

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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REV. DAVID CASEY-MOTLEY, PASTOR

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Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 1 pm

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Restrooms** are located downstairs. An elevator is available in the narthex.
- A **nursery room** is available at the rear of the Sanctuary for young children and their parents. The nursery room is equipped with a speaker so you can hear the service.
- 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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 30, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

Like a loving father welcoming a prodigal child home and inviting the other to join the feast, God welcomes us all. Let us celebrate such amazing grace.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

As we continue through Lent — which means "spring" — prepare our heart-soil, dear Jesus, to sprout with new life and blossom in faith. Amen.

Divine Service, Setting Three

Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 184-202

\$\$ = congregation sings response

Prelude

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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.

Opening Hymn

~ Confession and Absolution ~

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.

~ Service of the Word ~

Introit	Psalm 51:2-0	6; antiphon: v. 1	
Р	Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;		
	according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.		
С	Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,		
	and cleanse me from my sin!		
Р	For I know my transgressions,		
	and my sin is ever before me.		
С	Against you, you only, have I sinner and done what is evil in your	sight,	
	so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in yo	ur judgement.	
Р	Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,		
	and in sin did my mother conceive me.		
С	Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,		
	and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.		
₽ C	Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;	LSB 186	
	as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.		
	World without end. Amen.		
Kurio		ICD 102	
Kyrie		LSB 186	
□ C	Lord, have mercy upon us.		
	Christ, have mercy upon us.		
	Lord, have mercy upon us.		
Salutatio	on and Collect of the Day	LSB 187	

- P The Lord be with you.
- **G** *C* And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

	¹ You will say in that day:
	"I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
	for though you were angry with me,
	your anger turned away,
	that you might comfort me.
	² "Behold, God is my salvation;
	I will trust, and will not be afraid;
	for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
	and he has become my salvation."
	³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And you will say in that day:
	"Give thanks to the LORD,
	call upon his name,
	make known his deeds among the peoples,
	proclaim that his name is exalted.
	⁵ "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
	let this be made known in all the earth.
	⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
	for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."
L	This is the Word of the Lord.
С	Thanks be to God.
Psalm	Psalm 32
Р	¹ Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
	whose sin is covered.
С	² Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
	and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
Р	³ For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
	through my groaning all day long.
С	⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

- my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- Ρ ⁵I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- ⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may С be found;

surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

Р	⁷ You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
С	⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
-	I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
Р	⁹ Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
	which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.
С	¹⁰ Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
	but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
Р	¹¹ Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
	and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!
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

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

Stand

Holy Gospel

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.
- Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: . . .

"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'''

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

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

Sit	He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Fathe From thence He will come to judge the livi 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.	
Kids' Wor	rship	
Sermon H	lymn "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"	" LSB 609
Sermon	The Parable of Parables	Text: Luke 15:11-32
Stand		
Offertory ↓ C Sit	Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and up	not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Offering	"What Wondrous Love Is	s This"
Stand		
Presentat	tion of Tithes and Offerings "We Give Th We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord	may be;
Prayer of P	The Church Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ to their needs.	st Jesus and for all people according

- P Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. Give us a proper knowledge of the evil we have done in Your sight. Move us to confess our offenses against You, and justify us with Your holy absolution. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- P Holy God, You delight in truth in the inward being and teach us wisdom in the secret heart. Give to our pastors every good gift as Your ambassadors, that we may grow in faith and hope. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Father of mercy, remember Your baptized children who have left Your household and departed from the faith. Call them to repentance according to Your gracious will.
 Remember parents, grandparents and all who mourn their departure. Sustain them in faithful patience to wait and pray. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Almighty God, in Christ You reconciled the world to Yourself. Watch over our nation and all whom You have placed in authority. Give them wisdom and prudence, that Your people might live in peace and freely make known the message of reconciliation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P Everlasting Father, although this world is passing away due to sin, we pray that You would preserve Your creation for our provision until You usher in Your new creation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, hear our prayers for all who cry out to You for mercy, healing and help *[including _____]*. Deliver them according to Your will and, as You have made them a new creation in Christ, keep them mindful of the day when sorrow and sickness will be no more. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel, who visits us this day with His body and blood! Give to all who partake of this Holy Communion penitent hearts to receive Christ Jesus as our strength and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together 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, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- P Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Collect

P Let us pray.

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

C hear our prayer.

Benediction

LSB 202

- 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 t give you peace.
- **J** C Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn	"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"	LSB 528
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Sit

Announcements

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

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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LSB 196

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL TODAY 3/30/2025

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 Kathy Schmidt

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

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL NEXT SUNDAY 4/06/2025

Ushers Lay Reader Greeters Assisting Elder Kids Worship Acolyte Sound Operator Camera Operator Tellers Rex Rosebrock, Mark Frase Desi Casey-Motley Kenny & Michelle Wheatley Mark Frase Rene Langwost Mikayla Clark David Schmidt Janice Isenberg Janice Isenberg, Shelly Kapitan, John Crampton

THE WEEK AHEAD 3/31/2025 - 4/06/2025

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 4 w/ lunch afterwards	12:00 p.m.
	Handbells	6:30 p.m.
	Senior Choir	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Elevator Inspection	9:00 a.m.
Saturday	Men's Prayer Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
Sunday	The Fifth Sunday in Lent	
	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
	Divine Service	10:30 a.m.
	Church Council Meeting	
	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 23, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICE

Attendance: 45

Goal Income Per Week: \$3,802.04

Offering: \$1,408.00

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.



	David Schmidt	3/30
1	Jessica Witteman	3/30
Y	Olga MacDonald	3/31
	Abby Andrews	4/1
	Robin Bowman-Smith	4/2
	Lauren Varner	4/2
	Marsha Kenton	4/3
	McKenzie Daniels	4/4
	Carl Frase	4/4
	Nathan Quidas	4/4



ANNOUNCEMENTS



RESURRECTION ORCHESTRA: No orchestra rehearsal this week.

For questions, see Lynn Short. Thanks!

Welcome

Skit

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

EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST: Come to the Resurrection He is Risen Potluck Breakfast on Easter Morning! Early breakfast from 9:00-9:20 AM; Youth Easter skit from 9:20–9:40 AM; 2nd breakfast 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!

BREAKFAST DONATIONS: His Hope Ministries will close its doors to overnight guests around the end of April and reopen in September. Therefore, April 6th and 13th will be our last collection dates for single serve breakfast items for this year. Thank you to all who contributed. Watch the summer bulletins & September newsletter for when we will resume our project. If you have any questions about this project, see or call Irene Wheatley- 410-310-2571.

HOMEMADE EGG PICKUP TIMES: From 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM on Tuesday 4/1, Wednesday 4/2, Thursday 4/3, Monday 4/7, Tuesday 4/8, Wednesday 4/9, Thursday 4/10 or at 6:00 PM on Wednesday 4/2, Wednesday 4/9.

SED LCMS BYLAWS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS: In preparation for the 2025 SED Convention in May, proposed changes to the Bylaws of the SED of the LCMS have been provided to us. Copies of the proposed amendments are available in the narthex if you would like to review.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Church Council Meeting - Sunday 4/6 after worship; Board of Elders Meeting – Monday 4/7 at 7:00 pm; Voters' Meeting – Sunday 4/27 after worship.











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 ASAP. Extra forms are 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:	

Office Address: 121 Williamson St. / PO Box 39, Preston, MD 21655 (ph) 410-673-7107 • (fax) 410-673-1426 • <u>ImmanuelLutheranPreston@verizon.net</u>





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 April 2 and 9.

Sundays 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