

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ since 1888
January 26, 2020



Immanuel Lutheran Church is a
A Mission of the North American Lutheran Church
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Sunday Schedule

Grace in Action for all ages 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! We celebrate this Epiphany Season and rejoice in the light of Christ and the newness He brings to our lives. Epiphany means "to make manifest," or "to reveal." It is God's delight to reveal His Truth to us each day through the Holy Spirit. May God enlighten each of us as we worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. A hearty welcome to visitors this morning!

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: Gracious and loving God, You have called us to a life filled with purpose. You have given us inspiration and the wisdom of your Word to convict us, soften our hearts, and prepare us for living each day. Through your son, Jesus Christ, you have given us not only a savior, but an example for living--bringing us peace and fulfillment unlike anything else. Many in our world live in darkness and need the light of Christ. He proclaimed the life-giving message when he said, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Open our hearts and minds to receive this promise and then share it with others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Praise Music

"Here I Am Lord"

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.

“Lord, Prepare Me”

(sing song two times)

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy tried and true
With thanksgiving I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

John W. Thompson | Randy Scruggs

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The First Lesson

Ephesians 4:1-13

Debby Saethre, Reader

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.’ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Children’s Message

Ericka Gardner

The Sermon

“You Are Gifted!”

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

“Softly and Tenderly”

WOV # 734

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.

"Come home, (Come home,)
Come home! (come home!)
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
Mercies for you and for me?

"Come home, (Come home,)
Come home! (come home!)
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me.

"Come home, (Come home,)
Come home! (come home!)
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909

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

“Bind Us Together”

WOV #748

Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords That cannot be broken
Bind us together Lord, bind us together Lord bind us together with love.

There is only one God
There is only one King
There is only one body
That is why we can sing

Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords That cannot be broken
Bind us together Lord, bind us together Lord bind us together with love.

You are the fam’ly of God
You are the promise divine
You are God's chosen desire
You are the glorious new wine

Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords That cannot be broken
Bind us together Lord, bind us together Lord bind us together with love.

Bob Gillman

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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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOCIAL HALL FUNDRAISER – What a great night we had last night! We kicked-off our social hall fundraiser and enjoyed an elegant dinner and inspirational speakers. We enjoyed a top-notch video presentation by Lee Terkelsen to be used in the call process. We praised God for what he has done for Immanuel and what He is going to do in the future. Thanks to all who put on this wonderful event, especially our cooks and servers. We are grateful for a strong attendance and the prayerful pledging of resources to make the renovation of the social hall possible. We know some were not able to attend, so we invite you to take a pledge card, pray over how you can support this vital facility to God's glory!

HIS LITTLE FEET IN CONCERT – We are blessed to host an international children's choir Wednesday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m. Three more host homes are needed, only 1 room is needed, they can stay at your home while you are not there as the kids have homeschool work to do. Volunteers are needed for two group meals Tues. & Wed. evenings, Call Victoria at the church office, 237-7909.

REV. DAN POWELL INSTALLATION – This afternoon, Pastor Dan Powell will be installed at First Lutheran Church, Tulare. Pastor Douglas Schoelles, our Central Pacific District, NALC will conduct the installation service. God's blessings on Dan and First Lutheran on their great day!

CENTRAL PACIFIC DISTRICT MEETING – Pastor John and Debby will be attending the annual Central Pacific District Meeting in Los Banos February 8th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pastor John would like to invite at least two lay people to come to the gathering. St. John's Lutheran Church will provide the noon meal. Let Pastor know if interested.

PLEASE TAKE THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS INVENTORY – We need everyone who is part of the Body of Christ called Immanuel to take the Spiritual Gifts Inventory. It can be done on-line (see Pastor Dawn for instructions) or on a hard copy found in the narthex. The compilation and results will help us all find our giftedness in Christ, plus it will be useful in identifying where people can be matched with the needs of the church. Thank you for your willingness to partner in this vital ministry!

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOWING TODAY'S WORSHIP IN THE SOCIAL HALL.

HIS little feet

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR



LIVE IN CONCERT



EST. 2010

FREE ADMISSION



LOCATION: IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
5955 S Elm St
Fresno, CA 93706

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, February 12, 2020
6:00 pm

Love offering will be taken. (*Proceeds go to His Little Feet*)
His Little Feet International Merchandise will be for sale!

HIS little feet

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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, Elsie Hoff, Marilyn Iversen Art & Marian Olesen, Phyllis Petersen, and Howard Nielsen.*

Those in need of healing: *Bobby Bell, Tom & Sandy Britter, Joyce Butterfield, Luanne Byrd, Levi Demant, Linda Demant, Daniel DiPietro, Pat Griffin, Pastor Gary Gould, Jenny Lee Hodges, Kathy Ann Little, Darel Mehrten, Isaac Orozco, Fil Navaro, Eva Orum, Chuck Phillips, Sr., Virginia Pilegard, Timm Trickett, Ryan Tofteland, & Joe Wozniczka.*

For those morning the loss of loved ones: *The family of Clifford Ostergard.*

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 _____	

Altar Flowers today are provided by the Orum Family for glory and honor to God and in celebration of **Marcus' birthday tomorrow.**

This Week at Immanuel

Today

9:15AM Grace in Action for all ages!

10:30AM Worship for Everyone!

11:00AM Fellowship Time!

Monday

11:00AM Chimes Deadline

1:30PM Tai Chi in Grace Hall

7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday

10:00AM Dorcas Bible Study in Library

Wednesday

8:00AM Breaking Grounds Cafe

6:00PM Youth Group meets in Grace Hall

Thursday

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

10:00AM Women's Study in Grace Hall

Next Sunday

10:00AM Worship for Everyone with communion

11:00AM Fellowship Time

Worship Assistants This Week:

Ushers: Don Pettitt & Lee Terkelsen

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Crucifer: Marcus Orum

Acolyte: Julius Perez

Fellowship: _____

Council Lock Up January: Jacob Wood

Lead Deacon in January: Barbara Petersen

Worship Assistants Next Week:

Ushers: Lee Terkelsen & Don Pettitt

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Crucifer: Marcus Orum

Acolyte: Tayla Tarlton

Altar Duty: Dorcas Bible Study

Fellowship Servers: _____

Council Lock Up February: Marcia Hollenbeck

Lead Deacon February: Carol Bennetts

Please see the BLUE BULLETIN BOARD for opportunities to serve at Immanuel.

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: _____