



10:15 Service

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**At Immanuel, we offer two
 types of worship services on
 Sundays.**

Traditional - 8:00 am
Contemporary - 10:15 am

We invite you to experience both and
 find the one where God speaks to you.
 Sunday School & Bible Study from 9:15
 - 10:00 am.

Jesus Loves Kids... And So Do We!

The congregation of Immanuel values
 and cherishes our children so much that
 we have provisions designed to protect
 each child and/or youth. These
 provisions include that each person who
 works or volunteers with children and/or
 youth must complete the Ministry
 Guidelines training, complete a
 background check through the State
 Police, and complete all required
 paperwork before working with children
 and/or youth. We also have individuals
 who monitor all areas of the church
 when classes or programs are in
 session.

How our Savior must smile when
 children worship with their parents!
 Immanuel welcomes children as part of
 our worship. There is also an unstaffed
 nursery room available for infants and
 toddlers. **Jesus Loves Kids, And So Do
 we....*We realize that toddlers can get
 squirmy and curious, so parents ...if
 your little one needs to have dry
 finger food like
 Cheerios/Goldfish/Gummies to help
 them in the worship service, we
 understand! Bring it on!***

A Service of Praise and Celebration
September 4, 2022 - 10:15 am Service

GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO IMMANUEL! It's wonderful having you with us today, and our prayer is that you will be richly blessed by all that you hear through the worship service! If you are a guest with us for the first time, we are so happy you've joined us and hope that you'll come again soon!

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH: Almighty God, we gather this twelfth Sunday after Trinity and thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost to offer You our thanksgiving and praise for the many blessings given to us each day. Open our hearts and hear and understand all that You have for us today and empower us through the Spirit to live out our lives as Christ followers. We give You Thanks, Lord. In Jesus' Name, we pray this. Amen

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We come together now with joy and sincerity in our hearts and begin this time of worship in the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit

We thank you, Lord, for your everlasting covenant for all believers.

C: Lord, we now come with open hearts and minds to be rejuvenated and renewed by Your Word today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

P: Let's join and sing together our opening song.

OPENING HYMN “Way Maker”

1. You are here, moving in our midst;
I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, working in this place;
I worship You, I worship You. *(Repeat Verse)*

Chorus: You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness,
My God, that is who You are.
(Repeat Chorus)

2. You are here, touching ev’ry heart;
I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, healing ev’ry heart;
I worship You, I worship You.
3. You are here, turning lives around;
I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, mending ev’ry heart;
I worship You, yeah, I worship You, Lord.
(Chorus 4 times)

Tag: That is who You are. That is who You are.
That is who You are. That is who You are.
(Repeat Tag, Chorus Twice)

Bridge: Even when I don’t see it, You’re working.
Even when I don’t feel it, You’re working.
You never stop, You never stop working.
You never stop, You never stop working.
(Repeat Bridge Three X’s, Chorus Twice, Tag Twice)

YOU MAY BE SEATED IF NEEDED

“Good, Good Father”

- 1. I’ve heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You’re like,
But I’ve heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night.
You tell me that You’re pleased,
And that I’m never alone.**

**Chorus: You’re a Good, Good Father;
It’s who You are, it’s who You are,
it’s who You are.
And I’m loved by You;
It’s who I am, it’s who I am, it’s who I am.**

- 2. I’ve seen many searching for answers
Far and wide,
But I know we’re all searching for answers
Only You provide.
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word. (Chorus Twice)**

**Bridge: You are perfect in all of Your ways.
You are perfect in all of Your ways.
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us.
(Repeat)**

- 3. Love so undeniable, I can hardly speak.
Peace so unexplainable, I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still,
As You call me deeper still,
As You call me deeper still into love, love, love.
(Chorus Twice)**

A TIME OF CONFESSION

P: Would you join with me in a time of confession before our holy God?

ALL: Dear Lord heavenly Father, we come to You this day in humble repentance and ask You for your mercy and forgiveness for all our sins. There are times, Lord when we cause wrongful and hurtful sin to others. Please forgive us when sin entices and misdirects us. Sometimes doubt tries to convince us to rationalize and ignore our sins instead of following the path of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, in our daily encounters, especially during this time, remind us again of Your holy presence surrounding us with Your guidance and love. Free us from our self-doubt. We ask that You renew and strengthen us in our daily walk with You.

(A time of quiet, personal confession)

GOD'S ASSURANCE OF LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God has heard your heartfelt confession, and because of Jesus, He has forgiven you your sins and the sins of all people. Because this is true, we can now joyfully give thanks to Him for the gift of salvation. His love endures forever. To God be the glory!

All: Amen.

FORGIVENESS SONG:

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

- 1. All the way my Savior leads me;
Who have I to ask beside?
How could I doubt His tender mercy,
Who through life has been my guide?
All the way my Savior leads me;
And cheers each winding path I tread,
And gives me grace for every trial,
feeds me with the Living Bread.**

**Chorus: You lead me, and keep me from falling.
You carry me close to Your heart,
And surely Your goodness and mercy
will follow me.**

- 2. All the way my Savior leads me;
O, the fullness of His love!
O, the sureness of His promise
in the triumph of His blood.
When my spirit, clothed, immortal,
wings it's flight to realms of day,
This my song through endless ages:
"Jesus lead me all the way.
You Jesus lead me all the way!" (Chorus 2X's)**

**Ending: All the way my Savior leads me
All the way my Savior leads me**

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-19

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God^[a] that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules,^[b] then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live,

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

Greeting

¹ Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ² and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philemon's Love and Faith

⁴ I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, ⁶ and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷ For I have derived much joy

and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Paul's Plea for Onesimus

⁸ Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹ yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰ I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹ (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹² I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³ I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. ¹⁵ For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶ no longer as a bondservant^[c] but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Our offerings to the Lord are a joyful response to His many blessings to us. We thank our members, guests, and friends for their generous support of God's work in this community and to the world with the sharing of the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ. ***It is at this time that we also ask you to please sign the friendship register as it is passed down the row. Please include children who are worshipping with you. We offer our first fruits in the offering basket, online, or by mail. In your App Supplier, search "Church by Ministry One" and download our app.***

MOMENT SONG: "The Commission"

- 1. See my hands look at my feet
It's okay if it's hard to believe
I have faith you will do greater things
It's my time to go but before I leave**

**Chorus 1: Go tell the world about me
I was dead but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while
But goodbye is not the (end)**

- 2. Don't forget the things that I taught you
I conquered death and I hold the keys
Where I go you will go too someday
There's much to do here before you leave
(Chorus)**

**Bridge: End of the journey the end of the road
My spirit is with you wherever you go
You have a purpose and I have a plan
I'll make you this promise
I'll come back again but until then**

**Chorus 2: Go tell the world about me
I was dead but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while
But goodbye is not the end
(Go tell the world) Go tell them about me
(Go tell the world) I've gotta go
(Go tell the world) For a little while
But goodbye is not the end**

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL READING:

John 1:1-8; 14-15; 19-20; 23, 25-27; 32-34

The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who

comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.”)

The Testimony of John the Baptist

¹⁹ And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰ He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.”

²³ He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight¹ the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

²⁵ They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”

³² And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son^[1] of God.”

CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

APOSTLE'S CREED

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE: *"The Word became Flesh"*

John 1:1-8- In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

John 1:14 & 17- And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

John 1:19 & 23-¹⁹ And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²³ He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

John 1:25-27- They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.”

John 1:29,32,33-²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³² And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’

Think about your relationship with Jesus. Either you’re all in or all out! What are you doing with God’s Word? God wants you to act on His Word.

Jesus came in the flesh to be the ultimate sacrifice for us. I need to share this message with others.

Have you discovered there is a God, a Savior who dwelt among us, who came into this world to save us? The center of life, the Savior of all people? Have you seen yourself in the Light of **Jesus**?

John the Baptist knew he must decrease in order for Christ to increase.

When you put your faith in Jesus, your life will come together & make sense.

You need to testify today that Jesus is the center of your life. Everything outside of Jesus is worthless. Everything centered on Him is purpose.

God has called for all of you. Have you answered the call?

A TIME OF PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

***P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.*

CLOSING HYMN: “Who You Say I Am”

1. Who am I,
that the highest King would welcome me.
I was lost, but He brought me in.
Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me.

Chorus 1: Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.

2. Free at last, He has ransomed me,
His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me.
Yes, He died for me. (*Chorus 1, then Chorus 2*)

Chorus 2: In my Father's house
there's a place for me.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.

Bridge: I am chosen, not forsaken.
I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me.
I am who You say I am.
I am chosen, not forsaken.
I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me.
I am who You say I am.
I am who You say I am.
(*Chorus 1 then Chorus 2 Twice*)

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Food for Thought

1. How do plan to explain Jesus as God to people?
2. How can you incorporate love and faith at the same time?

John 14:6- *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*



THE FLOWERS UNDER THE CROSS have been placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Phillis Capps by the Bul Family.

SERVING TODAY:

September 4: Elder: Dan Kriesch **Altar Guild:** Diane Cunningham, Kathy Lundquist **Coffee Hour:** Jodi Kriesch - Immanuel's Fellowship Ministry

- **8:00 Service- Ushers:** Team 3 **Acolyte:** Camryn Fessenden, Zoey Mills **Confirmation Greeters:** (Canopy) Mason Radatz (Sanctuary) **NEEDED Lay Reader:** Dan Kriesch **Welcome Greeter:** Marty Dougherty
- **10:15 Service- Ushers:** Team 21 **Acolyte:** Rachel McDonell **Confirmation Greeters:** (Canopy) Kailey Bul (Sanctuary) Mason Kling **Lay Reader:** Christina Angell **Welcome Greeter:** Sharon Platzer, Tammy Stocker

SERVING September 11:

Elder: David Smith **Altar Guild:** Diane Cunningham, Kathy Lundquist **Coffee Hour:** Immanuel's Coffee Hour Ministry - See Barb Van Kehrberg if you'd like to join

- **8:00 Service- Ushers:** Team 4. **Acolyte:** Calleigh Webster **Confirmation Greeters:** (Canopy) Haylee Warner, (Sanctuary) Griffin Kreger **Lay Reader:** Mark Van Kehrberg **Welcome Greeter:** Tom & Pam Sayers
- **10:15 Service- Ushers:** Team 39. **Acolyte:** Libby Gardner, Peyton Simmons **Confirmation Greeters:** (Canopy) Mackenzie Sayers, (Sanctuary) Jacob McCarty **Lay Reader:** Manfred Boden **Welcome Greeter:** Tom & Janyce Brenner, Tammy Stocker

NEW Flower sign up!



The Flower Chart is now a rotating chart. When a month is finished, I will replace the sheet with one for the coming year.

When signing up, please note the year next to the month.



- The Flower chart is located on the corkboard in the hallway by the church office.
- The **cost is \$35 per arrangement** unless you sign up to order flowers yourself.
- *If you wish to place your own order check the box "SELF".*
- You may take your flowers home after the last service of the week.
- Full Directions are located next to the flower chart

If you are not a member of the church and would like to place flowers, please be sure to give your contact information to the Church Office.

Please stop by the church office or call (810-329-7174) if you have any questions.



Attention! Cooks & Bakers

Wouldn't it be great to create an
Immanuel Lutheran Cookbook!

We would love for you to
participate!

This is how you can help...

- *Bring in a copy of your favorite or special recipe; entre, dessert, appetizer, salad... whatever it may be!*
- *Bring in a favorite recipe from a loved one: mom, grandma, aunt, friend... whoever! One that you are happy to share.*
- *Share a story of making your favorite dish, a memory even photos if you have them.*

You can send/deliver recipes to Jodi Kriesch by any of the following methods:

- Bring to church and hand deliver to Jodi personally or to the office.
- Email: jkriesch@gmail.com
- Text: 810-956-3522
- Be sure to identify that it's from you!

Jodi Kriesch - Fellowship Director