





# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

P.O. Box 39, 242 Main Street  
Preston, MD 21655

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

---

**REV. DAVID CASEY-MOTLEY, PASTOR**

## **PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT INFORMATION**

*Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
1:00 p. to 3:00 pm, and by appointment*

*Office Phone.....410-673-7107*

*Cell Phone.....253-241-1435*

*Home Phone.....667-342-4030*

*Email ..... [pastordavid.immanuel@gmail.com](mailto:pastordavid.immanuel@gmail.com)*

*Website: [www.ilcpreston.org](http://www.ilcpreston.org)*

*For news and alerts, like us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/immanuellutheranpreston](https://www.facebook.com/immanuellutheranpreston)*

## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT INFORMATION**

*Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 1 pm*

*Office Phone ..... 410-673-7107*

*Office Fax ..... 410-673-1426*

*Email.. [immanuellutheranpreston@verizon.net](mailto:immanuellutheranpreston@verizon.net)*

## **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 PURIFICATION OF MARY AND THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD  
FEBRUARY 2, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

---

## ***WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!***

Traditionally, the church on this day remembers the presentation of Jesus by his parents in the temple. We too present ourselves to God: our praise, petitions, sorrows and joys.  
Welcome.

## ***WORDS OF PREPARATION***

Jesus, this Valentine's month and all year long, help me live in love so that, whatever else I do, I will not be "a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal" (1 Corinthians 13:1, NRSV).

## ***HOLY COMMUNION AT IMMANUEL***

Holy Scripture, according to St. Paul, clearly teaches 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 sins and to strengthen our Christian faith and life. Furthermore, Holy Scripture clearly teaches 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 today, 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 answer, "Yes," to all five of these questions and you have been instructed in the Christian faith of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS), then you are well prepared to receive the Sacrament here at Immanuel. If you are not in agreement and have not received instruction, we ask that you, out of great Christian love and concern for your spiritual welfare, to refrain from the Sacrament. 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 prior to the service.

Those receiving the Sacrament should wait for the usher's invitation to approach the altar. The pastor will offer the bread. The assistant will offer the individual cup of wine to those who desire to receive in that manner, after which the pastor will offer the chalice to those who desire to receive the wine in that manner. A few cups of white grape juice are available for those who are not able to drink wine.

♪ = *congregation sings response*

**Prelude**

“Light of the World”

**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, 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**

**“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”**

*LSB 901*

## **~ 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 48:1–3, 8; antiphon: Psalm 48:9*

P We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,  
in the midst of your temple.

C **Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised  
in the city of our God!**

P His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth,  
Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

C **Within her citadels  
God has made himself known as a fortress.**

P As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God,  
which God will establish forever.

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.***

## This Is the Feast

LSB 171

A *This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.*

♪ 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.***

***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.

♪ C ***And also with you.***

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts; through 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

*1 Samuel 1:21-28*

<sup>21</sup> The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. <sup>22</sup> But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, “As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there forever.” <sup>23</sup> Elkanah her husband said to her, “Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the LORD establish his word.” So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. <sup>24</sup> And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull,<sup>[a]</sup> an ephah<sup>[b]</sup> of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. <sup>25</sup> Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. <sup>26</sup> And she said, “Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the

woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. <sup>27</sup> For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. <sup>28</sup> Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD.”

And he worshiped the LORD there.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

Psalm 84

*Please join in singing the psalm as printed below.*

*The psalm tone will be played twice as an introduction.*

♪ C <sup>1</sup>*How lovely is your / dwelling place,\**  
*O / LORD of hosts!*  
<sup>2</sup>*My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts / of the LORD,\**  
*my heart and flesh sing for joy to the / living God.*  
<sup>3</sup>*Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,*  
*where she may / lay her young,\**  
*at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King / and my God.*  
<sup>4</sup>*Blessèd are those who dwell / in your house,\**  
*ever sing- / ing your praise!*  
<sup>5</sup>*Blessèd are those whose strength is / in you,\**  
*in whose heart are the highways to / Zion.*  
<sup>6</sup>*As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a / place of springs;\**   
*the early rain also covers / it with pools.*  
<sup>7</sup>*They go from / strength to strength,\**  
*each one appears before God in / Zion.*  
<sup>8</sup>*O LORD God of hosts, / hear my prayer;\**   
*give ear, O God of / Jacob!*  
<sup>9</sup>*Behold our shield, / O God;\**   
*look on the face of your a- / nointed!*  
<sup>10</sup>*For a day in your courts is better than a thousand / elsewhere.\**   
*I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents*  
*of / wickedness.*  
<sup>11</sup>*For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and / honor.\**   
*No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- / rightly.*  
<sup>12</sup>*O / LORD of hosts,\**   
*blessèd is the one who / trusts in you!*  
*Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\**  
*and to the Holy / Spirit;*  
*as it was in the be- / ginning,\**   
*is now, and will be forever. / Amen.*

## Epistle

Hebrews 2:14-18

<sup>14</sup> Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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 2:22-32

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

♪ C *Glory to You, O Lord.*

<sup>22</sup> And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup> he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup> “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation

<sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ C *Praise to You, O Christ.*



*Sit*

## Kids' Worship

Sermon Hymn                    “Take My Life and Let It Be”

*LSB 783*

Sermon

*Rev. Charles Gustafson*

*Stand*

Nicene Creed

*LSB 174*

C     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 Everlasting God, we remember how Simeon faithfully trusted Your promise that he would not die until he had seen the Savior. Grant us the same trust in Christ for the forgiveness of our sins, that having received His body and blood and beholding Him by faith, we would be prepared for the day we meet Him face to face. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P Almighty God, in the depth of love for creation, You brought Your Son to the temple and placed Him in the hands of blessed St. Simeon. Abide with those placed in the Office of the Holy Ministry, that their hands would be ever ready to deliver Your gifts to Your people and their lips bold to speak Your Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P Gracious Father, You placed Your Son into the home of Mary and Joseph. Bless our homes, that they would be places where truth is taught and confessed. Like Joseph took Mary to be his wife, make all husbands courageous and compassionate in their love for their wives. As Mary submitted to Joseph, grant all wives grace for respectful submission to their husbands. Bless the work of parents as they instruct their children in Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P Ruler of the nations, bless those placed in authority over us. Grant that they would serve with integrity and honor, having the welfare of all in mind. Look favorably on our country, that division, conflict and strife would give way to unity, peace and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P Heavenly Father, as Your Son has become our faithful High Priest, making propitiation for the sins of all people, hear His intercession for His Bride, the Church. Grant that the suffering, sick and sorrowful [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_] would be blessed by Your loving visitation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P Father of lasting peace, show mercy to those who receive the Lord's Supper this day, that they would behold their salvation in the very body and blood of Christ given for them and, with St. Simeon, be well prepared to depart in peace according to Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**

**P** Join these, our prayers and praises, with those of Your faithful people of all times and places, and unite them in the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, until He comes again in glory as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

**Offering**

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*Senior 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.*

## ~Service of the Sacrament~

**Preface**

*LSB 177*

**P** The Lord be with you.

♪ **C** *And also with you.*

**P** Lift up your hearts.

♪ **C** *We lift them to the Lord.*

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪ **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, who, sharing Your eternal splendor, was presented on this day in Your temple in the substance of our human flesh and revealed by the Spirit as the glory of Israel and the light of all peoples. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

✠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

LSB 178

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

LSB 179

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

LSB 180

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
♪ C *Amen.*

## Agnus Dei

LSB 180

♪ C *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 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

**“How Wide the Love of Christ”**

LSB 535

## Communion Hymn

**“God of Grace and God of Glory”**

LSB 850

## Thank the Lord

LSB 181

♪ C     *Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
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.

♪ C     **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

**“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”**

LSB 922

Sit

## Announcements

P     Go in peace, and serve the Lord!

C     **Thanks be to God!**

## Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Two from Lutheran Service Book  
Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible,  
English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good  
News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2025 Concordia Publishing House.

“Light of the World” by Franklin Ritter.

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” text by Charles Wesley; Tune: AZMON by Carl G. Glaser,  
Arrangement by Mark Patterson.

# SERVICE INFORMATION

---

## THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL TODAY 2/02/2025

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. David Casey-Motley
<b>Guest Pastor</b>	Rev. Charles Gustafson
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	Raechl Cannon
<b>Director of Music, Emeritus</b>	Dennis L. Janko, M.M.
<b>Director of Music &amp; Organist</b>	Lynn Short
<b>Director of Hand Bells</b>	Janice Isenberg
<b>Ushers</b>	Jack Collins, Dale Kenton
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Catie Casey-Motley
<b>Assisting Elder</b>	Todd Butler
<b>Kids Worship</b>	Rene Langwost
<b>Acolyte</b>	Grayson Jackson
<b>Sound Operator</b>	David Schmidt
<b>Camera Operator</b>	Janice Isenberg
<b>Greeters</b>	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley
<b>Tellers</b>	Janice Isenberg, Shelly Kapitan, John Crampton

## THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL NEXT SUNDAY 2/09/2025

<b>Guest Pastor</b>	Rev. Edward Thayer
<b>Ushers</b>	Jack Collins, Dale Kenton
<b>Lay Reader</b>	John Crampton
<b>Greeters</b>	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley
<b>Assisting Elder</b>	
<b>Kids Worship</b>	Rene Langwost
<b>Acolyte</b>	Mikayla Clark
<b>Sound Operator</b>	David Schmidt
<b>Camera Operator</b>	Jennifer Phillips
<b>Tellers</b>	Karen Lyons, Jennifer Phillips

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by WinGS  
in thanksgiving for a continued smooth recovery for Pastor David.*

# ADMINISTRATION

## THE WEEK AHEAD 2/02/2025 – 2/09/2025

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.
	WinGS	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
	*No Adult Bible Class	
	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 26, 2025

#### WORSHIP SERVICE

*Attendance: 49*

*Goal Income Per Week: \$3,802.04*

*Offering: \$8,251.00*

### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2024

Goal income per month	\$18,842.67
Actual Offerings	\$18,935.25
Total Disbursements	<u>-17,970.69</u>
Checking account balance, end of month	\$52,519.40



# 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, Jeannie Kegeal, Terry Lloyd, Mike Lloyd, Dora Bailey, Sheri Rodriguez, Brenda Richards, Sharlene Steere, Joe Bartenfelder, Jan Baker and Barbara Wright.

**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.



Leslie Jefferson	2/3
Kenny Wheatley	2/3
Sharron Jamarik	2/4
Keith Lyons	2/4
Paul Nichols	2/5
Caron Janko	2/7
John Johansen, Jr.	2/8
Irene Wheatley	2/8



Rev. Charles Gustafson is a retired LCMS pastor. He served three congregations (Trinity, Stamford, NY, Redeemer, Glendale, NY and Cheshire Lutheran, Cheshire, CT) for 38 years of full time ministry before moving with his wife, Kathryn, to Millsboro, DE. They are currently members of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Rehoboth, DE. Pastor Gustafson continues to serve the church, filling in at LCMS churches on the Delmarva Peninsula, when called upon to do so.

*Thank you so much for being here with Immanuel Lutheran Church today!*



Please continue to pray for Pastor David during his recovery!

**In the case of an emergency, while Pastor is recovering, please contact Rex Rosebrock (410-673-2326). For non-emergencies, please contact Raechl Cannon in the church office (410-673-7107). Thank you!**

# 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:** Upcoming open date: 3/2. 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



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Be in God's Word in the new year! Thursdays 9:30 – 10:30 am. Contact Rene Langwost or Lynn Short for more information.

**HIS HOPE MINISTRIES FOOD MINISTRY:** The February dates for bringing in individually wrapped breakfast food items that don't require refrigeration for HHM are today, February 2nd and 9th. If you have questions about this program or would like to make a cash donation, please see or call Irene Wheatley- 410-310-2571. Thank you for helping Immanuel care for our community through Christ.



**CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE TIME:** Please provide us with your current contact information to allow us to update and distribute the Church Directory for 2025. The directory includes name, address, phone number(s), and email address. Forms are available in the narthex or you can email your updates: [ImmanuelLutheranPreston@verizon.net](mailto:ImmanuelLutheranPreston@verizon.net). Thank you!

**NO ADULT BIBLE CLASS:** There will be no Adult Bible Class on February 9 while Pastor is recovering.





**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** Youth Confirmation classes will continue to be held Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm. Students will be watching the movie “Luther”. Please continue to take sermon notes to be turned in.

**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 Rodriquez. If you have any questions, please let Pastor David know. For more information visit: [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org). \* **No GriefShare today. GriefShare will resume after Pastor David’s return.**



**GUEST PASTORS:** Today’s guest Pastor is Rev. Charles Gustafson. The guest Pastor next week will be Rev. Edward Thayer. Thank you!

**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. Save babies’ lives one bottle at a time! Please return your bottles **TODAY Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup>!** Thank you for your support!



**GROUNDHOG DAY:** Today Punxsutawney Phil will have made his annual prediction on the 139<sup>th</sup> Groundhog Day!



JOIN US

# Spaghetti Dinner

TO BENEFIT THE NURSERY SCHOOL

**Sunday, February 16th**



**\$10**

PER PERSON

**12-2 PM**

**Immanuel  
Lutheran Church  
Basement**

**242 Main St  
Preston**

**INCLUDES: Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Drink &  
Dessert**

**CARRY OUT ONLY**



# SERMON NOTES

---

Title

Text

Law

Gospel

Summary

Application