

*Welcome to  
Immanuel Lutheran Church*

*Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ since 1888*

*October 11, 2020*



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Sunday Schedule: Worship 10:00am

Wednesday Schedule: 6:00-8:00pm  
Outdoor Refuge  
For Junior High & High School

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**

**October 11, 2020**

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

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**PLEASE PRACTICE  
ALL PANDEMIC  
SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

**Please allow us to take your temperature  
Before entering the sanctuary.**

**Please separate each household group by sitting in every other  
pew. Also be sure to seat yourself at least six feet away from  
other households simply for the social distancing practice  
during this pandemic.**

**Please wear a mask.**

**Restrooms located in the church entry way, please maintain  
social distancing while using the facilities and practice all  
safety precautions necessary.**

# *Order of Worship*

**Prelude**

Laurel Jacobsen

**Ringing the Bells**

*Calling the community of Easton to worship*

**Welcome**

Pastor Taylor Stempniak

**Opening Prayer**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we invite you into our time of worship, and we thank you for the newness of life that only You can give. Give us a new heart and desire for you, that we may bring delight to You and be a powerful and loving witness to our world. Create in us a new heart, O Lord, and renew a right spirit within us. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.

**Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness**

*Please Stand as you are able*

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection*

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus**

**Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*Please be seated*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

### **Prayer of The Day**

O Lord, sustain your church with your perpetual mercy. Without you, in our weakness we will surely fail. Therefore, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us in all things towards our salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the holy spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Reading of the Word**

*Common Thread: The Lord provides for our earthly and spiritual needs through his generosity. We await with joy the day where all of our needs will be met in the resurrection.*

### **The First Reading**

**Isaiah 25:6-9**

6On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. 7And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; 8he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. 9It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

## **Psalm 23**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; 3he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. 4Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me. 5You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

## **The Second Reading**

### **Philippians 4:4-13**

4Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. 10I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. 11Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. 12I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. 13I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

## **The Gospel**

### **Matthew 21:33-46**

33Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. 34When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. 35But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. 37Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the

heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' 39So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 41They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." 42Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?43Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. 44The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." 45When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. 46They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

*Children will remain in their seats with their parents*

## **The Children's Sermon**

Pastor Taylor

### **Sermon**

“New You”

Pastor Taylor

### **Special Music**

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

Rich & Allyson Kahn

### **Confession of Faith**

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

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*

**Offerings may be placed in the red offering bags on each corner.**

### **Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray. 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**

#### **Holy Communion**

##### **We Prepare**

Pastor: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

##### **Words of Institution**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciple, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

##### **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.**

### **Communion Distribution**

Everyone should have a small communion package. Raise your hand if you did not receive one as you arrived at the worship service, and an usher will deliver one to you. The pastor will say the blessing before the elements are received, so we may take them in unity with one another.

Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you.

Pastor: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

### **Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**ALL: Amen**

### **Post Communion Canticle           “Thank the Lord”**

Thank the Lord and sing his praise;  
Tell everyone what he has done.  
Let everyone who seeks the Lord  
Rejoice and proudly bear his name.  
He recalls his promises  
And leads his people forth in joy  
With shouts of thanksgiving.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Pastor: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: 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. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen!**

*Please be seated.*

### **Announcements**

#### **Dismissal**

*P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!*

**C. Thanks be to God! Amen, Amen, Amen!**

### **Postlude**

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# *Announcements & Opportunities To Serve*

**Indoor Worship Next Sunday:** Fresno County has been in the red zone for the past three weeks, and so after much prayer and consideration, we have begun the process of transitioning worship back indoors. We want to ensure that this transition does not create any unnecessary risks so the following precautions will be put in place:

- Masks will be required at all times and hand sanitizer provided
- Pews will be marked to ensure that we are appropriately distanced from one another
- Music will only be offered through socially distanced soloist/family units
- The sanctuary will be sanitized every Saturday to ensure that we are worshipping in a clean space
- Because we will no longer be accounting for outdoor weather, **we will hold services at 10:00 am.**

**We will continue to broadcast our services every week** so that those who are unable to join us in person and those with concerns about worshipping in person may continue to faithfully offer praise to God alongside us. We will continue to make adjustments as new information arises, and our priority is the health and safety of ourselves and our neighbors. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email or call Pastor Taylor at: [ptmarie96@gmail.com](mailto:ptmarie96@gmail.com) or cell phone (803)767-5128

**The November Chimes Deadline is this Wednesday at 11:00AM.** Please email to [Immanueleaston@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Immanueleaston@sbcglobal.net) or deliver to the office.

**The Russ Dunbar Memorial Blood drive is scheduled for October 25th.**

**Congregational Prayer will be this morning following dismissal.** For those would like to gather for a prayer please come back into the sanctuary when the bell chimes. When coming for the prayer gathering please sit household units together in the pews marked reserved for social distancing. That will offer everyone a clean pew.

**Interim Pastor Gifts:** Immanuel gifted Pastor John and Pastor Dawn with wonderful thank you gifts as their time shepherding us came to a close. If you would like to help cover the costs of those gifts kindly make your donation to Immanuel and memo it Pastor Gifts. Thank you.

**Amazon Smiles Program offers portions of your purchases donated to Immanuel.** When you shop on Amazon instead of going to amazon.com go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2737287> and our church will receive a percent of your purchase.

**October is National Book Month!** Why not stop by the library and pick up a book or two? We have some good titles for Reformation....for both adults and kids.... so stop in and check it out!

**New Music:** Austin Bratton, a student at Grand Canyon University, has shared music at Immanuel Lutheran several times during the past few years. He wrote a song (melody and lyrics) called 'Steadfast Love' that is now available on Canyon Worship 2020. The promo is on U tube (Canyon Worship 2020) and the music can be found on i tunes, Spotify, and Google Play.

**Immanuel Lutheran Church Pulled Pork Sandwich Take Out Dinners On Saturday, October 24th from 4:00-6:30PM.** Pick up in front of Social Hall. All proceeds go to Fresno Mission. Pre-Orders Please! Suggested Donation: \$15.00 Call 237-7909 for Tickets or Buy your tickets today! **Cash, Check or Credit Cards accepted!**

**Prayer Focus for this week: Let's focus on God's will for us.** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ".

## **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.*

**Members and their families serving in the military:** Joey Brewer, Henry Clark, Michael Hansen, Caleb Hathaway, Scott Linger, & Matthew Tigchelaar.

**Those unable to travel about:** Connie Bennetts, Olga Hansen, Marilyn Iversen, Marguerite Johnson, Art & Marian Olesen, Phyllis Petersen, & Howard Nielsen.

**Those in need of healing: Those in need of healing:** Marilyn Bell, Sandy Britter, Luanne Byrd, Gaye Cissel, Geoff Cooper, Pastor Gary Gould, Jenny Lee Hodges, Florence Johnston, Sam Navaro, Glenn & Marilyn Nielsen, Eva Orum, Christie Pettitt, Chuck Phillips, Sr., Virginia Pilegard, Lois Rasmussen, Phyllis Sullivan, Timm Trickett, Joe Wozniczka & Joni Zingarelli.

**For those morning the loss of loved ones:** The family of Stan Pilegard and the family of Lupe Franco.

**For those who have lost their belongings to the fires in California. For Fire Fighters and other Emergency Responders who are battling the fires and the trauma. For protection to all who suffer from the bad air.**

**For people dealing with loneliness and depression caused by these pandemic precautions. For those battling the Coronavirus.**

## **This Week at Immanuel**

### **Today**

10:00AM Worship for Everyone with Communion!

**Following Worship: Congregational prayer**

**2:00PM Memorial Service for Tom Britter**

### **Monday**

### **Tuesday**

7:00PM Church Council meets in Social Hall

### **Wednesday**

9:30AM Women's Prayer at E.P. C.

**11:00AM November Chimes Deadline**

### **Thursday**

6:00AM Men's Bible Study at C.P.D.E. S. Hall

### **Next Sunday:**

10:00AM Worship for Everyone

### **Worship Assistants This Week:**

**Ushers:** Don Pettitt & Lee Terkelsen & Randy McFarland

**Sound & Technology Crew:** Christian Jensen, Jacob Wood

**Greeters:** All of Immanuel

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