

# 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:

Inter – Generational Sunday School 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

**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 pandemics. Currently masks are optional at 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 a member of 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

**Ring the Bells**

*Calling the community of Easton to worship*

**Welcome**

Pastor Taylor Stempniak

**Opening Prayer**

O Lord, help your people to avoid the infection of the evil one, and with pure hearts to follow you, our only Lord. 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. (Gelasian Sacramentary, 7th Century)

**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

## Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise mine Ebenezer  
Hither by Thy help I'm come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wand'ring from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

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*Please be seated*

## **Prayer of The Day**

Heavenly Father, you desire that all people might come to the knowledge of your mercy through your Son, Jesus. By your steadfast love and everlasting mercy bring us into your kingdom and teach us to live lives that embody your marvelous saving work; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **Reading of the Word**

### **The First Reading**

**Exodus 32:7-14**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" <sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."  
<sup>11</sup>But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" <sup>14</sup>And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader: The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 51:1-10 (Please read bold print verses responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

<sup>6</sup>**You desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

<sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

**The Second Reading**

**1 Timothy 1:12-17**

12I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, 13even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, 14and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners — of whom I am the foremost. 16But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. 17To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

**The Gospel**

**Luke 15:1-10**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, according to St Luke the fifteenth chapter.

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

1Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. 2And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners, and eats with them." 3So he told them this parable: 4Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? 5When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. 6And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' 7Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. 8Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? 9When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' 10Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

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

*You may be seated.*

**The Children's Sermon**

Pastor Taylor Stempniak

*Children are invited up to the altar with Pastor Taylor.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Taylor Stempniak

*Please stand for the hymn of the day.*

## Hymn of the Day

### My Savior's Love

I stand amazed in the presence  
Of Jesus the Nazarene  
And wonder how He could love me  
A sinner condemned unclean

#### *Chorus*

**How marvelous how wonderful  
And my song shall ever be  
How marvelous how wonderful  
Is my Saviour's love for me**

For me it was in the garden  
He prayed not My will but Thine  
He had no tears for His own griefs  
But sweat drops of blood for mine

In pity angels beheld Him  
And came from the world of light  
To comfort Him in the sorrows  
He bore for my soul that night *Chorus*

He took my sins and my sorrows  
He made them His very own  
He bore the burden to Calvary  
And suffered and died alone *Chorus*

When with the ransomed in glory  
His face I at last shall see  
'Twill be my joy through the ages  
To sing of His love for me *Chorus*

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## **Confession of Faith**

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 and worship registration slips found on the back page of the bulletin may be placed in the plate as it is passed by the ushers. There is a QR Code printed on the back of the bulletin for those wishing to donate online through our website.*

## **Offertory Response**

**“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **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.*

The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want  
He makes me lie down in green pastures  
He leads me beside the still waters  
He restoreth my soul  
And guides my path in righteousness  
For His name's sake

Surely goodness and loving-kindness  
Shall follow me all the days of my life  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
Forever and ever and ever

Though I walk through the valley  
Of the shadow of death  
I will not fear Thou art with me  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me  
Thou preparest a table  
Before me in the presence of my enemies

Thou anointest my head with oil  
My cup's overflowing  
Surely goodness and loving-kindness  
Shall follow me all the days of my life  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
Forever and ever and ever

The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want

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**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.**

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**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

## Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found  
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers toils and snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun

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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

**The flowers on the altar this morning** are presented by Marie Salwasser for glory and honor to God and in memory of her mother, Lillian Fritz and for all that America lost in 2001.

**Congregational Prayer**, if you would like to join together for prayer with others from our congregation needs there is a time for that after worship today. We will gather the sanctuary when the bell rings about 15 minutes after worship.

**Prayer focus for the week:** Focus on faithfulness to God. Habakkuk 3:17—18 NIV. “Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior.”

**Caruthers Fair will be here soon!** Please pray for volunteers for this ministry, we always need helpers that love to serve with this ministry. There are lots of areas where help is needed please check the bulletin board in the church entryway and sign up where you would like to help! Please talk to Mark or Victoria Salwasser or others who have worked at fair before if you have any questions.

**October Chimes Deadline:** This Friday, September 16 at 11:00AM!

**Blood Donors join us on October 9th!** If you must miss that Sunday, you can donate at any of the blood centers. Immanuel’s code I114 and that will keep you in our total pints collected. **The blood center will be back in Easton on October 9th from 7:30-10:30AM. (Please note the new time frame)**

**Bethel Lutheran Home Board Members are selling Sal’s Vouchers** to raise money for the Residents and Staff at Bethel Lutheran Home this year. See John Jensen for a \$20.00 voucher today!

**Cookie Donors Needed:** If you are willing and able we need lots of cookies for our thank you gift to JD Foods for donating their trailer to our fair project for the mission. Please have the cookies to the church no later than 8:30 AM for plating and delivery on Monday, September 26th. Bringing them on Sunday works too.

**Fresno Mission Coat Drive for winter coats of all sizes, gently used or new.** There is a box in the church entryway for coat donations. All sizes welcome, new or used. Every winter The Fresno Mission has a need for warm coats. Place your clean coat donations in the box in the entryway  
Women’s Ministry Events:

**Women’s Monthly Bible Study starts on October 4th in Grace Hall at 7:00PM.** The study will be on The Portraits of Jesus. We meet in Grace Hall the first month and decide if we want to rotate meeting in people’s homes and or continue in Grace Hall.

**Charcuterie Board Design & Clothing Swap-Shop will be combined on Oct. 22nd at 11:00am** in Grace Hall. Sign up today to gather and learn how to make beautiful charcuterie boards for you and your friends!

**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, Leah Linger, & Matthew Tigchelaar.

**Those unable to travel about:** Gail Hansen, Paul Pedersen, & Bonnie Terkelsen.

**Those in need of pain relief & healing:** Dave Angel, Sandy Britter, Ed Bordin, Gaye Cissel, Debbie & Ken Goff, Al Hooper, Kim Jennings, Donna Kennedy, Dave Marlar, Diane & Darel Mehrten, Marcus Miranda, Velia Miranda, Christie Pettitt, Debbie Pilegard, Tony Pings, Margaret Raven, Evelyn Rister, Kenneth Selzer, Richard Smith, Caitlin Tyler, Keitt Wilson & Laura Wolfe.

**For those morning the loss of loved ones:** For the family of Lois Rasmussen.

**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.**

*Please place in offering plate as it is passed.*

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 Outside

12:00PM Congregational Prayer

### **Monday:**

7:00PM NA in Grace Hall

### **Wednesday**

### **Thursday**

6:00AM Men's Bible Study

10:00AM Women's Bible Study

### **Friday**

11:00AM October Chimes Deadline

### **Next Sunday:**

10:30AM Worship & Communion

11:30AM Fellowship Outside

### **Worship Assistants This Week:**

**Ushers:** Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland

**Greeters:** All of Immanuel

**Sound & Technology:** Fred Cogan, Michelle & Hollenbeck, Scott Hollenbeck

**Scripture Reader:** Laurel Jacobsen

**Fellowship Servers:** Salwasser Family

**Council Lock Up in Sept.:** Victoria Salwasser

### **Worship Assistants Next Week:**

**Ushers:** Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland

**Greeters:** All of Immanuel

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

**Scripture Reader:** Mike Nielsen

**Fellowship Servers:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Sign up to volunteer for scripture reading, altar flowers and fellowship service on the blue bulletin board.*



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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 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

I have hymn suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_