

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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REV. DAVID CASEY-MOTLEY, PASTOR

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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 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 23, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

Isaiah announced God's invitation: "Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink ... it's all free!" (55:1, NLT). Are you thirsty for good news, peace, hope, love? Christ is the water of life. Welcome to worship.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

"O God, you are my God; I seek you. ... Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you" (Psalm 63:1, 3, NRSV).

Divine Service, Setting Three

Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 184-202

\$\$ = congregation sings response

Prelude

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Gathering Prayer Concerns

Welcome

The Call to Worship

- P This is the day the Lord has made.
- C Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- P We pause silently to prepare ourselves for worship.

Sharing of the Peace

- P The Lord says to you as Paul wrote to the church at Colossae: "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful."
- C We come to the Lord to hear His Word, to receive His forgiveness and present our tithes and offerings at the altar. It is my desire to be reconciled to make things right with you my sisters and brothers (Matthew 5:23-24). Receive the "peace" I share with you as I receive the peace of God through Jesus.

Stand

Opening Hymn

~ Confession and Absolution ~ LSB 184

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Introit

~ Service of the Word ~

Psalm 5:4-8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6

- P For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.
- C For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.

	Р	The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.	
	С	You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.	
	Р	But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.	
	С	Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.	
,	С	Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.	
Ky	rie		LSB 186
Ĵ	С	Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.	
Sa	lutatio	n and Collect of the Day	LSB 189
	Р	The Lord be with you.	
5	С	And with thy spirit.	

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

⁷"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

¹⁰"And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' ¹¹Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

¹²"And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. ¹³Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷"Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

Psalm 85

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

Psalm	
Р	¹ LORD, you were favorable to your land;
	you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
С	² You forgave the iniquity of your people;
	you covered all their sin.
Р	³ You withdrew all your wrath;
	you turned from your hot anger.
С	⁴ Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
	and put away your indignation toward us!
Р	⁵ Will you be angry with us forever?
	Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
С	⁶ Will you not revive us again,
	that your people may rejoice in you?
Р	⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
	and grant us your salvation.

С	⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
	for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn
	back to folly.
Р	⁹ Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
	that glory may dwell in our land.
С	¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
	righteousness and peace kiss each other.
Р	¹¹ Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
	and righteousness looks down from the sky.
С	¹² Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
	and our land will yield its increase.
Р	¹³ Righteousness will go before him
	and make his footsteps a way.
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.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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

Stand

Holy Gospel

G *C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

¹There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

⁶And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' ⁸And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- *C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

Apostles' Creed

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And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen. Sit

Kids' Worship

Sermon	Hymn "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"	LSB 761
Sermon	Behold the Beaten God	Text: Various
Stand		
Offertor ♫ C Sit	y Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy f	t from me.
Offering Stand	"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"	Senior Choir
Presenta ♫ C	ation of Tithes and Offerings We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen	LSB 781
Prayer o P	f the Church Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all p	beople according

- to their needs.
- P Almighty God, You order and number our days according to Your wisdom. Give us repentant hearts, lest we perish with this world of violence and suffering. Let us hold fast to Christ for life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Merciful Lord, You take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but desire that they turn from evil and live. Give pastors courage to warn of sin and death. Give all Christians strength to defend that message. Turn sinners to life by the proclamation of Christ, who delivers from all unrighteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, guard Your people against sexual immorality. Grant that our homes would be havens of godly instruction and chastity, and fill marriages with fidelity and love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- P God of all, You establish justice not through the desires of sinners but by Your Law, which is for all. Enlighten the authorities of this and every nation, that they might rule justly for true good. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Faithful God, protect us when we are tempted. Guard us especially from pride that justifies sin and from doubting that You provide the way of escape. Strengthen us with penitent hearts to endure until You deliver us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Holy God, remember Your people who cry to You for mercy in a world where towers fall and sinners work evil. Deliver those in need of healing and comfort, *[especially ______,]* and strengthen them to look to You for help in their time of affliction. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P God of compassion, through the abundance of Your steadfast love You gather us into Your house and to Your Supper. Give all who commune this day a holy fear of Your wrath and faith in Your promises, that they would receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Lord of life, You have brought us into Your vineyard and appointed us to bear good fruit. Receive our thanks for Your patience, and grant that we would show Your love and grace in all that we say and do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

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.

LSB 196

Closing Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the gift of Your WORD, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.
- **G** C Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

Sit

Announcements

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

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FNT

LSB 202

LSB 917

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL TODAY 3/23/2025

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 Christina Frase

Rene Langwost Shyann Gillis Jim Harris Ruth Thomas Kenny & Michelle Wheatley David & Kathy Schmidt, Julie Farnell

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL NEXT SUNDAY 3/30/2025

Ushers Lay Reader Greeters Assisting Elder Kids Worship Acolyte Sound Operator Camera Operator Tellers Rick Clendaniel, Roland Limpert Kathy Schmidt Kenny & Michelle Wheatley

> Rene Langwost Anthony Clark Jim Harris Shelly Kapitan Mark & Carol Frase

<u>THE WEEK AHEAD 3/24/2025 - 3/30/2025</u>

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 3 w/ lunch afterwards	12:00 p.m.
	Handbells	6:30 p.m.
	Senior Choir	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Nursery School Open House	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Friday - Saturday	WinGS Easter Egg Making	
Sunday	The Fourth Sunday in Lent	
	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
	Orchestra 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 16, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICE

Attendance: 60

Goal Income Per Week: \$3,802.04

Offering: \$3,446.00

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: 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, Kitty Hefelfinger, and Gail Crampton.

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 have to see you again! Narthex to sign the guest book and pick up a gift pack. We hope

RESURRECTION ORCHESTRA: There will be an optional rehearsal today. For questions, see Lynn Short. Thanks!



ILNS OPEN HOUSE: ILNS will have their annual Open House for registration for the 2025-2026 school year on Thursday March 27th from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Immanuel Lutheran Nursery School offers half-day classes for 2, 3, and 4 year olds. Spread the word!

EASTER EGG MAKING: WINGS will be making eggs on Friday, March 28th and Saturday, March 29th. 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!



SPECIAL YOUTH EASTER SKIT: Practices for our Youth Easter skit will be held during Sunday School now through Palm Sunday. Thank you!

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE: Please send in items (pictures, acticles, etc.) for the April 2025 church newsletter by Monday March 24th! Thank you!





EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST: Come to the Resurrection He is Risen Potluck Breakfast on Easter Morning! The early breakfast will be from 9:00-9:20 AM. The Sunday School Easter skit will be from 9:20-9:40 AM. A second breakfast time will be from 9:40-10:15 AM. A signup sheet with suggested items will be placed in the Narthex. Beverages and bagels will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Baker. Thanks so much!





Easter lilies for the Altar and Chancel will be available again this year, at a cost of \$9.50.

To order please fill out the blanks below, include your cash or check (made out to Immanuel Lutheran Church) and give to Gail Whealton or Kathy Schmidt, or you may drop off the form/money during the week to Raechl in the church office by April 6th.

Number	Amount		
	\$		
Total Enclosed	\$		
Donor's name			
In Memory of			



Homemade Easter Eggs (8 oz.)

Homemade Easter Eggs will be available this year at a cost of \$6.00 each. The available flavors are Peanut Butter, Butter Cream, Coconut, and Cherry Nut. To order please fill out an order form, include your cash or check (made payable to WinGS) and give to any WinGS member or you may drop off the form to Raechl in the church office by March 23rd. Extra forms will be available on the table in the Narthex.

Name:

Phone Number:

Flavors:	Peanut Butter	Coconut	Butter Cream	Cherry Nut	Totals
Amount:					
Amount Paid:				\$6 each Total Amount Due:	

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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 26, April 2, and 9.

Sundays 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	 9 - 9:20AM or 9:40 - 10:15AM Easter Sunday Breakfast 9:20AM - 9:40 AM Easter Skit 10:30AM Easter Day Worship Service

SERMON NOTES

Title		
Text		
Law		
Gospel		
Summary		

Application