

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ since 1888
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Immanuel Lutheran Church is a
A Mission of the North American Lutheran Church
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Sunday Schedule

Worship for everyone 10:00am

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 To God's House! We welcome all our visitors this morning to worship on this Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Church! A good number of folks are worshipping at the same time during Family Camp at Hume Lake. Pastor John is conducting that service, while our deacons and youth minister, Jacob Wood is conducting this service here, today. God's blessings on this festival Sunday. May the Holy Spirit guide and direct you to faithful witness to our Lord Jesus Christ as a result of your worship today!

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

Ring the Bells

Calling the community of Easton to worship

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Deacon: *We thank you for calling each one of us to be your followers. We ask that you help us to put you first in our lives, even when causes us to be uncomfortable and our plans to be disrupted. We surrender to you, have your way and glorify Your name through us. Amen.*

Praise Songs

“Blessed Are They”

Blest are they, the poor in spirit.
Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they full of sorrow
They shall be consoled.

Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones.
They shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst.
They shall have their fill.

Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they who show mercy.
Mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart.
They shall see God!

Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they who seek peace.
They are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith.
The glory of God is theirs.

Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are you who suffer hate,
All because of me.
Rejoice, be glad. Yours is the kingdom.
Shine for all to see.

Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

“Lord Prepare Me”

Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary; pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living, sanctuary for you.

The Epistle Reading

Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom he had been told, 'It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named after you.' He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked blessings for the future on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, 'bowing in worship over the top of his staff.' By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave instructions about his burial.

By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king's anger; for he persevered as though he saw him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 12:22-30

He said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

You may be seated.

Children’s Message

Marcia Hollenbeck

The Sermon

“Enter the Narrow Door”

Pastor John

Confession of Faith according to 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 in 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

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stout to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.

Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!

Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame:
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

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 and sing 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

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“O for a Thousand Tongues”

Lutheran Book of Worship page # 559

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of your name.

The name of Jesus charms our fears
And bids our sorrows cease,
Sings music in the sinner's ears,
Brings life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;
He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood avails for me.

To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The church in earth and heav'n.

Announcements

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

1. The women of the church are invited to a baby shower for Allyson Nielsen. The shower will be held after church on September 15, 2019 at 12:00PM in the church Social Hall. Allyson and Karl are registered on Amazon and at buybuy Baby. Kristi Hollenbeck is collecting money for the group gift. Lunch will be provided. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you plan to attend. Bring a package of diapers (any size) and your name will be entered into a raffle. Contact Fran Hansen if you have any questions at 313-8437.
2. Can you give Grace In Action three weeks? Would you be willing to share your time with the children of Immanuel for 3 Sundays in a row? Share the word of God with kids that come to church wanting to know more about our Savior. The joy and wonder that comes from the time spent with children is contagious. Sign up today on the blue bulletin board in the church entryway. There are 3 week sessions with stories already selected. See Jacob Wood for more information. There will be a beginning of the year meeting at a time to be determined soon. Sign up today
3. CLAY MAKERS! Immanuel Women's Ministry presents the final Ladies Night Out for the Summer this Tuesday ! Dinner starts at 6:00PM. Joanie Hathaway will be sharing her gifts with the attendees teaching about the Creator and His creation, (us). She will also instruct us in making natural wind chimes out of clay. She will fire the chimes in her kiln and bring them back for us to assemble on Rally Day, September 8th.

4. Attention All Women! **Annual Retreat Schedule & Location Change:** Sept. 28th from 9:00-4:00PM at Immanuel. One day only \$15.00! Find registration forms on the blue bulletin board. Liz Harrison will be a fantastic guest speaker along with relaxing, inspiring activities and a great lunch. Pick up a registration form from the envelope on the blue bulletin board. Mail it to Nancy Newsom

5. Save The Date: Rally Day 2019 Is September 8th! It's time for Every Member Sunday! Let's get everyone to church on the Sunday after labor day! Special guest Kristi Schmidt will be a soloist that morning. The Russ Dunbar Memorial Blood Drive will begin at 8:00am – noon! join us and bring a friend to church on rally day.

6. Caruthers Fair Volunteers are needed! Please plan your schedules to help with this amazing ministry selling food at the fair to raise money for the Fresno Rescue Mission. We start September 22nd hauling supplies out to the fair booth and setting up shop for the week. Volunteers are needed for a lot of things. How can you help? Please prayerfully consider this ministry for the next month and a half. It takes our village to make it work. The joy and energy this project creates discipleship for all who participate, prayers are first and foremost! Strength and strong feet, that's important too. Love of God's people that's right up there for mandatory since there are many types of people that attend the Caruthers fair we are there to show them Immanuel, (God with us). Immanuel needs your prayers, your strength and your love to shine our light on this mission project. First Round of Sign Ups start a bit different this year. For the next two Sundays Sign your name when you can help (date and time) and what you want to help with. See the Blue Bulletin Board in the church entryway.

7. Volunteers needed to help serve the Prayer Conference break and lunch foods. If you would like to help with that part of the conference Oct. 11-13, please email the church office at: immanueleaston@sbcglobal.net

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: *Kobe Bell, Joey Brewer, Henry Clark, Michael Hansen, Caleb Hathaway, Scott Linger, Matt Ward, & Matthew Tigchelaar.*

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

Those in need of healing: *Bobby Bell, Christian Bradley, Tom & Sandy Britter, Luanne Byrd, Anna Campbell, Lori Clifford, Fred Cogan Sr., Sherry Grismore, Kathy Hodges, Stephanie Hollenbeck, Susan Hooper, Betty Jensen, Janet & Bill Messenlehner, Isaac Orozco, Eva Orum, Clifford Ostergard, Chuck Phillips, Sr., Virginia Pilegard, Ryan Tofteland, Anna Salazar & Joe Wozniczka.*

Continue to Pray for our Call Process: *For our Interim Pastor and the Call Committee as well as the new Pastor the Lord will send to Immanuel.*

Name _____	Date _____
Address _____	Phone _____
City / State / Zip _____	Email _____
Names / ages of Children living at home _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Time Guest <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Time or Regular Attender <input type="checkbox"/> Member I came as a guest of _____	
Home Congregation _____	

The Flowers on the altar this morning are presented by Verna Koslan for glory and honor to God and in celebration of her family.

This Week at Immanuel

Today

10:00AM Worship for Everyone

11:00AM Fellowship Time

Monday

1:30PM Tai Chi in Grace Hall

7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday

6:00PM Women's Event Clay Makers

Wednesday

8:00AM Breaking Grounds

12:20PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Thursday

6:00AM Men's Bible Study in Social Hall

10:00AM Women's Bible Study in Grace Hall

Friday

10:00AM Worship for Everyone & Communion!

11:00AM Fellowship Time

Worship Assistants This Week:

Ushers: Don Pettitt & Lee Terkelsen

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Crucifer: Marcus Orum

Acolyte: Kaylee Bennetts

Fellowship: _____

Lock up for August: Christie Pettitt

Lead Deacon for August: Christie Pettitt

Worship Assistants Next Week:

Ushers: Lee Terkelsen & Don Pettitt

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Crucifer: Marcus Orum

Acolyte: Hilary Gardner

Children's Sermon: Ericka Gardner

Fellowship Servers: _____

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

I want to learn more about faith.

I want to receive the monthly newsletter ("The Chimes")

I am receiving communion today

I want to speak with the parish nurse

I have a message for (circle:) the office / the pastor

I have a prayer request: _____

I want to learn more about baptism

I want to become a member of Immanuel

I want a visit from the visitation pastor

I want to speak with the pastor

I have hymn suggestions: _____