



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

P.O. Box 39, 242 Main Street
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*Caring for Our Community Through Christ
for over 125 Years!*

REV. DAVID CASEY-MOTLEY, PASTOR

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*Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 12:00 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 OF EASTER
MAY 11, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

Welcome, and Happy Mother's Day!

Today we remember that no matter the state of our human relations with parents, children and others, Jesus our Good Shepherd loves and cares for us without fail.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Thank you, God, for the special women in my life

[mom, grandmas, aunts, nieces, friends, wife, daughters]. I pray for their well-being.

Divine Service, Setting Two

Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 167-183

♪ = congregation sings response

Prelude

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

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.**

~ 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 78:70-72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

P I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

C **He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds;
from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people,
Israel his inheritance.**

P With upright heart he shepherded them
and guided them with his skillful hand.

C **But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever;
from generation to generation we will recount your praise.**

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.**

C **I am the good shepherd.
I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

Kyrie LSB 168

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

♪ C ***Lord, have mercy.***

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

♪ C ***Lord, have mercy.***

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

♪ C ***Lord, have mercy.***

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

♪ C ***Lord, have mercy.***

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

♪ C ***Amen.***

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 170

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

♪ C ***Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

♪ C ***And also with you.***

P Let us pray.
Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; 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

First Reading

Acts 20:17-35

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please join in singing the psalm as printed below.
The psalm tone will be played twice as an introduction.*

♪ C ¹*The LORD is my / shepherd;*
 I / shall not want.*
²*He makes me lie down in green / pastures.*
 He leads me beside still / waters.*
³*He re- / stores my soul.*
 He leads me in paths of righteousness for his / name's sake.*
⁴*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
for you are / with me;*
 your rod and your staff, they / comfort me.*
⁵*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my / enemies;*
 you anoint my head with oil; my cup / overflows.*
⁶*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days / of my life,*
 and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- / ever.*
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.*

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God,
 and serve him day and night in his temple;
 and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
 the sun shall not strike them,
 nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

John 10:22–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

♪ C *Glory to You, O Lord.*

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ C *Praise to You, O Christ.*

Sit

Children Sermon

Kids’ Worship

Hymn of the Day

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

LSB 709

Sermon

Winter

Text: John 10: 22-30

Stand

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.
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 Heavenly Father, in Your name Your Son purchased us with His own most holy blood, and He now leads us through the gate of death to our eternal home with You. As the sheep of His fold, inspire us to hear His voice gladly and to follow Him steadfastly through every tribulation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, Shepherd of souls, Your apostle Paul promised that fierce opposition and twisted speech would come against Your Church, even from within her own fold. Raise up faithful men to pastor Your flock through these threats, and grant that they would not shrink from proclaiming the kingdom of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father in heaven, You have given us a mirror of Your love in the vocation of mothers who nurture, guide and raise their children in all things good. Bless them in their calling. Sustain them through weary and difficult times. Remember in compassion all who are barren, and bring them comfort through the children of Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, our King, You are Lord of all peoples, nations and tribes. Grant wisdom and truth to those who rule this land, that they may faithfully promote good and punish evil. Wherever our courts or laws are contrary to Your will, reform them for Your mercy's sake. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, You have not forgotten us in our afflictions or abandoned us in our weakness. Deliver the sick and suffering according to Your will, and give comfort to the dying, especially to those who have requested our prayers [*including* _____]. Guard us against despair, and grant us patience in the days of our trouble as we await Your perfect healing. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of all the living, You shepherd Your saints through the gate of death, out of all tribulation, to the very throne room of heaven. Bless those who grieve [*for* _____], and give them eyes of faith to see the deaths they mourn in light of the resurrection of Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our Shepherd, You calm all fears in this valley of the shadow of death, and You prepare the holy table of Your Son's testament for us in the presence of our enemies. Grant us repentant and faithful hearts. In every tribulation or besetting sin, lead us to find comfort and strength in Your overflowing mercy given to us here in this Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, enthroned in heaven, You gather Your saints into the shelter of Your presence, making them white in the blood of the Lamb. Keep us faithful throughout our lives here, and bring us through death to join them in the ceaseless praises of heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, You promised to raise up a shepherd to deliver Your sheep from all their enemies. We give You thanks for giving us Your own Son to be our Good Shepherd. Grant us to hear His voice, know Him by faith and follow where He leads, that He may deliver us into Your arms forever; 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.**

Offering

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

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.*

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.**

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

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

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

LSB 725

Sit

Announcements

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

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SERVICE INFORMATION

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL TODAY 5/11/2025

Pastor	Rev. David Casey-Motley
Administrative Assistant	Raechl Cannon
Director of Music, Emeritus	Dennis L. Janko, M.M.
Director of Music & Organist	Lynn Short
Director of Hand Bells	Janice Isenberg
Ushers	John Hochmuth, Hugh Smith
Lay Reader	Catie Casey-Motley
Assisting Elder	
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Shyann Gillis
Sound Operator	David Schmidt
Camera Operator	Jennifer Phillips
Tellers	Karen Lyons, Jennifer Phillips

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL NEXT SUNDAY 5/18/2025

Ushers	John Hochmuth, Hugh Smith
Lay Reader	John Crampton
Assisting Elder	Mark Frase
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Mikayla Clark
Sound Operator	Rex Rosebrock
Camera Operator	Shelly Kapitan
Tellers	Dee Lambert, Glen Plutschak, Linda Jefferson

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in honor and memory of
all mothers by the Evangelism committee.*

ADMINISTRATION

THE WEEK AHEAD 5/12/2025 – 5/18/2025

Monday – Thursday	Nursery School	8:50 – 11:45 a.m.
	Church Office Open	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Handbells	6:30 p.m.
	Senior Choir	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	Armed Forces Day	
Sunday	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
	Divine Service	10:30 a.m.
	AA Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Be sure to check the church calendar for events happening at Immanuel Lutheran this month. Check with the church office before scheduling meetings or activities so they can be put on the calendar.

STATISTICS May 4, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICE

Attendance: 54

Goal Income Per Week: \$3,802.04

Offering: \$9,832.00

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2025

Goal income per month	\$19,351.17
Actual Offerings	15,706.00
Total Disbursements	<u>-19,378.26</u>
Checking account balance, end of month	\$42,608.08

PRAYER LIST & CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS

SHUT-INS – RETIREMENT FACILITIES – NURSING HOMES: 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, Kitty Hefelfinger and Jan Baker.

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.



BIRTHDAYS

Lynn Faulstick	5/13
Hugh Smith	5/13
Kristy Marshall	5/15
Mallory Morris	5/16
Shelby Stevens	5/16

ANNIVERSARIES

Garver & Amy Cheesman	5/11
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Welcome Back

Pastor David!



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! Every Sunday: 9:15 AM Sunday school (Children & Adults) & 10:30 AM Worship Service!

ALTAR FLOWERS: Upcoming open dates: 6/1, 6/29, 7/6 and 7/13. 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



VBS JUNE 23-26, 2025: We are getting ready for VBS!

We will be using CPH program "Epic Australian Adventure"! There will be exciting games, lively music, good food and lasting friendships & memories made! Volunteers and students can register at <https://vbsmate.com/events/ilcprestonmd/30509>.

Ways to help: Spread the word, bring friends and volunteer!

Volunteers Needed: Kitchen, Registration, Opening/Closing, Bible Exploration, Team Leaders, Crafts, Music, Snack, Recreation, Story Telling, and Decorating.
Contact Rene Langwost (410) 253-8735 today!



ARMED FORCES DAY: Saturday May 17th is Armed Forces Day!



LUTHERAN WITNESS: A few free copies of the May 2025 Lutheran Witness are available in the narthex while supplies last. Grab your copy today!

MOTHER'S DAY TREAT: Mother's – please be sure to pick up your Mother's Day treat from Evangelism as you leave today!



SERMON NOTES

Title

Text

Law

Gospel

Summary

Application