

# *Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church*

Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ since 1888  
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**Immanuel Lutheran Church is a**  
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## **Sunday Schedule**

Sunday School for all ages 9:15AM

Worship for everyone 10:30am

## **Wednesday**

Junior High & High School

Youth Group Meet from 6:00PM-8:00PM

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*Immanuel means "God with us" (Matthew 1:23)*

**Welcome!!** We're glad God has brought you to Immanuel today! We trust that God will meet you here this morning in the hearing of God's word proclaimed for you, in the lifting of our hearts and voices in song and prayer, and in fellowship that we share in the crucified and risen one, Jesus Christ.

**Immanuel is part of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC).** Our Core Values include being Christ-Centered, Mission-Driven, Traditionally-Grounded and Congregationally-Focused.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month as well as other special occasions of the church year. If you are baptized and have received instruction concerning the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to receive this sacrament here. If you would like to learn about either baptism or communion, please speak with the pastor before the service or check the box on the worship registration form to schedule an appointment. Only non-alcoholic wine is used in communion at Immanuel.

**Moms and Dads,** we love children and we welcome children to worship with you and the whole congregation. If you so desire, we do have a nursery – the room with the large window next to the Library at the back of the sanctuary. In there is a rocking chair, toys, as well as a speaker and large window so you can see and hear the service. Your kids may enjoy the activity bags on the rack at the back of the church.

**To learn more about Immanuel** please be sure to fill out the worship registration slip on the back page of your bulletin and place it in the offering plate or fill out the guest registry located in the church entry.

**Restroom facilities** are located in the church entry (the narthex). When walking out of the sanctuary take a left and they are at the end of the short hallway.

**Join us** for a snack and a cup of coffee or juice immediately following our worship service where we can greet you more personally.

# *Order of Worship*

**Prelude**

**Laurel Jacobsen**

**Ringing the Bells**

*Calling the community of Easton to worship*

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Deacon** Almighty God, we are here to worship You and all the mighty and wonderful things you have done in our lives. On this day, we remember how you revealed yourself to Moses and the Israelites as he came down from the mountain with the two tablets in hand. We also remember this day how you revealed Yourself to the disciples up on the mountain when Jesus was transfigured among them. We are thankful for the ways you show forth your presence and give us a better understanding of your love for us. Help us God, to listen to you and the words of Jesus so that we can be a beacon of that light in this dark world.

**All**            **In Jesus Name, we pray. Amen**

**Time of Confession and Forgiveness**

**Pastor** It is so liberating to know that we can come to You with our sins by naming, confessing, and releasing them to you. We do this now in silence, knowing that You so readily forgive us.

**ALL**            **We openly confess to You:**

**Our tendency to conform to the world's standards rather than the standards You have laid out to us in Your Word.**

**Our reluctance to share our own stories of Your power in our lives for fear of rejection or the responses we may receive.**

**Our unhealthy habits that affect us and those around us, and our unwillingness to make changes.**

**Our hurtful words and actions toward others, some which may not even register in our minds.**

**Our negative attitudes which diminish the glow Christ desires from us as we minister to others.**

**Our lack of love and compassion toward those who are different from us.**

**We ask for Your forgiveness for all of our sins including those which we have not put into words.**

**Pastor** The great news is this: God sent His Son into the world to be the light that overshadows the darkness of this world and our sin. We are all forgiven and made new in Christ. This is cause for Joy! We give thanks to our loving God!

**Praise Music**

**“He Is Exalted”**

He is exalted.  
The king is exalted on high.  
I will praise Him.

He is exalted forever exalted  
And I will praise His name!

He is the Lord!  
Forever His truth shall reign!  
Heaven and earth rejoice  
In His holy name.

He is exalted.  
The king is exalted on high!  
He is exalted.  
The king is exalted on high!

## **“We Believe”**

In this time of desperation  
When all we know is doubt and fear  
There is only One Foundation  
We believe, We believe

In this broken generation  
When all is dark, You help us see  
There is only One Salvation  
We believe, We believe

### [CHORUS 1]

We believe in God the Father, We believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, And He's given us new life  
We believe in the crucifixion, We believe that He conquered death  
We believe in the resurrection,  
And He's comin' back again, we believe

So, let our faith be more than anthems  
Greater than the songs we sing  
And in our weakness and temptations  
We believe, We believe!

We believe in God the Father, We believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, And He's given us new life  
We believe in the crucifixion, We believe that He conquered death  
We believe in the resurrection, And He's comin' back again

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised!  
In the here and now, let love invade!  
Let the church live loud, our God will say  
We believe, We believe!

And the gates of hell will not prevail!  
For the power of God, has torn the veil!  
Now we know Your love will never fail!  
We believe, We believe!

We believe in God the Father, We believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, And He's given us new life  
We believe in the crucifixion, We believe that He conquered death  
We believe in the resurrection, And He's comin' back

He's comin' back again! comin' back again! We believe! We believe!

### **The Old Testament Lesson**

**Exodus 34:29-35**

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

### **The Gospel Lesson**

**Luke 9:28-36**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for

us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

*You may be seated.*

**Children’s Message**

Sandy Marthedal

**The Sermon**

**“Jesus’ Exodus, Our Exodus”**

Pastor John

*Please stand as we recite the Apostle’s Creed*

**Confession of Faith: *The Apostle’s Creed***

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

**Collection of the Offering**

**Offertory Hymn**

**“Lord, Speak to Us”**

*Lutheran Book of Worship Page 403*

Lord, speak to us, that we may speak  
in living echoes of your tone;  
as you have sought, so let us seek  
your straying children, lost and lone.

Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead  
the wand’ring and the wav’ring feet;  
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed  
your hung’ring ones with manna sweet.

Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach  
the precious truths which you impart;  
and wing our words, that they may reach  
the hidden depths of many a heart.

Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,  
until our very hearts o'erflow  
in kindling thought and glowing word,  
your love to tell, your praise to show.

In obedience to God's command to His people throughout the ages and in accord with the example set by the early church, we collect an offering in thanksgiving to God for what He's first given us, to care for the needs of our neighbors and to support the ministry of the Church both locally and globally (Deuteronomy 6:1-13, Acts 2:45, 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; 9).

*Please stand as the gifts are brought forward and presented.*

### **Offertory Response**

#### **“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **Offertory Prayer**

**C. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world, signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **The Pastoral Prayer**

#### **† We Celebrate the Lord's Supper †**

*Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.*



## **We Prepare**

Pastor            Gracious and Loving God, You chose very special people as your vessels so that we would be able to attest to Your power and presence. We remember Moses and the covenant in his hands up on the mountain. We remember the experience of Jesus along with Peter, John, and James upon the mountain. You revealed your glory. Most of all, we remember now at this moment, the new covenant and the real presence of Christ in the Holy Sacrament we are about to receive.

**ALL:            Oh how wonderful it is to be children of God. We have been forgiven and given new life because of the broken body and shed blood of Jesus Christ.**

Pastor            *Until the Lord returns...*

**ALL            Until Christ returns...**

*Pastor            We remember and celebrate this Holy Communion.*

**ALL            Amen.**

## **Words of Institution**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Distribution**

**Communion Hymns:**

**“Just As I Am”**

*Lutheran Book of Worship page # 296*

Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not  
to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,

Just as I am; thy love unknown  
has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## **“Have Thine Own Way”**

*Celebration Hymnal #591*

Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way.

Thou art the potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after thy will,  
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way.

Search me and try me, Master, today.  
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,  
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way.

Wounded and weary, help me, I pray.  
Power, all power surely is thine.  
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.

Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way.

Hold o'er my being absolute sway.  
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see  
Christ only, always, living in me.

## **Benediction**

Pastor: As you go, may God go with you; may He go before you to show you the way; behind you to encourage you; beside you to befriend you; above you to watch over you and within you to grant you His eternal peace. Amen.

# Closing Hymn

## “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

*Lutheran Book of Worship page # 562*



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,  
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,  
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty,  
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,  
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

*Please be seated.*

## **Announcements**

**Mission Moment: Noah Cisneros**

## **Dismissal**

*P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!*

**C. Thanks be to God! (Sung) Amen, Amen, Amen!**

## **Postlude**

Laurel Jacobsen

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# **Opportunities & Announcements**

WORK CIRCLES are groups of folks that attend Immanuel and gather as groups to help set up and clean up after church events. There are 5 Circles labeled A-E. The circles are listed in the back of the church printed directory. This booklet will be printed and distributed at the beginning of March. If you would like to be a contact person for a Work Circle, please let the office know by emailing [immanueleaston@sbcglobal.net](mailto:immanueleaston@sbcglobal.net) or calling 237-7909.

**SIGN UP IF YOU WILL DONATE BLOOD NEXT SUNDAY!** There's a free Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich for the donors! Everyone else is asked for \$7.00 per sandwich. Sign up for sandwiches so we have plenty.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF IMMANUEL?** Pastor will lead a new member inquiry hour on March 16th at 9:00AM. If you are interested in Immanuel and what becoming a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church is all about, join Pastor John in Grace Hall. New member Sunday will be March 24th.

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS APRIL 13TH FOR ALL FIFTH GRADERS!** Parents and 5th graders please plan on meeting with Pastor John in Grace Hall at 9:00AM for discussion on the Holy Communion.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE IS THIS WEEK, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00PM** Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season, a time of repentance and renewal in our faith in the One who went to the cross on our behalf. We will have the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion that evening. Be sure to get your Lenten devotional, “Behold the Man,” in the narthex. Ash Wednesday offerings will be designated to Fresno area “Beauty for Ashes” an international organization that reaches out to rescue and restore victims (*men and women*) of human trafficking in Fresno.

**LENTEN SERIES “HANDS AROUND THE CROSS” BEGIN MARCH 13 at 6:30PM.** Each midweek Lenten service will focus on the different emotions that surrounded the crucifixion. We will use the different emotions using hands as our emphasis, i.e., the Praying Hands, the Loving Hands, the Hostile Hands, the Guilty Hands, and the Bleeding Hands. Pete Gutierrez will provide artwork each Wednesday focusing on the different hands around the cross. Make it a point to attend each of these dynamic worship opportunities and enjoy the fellowship surrounding our soup suppers as well.

**CHILD ABUSE & MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING:** Fresno Council on Child Abuse Prevention will conduct a training class at Easton Presbyterian Church on Sunday March 31st at 12:15PM. The class is free for anyone who is interested! The class will be an hour; a light lunch will be provided. Please sign up on the blue bulletin board by March 25th if you would like to attend.

**PRAYER GATHER NEXT SUNDAY FIFTEEN MINUTES AFTER WORSHIP!** If you would like to join the Call Committee for group prayer time following fellowship gather at the front of the sanctuary for prayers to be lifted up for our new pastor which God has chosen for us.

**EVE MARIE ALLRED**, infant daughter of Jared and Kailie Allred will be Baptized next Sunday! Join us as we celebrate a new sister in Christ.

**FAITH BIBLE STUDY WILL MEET AT THE HOME OF LLEWELLYN OSTERGARD** (7761 S. Cherry Ave.) this Tuesday at 6:00PM. Note the new date, time and place.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the all church work day yesterday!

**Prayers of the church**

**For Christ’s Church:** *Eternal God, we thank You for Your Church through which the gospel of Jesus Christ has been manifest in every age. As we move into a time of transition, help us to know that though the world around us changes, You do not change. And while we may not know what the future has for us, You know what that future looks like and are already there, so call us to Yourself and give us the courage and confidence to step out in faith.*

**Members and their families serving in the military:** *Joey Brewer, Henry Clark, Michael Hansen, Scott Linger, Matt Ward, & Matthew Tigchelaar.*

**Those unable to travel about:** *Tom Britter, Olga Hansen, Elsie Hoff, Marilyn Iversen Art & Marian Olesen, Phyllis Petersen, Helen Mackersie, Marvin Stollar, and Howard Nielsen.*

**Those in need of healing:** *Bobby Bell, Tom & Sandy Britter, Anna Campbell, Lori Clifford, Esmerelda Figueroa, Shelly Grismore, Pastor Gary Gould, Al & Judy Hooper, Janet & Bill Messenlehner, Marian Olesen, Abby Pettitt, Virginia Pilegard, Elaine Scheppegrell, Phil Tews, Joe Wozniczka, & Joan Wynn.*

**Those morning the loss of loved ones:** *The family & friends of Chris Rosendahl.*

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Address _____	Phone _____
City / State / Zip _____	Email _____
Names / ages of Children living at home _____	
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Home Congregation _____	

## **This Week at Immanuel**

### **Today**

9:15AM Sunday School for all ages!  
10:30AM Worship for Everyone!  
11:30AM Fellowship Time

### **Monday**

1:30PM Tai Chi in Grace Hall  
7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

### **Tuesday**

9:00AM Quilters meet in Social Hall  
6:00PM Faith Bible Study at the home of  
**Llewellyn Ostergard**

### **Wednesday**

8:00AM Breaking Grounds Cafe  
7:00PM Ash Wednesday Service

### **Thursday**

6:00AM Men's Bible Study in Social Hall  
10:00AM Women's Bible Study in Grace Hall  
1:00PM FCA Lunch in Social Hall

### **Saturday**

### **Next Sunday**

9:15AM Sunday School for all ages!  
10:30AM Worship for Everyone  
11:30AM Fellowship Time

**Altar Flowers:** today are provided by *Phyllis Sullivan* for glory and honor to God.

### **Worship Assistants This Week:**

**Ushers:** Don Pettitt & Lee Terkelsen

**Greeters:** All of Immanuel

**Crucifer:** Marcus Orum

**Acolyte:** Kaylee Bennetts

**Fellowship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lock up for March:** John Jensen

**Lead Deacon for March:** Barbara Petersen

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**Crucifer:** Marcus Orum

**Acolyte:** Isaac Orozco

**Fellowship Servers:** Jared & Kailie Allred

Please  check the appropriate box and write your message in the space below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I want to learn more about faith.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> I want to learn more about baptism        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I want to receive the monthly newsletter ("The Chimes") | <input type="checkbox"/> I want to become a member of Immanuel     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am receiving communion today                          | <input type="checkbox"/> I want a visit from the visitation pastor |
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I have hymn suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_