

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Easter Sunday



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Welcome to Immanuel!

Welcome! A Happy Easter to all our worshipers this morning – He Is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! A hearty welcome to all our visitors on this highlight of our church year, Easter Sunday. We welcome back our college students, those serving in the military, family members, and those whom we haven't seen for a while. Thanks to all who have supported this glorious day; our musicians, sound and visual aid techs, secretary, worship leaders, and those who hosted a wonderful Easter Breakfast! Immanuel is alive in faith this Easter morning. We thank God for the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Founded in 1888, Immanuel is a family friendly congregation with worshipers coming from throughout Fresno County. We offer a variety of ministry opportunities for you to be involved in from Bible studies to service projects and social events. At the visitor's kiosk in the church entry are many books and pamphlets about our Lutheran faith and opportunities at Immanuel to share and learn more about Christianity.

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday as well as other special occasions of the church year. You are welcome to receive this sacrament here. If you would like to learn more about either baptism or communion, please speak with the pastor and 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. Older 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 plate 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 for a snack and a cup of coffee or juice immediately following our worship service where we can greet you more personally.



*Our service begins in quiet and darkness this morning, just as the first
Easter morning began in grief.*

Ringing the Bell

Calling the community of Easton to worship

Special Piano Music and Adorning of the Altar

Immanuel Choir

“He is the Risen Lord”

Immanuel Choir

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Welcome & Announcements

Children’s Message

Pastor Taylor

*The children in the congregation are invited up to the altar for the children’s sermon
with Pastor Taylor*

Pastor: Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?
Death has been swallowed up in victory! The Lord is risen!

All: The Lord has risen indeed!

Pastor: Jesus said, “I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in
Me will live, even though He dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me
will never die.”

**All: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus
Christ!**

Pastor: The Lord has risen!

All: He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

Please stand for the opening hymn.

Opening Hymn

“This Is Amazing Grace”

Praise Band

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King above all kings.

This is amazing grace this is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all
That You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order,
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter,?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all
That You've done for me

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave,
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all
That You've done for me
Oh Jesus I sing for all
That You've done for me

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray...

Prayer of The Day

Almighty God, you have overcome death through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and have opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly beseech you that as you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The First Lesson:

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

(Please Read Responsively the bold print verses)

¹Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;
God’s mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare,**
“God’s mercy endures forever.”

¹⁴The Lord is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!**

¹⁶The right hand of the Lord is exalted!
The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!”

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.**

¹⁸The Lord indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰“This is the gate of the Lord;
here the righteous may enter.”

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the Lord has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Second Lesson:

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received:

that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel Lesson:

Mark 16:1-8

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark the 16th chapter

All: Glory to you, O Lord

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white

robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

The Homily

Pastor Taylor

Please stand for the hymn of the Day.

Hymn of The Day

“Thine Is The Glory”

Lutheran Book of Worship page 145

Thine is the glory,
Risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry
Thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes
Where thy body lay.

Refrain

**Thine is the glory,
Risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry
Thou o'er death hast won!**

Lo, Jesus meets thee,
Risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
Scatters fear and gloom;
Let his church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth;
Death hath lost its sting! Refrain

No more we doubt thee,
Glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without thee;
Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors,
Through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan
To thy home above. Refrain

Confession of Faith

Pastor: Let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed

Confession of Faith – *Nicene Creed*

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right Hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His Kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in One holy, Christian, and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Please Be Seated

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Collection of the Offering

Special Offertory Music

“Was It A Morning Like This”

Joy Bratton & Laurel Jacobsen

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Offering “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 -- Litany and Prayers from the Holden Evening Prayer *Repeat after each petition sung by our leaders, Barbara and Laura.*

A *Repeat continuously*

(Hmmm)

B

God — of mer - cy, hold us in love.

Leader: **A** **B**

1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:

Leader: **A** **B**

2. For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray to you:

Leader: **A** **B**

3. For peace be - tween na - tions, for peace be - tween peo - ples:

4. For us who are gath - ered to wor - ship and praise you:

5. For all of your ser - vants who live out your gos - pel:

6. For all those who gov - ern, that jus - tice might guide them:

7. For all those who la - bor in ser - vice to oth - ers:

8. Grant weath - er that nour - ish - es all of cre - a - tion:

9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan - ger:

10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer - cy:

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Final petition.

Leader:

Help us, com - fort us, all of our days:

All:

Keep — us, hold — us, gra - cious God.

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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

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, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought

us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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

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 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

Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you.

Pastor: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Communion

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.

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

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 Christ Is Risen Today”

Lutheran Book of Worship page 151

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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Dismissal

P.: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God! *Sing:* Amen, Amen, Amen

Postlude

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Announcements & Opportunities to Serve

This week's prayer focus on the joys of struggles. James 1:2,3 NIV. Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

The Easton Food Distribution will resume on the first Friday of every month: the next one is this Friday, April 5th at 12:00PM at the Easton Presbyterian Church. Volunteers are appreciated to help distribute food. Volunteers are asked to wear close toed shoes and bring your own drinking water.

Thank you to the blood donors last week. There were 7 donations that helped save 21 people. The next 2024 Russ Dunbar Memorial Blood Drives are May 19th, August 11th, October 13h, and December 11th from 9:00AM-12:00PM. There are no appointments needed, but it's helpful to know how many plan to donate. If you would like your blood donations to count toward our mission but prefer to donate at the blood centers, please give them our code I-114 when you check in.

Immanuel Library is filled with wonderful books highlighting Easter! Check them out and enjoy!

Immanuel is serving FCA lunches for the month of April. Donated Chocolate Chip Cookies without nuts are appreciated. Please bring them to the social hall by Tuesday of each week and mark the total of cookies on your package. Volunteers meet on Wednesdays at 10:45AM and notify Ericka Gardner if you are able to help.

Men's Bible Study meet every Thursday, at 6:00AM in the Social Hall! All first time attendees get a brand new Bible. The morning starts out with a hearty breakfast and great discussion led by Phil Tews. For more information, see Phil Tews or call the church office.

Women's Bible study meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:00am in the church library right next to the nursery. Kids are welcome too! Pastor Taylor leads the study on the book of Exodus. We will be discussing Chapters 20-24. Please join us if you would like to be a part of this small group of women who pray together each week.

Immanuel Fellowship Luncheons are the 4th Thursday of every month at Noon in the Social Hall. Bring your friends to lunch at Immanuel. It's fun and a great way to get out of the house and enjoy a meal with friends. Invite your friends and neighbors, it's a great way to bring folks to church. Free will offerings are taken to cover the cost of the meal. Would you like to help with this ministry? Call Gina Cogan or the church office for more information. **The next lunch is April 27th! Sign up today on the Gold Bulletin Board.**

Family Camp at Logger Flat Group Campground in the Sequoia National Forrest is June 7-14th! The campground is near Hume Lake and Immanuel has it rented for the week. Come when you can and leave when you must. Pack up and come for the weekend or pack up for a few days' mid-week or come and stay all week. The choice is yours the venue is beautiful. Bring your food and shelter.

Daily Devotionals are available for you to pick up in the church entryway under the blue bulletin board. Pick yours up today. There are two types to choose from "Our Daily Bread" and "Portals of Prayer".

The Flowers on the altar this morning are presented by the John & Sandy Marthedal for glory and honor to God. He is risen!

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, Christie Pettitt & Bonnie Terkelsen.

Those in need of pain relief & healing: Bobbie Beshears, Sandy Britter, Ed Bordin, Emily, Gaye Cissel, Janice Cox, Steve Fletcher, Kristen Gibson, Ken Goff, Liz Harrison, Jan Kersgaard, Paul Jones, Donna Kennedy, Carol Martin, Randy McFarland, Marcus Miranda, Velia Miranda, Joann Ortega, Gloria Payne, John Pectorich, Larry Pickens, Patti Price, David Stidham, 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 me _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 1st Time Guest <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Time or Regular Attender <input type="checkbox"/> Member I came as a guest of _____	
Home Congregation _____	

This Week at Immanuel

Today: Happy Easter!

10:30AM Worship & Communion

11:45AM Fellowship Time

Monday:

7:00PM NA in Grace Hall

Tuesday:

9:00AM Women's Prayer Group

Wednesday

1:00PM FCA Lunch for WUHS Students

Thursday

6:00AM Men's Bible Study

Friday

12:00-2:00PM Easton Neighborhood Market

Next Sunday:

10:30AM Worship & Communion

11:30AM Fellowship Outside

Worship Assistants This Week:

Ushers: Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Sound & Technology: John, Debbie & Lee

Scripture Reader: Alex Gardner

Fellowship Servers:

Council Lock Up: Stacy Avedisian

Worship Assistants Next Week:

Ushers: Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Sound & Technology: Gina,

Scripture Reader: Gina Cogan

Fellowship Servers: Salwasser Family in celebration of Audra's Birthday!

Council Lock Up in April: Sharon Reynolds

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



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Please check the appropriate box and write your message in the space below.

I want to learn more about faith. I want to learn more about baptism

I want to receive the monthly newsletter ("The Chimes") I want to become a member of Immanuel

I am receiving communion today I want a visit from the visitation pastor

I want to speak with the parish nurse I want to speak with the pastor

I have a message for (circle:) the office / the pastor

I have a prayer request: _____

I have hymn suggestions: _____