

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 1:00 p. to 3:00 pm, and by appointment

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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 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY February 5, 2023 ~ 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

Welcome to worship as Jesus continues to reveal himself during Epiphany. May you sense anew your Savior's deep love for you and all the world.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

You promise to guide us continually, Lord, and to meet all our needs. May we be your garden, our thirst quenched by your living water. (See Isaiah 58:11.)

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

I = congregation sings response

Prelude Prelude on Ellecombe

(Arr. Allan Mahnke)

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:

O Day of Rest and Gladness

LSB 906

~ 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 119:9–16; antiphon: v. 12

P Blessèd are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes!

- $\Box C$ Lord, have mercy.
 - Ρ
- $\square C$ Amen.

This Is the Feast

- This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Ρ
- $\square C$ 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.
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- С How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.
- Р With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!
- С I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.
- Blessèd are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes! Ρ
- С With my lips I declare all the just decrees of your mouth.
- In the way of your testimonies. I delight as much as in all riches. Ρ
- С I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.
- I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word Ρ
- С 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

- In peace let us pray to the Lord. Ρ Lord, have mercy.
- $\square C$ For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord. Ρ
- Lord, have mercy. $\square C$
 - Ρ 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.
- $\Box C$ Lord, have mercy.
 - Ρ For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

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.
- $\square C$ And also with you.

P Let us pray.
 O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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

Isaiah 58:3–9a

³"Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry

and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'''

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 2:1–12

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined,

what God has prepared for those who love him"----

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter. *Matthew* 5:13-20 $\square C$ *Glory to you, O Lord.*

¹³[Jesus said:] "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

S C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Kids Worship

Sermon Hymn : You Are the Way; Through You Alone

LSB 526

Sermon:

Stand

Nicene Creed

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 Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P Almighty God, You delight to loose the bonds of wickedness and undo the straps of the heavy yoke, that freed from sin's bondage, we may gladly receive Your blessings. Preserve us from the lie that You are a cruel oppressor, and give us thankful hearts to rejoice that You are the Giver of all good gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful God, preserve Your Church by Your life-giving Word. Open the lips of pastors to declare Your just decrees and store them up in the hearts of Your people, that we may delight in Your promises and abound in good works. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, give wisdom and courage to parents as they teach their children Your ways. Make our homes havens of peace in a quarrelsome, self-seeking world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, You declare that a young man may keep his way pure by guarding it according to Your Word. Protect children and youth against the siren calls of the devil, the world and their own sinful nature. Grant delight in Your testimonies as much as in all riches. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P Almighty God, according to Your wisdom You establish rulers of this age for a time. Remember Joseph, our president; Westley, our governor; and all those You have placed in authority, that they might fulfill their duties with wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Holy Father, cause healing to spring up speedily for the sake of Your Son. Have mercy upon those who suffer afflictions of sin in mind and body *[especially _____]*. Where You permit trial to remain, preserve Your people in faith until the day when Your light breaks forth like the dawn. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O God, in Christ Your righteousness goes before us and Your glory is our rearguard. Answer our pleas for mercy this day in the gift of Christ's body and blood, and prepare all those who commune to receive Him worthily and joyfully. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Holy Spirit, that delivered from the spirit of this world, we may hold fast in faith to what You freely give us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

Offering	Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God	(GF Handel/Hal Hopson)
	Senior Choir	

Stand

Offertory

LSB 176

I 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.
- $\square C$ And also with you.
 - P Lift up your hearts.
- $\square C$ We lift them to the Lord.
 - P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

$\square C$ 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

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 I 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

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

SC Amen.

Agnus Dei

AC 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

LSB 180

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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:	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	LSB 425
Communion Hymn:	In the Cross of Christ I Glory	LSB 427

Stand

Thank the	e Lord	LSB 181
₽ C	Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has d	one.
	Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His na	ame.
	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.
- $\square C$ Amen.

Closing Hymn: Almighty Father, Bless the Word

LSB 923

Sit

Announcements

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SERVICE INFORMATION

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL TODAY

Pastor Administrative Assistant Director of Music, Emeritus Director of Music & Organist Director of Hand Bells Ushers Lay Reader Assisting Elder Kids Worship Acolyte Sound Operator Camera Operator Greeters Tellers Rev. David Casey-Motley Sharon Gutz Dennis L. Janko, M.M. Lynn Short Janice Isenberg Dicky Wheatley & Rex Rosebrock Hugh Smith Hugh Smith Rene Langwost Kalei Durando David Schmidt Janice Isenberg Kenny & Michelle Wheatley Janice Isenberg, Shelly Kapitan, & John Crampton

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL NEXT SUNDAY

Ushers Lay Reader Greeter Assisting Elder Kids Worship Acolyte Sound Operator Camera Operator Tellers Dicky Wheatley & Rex Rosebrock Ruth Thomas Kenny & Michelle Wheatley

Rene Langwost Pastor/Elder David Schmidt Jennifer Phillips Karen Lyons & Jennifer Phillips

The flowers on the altar were given to the glory of God, by Glen Plutschak, in loving memory of Mary Lou Plutschak, for what would have been our 28th Wedding Anniversary.



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	Board of Elders	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Bell Practice	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Woman's Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Wings	7:30 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 29, 2022

WORSHIP SERVICE

Attendance: 58

Goal Income Per Week: \$3,802.04

Offering: \$1,086.00

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR December 2022

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

PRAYER LIST & CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS

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

<u>SPECIAL PRAYERS</u> – Wyatt Ewing, Jennifer Flanagan, Butch Frase, Linda Frase, Pete Hitchens, Cheryl Hochmuth, Dennis Janko, Bob Lorenz, Rev. Donald Meyer, Charlene Robbins, Kenny 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

Paul Nichols	2/5
Caron Janko	2/7
John Johansen	2/8
Irene Wheatley	2/8
April Frase	2/9
Ryan Kenton	2/11

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 some dates on the Flower Chart which are open.

SPACHETTI FUNDRAISER

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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)

> > Immanuel Lutheran Church 242 Main Street Preston Call 410-924-3803 for more information.

Sermon Notes

Title		
Text		
Law		
Gospel		
Summary		
Application		