

# 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. 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 Bell** *Calling the community of Easton to worship*

**Welcome**

Pastor Taylor Stempniak

**Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness** *(Matthew 28:19; 1 John 1:8-10)*

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                    “Go Tell It on the Mountain”**

*Lutheran Book of Worship Page 70*

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**Apostolic Greeting** (*2 Corinthians 13:14*)

P: 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.**

**C: And also with you.**

**Prayer of The Day**

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Reading of the Word

### The First Reading

**Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

*The book of Jonah features a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"*

1The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 2"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." 3So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. 4Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" 5And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. 10When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

R: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### The Responsive Reading

**Psalms 62:5-12**

*Please read the bold print verses responsively.*

5For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

**6He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

7On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

**8Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.**

9Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

**10Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.**

11Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

**12and steadfast love belongs to you, O LORD. For you repay to all according to their work.**

### **The Second Reading**

### **1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

*Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away

Reader: The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

*Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel*

## **The Gospel**

**Mark 1:14-20**

*Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Mark the first chapter.

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

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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 as you are able, for the hymn of the day.*



## Hymn of the Day

## “Lead On O King Eternal”

### *Verse 1*

Lead on O King Eternal  
The day of march has come  
Henceforth in fields of conquest  
Thy tents shall be our home  
Thro' days of preparation  
Thy grace has made us strong  
And now O King eternal  
We lift our battle song

### *Verse 2*

Lead on O King Eternal  
Till sin's fierce war shall cease  
And holiness shall whisper  
The sweet Amen of peace  
For not with swords loud clashing  
Nor roll of stirring drums  
With deeds of love and mercy  
The heav'nly kingdom comes

### *Verse 3*

Lead on O King Eternal  
We follow not with fears  
For gladness breaks like morning  
Where'er Thy face appears  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us  
We journey in its light  
The crown awaits the conquest  
Lead on O God of might

## **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.**

## **Sharing of the Peace** *(John 20:19-21)*

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**      *Please stand and sing as the gifts are brought forward.*

**Offertory Response**

**“Praise God From Who 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**

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

**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 and praise.**

**Communion Preface** (2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136)

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Sanctus** (Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9)

*Lutheran Book of Worship front section page 89*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might:

Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

**Words of Institution**

*(1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20)*

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.

**Eucharistic Prayer**

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** (*Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*)

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 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 Hymn**

#### **“Lamb of God” (John 1:29)**

*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.

## **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”** (Psalm 9)

Thank the Lord and sing his praise;

Tell everyone what he has done.

Let everyone who seeks the Lord

Rejoice and proudly bear his name.

He recalls his promises and

Leads his people forth in joy

With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Pastor: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Benediction** (Numbers 6:24-26)

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

## “Jubilate Deo”

Jubilate ev'rybody  
Serve the Lord in all your ways  
And come before His presence singing  
Enter now His courts with praise

### *Chorus*

For the Lord our God is gracious  
And His mercy's everlasting  
Jubilate jubilate  
Jubilate Deo     *Repeat*

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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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Mark Your Calendar!

February 29th!

Pastor Taylor's

7th Actual Day

Birthday Celebration Dinner

In the Social Hall!



# Announcements

**The Flowers on the altar this morning** are presented by Deanna, Kathi and Mike for glory and honor to God and in memory of their parents Paul & Virginia Mehrten.

**Annual Reports are available to be picked up today. The Annual Congregational Meeting will be next Sunday, January 28th following worship.**

**Prayer focus this week on Jesus's creation works in us.** Colossians 3:12 NIV. Here there is no gentile or Jew, circumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all and is in all.

**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 hang in the church entryway on the coat rack. Please take your chosen apron and if you would like please leave a donation in the offering plate marked Aprons for the Hall.

**The next Russ Dunbar Memorial Blood Drive will be next Sunday, January 28th from 9:00-12:00PM.** Please sign up just for record, on the Gold Bulletin board if you plan to donate. No appointments are necessary. Come when you can and be sure to eat a healthy breakfast and drink lots of water the day before and that day of donation.

**Maundy Thursday Easton Community Choir,** there will be 4 anthems and 4 rehearsals from 7:00-8:15PM on Wednesdays starting on March 6th at Easton Presbyterian Church. All choir members must attend 3 of the 4 rehearsals.

**Last Chance to sign up for the Fellowship lunch on Thursday.** The Luncheons are scheduled for the 4th Thursday of most months.

**Weekly Bible Study:** The Tuesday Women's Bible Study will this week at 9:00AM in church library.

**The Men's Weekly Bible Study gathers at 6:00AM on Thursday mornings in Social Hall.** It's a big room, invite your buddies out for breakfast! We are called to make Christ known!

**Our Mission District's Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, February 3rd at 9:30 am at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church** in San Jose, and **EVERYONE** is invited to attend to get updates about regional events and national news. There will be special guest speakers from the NALC Stewardship Committee. Check out the January Chimes for more information.

**Save the Date, February 29th for the congregational Birthday Dinner to celebrate our Pastor's 7th actual on the day birthday!** The party will start at 6:00PM in our Social Hall. If you would like to help with the party planning, please see Mark Salwasser.

**The opportunities to share your gifts and talents with us on Sundays are diverse and plentiful.** If you would like to read the lessons, place fresh flowers on the altar, serve refreshments after church, work on the tech table, or help with altar ware we would appreciate your help. Please check out the Gold Bulletin board after church today and if you have any questions please find Pastor or one of our ushers after worship or call the church office tomorrow morning.

**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.

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**Those in need of pain relief & healing:** Bobbie Beshears, Fred Bologna, Sandy Britter, Ed Bordin, Gaye Cissel, Irene Day, Steve Fletcher, Amanda Garcia, Kristen Gibson, Ed Gomez, Jim Hansen, Jan Kersgaard, Paul Jones, Donna Kennedy, Marcus Miranda, Joann Ortega, Gloria Payne, Larry Pickens, Patti Price, Bob Reynolds, Pastor Amy Schifren, Rebecca Stempniak, & 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 Grace Hall

### **Tuesday**

**9:00AM** Women's Bible Study in Library  
6:30PM Church Council Meeting

### **Wednesday**

12:00PM FCA Lunch

### **Thursday**

6:00AM Men's Bible Study in Social Hall  
**12:00PM Fellowship Lunch in Social Hall**

### **Next Sunday:**

9:30AM Sunday School in Grace Hall  
10:30AM Worship & Communion  
**11:30AM Annual Congregational Meeting**

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

**Ushers:** Lee Terkelsen,

**Greeters:** All of Immanuel

**Sound & Technology:** Allys

**Scripture Reader:** Luke Stempniak

**Fellowship Servers:** Laurel & Randy

**Council Lock Up for January:** Allyson Nielsen

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

**Ushers:** Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland

**Greeters:** All of Immanuel

**Sound & Technology:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Scripture Reader:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fellowship Servers:** Robert & Kaylee Hollenbeck



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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 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