

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:
Worship 10:30am
Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm
Refuge for Junior High & High School

Welcome! Wherever you are; whether at home and on-line, or joining us in our beautiful sanctuary, 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. 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

Opening Prayer

Work in us a perpetual reverence and love for you, O Lord, for we know that those who come to love your ways are never disappointed in the path on which you are guide. 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.

Opening Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out, the universe displayed

Chorus

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

Chorus

But when I think, that God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

Chorus

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!

Chorus

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Prayer of The Day

Glorious God, you have freed us from the threat of sin and death. Give us such faith that we may always receive your free and gracious gifts of forgiveness and eternal life; through our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God. Amen.

Reading of the Word

God wants our fellowship. When things cool down a bit, we see him there, new every morning, ready to walk with us. There is yet hope for we sinners, if we do not lose heart, waiting in the promises of his Word. God desires so much to love us that, even in death he brings us to life again so that we may again be the object of his great love. Even in sin, his forgiveness is ready to embrace us again.

The First Reading

1 Samuel 8:4-15

4Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, 5and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." 6But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, 7and the LORD said to

Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. 8Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. 9Now then, listen to their voice; only — you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them." 10So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. 11He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; 12and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. 13He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. 14He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. 15He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 138 (Read responsively)

¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

²**I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

³On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

⁴**All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶**For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

⁸**The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

¹³But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture — "I believed, and so I spoke" — we also believe, and so we speak, ¹For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

The Gospel

Mark 3:20-35

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord

20and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. 21When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." 22And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." 23And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? 24If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. 26And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. 27But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. 28Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; 29but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" — 30for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." 31Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. 32A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." 33And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" 34And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! 35Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Children will remain in their seats with their families.

The Children's Sermon

Pastor Taylor

Sermon

Pastor Taylor

Hymn of the Day

“Everlasting God”

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

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Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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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

For communion this week, we ask that you come up by rows to receive the elements. We will be pouring the wine into individual plastic cups, and have a gloved deacon to provide the bread. Please follow the directions of the ushers.

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

Please stand as you are able.

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!

Closing Hymn

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Chorus

**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul, worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul , I'll worship Your holy name**

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning, It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger, Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name**

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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: Focus on God's enduring love. Psalms 107:1 NIV. "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."

Please fill out the worship registration slip on the last page. By placing the slip in the offering bag, it helps Immanuel track attendance and communicate messages to the pastor or office secretary as needed. Thank you.

Easton Food Distribution is tomorrow! Help is needed from 11:30AM-2:30PM. We are looking for a couple volunteers with strong muscles to help move pallets and tables before, during, and after the distribution. If you have time and are willing, please call Victoria at the church office 237-7909

Family Camp gets an extra day! Thankfully Sharon Reynolds reserved Logger's Flat for Monday July 12th for those who would rather drive home on Monday instead of Sunday or add an extra day to their stay. **Please sign up on the bulletin board** if you are planning on attending Family Camp this year. July 5-12th at Logger's Flat in the Sequoia National Forest. For more information, inquire at our church office.

Immanuel's Youth Group is selling Vouchers for Sal's enchiladas or burritos! See the Youth for your \$30.00 voucher today good for one dozen enchiladas or burritos. Redeem in Selma, Fresno or Madera Sal's Restaurants.

Change 4 Babies Fundraiser runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Please take your bottle today and collect your change to help support Pregnancy Care Center. An organization that supports both men and women through building the culture of life in our community. Please direct all donations to Pregnancy Care Center. Return bottles due at Immanuel by June 20th, Father's Day.

Scripture Reading Volunteers Needed! If you would like volunteering for scripture reading during the Sunday morning worship service, please sign up on the blue bulletin board where you can sign up for other things too like bringing **Altar Flowers**, going to **Family Camp** or serving **Fellowship Time Refreshments**. For more information about any of these ministries please contact the church office: 559-237-7909 or office@immanueleaston.com.

Youth Group Dinner Providers Needed! Would you like to provide dinner for the youth group on Wednesday Nights? Would you like to sit down with them and chit chat and get to know Youth that attend Refuge on Wednesday night? Sign Up on the Bulletin board for your chance to help with Youth Ministry at Immanuel.

Summer Reading plan for Children and Adults gets a bit physical! ChurchArt.com has a great plan to keep us active including activities to do after reading referenced scripture. You can go at your own pace but keep going... a special "prize" waits at the end of the race. Pick up the reading plans (one for kids, one for adults) on the table under the gold bulletin board.

We are putting our Praise Band back together! If you have ever wanted to sing or play in church but weren't able to do it every week, here's your chance! In our rebuilding phase, the Praise Band will be playing once a month with 2-3 practices ahead of time. So, if you want to sing one month and then not again for three months later, that's okay! We want to grow our music teams and hope this will help. Like before, we will continue to sing a variety of styles of songs and will take suggests for the coming months.

Practice starts: **THIS MORNING, AFTER CHURCH!** We will be playing "Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone" and "Come, now is the time to Worship" Second Practice Wednesday, June 23rd (time to be determined based on schedules) Sound Check 9:30am Sunday, June 27th and play during the service. Until we hear otherwise, masks are required during practice and playing during church. I will have mask inserts available to help with those singing. If you would like to play or sing, please contact Allyson Nielsen at 559-708-9826 or arnielsen14@gmail.com.

NEXT SUNDAY WE WILL HONOR OUR GRADUATES!

From Junior High: Kaylee Bennetts, Hilary Gardner, and Isaac Orozco, Jr.

From High School: Liberty Auer, Bethany Gardner, Brittney Gardner, Maddison Gifford, & Paige Messenlehner.

From College: Matthew Nielsen and Audra Salwasser.

Please join us after church next week for celebration cake!

Congregational Prayer Gathering will follow fellowship time after church in the sanctuary.

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, friends & family 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, & Lois Rasmussen.

Those in need of healing: Those in need of healing Sandy Britter, Ed Bordin, Gaye Cissel, Pastor Gary Gould, Sandra Lock, Al & Judy Hooper, Betty Jensen, Florence Johnston, Don Nielsen, Glenn & Marilyn Nielsen, Andre Oudum, Don Pettitt, Virginia Pilegard, Mandi Powell, Freida Rice, Beatrice Salazar, Jimmy Stricklin, Aslak Syse, Timm Trickett, Caitlin Tyler, Mark & Kami Waggoner & Joe Wozniczka.

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.

Name _____	Date _____
Address _____	Phone _____
City / State / Zip _____	Email _____
Names / ages of Children living at home _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Time Guest <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Time or Regular Attender <input type="checkbox"/> Member I came as a guest of _____	
Home Congregation _____	

Altar Flowers are presented by Nancy Newsom for Glory and honor to God.

This Week at Immanuel

Today

10:30AM Worship & Communion

11:30AM Fellowship Outside

Monday:

12:00PM Easton Food Distribution at Easton Presbyterian Church

Wednesday

6:00PM **Refuge!** Youth gathering for 6th – 12th grade students

Next Sunday:

10:30AM Worship & Communion
Fellowship Outside with Graduates followed by Congregational Prayer.

Worship Assistants This Week:

Ushers: Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland
Greeters: All of Immanuel
Sound & Technology: Christian Jensen, Jacob Wood, John Jensen
Scripture Reader: Randy McFarland
Council Lock Up in June: Barbara Petersen

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Sign up to read scripture on the blue bulletin board in church entryway.
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Please check the appropriate box and write your message in the space below.

I want to learn more about faith.

I want to receive the monthly newsletter (“The Chimes”)

I am receiving communion today

I want to speak with the parish nurse

I have a message for (circle:) the office / the pastor

I have a prayer request: _____

I have hymn suggestions: _____

I want to learn more about baptism

I want to become a member of Immanuel

I want a visit from the visitation pastor

I want to speak with the pastor