



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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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 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 22, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

We worship in the same way that we live —
in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Welcome, one and all.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

In 1 Kings 19, when Elijah was at his wits' end, God gave him rest and nourishment.
May each of us here today be nourished and rejuvenated in God's love.

Divine Service, Setting Three

Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 184-202

♪ = *congregation sings response*

Prelude

“BACHOFEN”

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.**

~ 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 71:20-24; antiphon: v. 3

P Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;
you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

C **You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again;
from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.**

P You will increase my greatness
and comfort me again.

C **I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God;
I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.**

P My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you;
my soul also, which you have redeemed.

C **And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long,
for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to do me hurt.**

C **Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;
you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.**

♪ C *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.*

Kyrie *LSB 186*

♪ C *Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 187*

P Glory be to God on High,
♪ C *and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

P The Lord be with you.

♪ C *And with thy spirit.*

P Let us pray.

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; 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

Isaiah 65:1–9

¹I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me;

I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, “Here am I, here am I,”

to a nation that was not called by my name.

²I spread out my hands all the day

to a rebellious people,

who walk in a way that is not good,

following their own devices;

³a people who provoke me

to my face continually,

sacrificing in gardens

and making offerings on bricks;

⁴who sit in tombs,

and spend the night in secret places;

who eat pig’s flesh,

and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels;

⁵who say, “Keep to yourself,

do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.”

These are a smoke in my nostrils,

a fire that burns all the day.

⁶Behold, it is written before me:

“I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their bosom

⁷both your iniquities and your fathers’ iniquities together,
says the LORD;

because they made offerings on the mountains
and insulted me on the hills,
I will measure into their bosom
payment for their former deeds.”

⁸Thus says the LORD:

“As the new wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, ‘Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,’
so I will do for my servants’ sake,
and not destroy them all.

⁹I will bring forth offspring from Jacob,
and from Judah possessors of my mountains;
my chosen shall possess it,
and my servants shall dwell there.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 3

P ¹O LORD, how many are my foes!
Many are rising against me;

C ²**many are saying of my soul,
there is no salvation for him in God.**

P ³But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,
my glory, and the lifter of my head.

C ⁴**I cried aloud to the LORD,
and he answered me from his holy hill.**

P ⁵I lay down and slept;
I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.

C ⁶**I will not be afraid of many thousands of people
who have set themselves against me all around.**

P ⁷Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;
you break the teeth of the wicked.

C ⁸**Salvation belongs to the LORD;
your blessing be on your people!**

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.**

Epistle

Galatians 3:23—4:7

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 190

♪ C *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

Luke 8:26–39

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

♪ C *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

²⁶Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." ²⁹For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³²Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of

the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

³⁴When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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.
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

Children's Sermon

Kids' Worship

Sermon Hymn

“Amazing Grace”

LSB 744

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

♪ C *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*

Sit

Offering

“Amazing Grace”

Stand

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

LSB 805

♪ C *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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, You keep in perfect peace those who trust in You. Grant Your perfect peace in the world, in the Church, in the home and in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, You preserve Your Church through the ages, giving prophets and leaders who point the faithful to Your Word. Guide the Church of the Augsburg Confession throughout the world. Preserve the faithful witness of churches to the truth of God's Word, and enable the proclamation of the Gospel to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, You are a shield around us, our glory and the lifter of our heads. Draw near to our homes, and keep them safe from discord and every evil intention. Give faithfulness to husbands and wives, love and respect between parents and children, and allow our homes to be havens from fear and doubt. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, You have established governments and institutions for good order and our well-being. Guide and grant wisdom to leaders and citizens. Give peace, security and good laws to our own country, our cities and our communities. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, You are the Great Physician. According to Your good and perfect will, grant healing to the sick and those who suffer. Give comfort to the grieving in their loss and peace for the dying in their last days on earth. *[Today we pray especially for _____.]* Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, You have generously created all things to serve us for our good. Send Your blessing upon all marriages. Grant that by Your mercy they may live gladly and faithfully in this holy estate. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Dear Father, You know the condition of our souls, that we frequently wander into sins, vice and danger. Hear our prayers for the sake of Christ, who defeated legions of demons so that we might receive adoption as sons; 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.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

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 202

- 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.
- ♪ C ***Amen. Amen. Amen.***

Closing Hymn

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

LSB 918

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 6/22/2025

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	Ron Andrew, Mark Frase
Lay Reader	Glen Plutschak
Assisting Elder	
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Grayson Jackson
Sound Operator	Jim Harris
Camera Operator	Ruth Thomas
Tellers	David & Kathy Schmidt, Julie Farnell

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL NEXT SUNDAY 6/29/2025

Ushers	Ron Andrew, Mark Frase
Lay Reader	David Casey-Motley
Assisting Elder	
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Coltyn Bowman-Pinder
Sound Operator	Jim Harris
Camera Operator	Shelly Kapitan
Tellers	Mark & Carol Frase

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Dicky & Irene Wheatley.

The piano flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of the marriage of Christina & Alden Theuerl that was held here at Immanuel Lutheran Church yesterday.

ADMINISTRATION

THE WEEK AHEAD 6/23/2025 – 6/29/2025

Monday – Thursday	VBS Dinner	5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
	VBS	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Thursday	Church Office Open	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Sunday	Worship	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 June 15, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICE

Attendance: 70

Goal Income Per Week: \$3,802.04

Offering: \$1,846.00

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY 2025

Goal income per month	\$19,351.17
Actual Offerings	16,844.00
Total Disbursements	-18,923.18
Checking account balance, end of month	\$33,546.42

PRAYER LIST & CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS

SHUT-INS – RETIREMENT FACILITIES – NURSING HOMES: Jimmy Fuchs, Janice Plutschak, Olga McDonald, Margaret Bolyard and Windsor Meyer.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Jennifer Flanagan, Butch Frase, Linda Frase, Cheryl Hochmuth, Dennis Janko, Nicole James, Maggie Thompson, Brianna Fissel, James Cohee, William Frase, Page Murphy, Jeannie Kegeal, Mike Lloyd, Dora Bailey, Brenda Richards, Sharlene Steere, Joe Bartenfelder, Jan Baker, Tom Williams, Shelly Kapitan, Lawrence De Pasquale and Betty De Pasquale.

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

Lauren Gounraj	6/22
Katie Northam	6/22
Kayla Dilworth	6/23
Thomas Greenage	6/25
Holden Dutton	6/28
Juliette Frase	6/28
Garvin Gounraj	6/28

ANNIVERSARIES

Chuck & Sherry Braband	6/22
Kyle & Shelby Rector	6/25
Jason & Jessica Wittemen	6/26
Ronald & Barbara Andrew	6/27



Congratulations to the new Mr. & Mrs. Alden Theuerl! Alden & Chrissy were married at Immanuel Lutheran Church yesterday. Chrissy is the daughter of Mark & Carol Frase. We wish Alden & Chrissy a lifetime of happiness! God's blessings on your marriage!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME VISITORS! Before leaving, please stop in the Narthex to sign the guest book. We hope to see you again!
Every Sunday: 10:30 AM Worship Service!

ALTAR FLOWERS: Upcoming open dates: 7/27, 8/3, 8/10 and 8/31. 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:

VBS is happening THIS WEEK!

Get ready for music, crafts, Bible stories, and laughter as kids dive into God's love. Register online or just show up!

<https://vbsmate.com/events/ilcprestonmd/30509>.

Contact Rene Langwost at 410-253-8735 for any questions!

Attention All VBS Volunteers:

It is important to be prepared for our adventure so there will be a **Mandatory Meeting at 5:00 PM on Monday June 23!**

NEWSLETTER: Please send any articles, pictures, etc. in ASAP for the July/August newsletter. Thank you!

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SPECIAL PRAYERS LIST: We encourage prayers everyday but sometimes special prayers are needed. Please help us keep our special prayers list current and up to date. Do you know someone who is in need of special prayers? Is someone currently on our list no longer in need of special prayers? Please let us know! Email us at ImmanuelLutheranPreston@verizon.net or add to your attendance card on Sunday! Thank you!

SERMON NOTES

Title

Text

Law

Gospel

Summary

Application