

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 Worship Live on Facebook 10:30am
YouTube Stream at 12:30pm

Wednesdays 7:00-8:00pm
Refuge Via Zoom for Junior High & High School
Lenten Worship for Everyone 7:00pm

Thursdays 7:00pm The Peak on YouTube

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, consider the worthy desires of your humble servants. Reach out to defend us from evil by the word and work of your majestic right hand. Grant this, we pray, through the same 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

This Is The Day

This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it
This is the day, that the Lord hath made
We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord hath made

Repeat song 1 time.

Les Garrett

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Prayer of The Day

Holy Father, you made it clear to your chosen people that you are the one true God who is worthy of our worship. Grant us grace and boldness to cast aside all pursuits that can so easily become our idols and keep us faithful in our worship of you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Reading of the Word

The law of the Lord is perfect. This is why we teach the commandments to our children; it makes the simple wise. Though we fools stumble over God's word, he remains the Rock and Redeemer, the perfect Lord of the law.

The First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

1Then God spoke all these words:2I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; 3you shall have no other gods before me.4You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, 6but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.7You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.8Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. 9Six days you shall labor and do all your work. 10But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. 11For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.12Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.13You shall not murder.14You shall not commit adultery.15You shall not steal.16You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.17You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 19

¹The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. ²Day today pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. ³There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; ⁴yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, ⁵which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. ⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. ⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; ⁸the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; ⁹the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. ¹¹Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. ¹²But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. ¹³Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

18For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." 20Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. 22For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

The Gospel

John 2:13-22

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord

13The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. 15Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" 17His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." 18The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" 19Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" 21But he was speaking of the temple of his body. 22After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

Law Like Honey

Pastor Taylor

Hymn of the Day

"I Surrender All"

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live

I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me Jesus take me now

I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender, make me Savior wholly Thine
Let me feel the Holy Spirit, truly know that Thou art mine

I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Thy love and power, let Thy blessing fall on me

I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender, now I feel the sacred flame
O the joy of full salvation, glory, glory, to His name

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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.

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

“To God Be The Glory”

To God be the glory great things He has done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in

Chorus: **Praise the Lord praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord praise the Lord, let the people rejoice
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory great things He has done**

Praise the Lord praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord praise the Lord, let the people rejoice
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory great things He has done *chorus*

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives *chorus*

Great things He has taught us
Great things He has done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see *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: Focus on overcoming our unbelief.

Mark 9:24 NIV. "Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, I do believe, help me to overcome my unbelief."

Russ Dunbar Memorial Blood Drive Next Sunday, March 14th from 8:00-12:00PM In front of

Immanuel - No Appointment Necessary but very helpful to sign up for an appointment time at

link: <https://signup.com/go/qutqnFa>

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.

This Thursday and monthly on the Second Thursday will be our Congregational Prayer Gathering on Zoom at 7:00PM. Watch your email for the zoom link and join us for prayer.

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!

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.