



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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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.
- **Worship Bags** are available in the nursery room every Sunday to help kids engage and participate in the service. They include coloring pencils, coloring sheets and Worship Guides. After worship service, keep your papers and place the bag back in the nursery room.
- **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 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 12, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

Welcome to worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church.
May you experience the love of Jesus in the midst of this congregation.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

In baptism you called Jesus — and you call us — “beloved.”
May we grow in your love, God, and share it with others.

Divine Service, Setting Two

Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 167-183

♪ = *congregation sings response*

Prelude

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

Welcome

Gathering Prayer Concerns

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.**

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 Friends in Christ, You have been elected by this congregation to serve as officers in His Holy Christian Church.

The pastor addresses the officers-elect:

P You have been chosen to fill specific offices and positions of responsibility at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Preston, MD. You are to work with the pastor, 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 saints whom you have selected to serve as officers. 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 In Christ, I install you as officers of our 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.

Sit

The newly installed officers return to their seats.

The baptismal candidate and sponsors come to meet Pastor at the baptismal font.

~ Rite of Holy Baptism ~

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

C Amen.

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.” The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

The pastor addresses the candidate:

P How are you named?

R Ryan Wortz.

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:

P Ryan, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your † forehead and upon your † heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Ryan according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him, which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

P Is it your intention to serve Ryan as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R *Yes, with the help of God.*

P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C **Amen.**

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate, and the congregation joins in praying:

Lord’s Prayer

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 pastor addresses the candidate and asks the following questions:

P Ryan, do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Ryan, do you desire to be baptized?

R *Yes, I do.*

The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:

P Ryan, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

C **Amen.**

The pastor may place a white garment on the newly baptized while saying:

P Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:

P Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

The newly baptized may be welcomed with the following:

P In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

Stand

P Let us pray.
Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Ryan the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Lord and Giver of life, look with kindness upon the fathers and mothers of all children. Let them ever rejoice in the gift You have given them. Enable them to be teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism that they may share eternally with their children the salvation You have given them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty and everlasting God, since You govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church by Your Holy Spirit, hear our prayers for all her members, and mercifully grant that by Your grace we may serve You in true faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Peace † be with you.

C **Amen.**

All return to their places.

~ Service of the Word ~

Introit

Psalm 2:8–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a

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

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

P You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel".

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

P Serve the LORD with fear,
 and rejoice with trembling,
 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 43:1–7

¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.
⁵Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.
⁶I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 29

- P ¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- C ²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**
- P ³The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.
- C ⁴**The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**
- P ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- C ⁶**He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- P ⁷The voice of the LORD
flashes forth flames of fire.
- C ⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- P ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”
- C ¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**
- P ¹¹May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!
- 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.**

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

Luke 3:15–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

♪ C *Glory to You, O Lord.*

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ C *Praise to You, O Christ.*

Sit

Kids’ Worship

Sermon Hymn

“Father Welcomes”

LSB 605

Sermon

Stand

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 Blessed Lord, You wonderfully foreshadowed the promise of Baptism in the passing of Your people through the Red Sea and Jordan River. In Christ and by His Baptism, You have kept Your Word and made Baptism the water of new life. Give us Your Holy Spirit, that we would walk as the new and holy people You have declared us to be. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We give You thanks that You call and gather the baptized into Your Church. Prosper the good work of preaching the Gospel and administering the life-giving Sacraments. Bless Matthew, our Synod president; Bill, our district president; David, our pastor; and all church workers, that their ministry would be faithful and fruitful. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Preserve the family, especially all Christian homes. Turn husband and wife toward one another in love, equip fathers and mothers for their holy duty as teachers of the faith, and preserve all children in the saving faith and certain promises of their Baptism unto life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, Your Son, Jesus, is the Christ and the true King of this world. Grant great humility to the rulers of the nations, that they would submit to the preaching of His Holy Word for the sake of their own souls and for the good of Your holy people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We give You thanks for standing with us in times of weakness, illness, despair and death. Give us every aid of Your Holy Spirit, that we may endure these afflictions and find comfort in the healing wounds of our Savior. *[We especially remember*

_____ *and ask for their healing and relief according to Your will.]* Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, You manifested Yourself with the Holy Spirit in the fullness of grace at the Baptism of Your dear Son. With Your voice, You directed us to the One who has borne our sins, that we may receive grace and forgiveness. Keep us, we implore You, in the true faith. Since we have been baptized in accordance with Your command and the example of Your Son, strengthen our faith by Your Holy Spirit and lead us to everlasting life and salvation; 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 “Christ the Word of God Incarnate”

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.*

Closing Collect

P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the gifts of Word and Sacrament, 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 “Have No Fear, Little Flock” *LSB 735*

Sit

Announcements

P Go in peace, and serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**



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Divine Service, Setting Two from Lutheran Service Book

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“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It” – BACHOFEN by Johann Caspar Bachofen;

JESU, MEIN FREUDE by Johann Crüger; Setting by John A. Behnke.

“Christ the Word of God Incarnate” HOLY MANNA, Columbian Harmony, Cincinatti; Setting by Charles Callahan.

SERVICE INFORMATION

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL TODAY 1/12/2025

Pastor	Rev. David Casey-Motley
Administrative Assistant	Raechl Cannon
Director of Music, Emeritus	Dennis L. Janko, M.M.
Director of Music & Organist	Lynn Short
Director of Hand Bells	Janice Isenberg
Ushers	Dicky Wheatley, Ron Andrew
Lay Reader	Cathy Baker
Assisting Elder	
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Coltyn Bowman-Pinder
Sound Operator	David Schmidt
Camera Operator	Jennifer Phillips
Greeters	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley
Tellers	Karen Lyons, Jennifer Phillips

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL NEXT SUNDAY 1/19/2025

Ushers	Dicky Wheatley, Ron Andrew
Lay Reader	Mikayla Clark
Greeters	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley
Assisting Elder	Mark Frase
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Shyann Gillis
Sound Operator	Rex Rosebrock
Camera Operator	Shelly Kapitan
Tellers	Dee Lambert, Glen Plutschak, Linda Jefferson

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.

ADMINISTRATION

THE WEEK AHEAD 1/13/2025 – 1/19/2025

Monday - Thursday	Nursery School Open	8:50 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
	Church Office Open	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Youth Confirmation Class	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Handbells	6:30 p.m.
	Senior Choir	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Women's Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
	Divine 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 5, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICE

Attendance: 52

Goal Income Per Week: \$3,802.04

Offering: \$6,465.00

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2024

Goal income per month	\$18,842.67
Actual Offerings	\$13,623.00
Total Disbursements	<u>-20,407.04</u>
Checking account balance, end of month	\$51,378.43

PRAYER LIST & CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS

SHUT-INS – RETIREMENT FACILITIES – NURSING HOMES: Jimmy Fuchs and Janice Plutschak.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Wyatt Ewing, Jennifer Flanagan, Butch Frase, Linda Frase, Cheryl Hochmuth, Dennis Janko, Nicole James, Maggie Thompson, Brianna Fissel, Tony Krupka, James Cohee, William Frase, Page Murphy, Mason Puckett, Sharon Taylor, Jeannie Kegeal, Terry Lloyd, Mike Lloyd, Dora Bailey, Sheri Rodriguez, Brenda Richards, Sharlene Steere and Joe Bartenfelder.

ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE PERSONNEL & FIRST-RESPONDERS:

Ryan Andrew, Matthew Harris, Shelby Hochmuth, Michael Jantz Jr., Robbie Phillips, Eric Stacey, Jerry Stivers, Amber Thamert, and Robert Barnett.



Korina Gillis	1/14
Cheryl Hochmuth	1/14
Grace Cannon	1/15
Michelle Wheatley	1/15
Phillip Fuchs	1/16
Doris Maser	1/16



Phillip & Maureen Garcia 1/16



DOB: 5/7/2015
Sponsors: Jimmy & Gina Wortz



Thank you for your dedication to Immanuel Lutheran Church!

President – Dicky Wheatley
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Ryan Anthony James Wortz

Congratulations on your baptism today!
Welcome to God's family and ours!
Ryan is 9 years old and lives in Ridgely with his parents, Michelle and Chris, and his sister Karly. Ryan is in 4th grade at Ridgely Elementary School. He loves to play soccer and football, ride his dirt bike and play with friends.
His maternal grandparents are Tony & Debbie Roberts. His paternal grandparents are Jim and Vicki Wortz.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME VISITORS! Before leaving, please stop in the Narthex to sign the guest book and pick up a gift pack. We hope to see you again!

ALTAR FLOWERS: All Sunday's in January and all but one Sunday in February are open. Please sign up using the altar flower chart in the narthex. The following florists provide flowers for Immanuel and have the ability to deliver to the church prior to Sunday Service:



- Lucy's Flowers – Federalsburg – 410-754-5011
- John's Four Seasons Florist – Federalsburg / Reliance – 410-754-5835
- Vintage Family Farms – Preston – 410-310-6457
- Tammie's Country Florist (Roses & Bows) – Federalsburg / Hurlock – 443-786-8102



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: TODAY, January 12, 2025 after the service.

FROM PASTOR DAVID & DESI: Thank you so much to everyone who came to our Open House!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Resumes THIS Thursday January 16, 2025, 9:30 – 10:30 am. Be in God's Word in the new year! We will do a 10-week study of the Book of Mark. Contact Rene Langwost or Lynn Short for more information.

PASTOR DAVID'S SURGERY UPDATE: Pastor David's surgery is scheduled for January 23rd, 2025. He asks for your prayers!





GRIEFSHARE: Each Sunday at 3:00 pm, in the fellowship hall, we will have a GriefShare ministry here at Immanuel. What is GriefShare? GriefShare is for everyone who is grieving the death of a loved one. It's a video and sharing ministry that is open to everyone and runs 13 weeks. This ministry will be facilitated by Pastor David and Sheri Rodriguez. If you have any questions, please let Pastor David know. For more information visit: griefshare.org. * **No GriefShare for the month of January. GriefShare will resume after Pastor David's surgery.**

COMMUNITY SPEAKERS SERIES: Friends of the Caroline County Public Library in partnership with Burke & Herbert Bank will be hosting a Winter – Spring 2025 Community Speakers Series. The Speakers Series is free to the public and will be held in the large conference room of the Central Branch of the Caroline County Library in Denton. Topics include Financial Literacy & Fraud Protection, Addressing Social Isolation in Later Life, Food for Overall Well-Being, Long Term Care Insurance & Medicare, and Financial Fraud & Fraud Protection. Pamphlets are available in the narthex for more information.



MARYLAND FOOD BANK – FOOD TRUCK: The MD Food Bank Mobile Market will be at **Bethlehem Wesleyan**, 5330 Bethlehem Rd, Preston, MD on **Thursday January 23rd** from **12:00pm – 2:00pm** (or until done).

LUTHERAN WITNESS: Copies of The Lutheran Witness - January 2025 edition are available in the narthex while supplies last.



Children's
Sermon



CHILDREN'S SERMON: Children's Sermons will resume during worship in February after Pastor's surgery.



CHOICES PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLE

CAMPAIGN: Change for Life! Choices Pregnancy Center's Baby Bottle Campaign is an opportunity to donate pocket change or extra cash thereby helping their center provide a compassionate Christian ministry that offers life-affirming choices to women and their families who are faced with an unplanned pregnancy. Together, they can continue to share God's truth while showing His love to the men and women in our communities facing crisis pregnancies.

How it Works:

Simply take a baby bottle home with you on Sunday January 19th, fill the bottle with spare change, cash or check, and return the bottle to Immanuel Lutheran Church by Sunday February 2nd! Save babies' lives one bottle at a time!

For more information, please contact Desi Casey-Motley or Raechl Cannon in the church office.



"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well."

Psalm 139:14 ESV

SERMON NOTES

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