name to answer God's call: "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with [our] God" (Micah 6:8). Welcome

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Dear Jesus, help me live out your kingdom values: mercy, meekness, hunger and thirst for righteousness, peacemaking — and above all, love.

Divine Service, Setting Three

Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 184-202

♪ = *congregation sings response*

Prelude **O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright** (Arr. Steven Wente)

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

Opening Hymn: Lift High the Cross

LSB 837

~ Confession and Absolution ~

LSB 184

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 1:1–5; antiphon: v. 6

P For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

C **Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

P but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

C **He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit
in its season, and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.**

P The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

C **Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**

♪ C *Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.*

Kyrie

LSB 168.

♪ C *Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high:
♪C *and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;*

*O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
 ♪ C *And with thy spirit.*

P Let us pray.
 Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,
 mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our
 days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and
 the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever \

♪ C *Amen.*

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:1–8

- ¹Hear what the LORD says:
 Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
 and let the hills hear your voice.
- ²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,
 and you enduring foundations of the earth,
 for the LORD has an indictment against his people,
 and he will contend with Israel.
- ³“O my people, what have I done to you?
 How have I wearied you? Answer me!
- ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
 and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
 and I sent before you Moses,
 Aaron, and Miriam.
- ⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,
 and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

♪ C *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

♪ C *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

♪C *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

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

Sit

Kids Worship

Sermon Hymn: Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me LSB 683

Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

✪C *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.*

Sit

Offering Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings (Charles Callahan)

Stand

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

♪C *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav- 'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Amen*

Prayer of the Church

P Almighty Lord and Judge of all, do not contend against us; for although Your indictment of our sinfulness is true, Your Son has suffered our condemnation. Hear Him as He pleads for our pardon, and for His sake forgive us our sins and preserve us as Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of all wisdom, You tell us plainly that the Word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but it is Your power to all who are being saved. Strengthen the faith of pastors and congregations, that they would not turn to man-made wisdom but boldly proclaim Christ and Him crucified. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of all glory, make us meek before You. Remove our stubborn inclination to follow our sinful desires, and strengthen us gladly to submit to Your holy will as we await the day of the new heaven and earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You have given Your firstborn for our transgressions. Strengthen all parents and guardians, that the children in their care might not be trained in the transgressions of their forebears, but rejoice in Your ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord of lords, You rescued Your people from Egypt and confounded Balak, king of Moab, for their protection. Guide the decisions and actions of all earthly authority, that Your people may live in peace and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of all truth, bless those who are reviled and slandered because of Jesus. Strengthen them with grace, provide for all their needs of body and soul, and

maintain in them the joy and gladness that in Christ their reward in heaven is great. Lord, in Your mercy

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful God, You choose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, and You use our infirmities for our good. Hear our prayers on behalf of all who are afflicted [*especially* _____]. Deliver them according to Your will, and make use of their trials to increase their confidence in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, teach us to hunger for Your flesh and to thirst for Your blood, that by Your Holy Communion we may be cleansed of our sin and equipped to love You above all and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, heavenly Father, receive our thanks for the saints whom You preserved in righteousness and delivered to glory. Purify our hearts by Your grace and strengthen us against temptation, that we would look joyfully to the day when we will see You in Your glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**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 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

♬ **C Amen, amen, amen.**

Closing Hymn: Amazing Grace

LSB 744

Sit

Announcements

Acknowledgments

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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	Carol Frase
Assisting Elder	
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Pastor/Elder
Sound Operator	Jim Harris
Camera Operator	TBD
Greeters	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley
Tellers	Carol Frase & Paul Nichols

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL NEXT SUNDAY

Ushers	Dicky Wheatley & Rex Rosebrock
Lay Reader	Hugh Smith
Greeter	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley
Assisting Elder	
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	
Sound Operator	David Schmidt
Camera Operator	Janice Isenberg
Tellers	Janice Isenberg, Shelly Kapitan & John Crampton

The flowers on the Altar today, are from Delores Slyter in loving memory of Leonard.

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	Nursery School Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Bell Practice	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Women’s Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Saturday	Men’s Prayer Breakfast	8:30 a.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 22, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICE *Attendance: 64*

Goal Income Per Week: \$3,802.04

Offering: \$3,557.00

TREASURER’S REPORT FOR December 2022

Goal income per month	\$16,475.17
Actual Offerings	17,751.81
Total Disbursements	<u>-17,297.20</u>
Checking account balance, end of month	\$48,669.80

PRAYER LIST & CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS

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

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

Leslie Jefferson	2/3
Kenny Wheatley	2/3
Sharron Jamarik	2/4
Keith Lyons	2/4

ANNIVERSARIES

None 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

The Evangelism Committee will be holding a meeting, today, January 29th, following the Sunday service in Geiger Hall. “Come see and be part of the action.”

Women’s Bible study starting soon!

Thursday February 2

9:30 am in fellowship hall.

God’s Relentless Love

A study of Hosea

(author Sharla Fritz)

Contact Lynn (703-505-6583)

or Rene (410-253-8735)

Future Dates to remember:

Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am all Thursdays in February (See above)

Church Council - Monday, February 13, 7:00 pm

February 19th Spaghetti fundraiser (see below)

February 22 - Ash Wednesday Service with Communion 12 Noon and 7:00 pm



SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER

Sunday, February 19th

**To benefit the Immanuel Lutheran
Church Nursery School**

Pick up in the Fellowship Hall
between 12-2pm

\$10 per ticket
Includes salad, drink and dessert
(brownie or cookie)

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SERMON NOTES

Title

Text

Law

Gospel

Summary

Application