

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

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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. Immanuel follows the current Centers for Disease Control Guidelines during the pandemic. Please share our worship opportunities with your family and friends and those who don't know the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Immanuel is aligned with the North American Lutheran Church whose Core Values are: Christ-Centered, Mission-Driven, Traditionally-Grounded, and Congregationally-Focused.

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday and other special occasions of the church year. If you have received instruction concerning the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to receive this sacrament here. If you would like to learn about either baptism or communion, please speak with the pastor following the service or check the box on the worship registration form to schedule an appointment. Only non-alcoholic wine is used in communion at Immanuel.

Moms and Dads, we love children and we welcome children to worship with you and the whole congregation. If you so desire, we do have a nursery – the room with the large window next to the Library at the back of the sanctuary. In there is a rocking chair, toys, as well as a speaker and large window so you can see and hear the service. Your kids may enjoy the activity bags on the rack at the back of the church.

To learn more about Immanuel please be sure to fill out the worship registration slip on the back page of your bulletin and place it in the offering bag as you exit the sanctuary or fill out the guest registry located in the church entry.

Restroom facilities are located in the church entry (the narthex). When walking out of the sanctuary take a left and they are at the end of the short hallway.

Join us outdoors immediately following our worship service where we can greet you more personally.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Laurel Jacobsen

Ringling the Bells *Calling the community of Easton to worship*

Welcome

Pastor John

Opening Prayer

Almighty, eternal God, increase in us your gifts of faith, hope and love; and in order that love may abide in us, help us to celebrate what your love has done for us. 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

“Trust and Obey”

**Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey**

When we walk with the Lord, in the light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our way, while we do His good will
He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey

Chorus

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies
But His smile quickly drives it away, not a doubt nor a fear
Not a sigh nor a tear can abide while we trust and obey

Chorus

Then in fellowship sweet, we will sit at His feet
Or we'll walk by His side in the way, what He says we will do
Where He sends we will go, never fear only trust and obey

Chorus

Trust and obey

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Prayer of The Day

Life-giving God, you sustain us with the power of your Word and feed us with your Son's body and blood. Help us so to abide in him and he in us that we may live our lives in obedience to your will and service to others; 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

"We should fear, love, and trust God above all things," and we should do so sincerely and faithfully. This means continually turning away from evil (especially after we have sinned) and pursuing peace. For the Lord is with the righteous: those who fear, love, and trust God above all things. This is how children of the light walk: in fear, in love, trusting in God's forgiveness which makes them righteous. These are they upon whom the light of Christ has shone. They find their way to the Lord's table where the holy meal is spread before them. Believing, they eat, and drink, and abide.

The First Reading

Proverbs 9:1-6

1Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. 2She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. 3She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, 4"You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, 5"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. 6Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalms 34:9-14 Please read the bold print verses responsively.

9O fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.

10The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

11Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?

13Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.

14Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

15Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, 16making the most of the time, because the days are evil. 17So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, 19as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, 20giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord

The Gospel

John 6:51-58

51I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." 52The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" 53So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; 55for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 56Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Children will remain in their seats with their families.

Sermon

Pastor John Saethre

Hymn of the Day

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)

Chorus

**When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me (on me;)**

Let us drink the cup together on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us drink the cup together on our knees; (on our knees;)

Chorus

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees;)

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 velvet offering bags on each back corner of the sanctuary.

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.

All: 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.

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

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

Chorus

**This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long**

Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love

Chorus

Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness lost in His love

Chorus

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Dismissal

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God! Amen, Amen, Amen

Postlude

Laurel Jacobsen

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Announcements & Opportunities to Serve

Week of 8-15-2021: Focus on God's caring for you! 1 Peter 5: 7 NIV. "Cast all your anxieties on him because he cares for you."

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.

Next Sunday the whole church is invited to a baby shower luncheon in the social hall following worship. Join us as we gather with Karen & Christian Jensen and share in their excitement of welcoming their baby girl in September! **Please Sign up today on the blue bulletin board!**

Immanuel Youth will lead us in worship on August 29th! Gather after church for Potluck Lunch!

Caruthers Fair is ready for volunteers! Please see the sheets in front of the closet in the church entryway and sign up for a shift or two. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to come out at serve with you, sign them up as well. This is a wonderful ministry to support the Fresno Mission. We need lots of help for more information call Victoria at 559-285-5181.

NALC Fall Retreat October 15-17 in Pacifica, CA! Join us at the coast! Our mission district dean, Pastor John Saethre and the pastors in our Central Pacific Mission District are planning a retreat at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Find Renewal and refreshment in your Christian faith through worship, fellowship and exploring God's creation. Bishop Emeritus John Brodosky will be presenting throughout the weekend on Discipleship. Pick up a flier on the table under the Gold Bulletin Board in the church entryway.

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

NALC Disaster Relief would like to thank Immanuel for their donations and a special thanks to the Kahn family for allowing the trailer to be parked at their home. Their ongoing need is for gift cards from Home Improvement stores such as Home Depot as well as gift cards for Costco for other supplies. Marcia Hollenbeck is our liaison.



JOIN US IN SHOWERING

Baby Jensen

All are invited as we celebrate Christian & Karen
Lunch Will Be Served

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22ND
FOLLOWING CHURCH

RSVP TO ALLYSON NIELSEN (559)708-9826
OR SIGN UP ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

REGISTRY CAN BE FOUND AT
WWW.BABYLIST.COM/BABY-REGISTRY-KAREN-JENSEN

CONTACT ALLYSON IF YOU'D LIKE TO
CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROUP GIFT



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: Gail Hansen, Marilyn Iversen, Florence Johnston, Art & Marian Olesen, Howard Nielsen, & Lois Rasmussen.

Those in need of healing: Those in need of healing Kaylee Bennetts, Sandy Britter, Ed Bordin, Donna Carter, Gaye Cissel, Joyce Futrell, Doug Hollenbeck, Al & Judy Hooper, Betty Jensen, Florence Johnston, Don Nielsen, Glenn & Marilyn Nielsen, Don Pettitt, Virginia Pilegard, Lois Rasmussen, Freida Rice, Beatrice Salazar, Jimmy Stricklin, Aslak Syse, Timm Trickett, Caitlin Tyler, Mark & Kami Waggoner & Joe Wozniczka.

For those morning the loss of loved ones: The families of Pastor Gary Gould and Olga Hansen.

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 _____

☐ ☐ 1st Time Guest ☐ 2nd Time or Regular Attender ☐ Member I came as a guest of _____

Home Congregation _____

Altar Flowers are presented by
Scott Hollenbeck for glory and
honor to God and in celebration of
his loving wife, Marcia's birthday
on Thursday.

This Week at Immanuel

Today

10:30AM Worship & Communion

Monday:

7:00PM NA in Grace Hall

Tuesday:

7:00PM Church Council in Grace Hall

Wednesday

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

Next Sunday:

10:30AM Worship

11:30 AM All Church Baby Shower for
Karen & Christian Jensen

Worship Assistants This Week:

Ushers: Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Sound & Technology: Christian Jensen,
Jacob Wood, Scott Hollenbeck

Scripture Reader: Daniel Hartwig

Council Lock Up in August: Carol Bennetts

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Scripture Reader: _____

*Sign up to read scripture on the blue bulletin
board in church entryway.*

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