



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 worshippers 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 AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 29, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

Family of God, siblings of Christ: Welcome to this time of worship and prayer, listening and singing, confession and forgiveness, giving and receiving. We are glad you're here!

WORDS OF PREPARATION

The seeds of your good fruit are planted in us, loving God. Water us today so we sprout with patience, kindness, generosity, self-control and, above all, love (Galatians 5:22-23).

Divine Service, Setting Three

Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 184-202

♪ = congregation sings response

Prelude

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

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 85:8–10, 13; antiphon: v. 7

P Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

C **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.**

P Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.

C **Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

P Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.

C **Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.**

♪ 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.*

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 187

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

P Let us pray.
Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; 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 Kings 19:9b-21

Behold, the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹¹And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

¹⁹So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” ²¹And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

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

- P ¹Preserve me, O God,
for in you I take refuge.
- C ²**I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”**
- P ³As for the saints in the land,
they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.
- C ⁴**The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.**
- P ⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
- C ⁶**The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**
- P ⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
- C ⁸**I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- P ⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.
- C ¹⁰**For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.**
- P ¹¹You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
- 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 5:1, 13-25

- ¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. . . .
- ¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.
- ¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for

these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

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 9:51-62

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

♪ C *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶And they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶²Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

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 **“Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”** *LSB 819*

Sermon *Christ with Us* *Text: Deut. 31:8, Matt. 28:16-20*

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

*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 God of our salvation, when Your Son set His face to go to Jerusalem and the cross, His zeal would not be deterred. Grant us to pray with the same fervor and boldness, trusting that You hear us for the sake of the Son of Man. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P God of the Church, You give pastors and church workers to proclaim Your steadfast love, to announce freedom from the yoke of slavery to sin, and to point all toward the cross of Christ. Bless their faithful work, that their labor in the Lord may never be in vain. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P God of the living, You set us free from bondage to the works of the flesh, that we may live and walk by the Spirit. Bring forth the fruits of the same in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, give Your grace and Spirit to the nations and those who lead them, especially our nation’s president and Congress; our governor and legislature; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Teach us to wisely contend for the faith within the public square so that Your voice may be heard by all people. Inspire and equip us by Your Spirit, that we may be led to every virtue in character and holiness of life. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P God of refuge, Your salvation draws near to all who trust in You. Grant peace to Your people, and show us Your salvation. Hear our petitions for healing, strength and comfort for [_____ and] all for whom we pray. Be near them as the refuge of the weary and the God who preserves His people. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P God of rest, though we are sojourners upon this earth, we pray that You would grant us safety and strength in all our travels and most especially for the journey of this mortal life. Until that day when we rest in Your presence and know the fullness of Your promise, when all things will be brought to their perfect consummation and bliss, keep us in Christ, holy and blameless in Him, in whose name we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, keep us in repentance and faith, that we may not depart from Christ, the way, the truth and the life. Bring to repentance all enemies of Your Church and those who do not yet know You, that by faith they may with us confess Jesus Christ as Lord and amend their lives by the power of Your gracious Spirit. Give us courage for the path set before us, that we may not faint or grow weary but endure to the day of Christ's coming and receive the blessed "Well done!" of Your favor; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

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 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 † give you peace.

♪ C *Amen. Amen. Amen.*

Closing Hymn “Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go”

LSB 920

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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Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774, Setting by Wilbur Held.

“All For Christ I Have Forsaken” Tune: RESTORATION from *Southern Harmony*, 1835,
Setting by Charles Callahan.

SERVICE INFORMATION

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL TODAY 6/29/2025

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	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

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL NEXT SUNDAY 7/06/2025

Ushers	Todd Butler, Rex Rosebrock
Lay Reader	Dicky Wheatley
Assisting Elder	Todd Butler
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Grayson Jackson
Sound Operator	David Schmidt
Camera Operator	Janice Isenberg
Tellers	Janice Isenberg, Shelly Kapitan, John Crampton

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Susan Scudder
in honor of Jennifer Scudder's birthday.*

ADMINISTRATION

THE WEEK AHEAD 6/30/2025 – 7/06/2025

Tuesday - Thursday	Church Office Open	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Friday	Independence Day	
Sunday	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 June 22, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICE

Attendance: 49

Goal Income Per Week: \$3,802.04

Offering: \$1,228.00

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY 2025

Goal income per month	\$19,351.17
Actual Offerings	16,844.00
Total Disbursements	<u>-18,923.18</u>
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, 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

Jonathan Frase	6/29
Georganne Dutton	6/30
Jennifer Flannigan	7/01
Kathy Schmidt	7/04
Laura Glessner	7/05



ANNIVERSARIES

Paul & Dawn Gencel	6/29
Wade & Nikki Morris	6/30
Jason & Jessica Wittemen	6/26
Ronald & Barbara Andrew	6/27



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



THANK YOU VBS VOLUNTEERS & ATTENDEES:

Thank you to each and every one of you for making VBS such a success at Immanuel Lutheran Church!

We could not do it without you!

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!



NEWLYWEDS: Congratulations to the new Mr. & Mrs. Alden Theuerl! Alden & Chrissy were married at Immanuel Lutheran Church on June 21, 2025. Chrissy is the daughter of Mark & Carol Frase. We wish Alden & Chrissy a lifetime of happiness! God's blessings on your marriage!

JULY – SEPTEMBER 2025 PORTALS OF PRAYER: The newest edition of Portals of Prayer are available in the narthex in pocket size or large print. Grab your free copy today! Share one with a friend, too!



SERMON NOTES

Title

Text

Law

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Summary

Application