

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ since 1888
September 8, 2019



Immanuel Lutheran Church is a
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Sunday Schedule

Grace in Action! 9:15AM

Worship for everyone 10:30am

Wednesday

Junior High & High School

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

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

Welcome To God's House! Today is a new beginning in Christ. The Holy Spirit in this place of worship to transform and renew.

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's Prayer: *Lord, we seek the abundance of Your life-giving blessings, and not for ourselves, but for those who are far from you, that they may see Your light, Your glory, and Your beauty through us as representations of Your Kingdom. We are but your vessels; empty us of ourselves and fill us with Your Spirit. Amen.*

Praise Music

“Listen, God Is Calling”

Listen, listen, God is calling through the Word inviting,
Offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

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Jesus gave his mandate: share the good news
That He came to save us and set us free.

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Offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

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Offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

Let none be forgotten throughout the world.
In the triune name of God go and baptize.

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Offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

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Help us to be faithful, standing steadfast,
Walking in your precepts, led by your Word.

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Offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

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Offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

“Your Grace Is Enough”

Great is Your Faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner’s restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your Promise O God

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your Promise O God

Yeah Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing Your grace is enough
I’m covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me, for me.

The First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, ‘Mortal, can these bones live?’ I answered, ‘O Lord God, you know.’ Then he said to me, ‘Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.’

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, ‘Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.” Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.’

The Second Reading

Romans 12:6-10

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

Special Music

“A Potter’s Hand,” and “Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

Performed by Kristi Schmidt

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:16-21

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.’ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

Children’s Message

Jacob Wood

The Sermon

“You Are A Gifted People!”

Pastor John

The Apostle’s Creed

ALL: 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

“Here I Am, Lord”

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"I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?"

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?"

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

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

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

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

ALL: 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.

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“There’s A Story To Tell The Nations”

Celebration# 446

We’ve a story to tell the nations that shall turn their hearts to the right,
A story of truth and mercy, A story of peace and light.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noon-day bright,
And Christ’s great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

We’ve a song to be sung to the nations that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
A song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword,
And shatter the spear and sword.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noon-day bright,
And Christ’s great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

We’ve a message to give to the nations That the Lord who reigneth above.
Hath sent us His Son to save us and show us that God is love,
And show us that God is love.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noon-day bright,
And Christ’s great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

We’ve a Savior to show to the nations who the path of sorrow hath trod,
That all of the world’s great peoples might come to the truth of God,
Might come to the truth of God.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noon-day bright,
And Christ’s great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

please be seated.

Announcements

Dismissal

Pastor: *Go in peace and serve the Lord!*

ALL: Thanks be to God! (Sung) Amen, Amen, Amen!

Postlude

Laurel Jacobsen

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Opportunities & Announcements

A HEARTY WELCOME TO KRISTI SCHMIDT! Kristi is our special guest soloist this morning blessing us with her music and heart for the Lord. Kristi sings with the King's Praise vocal group, made up of those who sing in the West Coast Mennonite Men's Choir. Kristi is a member of Reedley Mennonite Brethren Church and is on the Praise Team there. We are so blessed that Kristi could come and be with us on our Rally Day!

MEN'S BREAKFAST SEPTEMBER 28 – in support of the Pregnancy Care Center, 10 am.-12 p.m.at Cornerstone Church 1545 Fulton Street in Fresno. \$10.00. Event speakers: Jonathan Keller, California Family Council; Pastor Will Stoll, Northwest Church; Pastor Jim Franklin, Cornerstone Church; and Kristi Burkhardt, Pregnancy Care Center.

PRAYER CONFERENCE COMING NEXT MONTH! Immanuel and our local church community is about to be blessed by having Pastor Bjorn Pedersen come and conduct a four-day Prayer Conference. Fliers are being produced and a wide net of publicity will be going out to publicize this renewal event. Be sure to put it on your calendar and attend as many sessions as you can. It begins with the Men's Breakfast on October 10 and concludes on Sunday morning, October 13. Keep this life-changing event in your prayers that God will move mightily in each person's lives!

FAIR SIGN UP SHEET ARE OUT AND READY FOR YOU TIME SLOTS TO HELP! Please pick a day and time that fits your schedule and jot your name down. PLEASE DO THIS! Your commitment is essential to making this fund raiser happen. Thank you for giving your time and strength to make it happen.

COOKIES NEEDED FOR THE COMPANY THAT DONATES THE REFRIDGERATED TRAILER FOR THE FAIR. Please bake your favorite cookies and bring them to church on September 22nd for the cookie platters that will be presented the next day. I'm looking for volunteers to help pack and deliver the cookie trays.

BABY SHOWER! 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.

VOLUNTEER SCRIPTURE READERS: If you would like to be a part of the worship service and read the scriptures on Sunday mornings please sign up for a Sunday on the Sign-up sheet on the blue bulletin board in the church entry way. The lessons are listed in this month's Chimes. You may also call or email the church office to choose a Sunday.

The BLUE ANGELS US NAVY AREAL DEMOSTRATION SEPTEMBER 21ST. Families will enjoy entertainment, exhibits, at the Air Show from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Bring Your Own Lawn Chairs! No outside food or drink at the Naval Air Station Lemoore, 700 Avenger Lane, Lemoore. Valid identification required for entry. Please sign up on the bulletin board if would like to attend so that we can strategically select a spot to meet at a time to be determined. The Blue Angels only come to our area every 8 years. This is the year to go!

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, Lori Clifford, Fred Cogan Sr., Clara Cooper, 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.*

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| Names / ages of Children living at home _____ | |
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| Home Congregation _____ | |

Altar Flowers today are provided by *Marie Salwasser* for glory and honor to God and in memory of her mother, Lillian Fritz.

This Week at Immanuel

Today

8:00AM – Noon Memorial Blood Drive
9:15AM Grace in Action in Grace Hall
10:30AM Worship for Everyone!
11:30AM All-Church Lunch & Prayer
12:30PM Women’s Event part 2 Clay Maker

Monday

12:30PM Easton Food Distribution
1:00PM Tai Chi in Grace Hall
7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday

Wednesday

8:00AM Breaking Grounds Café
12:20PM FCA Lunch in Social Hall

Thursday

6:00AM Men’s Bible Study in Social Hall
10:00AM Women’s Bible Study Pot Luck

Next Sunday

9:15AM Grace in Action for all ages!
10:30AM Worship for EVERYONE
11:30AM Fellowship Time Outside

Worship Assistants This Week:

Ushers: Don Pettitt & Lee Terkelsen

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Crucifer: Marcus Orum

Acolyte: Isaac Orozco

Fellowship: Lunch in Social Hall

Lock up for September: Llewellyn Ostergard

Lead Deacon for Sept.: Barbara Petersen

Worship Assistants Next Week:

Ushers: Lee Terkelsen & Don Pettitt

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Crucifer: Marcus Orum

Acolyte: Jacob Caglia

Children’s Sermon: Sandy Marthedal

Fellowship: _____ Volunteers Needed

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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I want to speak with the parish nurse | <input type="checkbox"/> I want to speak with the pastor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have a message for (circle:) the office / the pastor | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have a prayer request: _____ | |

I have hymn suggestions: _____