

*Welcome to
Immanuel Lutheran Church*

Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ since 1888

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Outdoor Worship 9:00am
Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm Outdoor Refuge
For Junior High & High School

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

Welcome! Wherever you are; whether at home and on-line, or at our outdoor service, we welcome you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We are united as a people of God in worship as a Body of Christ, the Church. We wish we could be together physically in our beautiful sanctuary, but the pandemic has forced us to be creative as our team has gone to great lengths to bring us together, technologically and in person. May God grant you safety and protection during these unprecedented times. Please share our worship opportunities with your family and friends and those who don't know the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Bathrooms are available in Grace Hall. We have hand sanitizer outside

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**PLEASE PRACTICE
ALL PANDEMIC
SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

**Please allow us to take your temperature
before joining the group.**

**Please separate each household group seating by at least 6
feet. Flags are set out as a tool to help guide the distancing.**

Please wear a mask.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Laurel Jacobsen

Ringing the Bells

Calling the community of Easton to worship

Welcome

Pastor Taylor Stempniak

Opening Prayer

Pastor: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.

All: 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.

All: 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

Prayer of The Day

Gracious God, you are the Alpha and Omega, our beginning and end. May your Spirit kindle in us a spirit of readiness, that we might at all times and in all places be prepared for the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading of the Word

Common Thread: The Lord is sovereign above all others—above the kings of the Old Testament, Caesar, and the kings of our own day. As Christians we are called to bow before the Lord and live each day as citizens of his kingdom.

The First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence — 2 as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil — to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! 3When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. 4From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

5You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. 6We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. 7There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. 8Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. 9Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm

80:1-7

1Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth 2before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us! 3Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. 4O Lord GOD of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? 5You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. 6You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves. 7Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

3Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — 6just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — 7so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, according to St Mark the thirteenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

The Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

²⁴But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸From the fig tree, learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth

its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Children will remain in their seats with their parents

The Children's Sermon

Pastor Taylor

Sermon

“Waiting on the Power of the Lord”

Pastor Taylor

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 – to be meditated upon in our hearts

“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!

Postlude

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Announcements & Opportunities To Serve

Focus on following Jesus. Mark 1:17 NIV.

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people”.

The next Blood Drive will be on January 10th, 2021. If you would like to mark your calendar for the 2021 line up: March 14, May 16, July 18, September 19, November 21 are the dates for next year.

Interim Pastor's Gift Donation Fund, if you would like to help pay for the gifts we gave to our wonderful interim pastors in August, please designate your donations towards Pastors Gift and place in the offering bag in the back of the sanctuary.

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 or cell phone (803)767-5128

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. **For the third quarter of 2020 Immanuel received \$27.56.**

NALC Disaster Relief Report Partners in mission at Immanuel, I wanted to give you an update on what we have accomplished. Last week, we donated 30 nativity sets to Sierra Lutheran to be handed out to people in need there. We would love to collect even more to be handed out in Orville, California where 1100 homes were lost. They will be gathering early December for a town Christmas tree event, and we would like to be able to give the families a little Christmas to give them some hope. Places like Dollar General and Hobby Lobby have had very inexpensive nativity decorations and nativity ornaments. We collected 100 Bibles so far. They will also be given out in Orville as well as other areas in California as needed. We continue to collect them in a box in the narthex.

Finally, 28 boxes of blankets that were brought from our national storage area were handed out in Orville. Many of these families were impoverished, and most do not have insurance to replace their homes. Therefore, many are bringing in travel trailers and they get cold. If you have extra blankets you would like to share, great. If you want to buy some (maybe on black Friday sales), great. We need to collect more to hand out now as well as to replace those that were used so we are prepared for the next disaster.

Thanks for all of your help. Any and all donations can be left in the Bible box in the narthex or in their own box or bag labeled NALC Disaster Relief or with my name.

Let's continue to keep up the great work!
Marcia

New Online Sunday School: Starting December 27th we will begin our next on line Bible study. The next study is titled “**Meeting Jesus**”. There will be a study guide available in the church entryway. You can pick one up there.

Here’s how it works: Every morning I will email a discussion point or question relevant to that weeks’ lesson. You can choose to respond to that question by clicking the “reply all” icon. You can respond to each question or simply read any of the class members comments. There are no wrong answers. You can respond at any time that day or throughout the week. There will be prayer suggestions each day for your individual prayer times. You can add your prayers to the list.

While the study is important the real benefit is a chance to stay connected to your church family. I hope you will join us. Simply email me your email address and you will be enrolled.

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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.*

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, Judy Hooper, Florence Johnston, Sam Navaro, Gil Nagel, Glenn & Marilyn Nielsen, The Perez Family, Sr., Christie Pettitt, Chuck Phillips, Sr., Virginia Pilegard, Aslak Syse, Timm Trickett, Joe Wozniczka & Joni Zingarelli.

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!

Monday

Wednesday

8:30AM Women's Prayer at E.P. C.

Thursday

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

Next Sunday:

10:00AM Worship for Everyone with Communion!

Worship Assistants This Week:

Ushers: Don Pettitt & Lee Terkelsen & Randy McFarland

Sound & Technology Crew: Christian Jensen, Jacob Wood

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Worship Assistants Next Week:

Ushers: Don Pettitt & Lee Terkelsen & Randy McFarland

Sound & Technology Crew: Christian Jensen, Jacob Wood

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