

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, look favorably upon your family. Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world, and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize your love. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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

Jesus Messiah

He became sin who knew no sin that we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross love so amazing love so amazing

**Jesus Messiah Name above all names blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all**

His body the bread His blood the wine broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn love so amazing love so amazing

**Jesus Messiah Name above all names blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
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All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You
All the glory to You God, the Light of the world

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Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all, the Lord of all, the Lord of all

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Prayer of The Day

Almighty and merciful God, your Son's glory was revealed through humility and suffering. Keep us from the temptation to elevate ourselves and instead, through the power of your Spirit, help us to humbly share ourselves with others, for it is only in dying to our selfishness and pride that we will find life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Reading of the Word

When God works faith within us, we begin to fear, love, and trust him. He puts his law within us, writing his word on our hearts, but when we do sin, he forgives. He is just to do so because Jesus, being God in human flesh, became the true priest of the truest sacrifice. He came to serve and to give his life as payment for sins that he did not commit. Having stored up in our hearts such a wondrous revelation, we too are now compelled to become servants to our neighbors.

The First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

31The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. 33But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each

other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 119:9-16

9How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word. 10With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

11I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you. 12Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes. 13With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth. 14I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches. 15I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways. 16I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

The Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

The Gospel

John 12:20-33

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.²⁷Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

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Hymn of the Day

Make Me A Servant

Make me a servant humble and meek
Lord let me lift up those who are weak
And may the prayer of my heart always be
Make me a servant make me a servant
Make me a servant today
Repeat song 1 time.

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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

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.

Please be seated.

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.

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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 Oh The Wonderful Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head His hands His feet sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown

Chorus

O the wonderful cross

O the wonderful cross

Bids me come and die and find

That I may truly live

O the wonderful cross

O the wonderful cross

All who gather here by grace

Draw near and bless Your name

Were the whole realm of nature mine that were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine demands my soul my life my 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!

Postlude

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Announcements & Opportunities to Serve

Prayer Focus for the week: Week of 3-21-2021 Focus on God as our stronghold in times of trouble. Psalms 37:39,40 NIV. "The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in times of trouble."

Maundy Thursday, April 1st at 7:00PM and Good Friday, April 2nd at 7:00PM will be offered indoors and recorded live in the sanctuary. We ask that everyone please practice all pandemic safety precautions.

Easton Community Sunrise Service will be at the park across the street at 6:40 AM Easter Morning!

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.

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.

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.

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, Michael Hansen, Caleb Hathaway, Scott Linger, Matt Ward, & Matthew Tigchelaar.

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

Those in need of healing: Those in need of healing Marilyn Bell, Sandy Britter, Eli Cisneros, Gaye Cissel, Pastor Gary Gould, Dennis Haugh, Al & Judy Hooper, Florence Johnston, Don Nielsen, Glenn & Marilyn Nielsen, Christie & Don Pettitt, Virginia Pilegard, Aslak Syse, Lee Terkelsen, Timm Trickett, Caitlin Tyler, Mark & Kami Waggoner, Joe Wozniczka, Joni Zingarelli & Kris Zingarelli.

Those morning the loss of loved ones: the family of Doris Sparks and Chuck Phillips, Sr.

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.

Altar Flowers are presented by Mark & Victoria Salwasser for glory and honor to God in memory of their niece, Allison Daly.

This Week at Immanuel

Today

9:00AM Sunday School on Zoom
10:30AM Outdoor & Online Worship

Wednesday

3:00PM Book Study at Immanuel
7:00PM Online Lenten Service

Next Sunday:

9:00AM Sunday School on Zoom
10:30AM Outdoor & Online Worship

Worship Assistants This Week:

Ushers: Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Sound & Technology: Christian Jensen, Jacob Wood, John Jensen

Scripture Reader: Carol Bennetts

Council Lock Up: Sharon Reynolds

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