

# 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

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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 Bell**

*Calling the community of Easton to worship*

**Welcome**

Pastor Taylor Stempniak

**Opening Prayer**

Generously pardon and give peace to your faithful people, O Lord, that being cleansed from every sin, we may be free and glad to serve; 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**

**My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less**

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

*Chorus*

**On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand**

When darkness veils His lovely face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil *Chorus*

His oath His Covenant His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay *Chorus*

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
O may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne *Chorus*

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## **Prayer of The Day**

Triune God, you created humanity in your image, intended for life-giving relationship with you and one another. Heal our selfish brokenness and teach us to trust in you as we learn to love and forgive one another; 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**

*A prophet is not accepted by his people (Luke 4:24), as seen in the lives of Jeremiah, David, and Jesus. Jeremiah and David prayed God's vengeance upon the people of Anathoth and the Ziphites. Jesus, knowing God to be the "upholder" of his life, was able to be the truly "gentle Lamb, led to the slaughter." He humbled himself before God, and was therefore, exalted to be the Savior of the world, taking vengeance on sin and death. God also provides grace to be humble, the servants of everyone, drawing near to him instead of in anger toward those who oppose us.*

## **The First Reading**

**Isaiah 25:6-9**

6On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. 7And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; 8he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. 9It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader: The word of the Lord

## **All: Thanks be to God**

### **Psalms 24 (Congregation, please read the bold print verses responsively)**

1The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

**2for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**

3Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

**4Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

5They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**6Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

7Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

**8Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.**

9Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

**10Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

**The Second Reading**

**Revelation 21:1-6**

1Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; 4he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." 5And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Reader: The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

## **The Gospel**

**John 11:32-44**

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

### **All: Glory to you, O Lord**

32When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." 35Jesus began to weep. 36So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" 38Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." 40Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" 41So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." 43When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

### **All: Praise to you, O Christ**

## **The Children's Sermon**

Pastor Taylor Stempniak

*Children will remain in their seats with their families.*

## **Homily**

Pastor Taylor Stempniak

## Hymn of the Day

### 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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## Prayer of Remembrance

### 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 non-alcoholic wine and served to you by Pastor or a Deacon. Immanuel welcomes you to communion this morning.*

## **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

## For All The Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest  
Who to the world by faith their Lord confessed  
Your name O Jesus be forever blessed  
Alleluia, alleluia

You were their Rock their fortress and their might  
You Lord their Captain in the well-fought fight  
And in the darkness their unfailing light  
Alleluia, alleluia

So may your soldiers faithful true and bold  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold  
Alleluia, alleluia

One holy people fellowship divine,  
We feebly struggle they in glory shine  
In earth and heaven the saints in praise combine,  
Alleluia, alleluia

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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

**Prayers for the week: focus on being near God. Psalms 73:28 NIV.**  
**“But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the sovereign LORD my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.”**

**The Russ Dunbar Memorial Blood Drive will be next Sunday, November 21st from 8:00-11:00AM** across the street from Immanuel. **Please** sign up on the blue bulletin board today or sign up at the link below to let the Blood Center know you are coming. It helps them come prepared. Your blood matters: <https://signup.com/go/wabVKef>

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

**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.

**The Easton All – Church Thanksgiving Eve Service will be at Immanuel on Wednesday, November 24th at 7:00pm. The Fresno Mission will be here with speakers to share their faith walk.** They will bring a truck for donations of canned non-perishable foods.

**Apocalypse of Advent Weekly Gatherings, Wednesday evenings during Advent!** Do you ever feel like the world's ending? What does scripture have to say about the Apocalypse? Why do we hear so much about the end of the world during the season of Advent when we're supposed to be preparing for Christmas? Join us every Wednesday in Advent from 6:30-7:30. Bring a friend and, if you'd like to, you can bring a soup to share too! December 1, 8, 15 & 22 in the Social Hall at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Don't forget to bring your Bible!

**Immanuel's Youth Group have only 8 Vouchers for Sal's enchiladas or burritos left!** 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.

**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. This is the place where you can sign up for other things too like bringing **Altar Flowers**, or serving **Fellowship Time Refreshments**. For more information about any of these ministries please contact church office: 559-237-7909 [office@immanueleaston.com](mailto:office@immanueleaston.com).

**Youth Group Dinner Providers Needed!** Would you like to provide dinner for the youth group on Wednesday Nights? **Sign Up on the Blue Bulletin Board** for your chance to help with Youth Ministry at Immanuel.

**Christmas Ummata** is an intergenerational experience to mark the start of the Advent Season! **Join us Sunday, November 28th from 12:00-3:00PM in the Social Hall for an afternoon of fun!**

**Chimes Correction:** The zip code for Llewellyn Ostergard should read: 28785 not 928785.

**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.

**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.**

**Members and their families serving in the military:** Erica Botello, Joey Brewer, Henry Clark, Ryan Freitas, Michael Hansen, Caleb Hathaway, Leah Linger, Matt Ward, & Matthew Tigchelaar.

**Those unable to travel about:** Gail Hansen, Marilyn Iversen, Art & Marian Olesen, Glenn Nielsen, Paul Pedersen, & Lois Rasmussen.

**Those in need of healing:** David, Olivia & Sandy Britter, Ed Bordin, Burt & Carol Branson, Jacob & Nick Caglia, Gaye Cissel, Dale Ewing, Joyce Futrell, Kay & Tom Haig, Doug Hollenbeck, Al & Judy Hooper, Mari Millar, Jeffrey Moser, Marilyn Nielsen, Llewellyn Ostergard, Donna Kennedy, Christie & Don Pettitt, Virginia Pilegard, Freida Rice, Bob Schultz, Timm Trickett, Caitlin Tyler, & Joe Wozniczka.

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  
11:45AM Fellowship Time  
12:00PM **Congregational Prayer in Sanctuary**

### Monday:

7:00PM NA in Grace Hall

### Tuesday

7:00PM Church Council Meeting

### Wednesday

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

### Saturday

**10:00AM-2:00PM Holiday Craft Fair in Social Hall**

**Next Sunday: Blood Drive 9:00am-11:00am**

**Holiday Craft Fair in Social Hall**

10:30AM Worship & Communion

11:30AM Fellowship Time

**Holiday Craft Fair in Social Hall**

### Worship Assistants This Week:

**Ushers:** Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland

**Greeters:** All of Immanuel

**Sound & Technology:** Christian Jensen,  
Michelle Hollenbeck, Scott Hollenbeck

**Scripture Reader:** Carol Bennetts

**Fellowship Server:** Gaye Cissel

**Council Lock Up in November:** Victoria S.

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**Scripture Reader:** Christie Pettitt

*Opportunities to help with worship are posted on the blue bulletin board in the church entry.*

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