

*-Welcome to
Immanuel Lutheran Church*

Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ since 1888

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Sunday Schedule:

Grace in Action for all ages 9:15am

Worship 10:30am

Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm

Junior High & High School
Refuge

Welcome! We're glad God has brought you to Immanuel today! May we see Jesus in all of His splendor this morning as we worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. God is in His Holy Temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him. A hearty welcome to visitors this morning!

Immanuel is aligned with the North American Lutheran Church whose Core Values are: 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

Deacon's Prayer

Deacon: Almighty God, Your holiness is blazing. You shine in splendor and glory for all eternity. In Jesus, Your Light entered a world that prefers darkness. He revealed Your glory, on a mountaintop when He was transfigured, and on a hill outside Jerusalem when He was crucified. Fill us with the power of His Spirit that we might be transfigure, may His Light shining through us.

ALL Amen.

Time of Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor In the Light of Christ, we confess our sins.

(a time of silence)

Father, we gather as Your people, confessing the darkness of our living.

ALL We do not always see Your Light because we look in the wrong places. We hide Your Light within us because we don't want others to think we are fanatics. We pay more attention to the things of this world than we do to Your Son. And, most critical of all, we do not always see Your light because we prefer the darkness. We prefer to deal with a god who is like us, rather than One of blazing holiness. Cover us with Your brightness, and speak Your Word of peace to us.

Pastor "...a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I Am well pleased. Listen to Him.

'Matthew 17:5

On the mount of Transfiguration, Jesus' divine nature came to Light. Shortly later, He was crucified, and the world turned dark. Through His death and resurrection, we are brought into His Light, beginning now and continuing forever. We are now transfigured, His Light shining through us.

"...We have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts."² Peter 1:19

ALL

Amen.

Praise Songs

"How Great Is Our God"

The splendor of the King,
clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end

The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

“You Are My All In All”

You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek,
You are my all in all.

Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord to give up I'd be a fool,
You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I bless your name.
You are my all in all.

When I fall down, you pick me up. When I am dry you fill me up.
You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is your name.

Please be seated

Reading of the Word

The First Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

Debby Saethre, Reader

The LORD said to Moses, ‘Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.’ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, ‘Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.’ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, ‘Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.’

Please be seated.

Special Music

'Clap de Hands!'

Grace In Action

Solo by McKenzie Bennetts

All children are invited up for the Children's Sermon

The Children's Sermon

Ericka Gardner

Sermon “Jesus’ Transfiguration; Our Transformation”

Pastor John

Please stand, as you are able, for the confession of the Apostles Creed.

Confession of Faith

Pastor: Let us confess our faith using the words of 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.

Please be seated

Collection of the Offering

Laurel Jacobsen

“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.

Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.

Please stand as the gifts are brought forward.

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

Pastor: Let us prayer. Merciful Father,

All: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: 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.

Please stand.

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!

Sending Hymn

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

WOV #650

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching in the light of God.

We are dancing in the light of God,
we are dancing in the light of God.
We are dancing in the light of God,
we are dancing in the light of God.

We are dancing, we are dancing in the light of God.
We are dancing, we are dancing in the light of God.

We are praying in the light of God,
we are praying in the light of God.
We are praying in the light of God,
we are praying in the light of God.

We are praying, we are praying in the light of God.
We are praying, we are praying in the light of God.

We are singing in the light of God,
we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing in the light of God,
we are singing in the light of God.

We are singing, we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing, we are singing in the light of God.

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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Announcements & Opportunities To Serve

PRAYER FOCUS OF THE WEEK for the week of 2.23.20:

Let's focus our prayers on the fact that we have been saved by grace.

Ephesians 2:4-5NIV "But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved."

OUR LENTEN DISCIPLINE BEGINS ASH WEDNESDAY. Be sure to attend our Ash Wednesday Service February 26 at 7:00 p.m. Pastors John and Dawn will be conducting this important beginning to our Lenten journey. Holy Communion will be served as well as the imposition of ashes.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON OF FEB 25TH! Sign up today for the Mardi Gras themed luncheon. The Washington Union Choir will perform for our crowd. Sign up on the blue bulletin board today!

SEW CARING ON FEBRUARY 29TH! Take that extra day and enjoy a sew day with your friends from church. The women will make dresses and receiving blankets for missionaries in Uganda.

PLEDGE CARDS FOR THE SOCIAL HALL RENOVATION PROJECT are located under the gold bulletin board.

DANISH-AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY annual Frikadelle (Meatball) Dinner will be February 29h in the social hall. See Laurel for a ticket.

CARUTHERS AEBELSKIVER BREAKFAST MARCH 15TH FROM 8:00AM-10:00AM at Our Saviors Lutheran Church on the corner of Quince & Erie in Caruthers. Free will offerings will go towards service projects abroad and in the community.

CAMBODIAN MISSION TRIP: Laurel Jacobsen is leading another mission trip to Cambodia this April 29th - May 9th. If God's spirit is leading you, please contact Laurel with your questions. Her phone number is (559)240-8818 or Email: lolli707@comcast.net.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS: Pick up your "Biographies, the Gospel of JOHN" today in the church entryway. Pastor Dawn wrote daily devotions for inspirational reading prior to our Lenten Soup Supper Worship Services. Bring your Bibles and your Devotionals to worship.

WOMENS WEEKLY LENTEN DEVOTION GATHERINGS. Immanuel Women's Ministry would like to invite you to weekly devotion time on Saturday Morning starting this Saturday, February 29th, at 7:30AM, you will be done in plenty of time to get to Sew Caring Day in Grace Hall at 9:00AM. This Saturday the gathering will be at the home of Victoria Salwasser; the discussion will be on the weekly readings from our Lenten Devotional on the Gospel of John. Pick up your copy in the church entryway today. If you plan to join the discussion group, please sign up on the blue bulletin board or text/call Victoria at 559-285-5181.

Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday Service Feb 26 7:00PM in Sanctuary
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Wednesday Soup Suppers **6:30PM in Social Hall**
The flow of the service will be more like Bible Study discussion than a sermon time following meal. We will talk about the subjects below on each date.

Theme	Date	Dinner Hosts
The Messiahs	March 4th	Work Circle B
The People of Israel	March 11th	Work Circle C
The Women	March 18th	Work Circle D
The Crowd	March 25th	Work Circle E
The Disciples	April 1st	Work Circle A
Judas Betrays Jesus	April 5th	Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 5-Thursday, April 9th Break-Away for Immanuel Youth
Missions-Devotions in Fresno!

Washed the Disciple's feet and a new commandment I gift to you
Maundy Thursday April 9th 7:00PM in Sanctuary

What else do they usually do?
Good Friday Service April 10th 7:00PM in Sanctuary

Easter Sunrise Service April 12th 6:28AM in Park

Pancake Breakfast sponsored by our Youth After Sunrise Service

Easter Worship 10:30AM in Sanctuary

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, Luanne Byrd, Pat Griffin, Pastor Gary Gould, Florence Johnston, Kathy Ann Little, Isaac Orozco, Darel Mehrten, Fil Navaro, Chuck Phillips, Sr., Virginia Pilegard, Timm Trickett, Ryan Tofteland, & 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 _____

1st Time Guest 2nd Time or Regular Attender Member I came as a guest of _____

Home Congregation _____

Altar Flowers are presented by Christie & Don Pettitt for glory and honor to God and in memory of Christie's mother, Cecilia Pedersen.

This Week at Immanuel

Today

9:15AM Adult Christian Education Classes
10:30AM Worship for Everyone in Sanctuary

Monday

1:00PM Tai Chi
7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday

12:00PM Fellowship Luncheon in Social Hall
7:00PM Council Meeting in Grace Hall

Wednesday

8:00AM Breaking Grounds Café in social hall
12:20PM FCA Lunch in social hall
7:00PM Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday

6:00AM Men's Bible Study in Social Hall
10:00AM Women's Bible Study in Grace Hall

Next Sunday:

9:15AM Grace In Action for all ages in Grace Hall
10:30AM Worship for Everyone & Communion!
11:30AM Fellowship

Worship Assistants This Week:

Ushers: Don Pettitt & Lee Terkelsen

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Crucifer: Marcus Orum

Acolyte: Hilary Gardner

Fellowship: Petersen Family

Council Lock Up March: Victoria Salwasser

Lead Deacon in March: Carol Bennetts

Worship Assistants Next Week:

Ushers: Lee Terkelsen & Don Pettitt

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Crucifer: Marcus Orum

Acolyte: Emilee Goff

Altar Duty: Team Koinonia

Scripture Reader: _____

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 learn more about baptism
- I want to receive the monthly newsletter ("The Chimes") I want to become a member of Immanuel
- I am receiving communion today I want a visit from the visitation pastor
- I want to speak with the parish nurse I want to speak with the pastor
- I have a message for (circle:) the office / the pastor
- I have a prayer request: _____

I have hymn suggestions: _____