

# 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

**Ringing the Bells**

*Calling the community of Easton to worship*

**Welcome**

Pastor Taylor Stempniak

**Opening Prayer**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have crowned your Son as King and, by him, will renew your whole creation. May the families of the earth now torn apart and yoked by sin find liberty in him and be subjected to his gentle rule. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (Roman, 20th 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

## The King of Glory

*Refrain*

**The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.  
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.**

Who is the King of glory; how shall we call him?  
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages. *Refrain*

In all of Galilee, in city or village,  
he goes among his people, curing their illness. *Refrain*

Sing then of David's Son, our Savior and brother;  
in all of Galilee was never another. *Refrain*

He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;  
he took upon himself the sins of the nation. *Refrain*

He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen;  
and he will share with us his heavenly vision. *Refrain*

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## **Prayer of The Day**

Sovereign Lord, at the end of time your eternal reign will be fully revealed and all will stand in awe of your Son Jesus, the King of kings. As we gather in your holy presence, nourish us with Word, bread, and wine that we may go forth making that reign known; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

*Please be seated*

## **Reading of the Word**

### **The First Reading**

### **Malachi 3:13-18**

13You have spoken harsh words against me, says the LORD. Yet you say, "How have we spoken against you?" 14You have said, "It is vain to serve God. What do we profit by keeping his command or by going about as mourners before the LORD of hosts? 15Now we count the arrogant happy; evildoers not only prosper, but when they put God to the test they escape." 16Then those who revered the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD took note and listened, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who revered the LORD and thought on his name. 17They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, my special possession on the day when I act, and I will spare them as parents spare their children who serve them. 18Then once more you shall see the difference between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

Reader: The word of the Lord

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

### **Psalm 95:1-7 (Please read bold print verses responsively)**

1O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**2Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

3For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**4In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

5The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

**6O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

7For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

### **The Second Reading**

**Colossians 1:13-20**

13He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.15He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. 17He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Reader: The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

**The Gospel**

**Luke 23:27-43**

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

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

27A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. 28But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 29For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' 30Then they will begin

to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' 31For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"32Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. 33When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[ 34Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" 36The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, 37and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 38There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." 39One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." 42Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

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

*You may be seated.*

**The Children's Message**

Pastor Taylor Stempniak

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

**Message**

Pastor Taylor Stempniak

*Please stand for the hymn of the day.*

## Hymn of the Day

### Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns  
The Lamb upon His throne  
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own  
Awake my soul and sing  
Of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of life  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save  
His glories now we sing  
Who died and rose on high  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of love  
Behold His hands and side  
Rich wounds yet visible above  
In beauty glorified  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight  
But downward bends each burning eye  
At mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of peace  
Whose power a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole  
That wars may cease  
And all be prayer and praise  
His reign shall know no end  
And round His pierced feet



Fair flowers of paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet

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## Prayers of Remembrance

### 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**

Pastor: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them to the Lord**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**All: It is right to give him thanks praise.**

## **Communion Preface**

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**

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.**

### **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.**

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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**

### **Lift High The Cross**

#### *Chorus*

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name**

Come brethren follow where our Savior trod  
Our King victorious Christ the Son of God *Chorus*

Led on their way by this triumphant sign  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine *Chorus*

O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree  
As Thou hast promised draw men unto Thee *Chorus*

Set up Thy throne that earth's despair may cease  
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace *Chorus*

For Thy blest cross which doth for all atone  
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne *Chorus*

Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died *Chorus*

So shall our song of triumph ever be  
Praise to the Crucified for victory *Chorus*

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P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

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

**Postlude**

**Laurel Jacobsen**

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## Church Announcements

**The Flowers on the altar this morning** are presented for glory and honor to God by the Mike and Laura Nielsen in memory of their fathers, Bob Bean and Glenn Nielsen.

**Prayer focus for the week:** Focus on Thanksgiving. 1 Thessalonians 5:16,17,18 NIV.  
“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus”.

**Immanuel’s turn to host the FCA lunches: November 16,30 and December 17,14.** If you would like to help with this ministry please contact Ericka Gardner (559)859-3327. This year we would like to give every student a chocolate chip cookie for dessert. If you are willing and able to donate chocolate chip cookies for this ministry, please let Ericka know by Sunday prior or place the cookies in the freezer marked FCA on Sunday mornings.

**Advent Fun for Kids** Starting on November 27th, the first Sunday, come at 9:45 to make an ornament or decoration that relates to the Advent candle of the day. At 10:10, the kids will then be able to dress up in costumes for the candle lighting and children's sermon during worship to help them understand the theme for the day. We hope this will get the kids excited to kick off our new Sunday School Program in January. Watch for details in

the December Chimes. Contact Laura Nielsen or Jackie Caglia for more details. Bring your kids and enjoy some Advent fun. **On Dec. 4, stay for lunch and join us for some intergenerational mission activities at Christmas Ummata!**

**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

**Thanksgiving Eve service is this Wednesday at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Please bring pie to share following the service.** We would like a group of volunteers to help during the pie service. If you are willing and able to help serve pies this Wednesday evening, please let us know by signing up on your way out this morning.

**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, Canaan Campbell, 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:** Joanie Ascencio, Sandy Britter, Ed Bordin, Joy Bratton, Gaye Cissel, Mim Gould, Fran Hansen, Gail Hansen, Al Hooper, Kim Jennings, Donna Kennedy, Diane & Darel Mehrten, Marcus Miranda, Lance Petersen, Christie Pettitt, Margaret Raven, Evelyn Rister, Kenneth Selzer, Rowena Shaterian, Tyler Sheldon, Richard Smith, Gary Terkelsen, Susie Tews, & Keitt Wilson.

**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 complete both sides, detach and place in the offering plate as it is passed.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

## This Week at Immanuel

### **Today:**

9:30AM Inter-Generational Sunday School  
10:30AM Worship & Communion  
11:45AM Fellowship Outside

### **Monday:**

7:00PM NA in Grace Hall

### **Tuesday**

7:00AM Women of Hope in Grace Hall

### **Wednesday**

7:00PM Thanksgiving Eve Service

### **Thursday: Happy Thanksgiving**

### **Next Sunday:**

9:30AM Inter-Generational Sunday School  
10:30AM Worship & Communion  
11:30AM Fellowship Outside  
12:00PM Congregational Prayer in Sanctuary

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

**Ushers:** Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland  
**Greeters:** All of Immanuel  
**Sound & Technology:** John, Victoria, Lee  
**Scripture Reader:** Carol Bennetts  
**Fellowship Servers:** Mike & Laura Nielsen  
**Council Lock Up in November:** Barbara Petersen

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

**Ushers:** Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland  
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**Sound & Technology:** John, Victoria, Lee  
**Scripture Reader:** Gina Cogan  
**Fellowship Servers:** \_\_\_\_\_

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



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