# Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

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# Welcome to Immanuel!

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!

**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.

# Order of Worship

Prelude Laurel Jacobsen

Ringing the Bell and Welcome

Pastor Taylor Stempniak

Please stand as you are able for the opening hymn.

**Opening Hymn** 

"Thine Is The Glory"

Lutheran Book of Worship Page 145

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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.

# **Prayer of The Day**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

#### The First Lesson: Acts 10:44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

44While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. 45The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, 46for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 47"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" 48So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsive Prayer: Psalm 98

Congregation, please read responsively the bold print verses.

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, you have made known your victory,

you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. R

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp,

with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn

# shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands,

and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

## The Second Lesson:1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

1Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. 2By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, 4for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. 5Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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 Lesson: John 15:9-17

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John the fifteenth chapter

# All: Glory to you, O Lord

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another. [Jesus said:] 9"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 12"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

The Children's Message

Pastor Taylor Stempniak

Children are invited up to the altar with Pastor Taylor.

The Homily

Pastor Taylor Stempniak

# Please stand as you are able for the hymn of the day.

# **Hymn of The Day**

# "How Deep Is The Father's Love For Us"

Verse 1

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

#### **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

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

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

All: And also with you.

P: Let us Share God's Peace with one another.

Please Be Seated.

# **Collection of the Offering**

Offerings may be placed in the plate as it is passed along with the worship registration slips found at the back of the bulletin. There is a QR code printed on the back page for those wishing to donate online.

Please stand and sing as the offerings are brought forward.

# **Offering Response**

# "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

# **Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

All: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# **Prayers of the Church**

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

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

# **Holy 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.

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. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. 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)

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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**

Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you.

Pastor: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

#### Communion

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# Communion Hymn "Lamb of God" (John 1:29)

Page 92 in the <u>front section</u> 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 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**

# "Oceans"

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You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters Your sov'reign hand will be my guide Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me You've never failed and You won't start now

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders

Let me walk upon the waters

Wherever You would call me

Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander

And my faith will be made stronger

In the presence of my Saviour

Bridge

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders

Let me walk upon the waters

Wherever You would call me

Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander

And my faith will be made stronger

In the presence of my Saviour

Chorus 1

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

## Dismissal

P.: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

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

#### **Postlude**

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# **Announcements**

This week's prayer focus is on the women in our lives. 1 Peter 3:4 NIV. Rather, it should be that of your inner self the unfading beauty of a gentle spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

The church library is all set up for the month of May! There are books highlighted for Mother's Day too. Thank you Sharon Reynolds for spiffing up the library this month.

Young Life in Easton: The next meeting will be on May 28th at 6:00 PM in the Fireside room at Easton Presbyterian Church. Prayer is how the Young Life Organization was started and prayer continues to be an integral part. This Wednesday at 6:30am there will be a conference phone call prayer gathering for anyone who would like to pray for the youth in Easton. This is as easy as a phone call, nobody will see you, simply call #717-908-1690 and when asked enter the Access Code: 129036#. Other Youth Life organization information is available on the table under the Blue Bulletin Board. Please help yourself to anything on that table.

Community Bible Study will not meet this Wednesdays: We gather again on May 15th, when all ages are welcome to join us in Grace Hall for a community Bible study on Wednesdays. We'll be offering this study at two separate times-- 10:30-11:30 am and 7:00-8:00 pm. The readings below are the scriptures we will discuss:

May 15: Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-35, Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27, 16:1-15.'

May 22: Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17

May 29: Deuteranamy 5:12-15, Psalm 81: 1-10, 2 Corinthians 4:5-12, Mark 2:23-3:6

The Russ Dunbar Memorial Blood Drive is Sunday, May 19th from 9:00am-12:00pm. There is a sign up sheet on the Gold Bulletin Board in the narthex as well as a link that was sent via email. If you did not receive the link please note this on your worship registration sheet and place in the offering plate or call the church office. If you are able and willing to donate blood, each pint helps 3 people.

Save The Date: Memorial Weekend. Saturday, May 25th at 7:30AM at the Washington Colony Cemetery, help is needed to put up crosses and flags to decorate our local cemetery. Monday, May 27th at 10:00 AM is the annual Memorial Day Service at the Cemetery. Please bring your own chair.

Volunteers are needed to help with Sunday morning worship service. If you are willing and able to run the power point program, learn to work on the sound system, or learn the streaming process, we would appreciate your help. Please sign up on the Gold Bulletin Board. Thank you.

Women's Event Planned for May 18 at 10:00AM in Grace Hall! It's a Paint Event! Vashie Miller will help us to paint a sign, you might want to choose one for the upcoming holidays or spring/summer season. You get to choose the picture you will learn how to paint! She will supply everything we need, and we will use stencils so the finished projects will look great. Being an artist is NOT required. We just paint inside the lines. The cost for the day of learning and the priceless piece of art you create and take home is \$25.00. We will have pictures of the options available soon, so you can make your selections. Many of us participated in the fall/winter paint event and we all had a great time. Sign-up today on the Gold Bulletin Board in the church entry way. Please invite your friends, the more the merrier! If you have other ideas for events, or if you have suggestions for this one, please let one of the members from the women's board know. (Women's Board = Marcia, Jackie, Kristi and Betty) Lunch will be provided!

Women's Tuesday morning Bible Study is on break until May 14th when they will start a new Women's Book Study at 9:00AM in the church library! Pastor Taylor will lead us through "The Supper of the Lamb" by Robert Farrar Capon who was an American Episcopal priest, chef, and author. He writes this book with wit and charm and according to the New York Times Book Review: "The Supper of the Lamb is awesomely funny, wise, beautiful, moving, and preposterous.." "From a passionate and talented chef who also happens to be an Episcopalian priest comes this surprising and thought -provoking treatise on everything from prayer to poetry to puff pastry. In this book he talks about festal and ferial cooking, emerging as an inspirational voice extolling the benefits and wonders of old-fashioned home cooking in a world of fast food and prepackaged cuisine." Join us as we embark on this fun new book.

All Church Clean Up Day (Days) needed. We would like to schedule times when most folks are able and willing to help. Some of the things that need to be done are listed below. If you find this type of service as something you would like to do, please mark your worship registration form and place it in the offering plate with the days, times and projects that work best for you.

- 1. Organizing the garden shed to store supplies in a safe and useable manner.
- 2. Spring cleaning and organizing the Grace Hall classrooms and closets
- 3. Sorting, purging and starting the packing up process of the social hall

Aprons for the Social Hall! Margaret Fletcher enjoys sewing and she thought it would be nice to use her gifts to support our social hall renovation project. The aprons hanging in the narthex are available for anyone who wants them. If you would like to support this fund raising project simply place your donations in the offering plate but please remember to designate Social Hall Aprons with your donation of. cash, check or online. Your donations will go directly into the Social Hall Restoration Fund.

Quilts & Crafts for the Social Hall! Laura Nielsen enjoys quilting and crafting, She has beautiful quilts & crafts to sell for our social hall restoration project. Usually she showcases them at Country Stores and Boutiques at the church. Sometimes we need a cute gift for someone special, feel free to check with Laura for some hand made quilts or crafts she might have on hand in between the Country Store & Boutique Fund Raising Events. Designate your donations to Immanuel Social Hall restoration

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.

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. Would you like to help with this ministry? The next lunch is May 23rd! 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. We gather together for evening meals, sharing potluck side dishes and bringing our own meat and table settings. For more informations talk to the Salwasser, Reynolds or Bennetts families.

The Flowers on the altar this morning are presented by Marie Salwasser for glory and honor to God and in memory of her mother, Lillian Fritz.

# Prayers of the church:

For Christ's Church: Eternal God, we thank You for Your Church through which the gospel of Jesus Christ has been manifest in every age.

Members and their families serving in the military: Erica Botello, Canaan Campbell, Joey Brewer, Henry Clark, Ryan Freitas, Michael Hansen, Leah Linger, & Matthew Tigchelaar.

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

Those in need of pain relief & healing: Bobbie Beshears, Sandy Britter, Ed Bordin, Gave Cissel, Steve Fletcher, Pat Griffin, Ken Goff, Liz Harrison, Paul Jones, Donna Kennedy, Carol Martin. Bruce McElhoe, Randy McFarland, Marcus Miranda, Joann Ortega, Gloria Pavne. Iohn Pestorich. Larry Pickens, Patti Price, David Stidham, Schifren. Pastor Amv Rebecca Stempniak, Bonnie Terkelsen, Allison Terrones & Keitt Wilson.

For those morning the loss of loved ones: The family of Jan Kersgaard.

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_	living at me		
□□1st Time Guest □21	l2nd Time or Regular Attender  □Member  I came as a guest of	<b>□</b> Member I	came as a guest of
Home Congregation			

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I have a prayer request:  I have hymn suggestions:
I want to speak with the parish nurse ② I want to speak with the pastor I have a message for (circle:) the office / the pastor
I want to receive the monthly newsletter ("I he Chimes")
I want to learn more about faith. I want to learn more about baptism
Please achieck the appropriate box and write your message in the space below.

# This Week at Immanuel

#### Today:

9:30AM Sunday School in Grace Hall 10:30AM Worship & Communion

11:45AM Fellowship Time Outside

#### Monday:

7:00PM NA in Grace Hall

Tuesday:

Wednesday

12:00PM FCA Lunch for WUHS Students

**Thursday** 

6:00AM Men's Bible Study

**Friday** 

#### **Next Sunday:**

9:30AM Sunday School in Grace Hall

10:30AM Worship & Communion

11:45AM Fellowship Time Outside

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

**Ushers:** Lee Terkelsen, Randy McFarland

Greeters: All of Immanuel
Sound & Technology: Lee, ,

Scripture Reader: Alex Gardner

Fellowship Servers: Orum & Terrones Families in

celebration of Eva's Birthday today!

Council Lock Up in May: Pat Griffin

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

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**Greeters:** All of Immanuel **Sound & Technology:** Lee,

Scripture Reader: Alex Gardner

Fellowship Servers: FCA Cookie Bakers!

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



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