

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

Immanuel means "God with us" (Matthew 1:23)

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Sunday Schedule:

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 the pandemic and they recommend that wearing a mask at all indoor gatherings is optional. 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 Bell *Calling the community of Easton to worship*

Welcome

Pastor Taylor Stempniak

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

“Just As I Am Without One Plea”

Lutheran Book of Worship page 296

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd’st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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Prayer of The Day

O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please be seated

Reading of the Word

The First Reading

Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

¹I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

²**I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

³You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:

⁴"I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations."

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;

¹⁶they exult in your name all day long, and extol your righteousness.

¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted.

¹⁸For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

The Second Reading

Romans 6:12-23

¹²Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for

sanctification. ²⁰When you were slaves of sin; you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

The Gospel

Matthew 10:40-42

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew the tenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

⁴⁰Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple — truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

P: 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.

Homily

Pastor Taylor Stempniak

Please stand for the hymn of the day.

Hymn of the Day

“If My People’s Hearts Are Humbled”

If My people's hearts are humbled
If they pray and seek My face
If they turn away from evil
I will not withhold My grace
I will hear their prayers from heaven
I will pardon every sin
If My people's hearts are humbled
I will surely heal their land

Then My eyes will see their sorrow
Then My ears will hear their plea
If My people's hearts are humbled
I will set their nation free
If My people's hearts are humbled
If they pray and seek My face
If they turn away from evil
I will not withhold My grace

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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.

Pastor: Peace be with you

All: And also with you

Pastor: Let us share God's peace with one another.

Please be seated

Offering

Offerings may be placed in the plate as it is passes along with the worship registration slip from the back of the bulletin. There is a QR Code printed on the back of the bulletin for those wishing to donate online through our website.

Offertory Response “Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful”



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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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

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.

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.

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 Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy 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 Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Distribution

Communion this morning will be served at the altar. Immanuel Lutheran Church invites all believers in Christ to come forward with the direction of the ushers. The Pastor will invite you to kneel as you are able at the rail, communion will be served by placing the bread the body of Christ, in your hand, and pouring the blood of Christ, the wine in the cup. Clean cups are upside down on the rail. Please leave your used communion cup right side up on the rail as you are blessed and leave. Please take as much time at the altar as you need for prayer and reflection. Immanuel only serves non-alcoholic wine.

Communion Distribution Hymns

“Lamb of God”

Page 92 in the front section of Lutheran Book of Worship.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“Take My Life That I May Be”

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee

Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Ev’ry pow’r as Thou shalt choose

Take my will and make it Thine
It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart it is Thine own
It shall be Thy royal throne

Take my love my Lord I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee

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 Cantic

“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

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Lutheran Book of Worship page 212

Let us break bread together on our knees
Let us break bread together on our knees
 When I fall on my knees
 With my face to the rising sun
 O Lord have mercy on me

Let us drink wine together on our knees
Let us drink wine together on our knees
 When I fall on my knees
 With my face to the rising sun
 O Lord have mercy on me

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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

Prayer focus this week on Freedom. 2 Corinthians 3:17 NIV. Now the LORD is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the LORD is, there is freedom.

Daily Devotionals are available on the table under the Gold Bulletin Board. Please help yourself to anything on the table.

Women's Bible Study will not meet this Tuesday. Join Pastor Taylor for a Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study on the book of Hebrews from 10:00-11:00 am in the church library. **The weekly readings for our next meeting on July 11th are: Hebrews 5, Matthew 26:36-46 and Matthew 26: 45-50.**

The Semi-Annual Meeting will be following church on **July 30th**. We will have a report on the Social Hall Restoration Project at the upcoming congregational meeting.

Volunteers are needed to teach Children's Sunday School Classes. If you are interested in helping with Children's Ministry at Immanuel, please call the church office as soon as possible.

Altar Ware Communion Cup Washing Volunteers are needed for next Sunday morning. If you would like to volunteer, please come up to the altar after the service this morning.

SAVE THE DATE FOR FAMILY CAMP 2024: June 7-14, 2024 at Logger Flat Campground near Hume Lake!

Kingsburg's Historic City Band is back for another season of free concerts, at 8 p.m. Thursday evenings at Kingsburg's Memorial Park Bandstand. The park is located at Sierra Street (State Highway 201) and 18th Avenue, opposite the

Kingsburg High School's campus. The band's season will include concerts each Thursday through July 20th. The venue opens at 5:00pm with food trucks. Bring your own chairs or take advantage of park bench seating. The City Band attracts participating musicians and audiences from all over the central San Joaquin Valley. It was established in 1887 and is recognized as one of the nation's oldest community bands. Join the folks for an evening of fun and relaxation. It's an outdoor event and the usually cool and comfortable. You may need mosquito repellent and most of all bring some water to keep hydrated.

Immanuel hosts the Easton Food Distribution on the First Friday of every month. It's a free Neighborhood Market sponsored by the Central California Food Bank. It is Friday, July 7th from approximately 12:00-2:00PM on the corner of Geneva and Willamette at Easton Presbyterian Church. We are fortunate to use their church since they have wonderful shade. Join our team of volunteers or come and pick up some fruits and vegetables to help keep your grocery bill down. There is always plenty to share with your neighbors. Volunteers must wear close toed shoes and bring their own water.

It is time for our District's second annual mission trip! Scheduled for the third week of July, beginning Sunday afternoon, **July 16th and ending the morning of Saturday, July 22nd.** This year we are helping those who have lost their homes and possessions due to fire in two separate areas of Northern California. On Sunday, the 16th, we will be heading to the mountain town of Somerset as the Pioneer Bible Church will be our accommodations for the evenings of Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Work will take place in Grizzly Flats, helping rebuild a home under construction. Wednesday, after breakfast, we will make our way to Volcanoville to build a storage shed for a fire victim, then making our way to our Foresthill Church, New Hope, that will serve as our hotel for the next three nights. Construction help will take place in Michigan Bluff one day, and the other day will be working at the Church. This wonderful opportunity of working within communities affected by wildfire, is open to youth and adults. Participate the entire week or part. All meals are provided and will be at the approximate cost of \$125.00 per person for the week, or pro-rated per participation time. Please contact Pastor Taylor by Sunday, July 9th if you would like to participate.

*Immanuel you are invited to the
Literary Event of the season!*

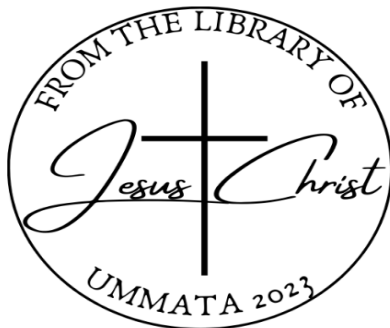
This summer the intergenerational team would like to invite you to join us for our literary-themed summer Ummata. We will provide a meal, fun classes, a speaker, and some music; all themed around fabulous modern books and based on the best book of them all, the Bible.

Dates: July 9 from 12 pm-2 pm
July 11 from 6 pm-8 pm
July 13 from 6 pm-8 pm

We have 4 classes:

- The Hatchet: Focuses on Outdoor Skills
- Eat, Pray, Love: A day each of eating, praying, and love (florals)
- Oh, the Places You'll Go: Learn about trips the leaders have taken and experience some culture from that area
- The Not So Quiet Library: Read a children's book and do activities inspired by the book (All are invited for this but we especially recommend this one for our younger ones)

**ANY QUESTIONS OR TO SIGN UP TEXT
KRISTI HOLLENBECK @ (559)974-4408 OR
USE THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP ONLINE**



P.S. No Reading Required

The alter flowers are presented by Betty Moore for glory and honor to God and in celebration of her recovery from pneumonia and her birthday tomorrow.

Prayers for 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, Connor Mannix, & Matthew Tigchelaar.

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

Those in need of pain relief & healing: Sandy Britter, Ed Bordin, Don Cathey, Gaye Cissel, Valarie Cooper, Kristen Gibson, Ed Gomez, Paul Jones, Donna Kennedy, Doris Knorr, Diane & Darel Mehrten, Marcus Miranda, Betty Moore, Laura Nielsen, Gloria Payne, Lance Petersen, Christie Pettitt, Patti Price, Bob Reynolds, Richard Smith, Rebecca Stempniak, Allison Terrones, & Keitt Wilson.

For people dealing with loneliness and depression. For those battling the illness 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:

9:30AM Sunday School for all ages
10:30AM Worship & Communion
11:30AM Fellowship Time Outside

Monday:

7:00PM NA meet in Social Hall

Tuesday: Happy Independence Day!

Thursday

6:00AM Men's Bible Study in Social Hall

Friday

12:00PM Immanuel's Food Distribution

Next Sunday:

10:30AM Worship & Communion
11:30AM Fellowship Time Outside
12:00PM Ummata!

Worship Assistants This Week:

Ushers: Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Sound & Technology: Victoria, Fred & Gina

Scripture Reader: Gina Cogan

Fellowship Servers: Betty Moore & Friends in celebration of her 82nd birthday tomorrow!

Altar Ware: Barbara Petersen, Gina Cogan, _____

Council Lock Up in July: Pat Griffin

Worship Assistants Next Week:

Ushers: Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Sound & Technology: Allys, Fred & Gina

Scripture Reader: Gina Cogan

Fellowship Servers: John Jensen in celebration of Carl's 95th birthday on the 16th!

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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I want to learn more about faith. | <input type="checkbox"/> I want to learn more about baptism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I want to receive the monthly newsletter ("The Chimes") | <input type="checkbox"/> I want to become a member of Immanuel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am receiving communion today | <input type="checkbox"/> I want a visit from the visitation pastor |
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