



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 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 27, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

Jesus taught his disciples the “Lord’s Prayer” we still pray, centuries later. As we worship, know that you are in company with countless generations, praising God who was and is and is to come. Welcome.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Summer breezes call to mind the Holy Spirit blowing in my life and the world — sometimes soft, sometimes forceful. Help me feel your touch, O God, and move me to respond.

Divine Service, Setting Three

Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 184-202

♪ = *congregation sings response*

Prelude

“Psalm of Glory”

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 119:145-149; antiphon: Psalm 50:15

P Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

C **With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD!**
I will keep your statutes.

P I call to you; save me,
that I may observe your testimonies.

C **I rise before dawn and cry for help;**
I hope in your words.

P My eyes are awake before the watches of the night,
that I may meditate on your promise.

C **Hear my voice according to your steadfast love;**
O Lord, according to your justice give me life.

P Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

♪ 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.*

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

P Let us pray.
 O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; 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

Genesis 18:20-33

²⁰Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

²⁷Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³²Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” ³³And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

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

- P I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
- C **I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.**
- P On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.
- C **All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,**
- P and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.
- C **For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.**
- P Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.
- C **The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**
- 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

Colossians 2:6-15

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 190

♪ C *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

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

♪ C *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ²And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread,

⁴and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

⁵And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask 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,

**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 Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P Heavenly Father, You hear the prayers of Your dear children and care for all their needs of body and soul. As we come before You with our petitions, unburden our hearts from the weight of our sins and troubles, and give us faith to live in light of Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P O Lord, You have bestowed a high honor and duty upon Your Church by teaching her to pray and promising to hear her. Bless our pastors in their prayers for Your people, and hear us all as we offer our petitions in the name of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Everlasting God, You have called the hearts of fathers to their children by bringing Your Son into our world. Nurture the life of prayer in the homes of Your people, that we all would know the full blessing of Your fatherly care. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Lord God, You have ordered the nations that men would seek after You. Curb the wickedness of this world, embolden the witness of the righteous, and make our nation a repentant and faithful place where Your gracious presence is welcomed with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Righteous Lord, You do not wink at wickedness, and You promise that Your patience with evil will not last forever. As You punished Sodom and rescued Lot in days of old, save Your people today and vanquish our enemies. Give us prayerful hearts to leave all vengeance in Your hands. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Almighty God, You promise to hear our prayers and, through them, to involve us in Your divine plan. As You heard and considered the prayers of faithful Abraham, hear our prayers on behalf of [_____ and] all who suffer. Spare their lives, and through all things draw them ever closer to You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, we ask Your blessing and look to You as the Giver of all good gifts. Make us ever eager to come to You in prayer and thanksgiving, as Your Son has taught us. By Your Holy Spirit, bring us to behold in Christ the fulfillment of those things for which we pray — Your holy name, Your coming kingdom, daily bread, forgiveness, shelter in temptation and deliverance from every evil; 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.**

Sit

Announcements

P Go in peace, and serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Acknowledgments

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“Psalm of Glory” by Dorothy Wells.

“Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord” – Tune: MENDELSSOHN DA PACEM by Felix Mendelssohn, Setting by John A. Behnke.

SERVICE INFORMATION

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL TODAY 7/27/2025

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	Todd Butler, Rex Rosebrock
Lay Reader	Catie Casey-Motley
Assisting Elder	
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Mikayla Clark
Sound Operator	Jim Harris
Camera Operator	Ruth Thomas
Tellers	David & Kathy Schmidt, Julie Farnell

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL NEXT SUNDAY 8/03/2025

Ushers	Roland Limpert, Dicky Wheatley
Lay Reader	Cathy Baker
Assisting Elder	Mark Frase
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Coltyn Bowman-Pinder
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 the WinGS.

ADMINISTRATION

THE WEEK AHEAD 7/28/2025 – 8/03/2025

Tuesday – Thursday	Church Office Open	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Saturday	Men’s Prayer Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
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 July 13, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICE

Attendance: 44

Goal Income Per Week: \$3,802.04

Offering: \$1,493.00

TREASURER’S REPORT FOR JUNE 2025

Goal income per month	\$19,351.17
Actual Offerings	14,962.27
Total Disbursements	<u>-17,638.50</u>
Checking account balance, end of month	\$30,870.19

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, Betty De Pasquale, Amber Parenteau, Ashley Tipping, Kim Rosebrock and Gail Karge.

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

Raiker Ann Sheldon	7/27
Emilie Schanken	7/29
Ronald Andrew	7/30
Kari Edwards	8/01
Christopher Headley	8/02



ANNIVERSARIES

John & Karen Lyons	7/27
Larry & Shelly Kapitan	8/01

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: 8/3, 8/31, 9/14 and 9/28. 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

HIS HOPE MINISTRIES SHELTER NEEDS: His Hope Ministries is seeing an increase in need, especially when it comes to keeping their shelter stocked with the basics. A collection box will be in the narthex for July & August. If you are able to help, here is a list of some needed items: Pancake mix, plastic silverware, pop tarts, paper plates, coffee, sugar, plastic cups, sandwich bags, Ramen noodles, canned goods, peanut butter...If you have any questions or would like to make a cash donation, please see or call Irene Wheatley (410) 310-2571.



Thank for you helping Immanuel "Care for our Community through Christ"!

**MEN'S
PRAYER
BREAKFAST**

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: Saturday August 2nd at 8:30 am!

SERMON NOTES

Title

Text

Law

Gospel

Summary

Application