

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 9, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

The apostle Paul wrote: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). So we call on God's name and rejoice! Welcome.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

God, when I'm tempted to trust other people or things more than you, lead me by your Spirit, as you led Jesus in the wilderness. Amen.

Divine Service, Setting Two

Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 167-183

□ = congregation sings response

Prelude "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

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.

Opening Hymn

~ 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 91:9-13; antiphon: vv. 15-16

P When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

C With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.

P Because you have made the Lord your dwelling placethe Most High, who is my refuge-

		no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
		no plague come near your tent.
	С	For he will command his angels concerning you
		to guard you in all your ways.
	Р	On their hands they will bear you up,
		lest you strike your foot against a stone.
	С	You will tread on the lion and the adder;
	-	the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
	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.
Ky	rie	LSB 168
	Р	In peace let us pray to the Lord.
5	С	Lord, have mercy.
	Р	For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
5	С	Lord, have mercy.
	Р	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.
5	С	Lord, have mercy.
	Р	For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the
		Lord.
5	С	Lord, have mercy.
	Р	Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
	С	Amen.
Sa	lutatio	on and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

- **G** *C* And also with you.
 - P Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹"When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.' ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

⁵"And you shall make response before the LORD your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you."

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

Psalm	Psalm 91:1–13; antiphon: v. 1
Р	¹ He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
	will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
С	² I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,
	my God, in whom I trust."
Р	³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
	and from the deadly pestilence.
С	⁴ He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge;
	his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
Р	⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night,
	nor the arrow that flies by day,
С	⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
	nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.
Р	⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand,
	but it will not come near you.

С	⁸ You will only look with your eyes
	and see the recompense of the wicked.
Р	⁹ Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
	the Most High, who is my refuge—
С	¹⁰ no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
	no plague come near your tent.
Р	¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
	to guard you in all your ways.
С	¹² On their hands they will bear you up,
	lest you strike your foot against a stone.
Р	¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder;
	the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

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

Stand

Epistle

Verse

Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and $\square C$ abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter. Ρ

Glory to You, O Lord. **□** C

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." ⁴And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone."⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world

Luke 4:1-13

LSB 173

in a moment of time, ⁶and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸And Jesus answered him, "It is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.""

⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,'

 11 and

"On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.""

¹²And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."" ¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Kids' Worship

Illumon of the Dove

Hymn of the Day	"A Mignty Fortress is Our God"	<i>T2R</i> 020
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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 Lord Most High, You are the dwelling place of Your people. Be our refuge for the sake of Christ, who suffered temptation and death for our redemption. Preserve us from every evil and plague, and strengthen us in faith, that we may be satisfied with Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P God of all nations, You make no distinction between Jew and Greek, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Protect and provide for the missionaries of Your Church as they proclaim the Word of faith and bring it near to all who will hear, so that more would confess with their mouths that Jesus is Lord and believe in their hearts that You raised Him from the dead. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Lord of all, You bestow Your riches on all who call upon You. Bless parents with all wisdom as they teach their children Your ways, that all in the household may confess with their mouths that Jesus is Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P Almighty God, govern the kingdoms of this world according to Your holy and gracious will. Protect authorities from every temptation of the devil, who falsely claims sovereignty over them. Equip them to curb what is evil and promote what is good. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P God of all mercy, You answer those who call upon You. Hear our prayers for all people in need of healing and restoration *[especially _____]*. Be with them in their trouble, and rescue them according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- P O Lord, everyone who believes that Jesus is Lord will not be put to shame. Unite Your people in a right confession of Your Word, and free them from disagreement over Your truth. Bring us with penitent hearts to receive the great riches of Your Son's body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Lord God, as You brought Your people to the Promised Land and gave them an inheritance of abundance, so You give us all that we have. Preserve us from greed, and grant us thankful hearts to declare Your goodness and gladly support what You will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Lord God, heavenly Father, see how the adversary continually afflicts us and walks about as a roaring lion seeking to devour us. We implore You for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit and strengthen our hearts by Your Word, that our enemy would not prevail over us, but instead that we may abide evermore in Your grace and be preserved to life everlasting; 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 "Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord"

Stand

Offertory

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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.

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;

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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.

Be	nedic	tion	LSB 183
	Р	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.	
5	С	Amen.	

Closing Hymn	"On What Has Now Been Sown"	LSB 921
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Announcements

- P Go in peace, and serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God!

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THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL TODAY 3/09/2025

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 Raechl Cannon Dennis L. Janko, M.M. Lynn Short Janice Isenberg Rick Clendaniel, Roland Limpert Glen Plutschak

> Rene Langwost Coltyn Bowman-Pinder David Schmidt Jennifer Phillips Kenny & Michelle Wheatley Karen Lyons, Jennifer Phillips

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL NEXT SUNDAY 3/16/2025

Ushers Lay Reader Greeters Assisting Elder Kids Worship Acolyte Sound Operator Camera Operator Tellers

Rick Clendaniel, Roland Limpert Janice Isenberg Kenny & Michelle Wheatley Hugh Smith Rene Langwost Grayson Jackson Rex Rosebrock Shelly Kapitan Dee Lambert, Glen Plutschak, Linda Jefferson

THE WEEK AHEAD 3/10/2025 - 3/16/2025

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	Lent Midweek Service 1 w/ lunch afterwards	12:00 p.m.
	Handbells	6:30 p.m.
	Senior Choir	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Women's Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	WinGS	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Second Sunday in Lent	
	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
	Divine Service	10:30 a.m.
	Orchestra Meeting & Rehearsal	
	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 March 2, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICE

Attendance: 61

Goal Income Per Week: \$3,802.04

Offering: \$6,160.00

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2025

Goal income per month	\$19,351.17
Actual Offerings	\$12,197.00
Total Disbursements	<u>-19,631.42</u>
Checking account balance, end of month	\$44,498.35

PRAYER LIST & CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS

<u>SHUT-INS – RETIREMENT FACILITIES – NURSING HOMES:</u> Jimmy Fuchs, Janice Plutschak, Olga McDonald and Margaret Bolyard.

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, Mike Lloyd, Dora Bailey, Brenda Richards, Sharlene Steere, Joe Bartenfelder, Jan Baker, Barbara Wright, Kitty Hefelfinger, Gail Crampton, Terry Lloyd and Carson Wilson.

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.



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: 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



YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER: Immanuel's Youth Group will be traveling to New Orleans, LA to attend the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering in July. This event brings youth together for praise, worship, and fellowship! Alicia Carder, Catie & Desi Casey-Motley, Joanna & Zoe Durando, and Jennifer & Veronica Phillips are raising funds for their trip with a 'No Fuss Fundraiser'. Simply choose an amount that you would like to donate and 'fill'

their cross! See our poster in the narthex or any youth group member for more information. Checks should be made out to Immanuel Lutheran Church and be sure to indicate 'Youth Group'. Thank you for your support!

RESURRECTION ORCHESTRA: Interest session TODAY MARCH 9! Come up to the loft right after the service for just a few minutes. No need for your instrument today.





SHOP THE TRUCK: The Maryland Food Bank Eastern Shore's Mobile Market is visiting! Free Food, Free Resources. *Thursday March 13th - 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (or until done) Bethlehem Wesleyan - 5330 Bethlehem Rd. Preston, MD*

2025 CHURCH DIRECTORY: Copies of the 2025 Church Directory are available in the narthex today.







MIDWEEK LENT SERVICES:

Worship with us on Wednesdays during Lent! Midweek Lent Vespers Services will be held at 12:00 pm noon followed by lunch on March 12, 19, 26, April 2, and 9.

Sundays in Lent

- March 16 The Second Sunday in Lent
- March 23 The Third Sunday in Lent
- March 30 The Fourth Sunday in Lent
- April 6 The Fifth Sunday in Lent



SUNDAY April 13	Palm Sunday Sunday of the Passion	• 10:30AM Worship Service
THURSDAY April 17	Holy (Maundy) Thursday	• 7PM Holy Thursday Service with Communion
FRIDAY April 18	Good Friday	• 7PM Good Friday Tenebrae Service
SUNDAY April 20	The Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Day	 Easter Sunday Breakfast Easter Skit 10:30AM Easter Day Worship Service



SAVE THE DATES - EASTER EGG MAKING: Are you ready to make some Easter eggs? WINGS is planning its annual Easter egg fundraiser, and we will be making eggs on Friday, March 28th and Saturday, March 29th.

If you want to volunteer to help, we will need a group of egg shapers on Friday, the 28th, beginning around 10 a.m. That is all we will be doing that day, making cherry nut eggs to allow them to dry prior to dipping on Saturday. We will do the bulk of our work on Saturday, the 29th. This is the day we need a big turnout to get the jobs done.

On Saturday, beginning at 8 a.m., we will begin shaping the other flavors of eggs. If you would like to help, you can come any time after 8 a.m. There are so many jobs to do, and we will find a spot for you! Lunch will be provided both days. Come when you can, and stay as long as you want, even if it's only for a few hours. All ages are welcome—we need your help! Thank you!

Donations from the profits of the Easter eggs will go to Immanuel's Youth Group, our own Care & Compassion Fund, Talbot Interfaith Shelter and Positive Strides Therapeutic Riding Center.

KIDS WORSHIP SNACKS NEEDED: Every Sunday midway through worship, children are invited down to the Fellowship Hall for snack, age appropriate bible lessons, and lesson themed games/crafts. The Kids Worship crew would greatly appreciate snack/juice donations. Thank you!





SPECIAL EASTER SKIT: Calling All Youth! Last year's Easter skit was a Special lovely addition to our Easter Sunday so we are happy for its return in 2025! If you *aster* would like to participate in anyway, please reach out to Joanna Durando (410-829-8885). This skit is for youth in 5th through 12th grades. Adult helpers are welcome as well. A few practices will be held, likely during Sunday School time. Thank you!

MARCH 2025 LUTHERAN WITNESS: Free copies of the Lutheran Witness (March 2025 edition) are available in the narthex while supplies last. Grab yours today!





HIS HOPE MINISTRIES – BREAKFAST COLLECTION: Sunday March 9th is the last day of our breakfast food collection for His Hope Ministries in March. April 6th and 13th will be the dates for next month. Thank you to all who continue to support this ministry for the homeless in Caroline County. If you have any questions about this program please contact Irene Wheatley (410-310-2571).

SERMON NOTES

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Summary		

Application