



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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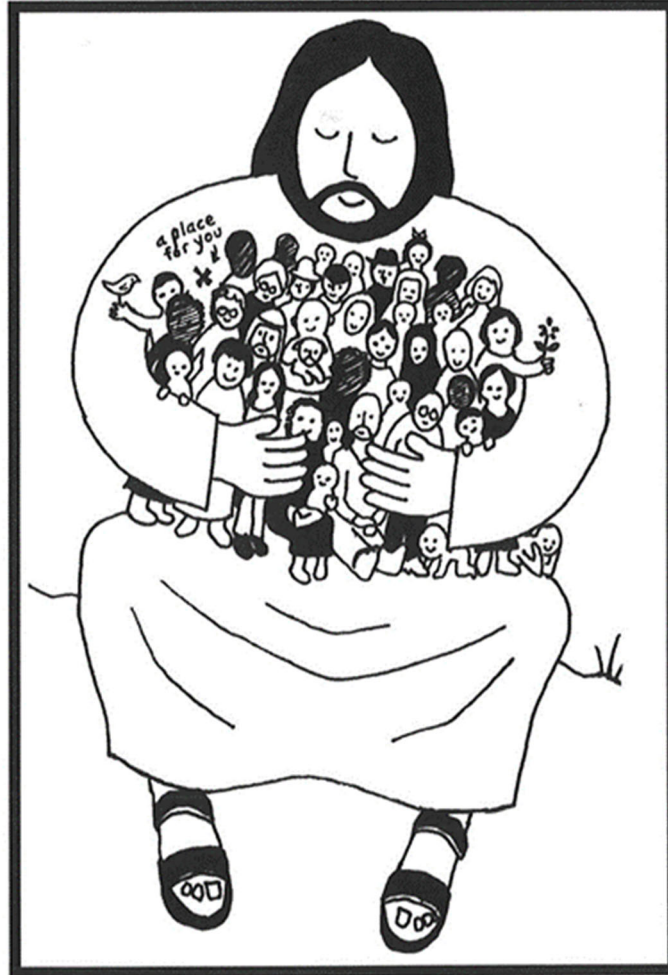
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WELCOME to Christ



February 9, 2025

10:30 am Worship Service

Live Stream on YouTube channel @ImmanuelSeattle at 10:30 am

Welcome to you, one and all!

WELCOME

Welcome to worship at Immanuel! We are glad you are here! We are a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation, which means:

- We welcome all persons – all sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, races, ethnicities, ages, abilities, citizenships, and economic statuses – to worship with us, to receive God's gift of grace at the communion table, and to participate fully in our community's life, including membership and leadership.
- We strive to be an Anti-Racist community, realizing we are on an important journey as we move toward the destination of respecting and honoring people of all races.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that our church, Immanuel Lutheran, and many of the spaces where congregants live are on unceded Coast Salish land, specifically the ancestral land of the Duwamish, Suquamish, Stillaguamish, and Muckleshoot People. We recognize the stewardship of this land by the Coast Salish peoples since time immemorial, and the disruption of this work by colonization, a disruption that continues even today. We strive to remedy this injustice through our beliefs and transforming actions in and beyond our community.

ACCESSIBILITY

God created you as you and said it is good! Feel free to embody worship in any way the Spirit moves you. We welcome infants and children as full participants in our worship, and encourage you to take advantage of our Pray-ground in the front of the sanctuary, equipped with books, toys that have been sanitized, as well as some extra space to move. Young children accompanied by caregivers, or others in need of a quiet space apart, may also use the cry room at the back of the sanctuary. Ask an usher if you need a hearing assistance device, sensory reduction headphones or fidget tools to help with anxiety or focus.

MUTUAL CARE

Our Pledge to Care is an encouragement to be mindful of the health and well being of the community when choosing to worship in the building. Masks are encouraged and available in the building, especially during cold and flu season, but no longer required. Gender Neutral public restrooms are located behind the altar. Ask an usher to direct you. Be advised that all areas in front of the balcony are subject to being on camera. If you wish to remain off camera, please sit in the available pews under the balcony or ask an usher for assistance.

COMMUNION

Communion elements always include alcohol free and gluten free options. Please let the server know if you have allergies or preferences that can be accommodated. Follow the direction of the ushers for distribution. If you are worshipping with us online, you may choose to create your sacred space, with a candle, bowl of water, staple food and festive drink.

CONNECTION & PASTORAL CARE

Whether you are in person or online you can also communicate with leadership by emailing Welcome2Worship@ImmanuelSeattle.org. Share your name, who is worshipping with you, and any prayer requests or other feedback for the worship team, council, and/or ILC staff. From online feel free to use the LiveChat and comment section on YouTube to let us know you are joining us. If you have specific prayers that you want added to our Prayer Chain, you can email those to Prayer-Chain@ImmanuelSeattle.org. Your request will be sent out to a list of 45+ prayer ministers who will hold it in confidence while joining your prayers to God. For Pastoral Care Emergencies, private concerns, or if you/someone you know is ill, you can reach Pastor Priscilla directly via email at pastor@immanuelseattle.org or by phone/text at 425-954-7293.

We invite you to join us weekly for worship in person and online:

Sunday Worship with Children's Church at 10:30 am

Children's Storytime is on 1st Sunday of the month at 6:30pm via Zoom

TODAY AT IMMANUEL- Epiphany 5

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Media Setup

9:45 am Faith Journey - in person only

10:30 am Worship Hybrid - In person and Online

2:30 pm Ellen Gamrath Memorial - Hybrid

A WORD ABOUT THE BIBLICAL TRANSLATIONS

Lutheran theology calls for us to be attentive to scripture by recognizing that it is both written in and being read in a particular context. Since there are few among us who can read and understand Biblical Hebrew or Biblical Greek, the original written languages of our Bible, we are dependent upon the faithful translations of experts to English. In this community, we lean into the New Revised Standard Updated Edition, the Inclusive Bible, the First Nations Version New Testament, and the translation work of Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney in *A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church*. Each offers its own gifts and challenges to us as we engage God's Word to find meaning for our present day. May the Spirit bring a blessing of wisdom and peace as you engage these translations with us.

↑ *Rise in body or spirit* ↓ *Be seated*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit gathers us together as the people of God

CHOIR PRELUDE

Seek Ye First

TFF #149

WELCOME

↑ GATHERING/LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather in the name of God, + Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

C: We gather on the traditional homelands of the Coast Salish land, specifically the ancestral land of the Duwamish, Suquamish, Stillaguamish, and Muckleshoot Peoples.

L: The roads that brought us here today were a place where Indigenous people walked and lived on this sacred land, and still do today.

C: We gather to honor the Creator, and all creation—human, animal, plant, water, wind, earth, and sky—that belong to God.

GATHERING HYMN

The Lord Is My Light

TFF 61

COMMUNAL LAMENT *Based on Psalm 10*

L: In response to the ways that people have been excluded and condemned for whom they love and their gender identities or expressions, let us call out to the God who knows the depths of our sorrows and shares the grief in our hearts. After each petition, you are invited to respond saying: *Come near to us. Show us the way.*

Let us pray:

L: O God, when racism, intolerance, and queerphobia, homophobia, transphobia, and biphobia feel inescapable and it is hard to imagine justice and a love that welcomes all of your children to our community, you seem hidden and far away. Come closer and dwell among us, encouraging us as we build resilient and just communities.

C: Come near to us. Show us the way.

L: O God, we have witnessed the harm and suffering of many beloved children, especially those whose sexual or romantic orientation, gender identity, or gender expression do not follow the patterns of patriarchy. Challenge us to disrupt this way of treating people who need our love and support.

C: Come near to us. Show us the way.

L: O God, we have witnessed the harm and suffering of many people, especially those whose race, ethnicity, or immigration status cause us to ignore needs as we tolerate racism, xenophobia, and the lack of equity in our society that keep many of your beloved children from full belonging.

C: Come near to us. Show us the way.

L: Help us to remember that you see us: our troubles and grief, the broken relationships that undermine community, our weakness and lack of courage in confronting evil. You hold our pain. We can leave it all to you. You are our helper.

C: Come near to us. Show us the way.

L: Help us to remember that you listen to our desires and calm our troubled hearts. We can cry out to you. You will not abandon us.

C: Come near to us. Show us the way.

L: God, rise up and comfort us so we no longer have to be afraid. Lead us to trust in the hope and promise of a resilient community, with justice for the oppressed, afflicted, and excluded.

C: Amen!

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

by Rev Leslie Houseworth-Fields

L: Holy God, In the wilderness season of our own lives, we are drained, distressed, disoriented, and in despair. But you are Lord in and of the wilderness; and your word is like water in the desert. We ask that you move through our dry places. Where we are drained, replenish us. Where we are distressed, restore us. Where we are disoriented, reorient us. And when we despair, revitalize us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the one who came to save.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S WORD

FIRST READING:

Proverbs 8:1–4, 10–17 (Gafney)

A reading from Proverbs

¹ Does not Wisdom call, and Understanding put forth her voice?

² On the highest heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand.

³ Beside the gates at the entry of the town, at the opening of the entryway she sings out:

⁴ "To you, the woman-born, I call, and my cry is to all earth's children.

¹⁰ Take my instruction and not silver, and knowledge but not choice gold.

¹¹ For better is Wisdom than jewels, and not even every delight can compare with her.

¹² I, Wisdom, dwell with prudence, and knowledge and discretion I find.

¹³ The fear of the FOUNT OF WISDOM is to hate evil;

pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverse speech I hate.

¹⁴ Wise counsel and sound wisdom are mine; I am Understanding, might is mine.

¹⁵ By me royals reign, and rulers decree what is just.

¹⁶ By me governors govern, and nobles, all who judge rightly.

¹⁷ I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently shall find me.

L: Blessed are they who seek wisdom.

C: Who treasure her ways and follow her paths. [Proverbs 2]

PSALM

Psalm 111:1-10 (Read responsively)

The AGELESS GOD is the beginning of Wisdom

¹ Praise the LIVING GOD!

I will give thanks to the ONE GOD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

² **Great are the works of GOD,
contemplated by all who delight in them.**

³ Splendor and majesty are her work,
and her righteousness stands forever.

⁴ **She has gained renown for her wonderful deeds;
the WOMB OF LIFE is gracious and abounds in mother-love.**

⁵ She provides fresh meat for those who revere her;
she remembers her covenant perpetually.

⁶ **She has declared the strength of her works to her people,
giving them the heritage of the nations.**

⁷ The works of her hands are truth and justice;
trustworthy are all her precepts.

⁸ **They stand fast forever and ever,
Executed in truth and uprightness.**

⁹ She sent redemption to her people;
she has ordained her covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is her Name.

¹⁰ **Awe of the AGELESS GOD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who do have good understanding.
Her praise endures forever.**

SECOND READING

James 3:13-18

A reading from James

Be peacemakers

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Show it through a way of life that is good, through works that are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if any of you have bitter jealousy and selfishness in your hearts, do not boast and bear false witness against the truth. ¹⁵ That is not the wisdom that comes down from above; rather, it is terrestrial, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where there is jealousy and selfishness, there will also be turmoil and everything vile. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first of all pure; then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, and sincere. ¹⁸ Yet the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for they who make peace.

L: Blessed are they who seek wisdom.

C: Who treasure her ways and follow her paths. [Proverbs 2]

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Setting 8)

ELW p 188

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL Luke 7:18-35 (Gaffney)

L: The Word made flesh dwells among us. **C: Full of grace and truth.**

Jesus, the One who is coming

¹⁸ Now, the disciples of John brought news of all these things [about Jesus raising the widow's son from the dead] to John. And John called two in particular among his disciples. ¹⁹ He sent them to the Messiah to ask, "Are you the One Who is Coming, or shall we wait for another?" ²⁰ When the men had come to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptizer has sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the One Who is Coming, or are shall we wait for another?'" ²¹ At that moment he, Jesus, healed many people of diseases, illnesses, and evil spirits and to many blind persons he gave sight. ²² Then Jesus answered them, "Go and take this news to John, what you have seen and heard:

*those who were blind receive sight,
those who were lame walk,
those who were diseased-in-skin are cleansed,
those who were deaf hear,
those who were dead are raised,
those who are poor have good news proclaimed to them.*

²³ And blessed is the woman or man who is not scandalized by me."

²⁴ When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you all go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

²⁵ What then did you go out to see? A person dressed in luxurious robes? Look, those whose clothing is lavish and who live in self-indulgence are in royal palaces. ²⁶ What then did you all go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

²⁷ This is the one about whom it is written,

'Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

²⁸ I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John; yet the least in the reign of God is greater than he." ²⁹ Now all the people who heard this, including the tax collectors, professed the righteousness of God, being baptized with the baptism of John. ³⁰ But by refusing to be baptized by him, the Pharisees and the legal scholars rejected God's counsel for themselves.

↑ ³¹ "To what then will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like?

↑ ³² They are like children in the marketplace sitting and calling to one another,
'We played the flute for you all, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you all did not weep.'

³³ For John the Baptizer has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you all say, 'He has a demon.' ³⁴ The Son of Woman has come eating and drinking, and you all say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' ³⁵ Yet Wisdom is vindicated by all her children."

L: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ **C: Praise to you, Word of life!**

↓ SERMON

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY

There is a Balm in Gilead

ELW 614

INSTALLATION OF 2025 COUNCIL

The assembly is seated. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

The following people have been *elected [by the congregation]* to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these siblings will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

The offices and names of those who are to be installed are read by a representative of the congregation.

Council President - Scott Shippy, Council Vice President - Ann Erickson, Council Treasurer - MJ Kiser, Council Secretary - Sherianne Caldwell, Council At Large - Hannah Hong, Keith Poore, Lois Holm and Mark Ackerman.

The presiding minister addresses those being installed.

L: A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

You have been *elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.*

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

The presiding minister addresses those being installed.

On behalf of your siblings in Christ, I ask you:

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been *elected*?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

† *The assembly stands. Those being installed face the assembly.*

People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your *elected leaders*, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Those being installed face the presiding minister, who addresses them.

L: I now declare you installed as officers / council members of this congregation.

Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

C: Amen.

‡ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Petitions end with: God of grace,

congregation responds: hear our prayer.

† PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you**

Please respect and honor the boundaries of your siblings in Christ as you share the peace with a handshake, peace sign, a wave, a hug or whatever way is mutually most comfortable.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GATHERING OF GIFTS

African Processional

Global Songs, Bread for the Journey p.25

We gather gifts for those in need and for the church's mission. Your gift can be given in one of these ways: Offerings of cash or checks can be deposited in the offering plates at the rear of the sanctuary. Ask an usher for

directions. Use the "Giving" portal on the church website (ImmanuelSeattle.org). Mail your gift to the church (1215 Thomas St., Seattle, WA 98109). Contact the office (206) 622-1930 to sign up for "Simply Giving" (an electronic service that ensures your regular gift continues to support mission and ministry)

First verse, adapted from traditional
Verses 2 - 5, Bret Hesla

Collected by Elaine Hanson
Arr. Ralph M. Johnson

(Melody in alto line)

1. Praise, praise, praise God. Praise God's ho - ly name, Al - le-lu-ia.
 2. We have seen your glo - ry stream - ing through the clouds, Al - le-lu-ia.
 3. We have felt your pow - er ris - ing from the earth, Al - le-lu-ia.
 4. God, who spins the pla - nets, lead us in the dance, Al - le-lu-ia.

Praise God's ho - ly name, Al - le-lu-ia. Praise God's ho - ly name, Al - le-lu-ia.
 Stream - ing through the clouds, Al - le-lu-ia. Stream - ing through the clouds, Al - le-lu-ia.
 Ris - ing from the earth, Al - le-lu-ia. Ris - ing from the earth, Al - le-lu-ia.
 Lead us in the dance, Al - le-lu-ia. Lead us in the dance, Al - le-lu-ia.

5. God, who fills the oceans;
Fill our hearts with love, Alleluia.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Generous God,

C: we give you praise! You liberate us from sin and death by the abundance at this table. Multiply these gifts and fill us with your spirit, so that we may embody Christ and en flesh your radical freedom. Amen.

† THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: God is here!

C: The Spirit is with us!

L: Lift up your hearts!

C: We lift them to our God.

L: Let us give thanks to the Holy One and Holy Three

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The presiding minister continues, using the following or another appropriate form.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Beloved Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER (Reconciling Works)

C: Heavenly God, giver of life, holy is your name, your realm come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For you reign in power and glory now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: Wisdom has prepared the food, poured the wine, and set her table. She calls and we respond:

C: Come, all are welcome to eat and drink. (Proverbs 9: 2, 4-5)

↓ DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who seek God and a deeper and stronger life in Christ are welcome to come to the table and receive communion. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. Hold out your hands to receive the bread, then dip the bread into the cup (dark beverage is wine, light beverage is grape juice), or fold your hands to receive a blessing. If you need communion brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know.

COMMUNION SONGS: *Lamb of God (Setting 8)* ELW p 191

SONG AFTER COMMUNION *Light Dawns on a Weary World* ELW 726

↑ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: God of grace and mercy,

C: in this holy meal you have fed us with wisdom, forgiveness, and grace, and we are full. By your Spirit send us out to become what we have received – new life in Christ – for the world. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world as servants of healing, justice and peace.

↓ COMMUNITY TIME

↑ BLESSING

L: Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing make you afraid. All things are passing. God alone never changes. Patience gains all things. If you have God you will want for nothing. God alone suffices.
[Teresa of Avila]

+ May the blessing of God, Holy One and Holy Three, be with us today and every day, building us into a resilient community that practices justice and radical inclusion.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *We are Marching in the Light of God* ELW 866

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace to practice resilient justice.

C: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN POSTLUDE *Sunshine and Joy Medley by John Sweney and George Cooke, arr. Mark Hayes*

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SERVING TODAY

Preaching/Presiding Minister
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Paul Benz
Jennifer Faul
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Terrill Chang
Rick Lundquist
Phillip Hanson
Hakme Lee
Dan Erlander

In Our Prayers:

Community: our Cascade neighbors in housing and on the streets; our Ukrainian neighbors and their families in Ukraine; for an end to the colonialist war in Gaza and the West Bank; those impacted by climate change, gun violence, and racialized violence

Current Events: vulnerable neighbors in advance of the new administration; those impacted by California wildfires

Grief: family and friends of Gene B; family and friends of Gretchen O; family and friends of Eyner R; Family and friends of Patty T; family and friends of Ellen G; family and friends of Wesley L; Seattle U community and the family and friends of Leticia G-S

Health Concerns: Ann E; Cameron S; Carolyn; Cherry M-C; Elsa R; Elois M; Keith P; Ken W; Mark A; Rob T; Sandy; Sandi G; Shawna M; Tom; residents, staff, and families of nursing homes and care facilities, including those that are part of our synod: Josephine Caring Community, Columbia Lutheran Home, and Hearthstone Community; All who struggle with mental health issues; Those undergoing cancer treatment at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Care and other centers

Ministry: ILC Members, leaders, and staff; for the rostered leaders connected to our congregation; ICS Staff, Board, and Volunteers; Central Cluster pastors and their congregations; those pursuing theological education

Recovery: Alumni of ICS Recovery Shelter & other programs; men in recovery at Immanuel; women living next door at Compass Cascade, and their families

Other: safety and sanity of sex workers; family and friends of victims of Domestic Violence; those who are unemployed or underemployed;

To share a prayer concern with the Immanuel prayer chain, email prayerchain@immanuelseattle.org. To share a confidential prayer concern, email the Pastor directly at pastor@immanuelseattle.org or by phone/text at 425-954-7293.

We are mindful that depression is a complicated illness with varied causes and impacts. We live in the promise that there is nothing that can separate us from God's grace, mercy, and love. May we be responsive to those who seek help and remember that seeking help is a sign of strength.

National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline 988

<https://suicidepreventionministry.org/>

WARM LINES THAT DON'T CALL THE POLICE

[InclusiveTherapists.com/crisis](https://www.inclusivetherapists.com/crisis)

- Trevor Project: 866-488-7386 - for LGBTQ+ youth
 - Call Blackline: 800-604-5841 - Centers BI&POC, LGBTQ+ Black Femme Lens
 - Trans Lifeline: 877-565-8860 (US), 877-330-6366 (Canada) - Run by and for Trans people
 - Wildflower Alliance Peer Support Line: 888-407-4515 • Trained peer supporters
 - Strong Hearts Native Helpline: 844-762-8483
- Centering Native Americans & Alaska Natives
- Thrive Lifeline: 313-662-8209 - Trans-led and operated
 - LGBT National Help Center: 888-843-4564
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop Election Process

During this year's synod assembly, May 16-17, 2025, we will pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as we elect a bishop to lead our synod for the next six years. This will be the culmination of work that began this past summer with the formation of the Bishop Call Process Task Force. The process and timeline have been

approved by the Synod Council and now we are inviting you to participate!

On the [synod's website](https://www.lutheransnw.org/bishop-call-process) <https://www.lutheransnw.org/bishop-call-process> you will find the [Process for Nominating and Calling a Bishop](#) and [corresponding timeline](#). Because this season of discernment will involve all of the congregations and members of our synod, we encourage you to share this website and/or these documents in bulletins and newsletters.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNING SERVERS

We are really in need of Assisting Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Care! Sign-ups are organized by date. Be sure to scroll through the whole page to see all the ways you can be part of Worship Leadership through the season. Online worship is enriched by your participation. We are learning and experimenting every week. Be a part of our adaptive learning. Instructions and support for making and submitting video recordings is available. Please use the online tool to sign-up for volunteer opportunities at Immanuel.

Sign up tabs for worship can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/ILCepiphany2025>

Region One Online Forum for our faith communities regarding immigration

February 12, 6:30pm on Zoom

Considering the new Trump Administration directives limiting congregational rights to offer sanctuary for our immigrant neighbors, and our position as a faith community rooted in biblical admonitions to accompany the stranger, we highly encourage you to participate in a Region 1 online forum discussing protections for churches, organizations and individuals and how we might know our rights and/or rise up to be sanctuaries for our most vulnerable.

We are grateful to be joined by immigration experts, including leaders from Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and Lutheran Community Services NW. Please invite any other key leaders you know, of any denomination.

Registration required. Free. Please share this invitation.

Register here: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/azM5gsIyTZm79SjOnaVgbw>

Call to Allyship Gathering, Saturday, March 1, 10am-2pm at Calvary Lutheran in Federal Way
Cost is \$40, lunch included

Do you wish your congregation was more diverse? Have you encountered conflicts because of cultural or racial differences and didn't know how you got there or what to do next? Then this event is for you! The NWWA and SWWA synods of the ELCA invite all congregations to join us for a special joint event sponsored by our anti-racism teams.

We will spend a day studying "Called to Allyship," a book written by ELCA rostered leaders of color from across the country. One of the authors, Rev. Priscilla Paris-Austin (pastor at Immanuel Lutheran in Seattle's South Lake Union neighborhood), will be helping to lead our discussion. Other discussion leaders are pastors and lay leaders from congregations who have read this book together.

The book can be purchased from major booksellers, preferably directly from Augsburg Fortress:

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/9781506497761/Call-to-Allyship>

Says one local congregation member: "This is an important anti-racism book for any congregation to read. Any congregation will benefit from it!"

[Register HERE \(https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/9412360 \)](https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/9412360)

February is African American History Month

In 1926 Dr. Carter G. Woodson instituted the first week-long celebration to raise awareness of African Americans' contributions to history. 50 years later, the week became a month, and today February is celebrated as African American History Month. Each year, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (<https://asalh.org/>), founded by Dr. Woodson, sets the theme for the month. The 2025 Black History Month theme, African Americans, and Labor, focuses on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled, and unskilled, vocational and voluntary – intersect with the collective experiences of Black people.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS at NMAAHC

[Vigilance: The Life of William Still, Father of the Underground Railroad with Andrew K. Diemer](#)

February 8, 12 Noon Eastern - Free In person and Online

[We Will Rest! with Tricia Hersey](#)

February 18, 7 pm Eastern - Free In person and Online

[BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS at NAAM: Coloring Outside the Lines](#)

Northwest African American Museum, 2300 South Massachusetts Street, Seattle, 98144

[Tassel Ear Candy Workshop with Ife Thomas](#)

February 15, 2-4 pm - Learn how to make 2 pairs of custom yarn earrings.

[Get Lit: A Black History Month Candle Pouring Experience](#)

February 16, 2-4 pm - Join us and the Noir Lux team for an afternoon candle-pouring session inspired by good vibes and a deep sense of community.

Black Art Takeover at NMAAHC

February 22, 2-4 pm - Join us for pop-up exhibits and displays from Black artists, guided tours of our latest installments, community conversations around the history of Black art in the PNW, great eats and so much more!

COMMEMORATIONS

February 9 - Manche Masemola (1913–1928; South Africa): a teenage Anglican martyr
<https://dacb.org/stories/southafrica/masemola-manche/>

February 11 - Jarena Lee (11 February 1783 – 1855; African-American): First woman preacher of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; first African-American woman to have an autobiography published in the United States <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aia/part3/3h1638.html>

February 12 - Frederick Mebius (1865 – 12 February, 1945; El Salvador): Father of Central American Pentecostalism

Dorothy Stang (7 July 1931 – 12 February 2005; Brazil): US- born nun; martyr for the poor of Brazil and the environment <https://www.sndohio.org/sister-dorothy/expanded-story>

February 13 - Absalom Jones (7 November 1746 – 13 February 1818; African-American): First African-American priest in the Episcopal Church (1804) and abolitionist <https://episcopalarchives.org/church-awakens/exhibits/show/leadership/clergy/jones>

Henry H. Garnet (23 December 1815 – 13 February 1882; African-American): Presbyterian minister and abolitionist <https://www.biography.com/activists/henry-highland-garnet>

February 14 - Cyril, monk, died 869; Methodius, bishop, died 885; missionaries to the Slavs

These two brothers from Thessalonika, Greece, were monks and were sent to bring Christianity to the Slavic people. In the course of their work they created a written language, inventing the Cyrillic alphabet for it, and translated the Bible and the liturgy.

February 15 - José de Acosta (1540 – 15 February 1600; Peru): Jesuit missionary and naturalist

<https://www.bu.edu/missiology/missionary-biography-a-cacosta-jose-de-1540-1600/>

Coptic Martyrs (2015; Libya): Twenty-one Coptic Christians killed by ISIS <https://www.ncronline.org/vatican/vatican-news/vatican-formally-recognizes-21-coptic-orthodox-killed-libya-martyrs-gives-them>

WORSHIP NOTES

IMMANUEL VISION FOR MISSION

Immanuel – celebrating Christ’s abundant presence
In our lives, neighborhood and world

IMMANUEL CORE VALUES

*As people called to be Christ’s living presence in the world,
we value and are guided by our commitment to:*

- * celebrate and share God’s love
- * invite and welcome all
- * build relationships, nurture community
- * rekindle hope
- * expect God’s love to change us

We invite you to join us weekly for worship in person and online:

Sunday Worship at 10:30 am Children’s Church is during worship

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

* = Online only #=In person only

MONDAY (Feb 10)

10:00 am Food Bank#

WEDNESDAY (13)

6:30 pm Region 1 Forum

NEXT SUNDAY (Feb 2)

9:30 am Media Setup

9:45 am Lectionary Text Study#

10:30 am Worship (Hybrid)

12:00 pm Coffee Hour Social

12:30 pm C3PK Lunch & Learn (Hybrid)

TUESDAY (12)

11:00 am ILC Staff meeting