

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ since 1888

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Worship 10:30am
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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 wear a mask at all indoor gatherings. 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

Ringing the Bells

Calling the community of Easton to worship

Welcome

Pastor Taylor

Opening Prayer

Julius Perez

O Lord, fully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power, govern her always by your grace; 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

Emalee Garrison

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

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

Verse 1

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us

Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

Chorus

**Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray**

Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

Chorus

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Prayer of The Day

Julius Perez

Eternal and everlasting God, keep us diligent in our faithfulness that we might not fall into practicing hollow rituals and traditions but always worship you and you alone in purity and holiness; through our own life's journey; 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

Lillianna Perez

When we believe that the Lord is near, how could his face not shine upon us? We must be strong, not in ourselves but in the strength of God's might. Such faith comes from the Word teaching the Lord's presence, that we may have his strength and will to keep his commandments, so that good things come from within us.

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-9

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. ³You have seen for yourselves what the LORD did with regard to the Baal of Peor — how the LORD your God destroyed from among you everyone who followed the Baal of Peor, ⁴while those of you who held fast to the LORD your God are all alive today. ⁵See, just as the LORD my God has charged me, I now teach you statutes and ordinances for you to observe in the land that you are about to enter and occupy. ⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? ⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children--

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 15 Please read responsively, congregation to read the bold print verses.

1 O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

2Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;

3who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

**4in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

5who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

The Second Reading

James 1:17-27

17Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. 19You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. 21Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. 22But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. 23For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; 24for they look at themselves and, ongoing away, immediately forget what they were like. 25But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act — they will be blessed in their doing. 26If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. 27Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

The Gospel

Mark 7:14-23

Reader: The Holy Gospel, according to St Mark the seventh chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

14Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: 15there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." 17When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. 18He said to them, "Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, 19since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) 20And he said, "It is what comes out of a person that defiles. 21For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, 22adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. 23All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Children will remain in their seats with their families.

The Children's Sermon

Jacob Wood

Sermon

Jacob Wood

Hymn of the Day

“Open The Eyes Of My Heart”

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

(Repeat)

Verse

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Verse

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy
High and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

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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.

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

Communion will be served this week by intinction. Please follow the direction of the ushers, as you come to the altar the host will be dipped in the wine and served to you by Pastor or a Deacon. Immanuel welcomes you to communion this morning only non-alcohol wine is served.

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

Stephanie Hollenbeck

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

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

What a fellowship what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms
What a blessedness what a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Chorus

**Leaning, leaning
Safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning, leaning
Leaning on the everlasting arms**

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way
Leaning on the everlasting arms
O how bright the path grows from day to day
Leaning on the everlasting arms

What have I to dread What have I to fear
Leaning on the everlasting arms
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near
Leaning on His everlasting arms

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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

Week of 8-29-2021. Focus on the peace that comes from Christ!

John 16: 33 NIV. "I have told you these things, so that you may have peace. In this world you will have troubles. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

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.

Thank you to the Youth of Immanuel who led the worship service today. Join us as we will gather after worship for a Picnic Lunch outside in front of Grace Hall and celebrate the 4 years we have had Jacob as our Youth Leader.

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 and 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.

Sign up today for the next Creator's Corner Intergenerational Event on Saturday, September 18th at 10:30AM in Grace Hall with potluck style snacks. For the \$20.00 class fee you will create a beautiful fall colored fabric garland. Sign up on the Blue Bulletin Board Today!

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, Art & Marian Olesen, Howard Nielsen, & Lois Rasmussen.

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

For those morning the loss of loved ones: The families of Ernesto Garin, Florence Johnston, Don Nielsen, and Steve Watkins.

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 _____

This Week at Immanuel

Today

10:30AM Worship & Communion
11:30AM Picnic in front of Grace Hall

Monday:

7:00PM NA in Grace Hall

Wednesday

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

Next Sunday:

10:30AM Worship & Communion
11:30 AM Potluck Picnic

Worship Assistants This Week:

Ushers: Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland

Greeters: All of Immanuel

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

Scripture Reader: Lillianna Perez

Council Lock Up in August: Carol Bennetts

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Ushers: Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland

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

Scripture Reader: _____

Fellowship Server: _____

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

**Council Lock Up in September: Volunteer
Needed.**

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