



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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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 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 10, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

Life is often hard, for many reasons. So we gather to be fed and strengthened by Jesus, our Good Shepherd; to be assured of his presence and goodness. Welcome to worship.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

God, as you did Abram, you urge us not to be afraid, and you point to the sky, where night is the backdrop for countless stars — signs of your shining goodness (Genesis 15:1-6).
Thank you.

Divine Service, Setting Two

Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 167-183

♪ = *congregation sings response*

Prelude

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

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

Psalms 147:8-11; antiphon: v. 7

- P Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!
- C **He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepare rain for the earth;
he makes grass grow on the hills.**
- P He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.
- C **His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,**
- P but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.
- C **Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!**
- 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.**

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 and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; 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 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 33:12-22

P ¹²Blessèd is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

C ¹³**The LORD looks down from heaven;
he sees all the children of man;**

P ¹⁴from where he sits enthroned he looks out
on all the inhabitants of the earth,

C ¹⁵**he who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.**

P ¹⁶The king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

C ¹⁷**The war horse is a false hope for salvation,
and by its great might it cannot rescue.**

P ¹⁸Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

C ¹⁹**that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.**

P ²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.

C ²¹**For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.**

P ²²Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

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

Hebrews 11:1-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

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

Luke 12:22-34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.
♪ C *Glory to You, O Lord.*

²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³²“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
♪ C *Praise to You, O Christ.*

Sit

Children Sermon

Kids’ Worship

Sermon Hymn

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

LSB 781

Sermon

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 Almighty God, increase our faith in Your wise ways and gracious will. Preserve us from reliance on our own plans and natural powers, that we would ever trust in You and be counted righteous in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, You have clothed us with Your mercy and delivered us from our sins, that we may be Your own and live under You in Your kingdom forever. Place Your blessing upon the proclamation of Your Word, and prosper the work of all pastors and church workers in their various callings. Bless those being called to Your service and those preparing for church-work vocations. We ask especially for You to bless all seminaries and those who teach and learn Your Word therein. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Father, You promised great and abundant blessings to Abram, which he believed by faith. Bless the hearts of Christian fathers to prize the gift of their children and to work in their lives for the good of generations yet unseen. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, because we are weak and powerless apart from You, defend us against all our enemies and bless our nation and those who lead us, especially our president, governor, Congress, legislature, and all judges and magistrates. Make them wise and endow them with a good heart, that they may seek justice and show mercy, especially on behalf of the unborn and those least able to defend themselves. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, You know our needs before we ask, yet You invite us to pray for health and healing, comfort and consolation, and peace at the last. Deliver those who are sick, and grant Your grace to all who cry to You for mercy [*especially* _____]. Grant us the perfect consummation of our hope and the full healing of body and soul, when at last Your Son comes in His glory to deliver us to You forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Lord, grant Your Holy Spirit unto Your servants who recline at Your table this day. Enlighten them by Your Word as a lamp unto their feet, that they would be dressed in readiness for the coming of the Son of Man, both now and at the end of days, even as He girds Himself to serve them with His body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant us, O Lord, a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in Your mercy, and a sincere love for You and our neighbors. Although we are not worthy of Your benefits, accept our sacrifice of thanks, together with the offerings that we return to You in faith, that we would not be fruitless or ungrateful but magnify Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, You worked the salvation of the world through the death of Your dear Son, and You work out Your holy purposes through the deaths of Your saints. Make us faithful unto death, and so receive the fulfillment of all Your promises; 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

Offering

“We Walk by Faith, and Not By Sight”

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.**

Sit

Announcements

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

**GO IN PEACE &
SERVE THE LORD**



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“Come, Thou Almighty King” Tune: ITALIAN HYMN, Setting by Healey Willan
“We Walk by Faith, and Not By Sight” Tune: DUNLAP’S CREEK by Samuel McFarland,
Setting by Gregory Hoepfner.

SERVICE INFORMATION

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL TODAY 8/10/2025

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	Roland Limpert, Dicky Wheatley
Lay Reader	John Crampton
Assisting Elder	
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Anthony Clark
Sound Operator	David Schmidt
Camera Operator	Jennifer Phillips
Tellers	Karen Lyons, Jennifer Phillips

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL NEXT SUNDAY 8/17/2025

Ushers	Roland Limpert, Dicky Wheatley
Lay Reader	Carol Frase
Assisting Elder	Rick Clendaniel
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Grayson Jackson
Sound Operator	Rex Rosebrock
Camera Operator	Shelly Kapitan
Tellers	Dee Lambert, Glen Plutschak, Linda Jefferson

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Janellen and Raine Lewis.

ADMINISTRATION

THE WEEK AHEAD 8/11/2025 – 8/17/2025

Tuesday – Thursday	Church Office Open	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday	ILNS Parent Orientation	6:30 p.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 August 3, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICE

Attendance: 48

Goal Income Per Week: \$3,802.04

Offering: \$5,730.00

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, 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, 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

Peggy Meyer	8/10
Jean Blake	8/11
Charles Fry	8/11
Kate Frase	8/14
Eric Karge	8/14
Meredith Brooks	8/15
John Crampton	8/15



Rex Rosebrock and the family
and friends of Kim Rosebrock.

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: 8/31, 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 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"!



THANK YOU: The family of Kim Rosebrock wishes to thank everyone for their support during our loss, with calls, texts, cards, flowers and food. We especially thank WinGS for the wonderful reception. Also, a big thank you to Pastor David for the spiritual guidance through a very difficult time.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING TODAY: Sunday 8/10 after worship.



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Please send in your dates, articles, pictures, etc. for the September newsletter by Monday August 18th. Thank you!



BARBARA WRIGHT'S 90TH BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON:

Please join us in celebrating Barbara Wright's 90th Birthday on Sunday August 24th in the Fellowship Hall after church.
Please RSVP to Joanne Smith (410) 310-9375.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Youth Confirmation classes will begin again on Tuesday September 9th at 6:00 PM. Please reach out to Pastor with any questions or if you have a child wanting to start.
Thank you!



SHOP THE TRUCK: The Maryland Food Bank Eastern Shore's MOBILE MARKET is visiting!
Thursday August 21st ~ 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM (or until done)
Bethlehem Wesleyan – 5330 Bethlehem Rd, Preston, MD

NOW IS THE TIME TO VOLUNTEER: New season, new opportunities to serve! From Sunday school teachers to greeters, now is a great time to jump in. Ask us how you can get involved!



RALLY DAY: SAVE THE DATE for Rally Day on Sunday September 14 as we officially kick off the new church year!

SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS: Sunday School returns on September 14 at 9:15 AM. Classes for All Ages: Early Elementary, Mid to Late Elementary, Middle School (Pre-Confirmation & Confirmation), High School (Post-Confirmation) & Adult classes!



RUMMAGE SALE: WinGS & Evangelism are having a rummage sale Saturday September 6th! You are welcome to start bringing items into church. Please put them on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. We kindly ask for no electronics or large items that will not fit in a car. Thank you!

SERMON NOTES

Title

Text

Law

Gospel

Summary

Application