

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:

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

Frances Hansen

Ringing the Bells *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 “Give Me Oil For My Lamp”

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning, burning, burning.

Give me oil in my lamp, I pray!

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning, burning, burning.

Keep me burning till the break of day.

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the king of kings!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the king!

Give me joy in my heart, keep my praising, praising, praising.

Give me joy in my heart, I pray!

Give me joy in my heart, keep my praising, praising, praising.

Keep me praising till the break of day. **Chorus**

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving, loving, loving.

Give me peace in my heart I pray!

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving, loving, loving.

Keep me loving till the break of day. **Chorus**

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving, serving, serving.

Give me love in my heart, I pray!

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving, serving, serving.

Keep me loving till the break of day. **Chorus**

Apostolic Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Prayer of The Day

Lord, when the day of wrath comes we have no hope except in your grace. Make us so to watch for the last days that the consummation of our hope may be the joy of the marriage feast of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reading of the Word

The First Reading

Amos 5:18-24

18Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; 19as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. 20Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? 21I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 22Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. 23Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. 24But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

The Responsive Reading

Psalms 70

Please read the bold print verses responsively.

¹Hasten, O God, to save me;

come quickly, Lord, to help me.

²**May those who want to take my life**

be put to shame and confusion;

may all who desire my ruin

be turned back in disgrace.

³May those who say to me, “Aha! Aha!”

turn back because of their shame.

⁴**But may all who seek you**

rejoice and be glad in you;

may those who long for your saving help always say,

“The Lord is great!”

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy;

come quickly to me, O God.

⁶**You are my help and my deliverer;**

Lord, do not delay.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

The Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew the twenty-fifth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

1Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

P: 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

Hymn of the Day

“This Little Light Of Mine”

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

Hide it under a bushel no, I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel no, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine
Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

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Pastor: In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of his eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Karl & Allyson: We present Rhys Michael Nielsen to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Pastor: In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring him to the services of God's house, and teach him the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As he grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of his Baptism and in communion with the church, he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

Karl and Allyson: We do.

Prayers of intercession

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Baptismal Blessing Read by Pastor

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Pastor: Do you renounce all forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

Karl and Allyson: We do.

Pastor: And you, you people of God, do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

Rhys is baptized! Rejoice!

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: God, the Father of our lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Carter: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

All: Amen

Pastor: Rhys, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Karl and Allyson: Amen

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of this child. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their son. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with the son the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Please Stand as you are able

Pastor: Through baptism, God has made this new brother of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

All: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the Kingdom of God.

The congregation may welcome Rhys with applause

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 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 “Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful”

Front section page 86 in Lutheran Book of Worship



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

Please repeat the names of those we pray for this week.

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.

Communion 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.

“Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

**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. ***Refrain***

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. *Refrain*

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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 Cantic

“Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise”

**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

“Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong they are weak but He is strong

Chorus

**Yes Jesus loves me. Yes Jesus loves me
Yes Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so**

Jesus loves me He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide
He will wash away my sin let His little child come in ***Chorus***

Jesus loves me He will stay close beside me all the way
On the cross You died for me I will ever live for Thee ***Chorus***

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Dismissal

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

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

Postlude

Frances Hansen

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Announcements

The Flowers on the altar this morning are presented by Allyson & Karl Nielsen for glory and honor to God and in celebration of their son's baptism.

Prayer focus this week on being thankful all the time. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV. Rejoice always, pray continuously, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Thank you to all the blood donors last week and all the Country Store shoppers last week. Special thanks to Laura and Mike Nielsen for all their hard work setting up and crafting most of the inventory last week.

Immanuel will begin serving FCA lunches on Wednesday, November 29th. Please see Ericka Gardner if you would like to help with this ministry by donating Chocolate Chip Cookies with no nuts or helping serve the kids, your help is appreciated.

This Wednesday at 6:00pm is the Women's Souper Potluck featuring our favorite Meet and Swap. Bring your treasures: Clothes, kitchen supplies, books & puzzles. All remaining items from the swap will be donated to the Fresno Mission on Thanksgiving Eve.

Save The Date: Dec. 3rd after church we are planning a caravan to Hillcrest Tree Farm in Reedley. Enjoy the train ride around the farm, have lunch at a food truck, shop in the gift shop, and/or buy your own Christmas tree. Mostly cash only at food truck vendors. See their website: hillcrestreedley.com. Those who want to go will drive out there after church that Sunday.

December 10th at 9:30 am will be a Christmas Craft Day in Grace Hall for all Children! Adult volunteer helpers are needed contact Laura Nielsen.

There will be a meeting Children's Sunday School Meeting after Church in the library on **Sunday, December 10th** for all who would like to volunteer with our new children's Sunday School program. Please come to the meeting if you would like to help with Sunday School for kids.

Aprons fundraiser for the Social Hall! Margaret Fletcher has been busy sewing aprons to help us raise money for our Social Hall Renovation project! The adorable aprons are hanging in the church entryway on the coat rack. Spruce up your attire while cooking and baking this holiday season and choose a favorite. Please leave a donation marked aprons for the social hall renovation in the offering plate.

Women's Bible Study resumes this Tuesday in the church library from 9:00-10:00am, we are reviewing **Chapter 2** of **Lord, Teach Us** by Wllimon and Hauerwas, a book study on the Lord's Prayer. If you need a book, see Victoria today.

Men's Bible Study gathers from 6:00-7:00am every Thursday but Thanksgiving. Breakfast is served and Phil Tews leads a discussion about a different Bible verse each week. Invite the guys to the Social Hall for a great hour.

December Chimes Deadline is this Friday! Please have your submissions to the church office as soon as possible. Thank you!

This Week at Immanuel

Today:

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: Carol Bennetts, Gordon Bennetts, Joy Bratton, Sandy Britter, Ed Bordin, Gaye Cissel, Steve Fletcher, Kristen Gibson, Ed Gomez, Pat Griffin, Josh Hammers, Jim Hansen, Jan Kersgaard, Paul Jones, Donna Kennedy, Marcus Miranda, Betty Moore, Gloria Payne, Larry Pickens, Patti Price, Bob Reynolds, Janice Robinson, Rebecca Stempniak, & Keitt Wilson.

For those morning the loss of loved ones:
The family of Verna Koslan.

For people dealing with loneliness and depression. For those battling the illness and the health care providers tending to those in need.

Please place in offering plate as it is passed.

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

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

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

Monday

7:00PM NA meet in Grace Hall

Tuesday

9:00AM Women's Bible Study in church library.
6:00PM Council meeting in Grace Hall

Wednesday

12:25PM FCA Lunch

Thursday

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

Friday

8:00AM December Chimes Deadline

Next Sunday

9:30AM Sunday School in Grace Hall
10:30AM Worship
11:30AM Fellowship Time Outside

Worship Assistants This Week:

Ushers: Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Sound & Technology: Allys, Lee, _____

Scripture Reader: Mike Nielsen

Fellowship Servers: Lee Terkelsen

Altar Ware: Fred & Gina Cogan

Council Lock Up for November: Kristi Hollenbeck

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