

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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Sunday Schedule:
Sunday School via Zoom 9:00AM
Outdoor & Online Worship 10:30am
Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm
Refuge Via Zoom
For Junior High & High School

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! **Please separate each household group seating by at least 6 feet. 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

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Almighty God, grant that we, who for our evil deeds worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of your grace may mercifully be relieved; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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

Opening Hymn

I Will Sing Of The Mercies

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever
I will sing I will sing
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord

With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness Thy faithfulness
With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness to all generations

Repeat from the beginning

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Prayer of The Day

God of mercy, renew us daily in the gift of baptism and remind us of the promise we have through your Son's cross. Let us always look to the cross as the sure and certain sign of forgiveness of sins, hope and healing in this life, and the promise of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Reading of the Word

God is rich in mercy, providing redemption from our troubles. And so, he saves us through faith, as he did in the days of the exodus. By faith in God's means of deliverance, that bronze serpent, the people were healed. We are still delivered through faith in God's word of promise, not a fiery snake on a pole, but Christ on the cross. This is God's gift to the world he loves. Everyone who believes in his Word, will not perish but will instead have something infinitely better: eternal life.

The First Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

4From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. 5The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." 6Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. 7The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. 8And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." 9So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 107: 1-9

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. 2Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble 3and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. 4Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; 5hungry and

thirsty, their soul fainted within them. 6Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; 7he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town. 8Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. 9For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

1You were dead through the trespasses and sins 2in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. 3All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. 4But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us 5even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — 6and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — 9not the result of works, so that no one may boast. 10For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel

John 3:14-21

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, according to St John the third chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

14And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.16For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.17Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because

they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. 20For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. 21But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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

Pastor Taylor

Hymn of the Day

My Savior's Love

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me a sinner condemned unclean

Chorus

**How marvelous how wonderful and my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful is my Savior's love for me**

For me it was in the garden He prayed not My will but Thine
He had no tears for His own griefs but sweat drops of blood for mine

chorus

He took my sins and my sorrows He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary And suffered and died alone

chorus

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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

Pastor: Peace be with you

All: And also with you

Pastor: Let us share God's peace with one another.

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

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 “Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace. Amen.

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

Closing Hymn

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 jew'l
Lord to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all

Chorus

**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 my cup
You are my all in all

Chorus

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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!

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

Prayer Focus for the week of 3-14-2021 Focus on remaining in the vine.

John 15:5 NIV. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

Thank you to all the Blood Donors This morning!

Updated Church Directory, Victoria will be printing an updated 2021 church directory in March. If there are any changes to your names, addresses, or phone numbers, please contact the church office as soon as possible to verify that she has your correct information.

Drive Through Take Out Fish & Chips Every Friday Night During Lent at St. Jude!

The annual fish & chips dinners continue every Friday night during Lent from 5:00PM-6:30PM at the St. Jude Catholic Church at 208 West Jefferson Avenue in Easton.

First Communion Classes are available for those wishing to learn more about the sacrament of communion! Pastor Taylor will be hosting communion classes for children (or adults!) who are interested in learning about communion. Children of all ages are invited to join. If you or your child would like to join, please contact Pastor Taylor at (803)767-5128 or by email: ptmarie96@gmail.com

Interested in Joining Immanuel? Please contact Immanuel Church office if you would like to become an official member. Pastor Taylor will offer more information after Easter.

Mid-Week Peak Catch Pastor Taylor's mid-week Peak on Thursdays at our link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEvC2vAmozUVexp1qUNMgTg> or simply type in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Easton, CA, in the YouTube search box to see the Peak and all other services.

Now Offering Text Alerts Do you forget to check your email when you get home? Do events sometimes slip your mind? Is texting your preferred way of communication? Good news! Immanuel is now offering text alerts for church events. We will send out a brief text reminder about church events an hour before they begin. Church prayer requests and weekly schedules will still be offered through email. If you'd like to sign up for event reminders, please email or text Pastor Taylor your name and cell number. Her email is ptmarie96@gmail.com and her cell number is (803)767-5128.

Fresno Mission Sock Drive! Immanuel will help the mission with their goal to beat the Guinness World Record for the longest line of socks! We are hosting a sock drive from now through October 1st. We are collecting only adult size socks, crew or tube styles of brand new socks, any color. We all know the importance of warm dry socks especially in winter weather. We have a while to collect, but let's not procrastinate. We will have a bin in the church entryway on Sundays and office through the week for your donations. To beat the record, the socks must be pinned on a four mile clothes line. Lots of volunteers will be needed for this project too. This will take place in November, so stay tuned for your chance to be a part of breaking a Guinness World Record!

Thank you to our worship service providers today: Pastor Taylor, Christian Jensen, John Jensen, Jacob Wood, Phil Tews, Laurel Jacobsen, Barbara Petersen and to Sharon Reynolds for locking up the campus after worship this morning.

Thank you for the small but mighty crew! Last Saturday, Jon and Sandy Marthedal and Pastor Taylor cleaned up Elm Avenue through Easton. Our next clean-up day is scheduled for **Saturday, April 3rd from 9:00AM- Noon.** Let's spruce up this town before Easter Sunday.

Easton Community Sunrise Service will be at the park across the street at 6:40 AM on Easter, April 4th.

Good News! Easton Men's Bible Study will resume at the Cafe out

Our next “Email Sunday School” class will begin on March 28th. Our next study will be “Meeting God”. Here’s how it works: Every morning I will send out an email to begin the conversation for the day. There will be questions to answer, usually one or two. You can respond to each question or just one or not respond that day at all. You can respond on Wednesday to a question from Monday. You cannot answer a question wrong. No one calls you out. Your opinion is yours. While the study is important and hopefully we all will learn as we go the overriding point is to maintain a sense of Christian community. There will be some suggested prayers and you are encouraged to add to the list. All prayers will be lifted up. All you have to do is email me your email address and I will add you to the list. My email is: deaconofbutter@yahoo.com. I invite and encourage you to join in. We currently have about 16 participants. Victoria will have the books in her office or you can pick one up after church or call me and I’ll get one to you. Hope to see you in virtual class. John.

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: Erica Botello, Joey Brewer, Henry Clark, Ryan Freitas, Michael Hansen, Caleb Hathaway, Scott Linger, Matt Ward, & Matthew Tigchelaar.

Those unable to travel about: Olga Hansen, Gail Hansen, Marilyn Iversen, Art & Marian Olesen, Howard Nielsen, Phyllis Petersen, & Lois Rasmussen.

Those in need of healing: Marilyn Bell, Sandy Britter, Eli Cisneros, Stephanie Clarkson, Gaye Cissel, Pastor Gary Gould, Julie Steele Herring, Dennis Haugh, Al & Judy Hooper, Marguerite Johnson, Florence Johnston, Gil Nagel, Don Nielsen, Glenn & Marilyn Nielsen, Christie & Don Pettitt, Virginia Pilegard, Peyton Robbins, Aslak Syse, Lee Terkelsen, Timm Trickett, Mark & Kami Waggoner, Joe Wozniczka, & Joni Zingarelli.

Those morning the loss of loved ones: The families of Doris Sparks & Kris Zingarelli.

For people dealing with loneliness and depression caused by these pandemic precautions. For those battling the Coronavirus and the health care providers tending to those in need.