



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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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT INFORMATION

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 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
February 12, 2023 ~ 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

Paul tells us, “We are co-workers in God's service” (1 Corinthians 3:9, NIV). So we gather to be fed for a new week of ministry. Welcome!

WORDS OF PREPARATION

God, you call me to choose life and goodness every day. With your Spirit's help, I will do so.

Divine Service, Setting Two *Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 167-183*

♪ = *congregation sings response*

Prelude **Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring** (J.S. Bach/Arr. D. Wells)

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: Today Your Mercy Calls Us

LSB 915

Sit

~ 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 98:7–9; antiphon: v. 2

- P The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- C Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!**
- P Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD,
for he comes to judge the earth.\
- C He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**
- 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.
O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Spirit, one God, now and forever.
✠ C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

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

Epistle

1 Corinthians 3:1–9

¹But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? ⁴For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building

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 fifth chapter. *Matthew 5:21–37*

♩ **C** *Glory to you, O Lord.*

²¹[Jesus said:] “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to

you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

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

Sit

Kids Worship

Sermon Hymn: Renew Me, O Eternal Light

LSB 704

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 Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P Almighty God, the seas roar and the rivers clap their hands because You come to judge the earth. Receive our thanks that You declare us righteous by water and the Word, and grant that we would live in that baptismal grace until You come in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You make us Your children in Baptism and desire that we grow and mature in the faith. Bless pastors, teachers, parents and all who teach Your Word, and give us a constant desire to hear and obey it. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You condemn unrighteous anger even as You command, “You shall not murder.” You have poured out Your righteous anger on Your Son at the cross, that we might be reconciled to You. Where there is division, move us to repent and seek reconciliation with one another so that we might live in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of life, You condemn sexually impure thoughts even as You command, “You shall not commit adultery.” Deliver us from lustful thoughts and defend us from the temptations of pornography, that we may lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, the Author of truth, You command us, “You shall not swear falsely.” Give
us faith to acknowledge Your Word and, by Your strength, do what You
command. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of all, You judge the peoples in righteousness and equity. Give wisdom to
our nation's authorities, preserve us from unjust division and cause us to love one
another. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, our God, You are our life and our length of days. Sustain and strengthen those who suffer sickness and affliction, [*especially* _____,] and comfort all who mourn [*especially* _____] with the promise of everlasting life in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You give growth to the Church by Your Holy Word and Sacraments. Preserve Your people from the wisdom of the world, which creates division and follows after the winds of the age. Unite the Church in a common confession of Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give
all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Offering **Come, Thou Font of Ev'ry Blessing** **(Arr. Anna Laura Page)**
Handbell Choir

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: Abide, O Dearest Jesus

LSB 919

Sit

Announcements

Acknowledgments

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	Dicky Wheatley & Rex Rosebrock
Lay Reader	Ruth Thomas
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	Dicky Wheatley & Rex Rosebrock
Lay Reader	John Crampton
Greeter	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley
Assisting Elder	Rick Clendaniel
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Veronica Phillips
Sound Operator	Rex Rosebrock
Camera Operator	John Crampton
Tellers	Dee Lambert, Glen Plutschak, & Linda Jefferson

The flowers, on the altar, were given to the glory of God, in memory of Homer and Louise Schmidt.

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	Women’s Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Thursday	WinGs	7:00p.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 February 5, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICE

Attendance: 62

Goal Income Per Week: \$3,802.04

Offering: \$4,471.00

TREASURER’S REPORT FOR December 2022

Goal income per month	\$16,475.17
Actual Offerings	17,751.81
Total Disbursements	-17,297.20
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, 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

Mark Harding	2/12
Cathy Baker	2/13
Mark Gadow	2/14
Laura Frase	2/15
Ronald Andrew	2/17
Jacob Parmer	2/17
Ann Bradley	2/17

ANNIVERSARIES

William & Carole Greenage 2/18

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

“Save the date, March 18 for Easter egg making. We need lots of helpers! Thank you.”

Ash Wednesday February 22, 2023

7:00 – 8:00 am Outside Imposition of Ashes
(weather permitting)

12 Noon Imposition of Ashes
Divine Service with
Confession and Absolution
Holy Communion
followed by a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm Potluck Meal in the Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm Imposition of Ashes
Divine Service with
Confession and Absolution
Holy Communion

Sermon: *Promised Treasures---*
Sitting in Ashes and Hope



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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Call 410-924-3803 for more information.

SERMON NOTES

Title

Text

Law

Gospel

Summary

Application

