

*Welcome to  
Immanuel Lutheran Church*

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

Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ since 1888

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

Worship for everyone online

**Wednesday Schedule**

Junior High & High School  
Youth Group "Refuge" Meet  
from 6:00PM-8:00PM on Zoom

**Welcome to You in Your Home while we worship God!** God invites all who would seek His face to worship Him this morning. Be open to the Holy Spirit as you hear God's Word and sing His praises. He is mighty and worthy of our praise! We are well-aware of the challenges we all face with the health crisis we are enduring. God is in charge and will see us through. Let us continue to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

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

**To learn more about Immanuel** please call the church office or fill out the worship registration slip on the back page of your bulletin and place send it in to the church. The office would like to keep track of all of the worshippers this week.

**Call a friend** immediately following your worship and talk and enjoy fellowship over the phone, maybe while you each enjoy a snack. Keeping connected to are brothers and sisters in Christ is important and very uplifting. Phone a friend!

# *Order of Worship*

**Prelude**

**Laurel Jacobsen**

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness**

*Silence for reflection*

**Confession:** O God our heavenly Father, we confess to you that we have rebelled against you. We have not given you first place in our lives, but have chosen, many times, to be our own masters. Show us our sin, O Lord, and give us the power to repent and to follow you with our whole heart. Remake us into people whose greatest desire is to delight in you and to glorify your name. Have mercy on us, and forgive us our sins for Jesus' sake. Amen.

**Absolution:** The Psalmist says, "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." Hear this good news, people of God – trusting in the promises of God, your sins are forgiven, in Jesus' name. God will lead you into the future in purity and holiness. Rejoice in God's great goodness today.

**Amen.**

**Opening Song**

**"Cornerstone"**

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' name. *Repeat*

**Chorus:**

Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face

I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil. *Chorus.*

When he shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne. *Chorus.*

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## The First Reading

## 1 Peter 2:1-10

Cindy Tews

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. <sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” <sup>8</sup>and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**The Second Reading****Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

Cindy Tews

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me!

<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily!

Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me!

<sup>3</sup>For you are my rock and my fortress;  
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;

<sup>4</sup>you take me out of the net they have hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.

<sup>5</sup>Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

<sup>16</sup>Make your face shine on your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love!

**The Gospel Reading****John 14:1-14**

Pastor Dawn Spies

Jesus says, "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

## The Sermon

## “It Is Enough”

Pastor Dawn Spies

Though we are still celebrating the season of Easter, our gospel reading for today walks us back into the lives of Jesus and his disciples. Jesus has washed their feet, Judas has gone, Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment (“love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another” John 13:34), and Jesus has told Peter that he would deny Jesus three times. Now, Jesus gives those gathered a word of comfort, “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms.” (John 14:1-2)

Jesus is preparing his disciples for a new way of living, a new way of doing ministry, a new type of community... These words of comfort meet us as we also try to figure out what life will be like going forward.

Now, I invite you to take a moment and re-read the text. Watch for two things:

1. Do the disciples seem to understand what Jesus is doing? Do they understand what's going on?
2. Who is doing the preparing?

Re-read today's gospel reading, John 14:1-14.

Even at this late stage of their relationship, the disciples are still trying to figure out exactly what Jesus is doing. And this moment in their lives is no exception. Jesus promises a future that **he, himself** will prepare for them. Yet, Thomas doesn't understand where Jesus is going and how they are supposed to follow. Philip, too, seems to miss the mark. Repeatedly, Jesus has told his followers that he is doing exactly what God directs him to do. Yet, Philip asks to see the Father! Even in the midst of this confusion, Jesus teaches, corrects, and encourages... again. It a comfort to know that we don't have to have it all figured out in order to sit at Jesus' feet.

And, on this day, as we celebrate Mother's Day, what a comfort to know that the place that Jesus has waiting for us does not require anything on our part! The promise of a heavenly

home is not a new addition to our task list. Rather, Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for us; Jesus has done the work. Jesus is enough.

This is not only a word of promise to Moms. Each one of us clings to this hope and promise today: whatever life has in store for us, God is our refuge and strength. Whatever the day brings, God has prepared a place for us. And we need not worry about being good enough. Jesus has ensured that we, as Children of God, are acceptable and perfect.

As a new week starts, I pray that we will begin each day here... resting in the presence of God; remembering that Jesus has prepared a place for us, that the work has been done, that Jesus is enough. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

Pastor: Let us profess our faith using the words of the Apostles' 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.**

## **A Mother's Day Reading**

### **1 Corinthians 13:1-8**

Read by Julius Perez  
Cinematography by Joseph Perez

A reading in honor of all Moms, from 1 Corinthians 13:

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends.

## Prayers for the People

### 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.**

### 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.

**All: Amen**

### Closing Song

#### Reckless Love

Offered by Karen and  
Christian Jensen

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me  
You have been so, so good to me  
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me  
You have been so, so kind to me

#### Chorus:

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God  
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still You give Yourself away  
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me  
You have been so, so good to me  
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me  
You have been so, so kind to me. *Chorus*

There's no shadow You won't light up  
Mountain You won't climb up Coming after me  
There's no wall You won't kick down  
Lie You won't tear down Coming after me. **Repeat**

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God  
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still You give Yourself away  
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## **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**

PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE WEEK! Let's focus on the faith that was passed onto us by our mothers, grandmothers and the other women who have nurtured us. 2 Timothy 1:5 NIV. "I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and I am persuaded now lives in you also".

THIS SATURDAY, MAY 16TH is the day for our DRIVE-BY WEDDING SHOWER for Christian and Karen Jensen! Their mailing address is listed in our Yellow March Directory under Karen Reed. Please add Christian's name and change Karen from Reed to Jensen. SEE YOUR MAY CHIMES FOR MORE INFORMATION. Call the church office at 237-7909 to let us know you will be driving by for the shower. Treats will be handed out as you drive by.

INVOLVEMENT DURING THE “NEW NORMAL.” Pastor John is compiling rosters of people who would like to read and participate during the taping of our weekly worship services. Please contact Pastor or Victoria if interested.

EASTON FOOD DISTRIBUTION SERVED 185 HOUSEHOLDS WHICH INCLUDES 852 PEOPLE. It's was great to have plenty of volunteers and plenty of people to drive by and pick up food donated by the Central California Food Bank. There were 20 volunteers from 8 different churches around the community. Please continue to pray for this ministry.

OUR CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE HELPING IMMANUEL STAY IN TOUCH. Each council member has voluntarily taken names from our church directory to call weekly and see how our folks are doing during this difficult time. Please let us know if you are homebound and would like to be included (if you haven't been called). We are the Church and want us to stay in community. God loves you and so do we!

ONLINE WORSHIP HAS HAD HUNDREDS OF VIEWS! Thank you all who have tuned in. If you would like assistance with viewing online worship, please give the office a call.

WOMEN'S EVENT! IMMANUEL'S BIG HAT DAY! JOIN US ON ZOOM MAY 20TH Mark your calendar now for a virtual gathering and wear a big hat! We will send out invitations with the link to the meeting for Zoom. You may join in even if you don't have a computer you can listen in on your phone. We will discuss the verses in Matthew 6:31-33 and all the hats we as women wear, especially during this crazy time. Save the date, May 20th at 7:00PM. The link to the meetings are listed below:

Type this into our web browser: <https://fresnostate.zoom.us/j/99156086991>

Or if you have no computer, dial this number: 1 669 900 6833 when asked enter the Meeting ID: 991 5608 6991

For Zoom Meetings here are a few Etiquette Tips to help make a large group work:

- 1.Mute your microphone it helps keep background noise to a minimum and only turn it on when you want to speak. Never speak when someone else is speaking.
2. Position your camera properly and look into your camera.
3. Don't sit close to a window where the sun is shining in behind you.

It will be fun to have a gathering and spend time together with our church friends. Join us please!

# Your faith, your community, and the census.

## **What is the 2020 Census?**

The census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. It happens every 10 years. It includes a few simple questions about things like age, sex, and the number of people who live in your home. The 2020 Census will collect the same data as the 2010 Census.

## **Why am I hearing about the 2020 Census from my house of worship?**

The U.S. Census Bureau is partnering with faith-based institutions to promote the 2020 Census. These institutions volunteered to help because they understand how important a complete count is for their congregants and community. They are trusted voices in their communities and are critical to conveying the importance of the 2020 Census. In addition, faith communities often serve the same people that use many of the federal programs that receive funding based on census data. These programs include those that address poverty, hunger, homelessness, child care, emergency services, and public safety.

## **Will the 2020 Census ask me to identify my religion?**

No. The U.S. Census Bureau asks about race and ethnicity in the decennial census, but it does *not* collect information about religious affiliation.

## **Why not?**

U.S. law prohibits the Census Bureau from requiring anyone to disclose their religious affiliation.

## **Why should I respond to the 2020 Census?**

Being counted matters for you and your community regardless of your religious affiliation. The 2020 Census will determine how many representatives your state will have in Congress. Census results will also help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding are allocated to states and communities each year for housing, schools, food assistance, health care, and other vital services.

## **Is the 2020 Census confidential?**

Yes. The U.S. Census Bureau is required to protect your privacy and keep your answers confidential. By law, your personal information cannot be used against you or anyone else by any government agency or court, and it can't be accessed by the police department, DHS, ICE, FBI, or CIA.

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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:**

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

**Those in need of healing:** *Bobby Bel, Mike Bennetts, Sandy Britter, Luanne Byrd, Daniel DiPietro, Shirley Keller-Firestone, Pat Griffin, Pastor Gary Gould, Jenny Lee Hodges, Marguerite Johnson, Florence Johnston, Darel Mehrten, Glenn & Marilyn Nielsen, Isaac Orozco Sr., Fil Navaro, Eva Orum, Chuck Phillips, Sr., Tim Pilegard, Virginia Pilegard, Timm Trickett, & 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.*

## **This Week at Immanuel**

**Today Happy Mother's Day!**

10:30AM Worship for Everyone in your own shelter!

11:30AM Fellowship Time: phone a friend from church.

**SATURDAY**

**10:00-11:00am** DRIVE-BY CELEBRATION  
WEDDING SHOWER FOR CHRISTIAN  
AND KAREN JENSEN

**Next Sunday is**

10:30AM Worship online in your own shelter.

11:30AM Fellowship Time: phone a friend from church!

The church staff continue working within the church as needed. The mail is picked up every day please don't worry about sending your offerings through the mail. Online giving is available there is a recurring donation option offered. See [immanueleaston.com](http://immanueleaston.com) and click on donate.

The bulletins are being sent out via postal mail to those who do not have access to the internet. Bulletins are always available online. If you know of someone who would like to receive a bulletin in the mail, please call the church office.

Please remember to call a friend from church and continue to pray for those affected by this virus.

If you have a special prayer request or other need please call or email the church office. Messages are checked daily.

Stay safe, we are working together by working apart. Keep praying. God is good all the time! All the time, God is good.