

**Installation  
Service**

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4-6-25

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CHURCH**



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***Sunday*  
9:00 AM**

**Worship Service**

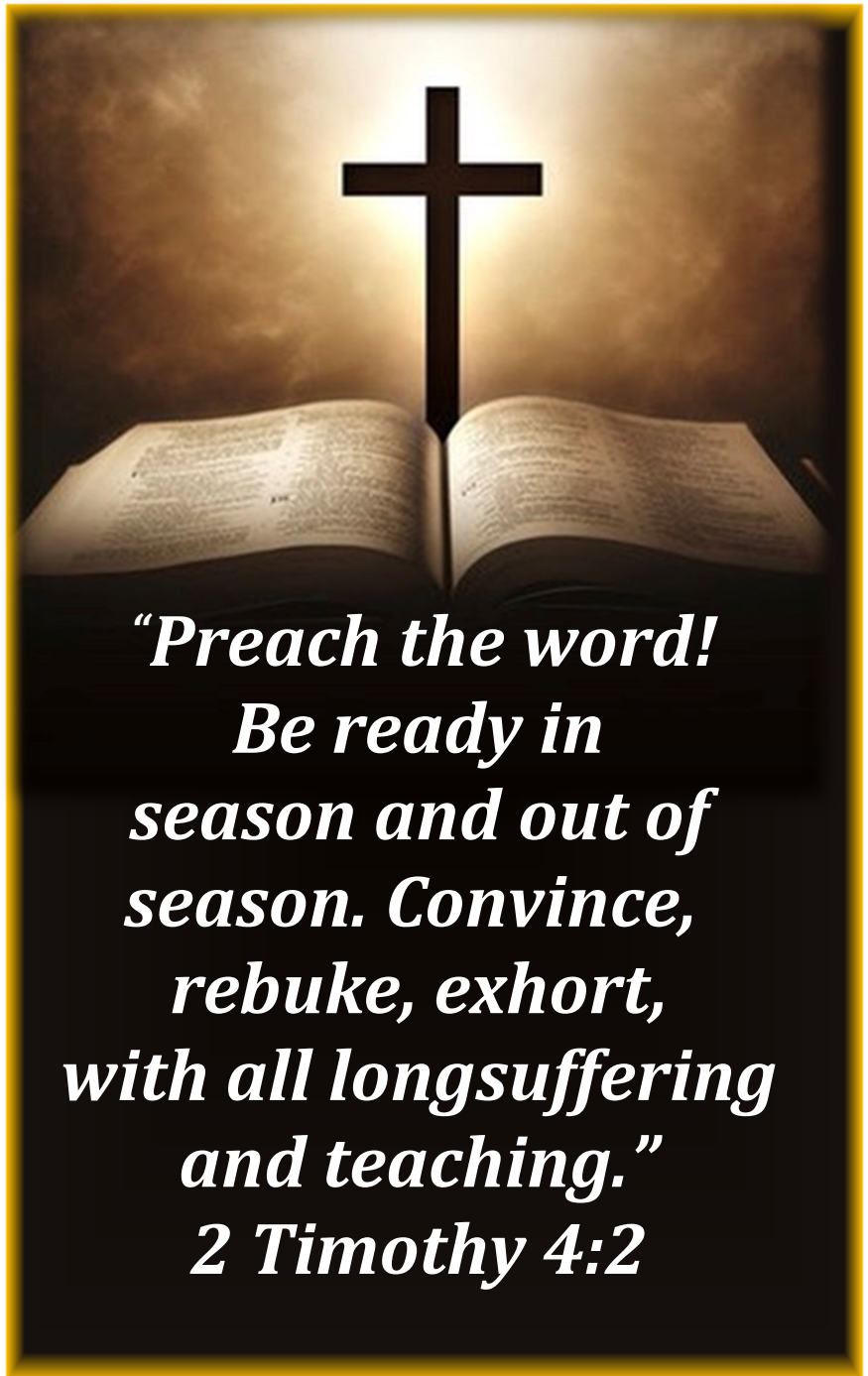
**10:30 am**

**Adult Bible Class  
Sunday School**

**Holy Communion:  
Every Sunday  
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8am to noon**



***“Preach the word!  
Be ready in  
season and out of  
season. Convince,  
rebuke, exhort,  
with all longsuffering  
and teaching.”  
2 Timothy 4:2***

**PRELUDE:**

**"Now Thank We All Our God"**

**arr. by Michael Burkhardt**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**A Mighty Fortress**

**LSB 657**



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -  
 your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not  
 fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to  
 self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of  
 o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle  
 of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He  
 hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's  
 we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's  
 child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.  
Cong. : **Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, through the Church’s usual order,  
the Reverend Edmund James Weber has been called by the Lord of the  
Church to be Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church at Mercedes, Texas.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
Cong. : **And with your spirit.**

Pastor: Let us pray.  
O Almighty God, by Your Son, our Savior, You have always given to Your Church  
on earth faithful shepherds to guide and feed Your flock. Therefore we pray,  
make all pastors diligent to preach Your holy Word and to administer Your  
means of grace, and grant Your people, wisdom to follow in the way that leads  
to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns  
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Cong. : Amen.**

(Please be seated)

**(Immanuel Lutheran School students sing “Jesus Loves Me”)**

Pastor: Hear what Holy Scripture says concerning the Office of the Holy Ministry.  
***John 20:21-23***

"21 So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send  
you.” 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the  
Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain  
the sins of any, they are retained.”

**Acts 20:28**

28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has  
made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He  
purchased with His own blood.

**Ephesians 4:11-12**

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some  
pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of  
ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

### **1 Corinthians 4:1-2**

Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

### ***Matthew 28:18-20***

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

### **1 Corinthians 11:23-25**

23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. 21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

### **Romans 10:14-17**

14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:

"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!"

16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Cong.: Thanks be to God**



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me  
 2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;  
 3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;  
 4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!  
 New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.  
 The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.  
 God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim  
 Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;  
 For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;  
 Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.  
 The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.  
 The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.  
 Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast,  
 Gifts far more than we see;  
 Beneath the bread and wine  
 Is food from Calvary.  
 The body and the blood  
 Remove our ev'ry sin;  
 We leave His presence in  
 His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One  
 Who lavishes such love;  
 The triune God in love  
 Assures our life above.  
 His means of grace for us  
 Are gifts He loves to give;  
 All thanks and praise for His  
 Great love by which we live!

## Sermon: “Press On Toward the Goal” (Philippians 3:8-14)

### Installation of the Pastor-elect

#### (The Officiating Minister says to the pastor-elect)

Pastor: Dear Brother: Whereas you have been called as Pastor of this Congregation, and are assuming charge of the flock of Christ in this place, it is fitting that you should bear in mind the solemn duties of this sacred office, that you may fulfil them in such manner as behooves a devout and zealous minister of the church.

As an ambassador for Christ, you are to preach and teach the pure doctrine of the divine Word, to administer the holy Sacraments according to the institution and ordinance of Christ, to instruct the young in the way of salvation, to counsel the inquiring, to strengthen the weak, to seek the lost, and reclaim the erring, to comfort the sorrowing, to care for the needy, to visit the sick, to minister to the dying, and ever to have at heart, and pray for, the spiritual welfare of every soul under your care.

You are to give yourself to the meditation and study of the Scriptures, to administer your office conforming to the Word of God, and show yourself and your household a pattern to others in piety and godliness, giving no offense in anything, that the ministry be not be blamed.

Hear what St. Paul says:

*This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. 2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; 3 not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; 4 one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence 5 (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); 6 not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. 7 Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. (1 Timothy 3:1-7)*

*2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. (2 Timothy 4:2,5)*

*Be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 13 Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. 14 Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. 15 Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. 16 Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you. (1 Timothy 4:12-16)*

Pastor: I ask you, Dear Brother, in the presence of God and this Congregation:

Are you will and ready to take upon you the charge of this Congregation, and to perform faithfully all the duties of your ministry?

**Answer: I am.**

Will you preach and teach the pure Word of God in accordance with the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and adorn the doctrine of our Savior by a godly and holy life?

**Answer: Yes, with the help of God.**

Will you faithfully instruct both young and old in the chief articles of Christian doctrine, will you forgive the sins of those who repent, and retain the sins of those who do not repent, will you promise never to divulge the sins confessed to you? Will you minister faithfully to the sick and dying, and will you demonstrate to the Church a constant and ready ministry centered in the Gospel? Will you admonish and encourage the people to a lively confidence in Christ and in Holy living?

**Answer: Yes, with the help of God.**

**(The Officiating Minister says to the Congregation)**

Pastor: Dearly Beloved: You have heard the solemn promise given by him whom you have called to be your pastor. I admonish and charge you to receive him in this office, and be ever mindful of what the Word of God demands of you as members of his flock.

Attend with all diligence the preaching of the Word, receiving it, not as the word of man, but, as it is in truth, the Word of God.

Heed his admonition, receiving with meekness the Word, which is able to save your souls.

Aid him by your influence in instructing the young, remembering the exhortation to bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Honor and love him, as St. Paul says in *1 Thessalonians 5:12,13*: *"Recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake."*

Pray for him without ceasing, that in his labors and anxieties he may retain a cheerful spirit, and his ministry among you may be blessed.

Provide also for his temporal wants; for the Lord says: *"The laborer is worthy of his wages."* (Luke 10:7); and St. Paul says: *"Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches."* (Galatians 6:6)

Finally remember the words of the Apostle: *"Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you."* (Hebrews 13:17)

I now ask you:

Are you willing to receive your Pastor as a minister of God, and to show towards him such love, honor, and fit obedience in the Lord as are due to an overseer and guide placed over you by the Lord Jesus Christ, the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of souls? Then answer, "We are".

**Answer: We are.**

Will you support him by your gifts and pray for him always that in his labors he may retain a cheerful spirit and that his ministry among you may be abundantly blessed? Then answer, "We will with the help of God."

**Answer: We will with the help of God.**



Will you honor and uphold your Pastor as he serves Christ in all his God-pleasing responsibilities? Will you aid him as he cares for his family? Will you be diligent to “put the best construction on everything,” recognizing that “love covers a multitude of sins”? If so, then answer, “We will with the help of God.”

**Answer: We will with the help of God.**

Pastor: The almighty and most merciful God strengthen and assist you always.

**(The pastor-elect kneels)**

Pastor: Reverend Edmund James Weber, I install you as Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Cong.: Amen**

Pastor: Be diligent and faithful in the performance of your duties, as you shall give account of your stewardship in the day of Christ’s appearing.

“20 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 21 make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Hebrews 13:20-21)

Y el Dios de paz que resucitó de los muertos a nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el gran pastor de las ovejas, por la sangre del pacto eterno, 21 os haga aptos en toda obra buena para que hagáis su voluntad, haciendo él en vosotros lo que es agradable delante de él por Jesucristo; al cual sea la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

Pastor: Let us pray:  
Merciful God and Father, You have graciously promised that, through the preaching of the crucified Christ, those who believe in Him will be saved. By Your Holy Spirit grant grace to Rev. Edmund Weber, whom You have given to be Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Grant him readiness and steadfastness in this ministry, patience understanding and a great zeal. Support and strengthen him in Your service that by Your Word Your Church may be built and increased; through Your Son, our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Cong.: Amen**

**(Visiting pastors may each say a blessing or a Bible passage)**

### **(Blessing of the newly installed Pastor)**

Pastor: Go, therefore, and Shepherd the flock of God which is entrusted to you, taking the oversight thereof, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being a lord over those entrusted to you, but being an example to the flock; and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.  
(1 Peter 5:2-4)

Pastor: The Lord bless you from on high, and make you a blessing unto many, that you may bring forth fruit, and that your fruit may remain unto eternal life.

**Cong.: Amen.**

### **(The newly installed Pastor continues with the Prayer of the Church)**

Pastor: Praise and adoration be unto You, almighty and everlasting God, the Father of mercies, that You have established Your church on earth, that from it should go forth salvation to the souls of men to the end of days. Bless all Your under shepherds of Your Church as they labor in Your harvest-field. Mercifully replenish these Your servants with the gifts needed for the faithful and successful fulfilment of their sacred office.  
Lord in Your mercy,

**Cong.: Hear our prayer**

Pastor: We pray O Lord that You also bless this congregation of Immanuel Lutheran, the officers and all the members, and all the sister congregations. May Your Word and Sacraments be continued unto them in their purity, and the peaceful kingdom of Your Son prosper among them, that all who worship You may in the end find their names written in the Book of Life.  
Lord in Your mercy.

**Cong.: Hear our prayer**

Pastor : O God, You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Cong.: Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

Cong.: **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

**INSTRUMENTAL HYMN: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN:

## Lift High the Cross

LSB 837

*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,

2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,

3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied

4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.

The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com-bine.

Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.

As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

*Refrain*

