Immanuel Lutheran Church and School



Reformation Sunday October 26, 2025 9:30am

ATTENDANCE CARDS We invite all our worshipers, both members and guests, to fill out an attendance card from the pew rack in front of you and place it in the offering plate. Also, use the "Tell Us" cards to communicate to your congregational leaders whatever you want them to know. You can also register on our app! Fill out the "Connect Card" located on the home page.

WORSHIP AIDS If you have difficulty reading the print in the bulletin, there are large print bulletins available on the table by the side door of the church. Do you have difficulty hearing the spoken word? Aids for hearing are also available on the same table. Ask an usher to help you if you need assistance.

CELL PHONES Check in on social media using #immanuelriverside before silencing your cell phones.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER In this morning's service, we celebrate Holy Communion. We offer Communion at the altar as well as individual communion kits if you are not yet comfortable with coming up. Individual kits can be found at the entrances or you may ask one of our ushers for assistance. If you wish to commune at the altar, our ushers will come and invite you forward, row by row, when the time comes. As Lutheran Christians, we believe that this sacrament is more than just a memorial meal. We believe in Christ's real presence in, under, and through the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a baptized Christian, and this is what you believe and desire, we invite you to join us in this most sacred meal! If this is not your confession, or you are not sure what you believe about the Lord's Supper, we are thankful that you are worshiping with us but ask that you please refrain from taking communion today. Our pastoral staff would be happy to follow up with you about participating in Holy Communion in the future.

FOR OUR LITTLE ONES For parents who have children under four years of age, we have a staffed nursery to assist you. If you have an infant, please feel free to use our Cry Room where you can still see and listen to the worship service.

NURSERY CARE The nursery is open for childcare during worship. Your children (6 weeks old - 5 years old) will be cared for by our trained staff for any or all of the service. You will need to read the Nursery Parent Information sheet and fill out a questionnaire before dropping off your children. Please see the Nursery Coordinator if you have any questions.

GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word was Long a Hidden Treasure

arr. Paul Bouman

PASTORAL WELCOME

(please stand and face the cross as it processes from the entrance of the church.)

SOLUS CHRISTUS: IN CHRIST ALONE

P: Jesus said: 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples;

C: and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.

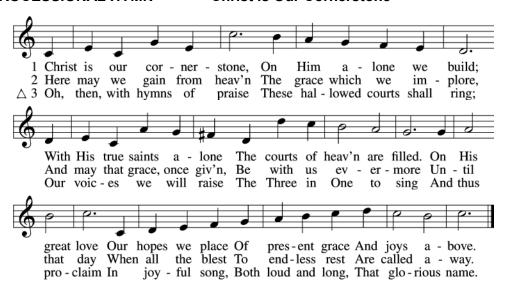
P: I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever.

C: So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ is Our Cornerstone

LSB 912



SOLA GRATIA: By Grace Alone

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P: Friends in Christ: Let us draw to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us. Since we are justified by faith.
- C: we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- P: through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand;
- C: and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. (please kneel)
- P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we confess to you that by nature we are sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy and plead for your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C: Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase our knowledge of you and your will, and make us obedient to your word, so that by your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (silence follows for personal confession)
- P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen. Thanks be to God! (please stand)

Verse 1 [choir]

A mighty fortress is our God, - bulwark never failing Our helper He, amid the flood, Of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe, Doth seek to work us woe His wrath and power are great, And armed with cruel hate On earth is not His equal.

Verse 2 [choir and congregation]

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing. Were not the right man on our side, The man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is He

Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same

And He must win the battle.

Verse 3 [choir]

And though this world with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us We will not fear for God hath willed, His truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him His rage we can endure, For Io his doom is sure One little word shall fell him.

Verse 4 [choir and congregation]

That Word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them abideth The Spirit and the gifts are ours, Through Him who with us sideth Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still His kingdom is forever.

[choir]

His kingdom is forever. Amen!

COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you **C:** And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, in mercy You give the light of Your gospel to Your Church. Keep us in sound teaching, so that we may firmly believe and faithfully follow Your saving word, and finally, with its holy comfort, die in peace and joy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen (Please be seated)

SOLA SCRIPTURE: By Scripture Alone

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Gina Bertaina, D.C.E. Intern

HYMN

Thy Word

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path

Verse 1

When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

Chorus

Verse 2

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end

Chorus

FIRST READING Revelation 14:6-7

(After the reading)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 46

P: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Lectern Side: The Lord of hosts is with us; Pulpit Side: The God of Jacob is our refuge.

P: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city, it shall not be moved, God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in uproar, the kingdoms totter, He utters his voice, the earth melts.

Lectern Side: The Lord of hosts is with us; Pulpit Side: The God of Jacob is our refuge.

P: Come, behold the works of the Lord, see what desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth: He breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. 'Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth'.

Lectern Side: The Lord of hosts is with us; Pulpit Side: The God of Jacob is our refuge.

EPISTLE READING Romans 3:19-28

(After the reading)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. (please stand)

ALLELUIA PROCESSIONAL

GOSPEL READING Matthew 11:12-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

(After the reading)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

ALLELUIA RECESSIONAL

Solus Christus

Reformation Sunday

Reformation Sunday
The Reformers didn't think they were starting something new, rather they were returning to the historic faith. How do we summarize what the Reformation is about?
Paul encourages us to recognize where our salvation does and does not come from. Why is it important that we do not confuse the two?
Ludmila's artwork stresses duality, but also the importance that the cross of Christ has in our life. What are some ways that it might help us understand Paul's Words?

Christ Our Hope In Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone. What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!" And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed, And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore.

SOLA FIDE: Faith Alone

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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.

PRAYERS OF THE DAY

(After the petition)

P: Lord in your mercy **C:** Hear our prayer

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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. (please be seated)

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

IMMANUEL IN MINISTRY

DEDICATION OF GIFTS

(please stand)

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

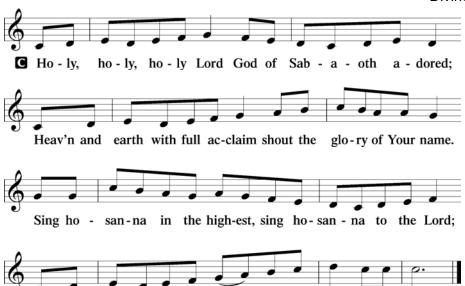
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS Divine Service 4



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

blest is He who comes

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My (†) blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

in the name of the Lord!

PEACE OF GOD

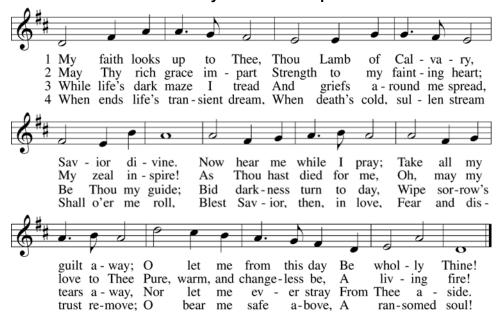
P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always

C: And also with you

(please be seated)

HOLY COMMUNION

Today we will be using walk-through communion to receive the Lord's Supper. Worshipers will come forward to receive the host and the cup and then return to their pew for prayer and meditation



HYMN

He Will Hold Me Fast

 When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast
 When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
 I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path; For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Chorus

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast. 2) Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

Chorus

 3) For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
 Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
 'Till our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last!

Chorus

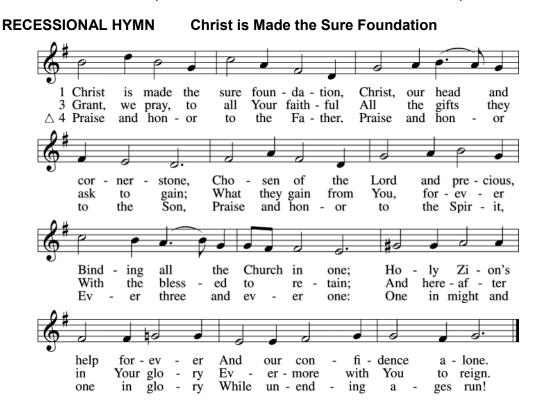
COMMUNION BLESSING

SOLI DEO GLORIA: to God Alone the Glory

(please stand) BENEDICTION

- P: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)
- P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord look upon you with favor, and grant you His peace.
- C: AMEN
- P: Soli Deo Gloria!
- C: To God Alone be the Glory!

(Turn to follow the cross as it leaves the church)



POSTLUDE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Healey Willan

LSB 909 vv. 1.3.4

PRAYERS REQUESTED BY OUR WORSHIPERS

To submit a prayer request for the coming Sunday, please email or call the church office by Wednesday. We want to pray for specific needs; however, ask permission before disclosing another person's specific need, to ensure that we respect their privacy.

PRAYERS OF THANKS

- Bill and Monae Pugh praise our Heavenly Father for our grandson's healing.
- Michael Ferreri offers prayers of thanks for getting Kaiser workers through the 1st 5 days (and hopefully last) days of strike and prayers that management and labor would reconcile and get back to healthcare.

PRAYER REQUESTS

The Howard family asks for prayers for their daughter Olivia, who will be away at Outdoor Education Camp this week.

<u>Ongoing Prayers for Healing:</u> Wayne Smith / Dee & Joseph Ferreri / Ken & Ruth Unrath / Ede and Phillip Lundquist / Ron Kusel / Rasmi Graumann/ Ken Hendershot / Andrew Ashline

In Oncology Therapy: Kimo Sherlin

We encourage you to use this prayer list in your personal devotions at home. To submit a request to our prayer chain or to join our prayer chain, call Carolyn Elfman (354-9896), Dory Robb (687-5725) or the church office (682-7613).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS The flowers on the altar are provided in recognition of Valerie Foucrier's Son Darrell's 59th Birthday.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Denise Illingworth—Oct. 27, Avonlea Sipan—Oct. 28, Marlene Martinez—Oct. 28, Jamila Leggett—Oct. 30, Ruben Garcia—Nov. 1



TRUNK OR TREAT—OCTOBER 31ST 5-7PM TRUNKS AND CANDY NEEDED!

Trunk or Treat is approaching and we need volunteers to show up with decked out trunks! Click link to sign up https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0548AFA829A1FDCF8-59096163-trunk#/ or contact Gina at Gina.Bertaina@ILCS-Riverside.org for more information. Candy donations are greatly appreciated.

OCTOBER IS CHURCH WORKER APPRECIATION MONTH Please take time during the month of October to share kind thoughts of appreciation and encouragement to our pastors, D.C.E. Intern, and church leaders. Show them that you care! Words of gratitude go a long way toward feeling appreciated and cherished. We have so many ways to communicate our thanks. Consider sharing a simple message, text, post, email, phone call or card of gratitude. Another way we are blessed to show our appreciation is by using the envelopes on the pew backs to place your monetary gifts. Please put your gift in the envelope, mark it Pastor's Appreciation, and then simply place it in the offering plate at any time during the month of October. We will celebrate our Ministry Staff in worship on November 2.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 2ND Every year during our All Saints Sunday service, we remember those who have passed away in the faith during the course of the year. If you have a loved one who has died in the faith during the past year, email us at info@immanuelriverside.com with their name and when they passed. Names are due by October 27th.

NEW MEMBER CLASS STARTING Our discipleship class, Re:Form, will start on October 12th in the Conference Room after service (located where the church offices are). This class is designed for lifelong Lutherans looking for a refresher on the basics of Christianity or for those who want to simply know more about the Christian faith. If you have any questions or would like to know more, email Pastor Robert at robert.jones.immanuel@gmail.com

BREAKFAST AND THE ARTS! Please join us for a light breakfast and a great opportunity to hear a presentation about how art inspires our faith. On Saturday, November 15 at 10am, Professor Sara Fletcher of Concordia University will be presenting "Seeing the Harmonies: Church Art as Visual Music." Sara is a sought-after presenter who has spoken to a variety of groups throughout the nation. This will be a wonderful opportunity to gather on the final weekend of our ICONS installation. For more information, contact Pastor Steven at steven.borst.immanuel@gmail.com.

WILL YOU BE AN ARTS PATRON? Some members of Immanuel have approached the pastors and would like to raise money to purchase one of the pieces of art from the ICONS installation. They are looking for other members who are willing to donate. We have come up with the following plan: the pastors will choose three pieces of art they think will best fit on our campus and then donors will be able to vote on which one to choose. To donate, please make your check out to Immanuel, memo: ICONS Art. For more information, please speak to one of the pastors. Thank you for considering to support this legacy gift to our church!

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES:

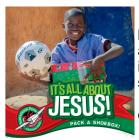
- October 12—November 2: BEING TRANSFORMED—A four part series examining the art in our sanctuary in light of God's Word.
- November 9-November 23: MALACHI & MONEY—God's Word through the prophet Malachi has a lot to say about who we are and how we should look at what God gives us.

DIVORCE CARE Meets Thursdays at 6:30pm in the conference room A Christ centered divorce support group in the Conference Room led by Scott and Cindy Hutter. Divorce Care is open to church and community. Divorce Care is designed to help comfort and heal those going through separation and divorce. Some come to faith for the first time during this painful ordeal and participants tend to grow in their Christian faith journey. For more information, please feel free to contact Cindy and Scott Hutter at 909-234-0942. or email us at scotthutter60@gmail.com. Divorce Care has an excellent website detailing topics, etc., at www.Divorcecare.org.

MENS BIBLE STUDY Meetings are first and third Saturdays at 8:30am in the conference room. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, November 1st. Coffee and donuts at every meeting and we will be studying the book of Genesis. If you are interested please call the office at 951-682-7613 or email info@immanuelriverside.com

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY Meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 9:30am and led by Leslie Reick. *There will not be a meeting on October 25th*, the next meeting will be on November 8th, we are studying The Chosen Bible Study, watch and reflect on the third season of The Chosen together.

VOLUNTEER AT THE EXHIBIT We need your help with Icons in Transformation. Volunteer today for a shift on either Saturdays or Sundays so that we can continue to welcome members and community visitors alike. Volunteers serve in four-man teams for a 2 1/2 hour shift. Sign up with Suzie after service or online. Thank you for your help: Sign up at immanuelriverside.com/ icons or scan QR code to Volunteer.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Last week, our elementary school kicked-off the Operation Christmas Child season! If you would like to pack a box that will bring joy to a child in need, there are instructions and labels in the narthex and in the office. This is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse that spreads the Gospel all around the world. Bring your box in on November 19th by 3:00 pm so we can pray over it and get it to the distribution center.





20% OF FOOD SALES*

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Show this flyer or simply mention the fundraiser to your server to have your sales counted.

FUNDRAISER DETAILS

1370 Galleria At Tyler, Riverside, CA 92503 November 1, 2025*

If ordering online, please follow these instructions:

- Start your order at redrobin.com/order and select the restaurant above.
- In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)" and click on that item.
- Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
- Add your meal items and check out.
- Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!

*Fundraiser during restaurant operating hours. Visit redrobin.com and find this location to view hours.

Donation based on all eligible net dine-in and to-go food sales only. Excludes sales from catering (at select locations), 3rd party ordering and delivery sites, alcohol, gift cards, retail, tax and gratuity. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant during fundraiser day & hours.



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS

Preacher	Pastor Robert Jones
	Gina Bertaina
Elder	Matthew Chrzan
Ushers	Brett Bailey, Robert Swortwood, Carlos Olea, Heather Olea
Greeters	Eileen and Brett Bailey
Organ/Piano	Elvin Rodriguez, Jan Smith
	Aaron Friesen
Brass	Brandon Russell Smith, Ethan Guzman, Jair Garcia Oliver
Brass	Jenna McDonnell, Luke Hilland
Praise Team	Alison Jones, Linette Rodriguez
	Kris Streich
Tech Team	Patty Fountain, Annika Kaminski, Kaija Kaminski
Acolyte	Anika Hansen
Cross Bearer	William Zlaket
Torch Bearers	Olivia Howard, Sienna DeGruy

OUR VISION

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School is a grace-filled community rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, serving the Inland Empire as a center for Christian faith. Our worship honors God in both classical and contemporary styles where Christ is glorified and proclaimed. We disciple both youth and adults, engaging hearts and minds through Bible education and the arts. Our schools pursue excellence in educating children as well as impacting families with the transforming love of God. As followers of Jesus we live out our faith through service, evangelism, and missions in our community and the world.

Other Ways to give:

- Download the Immanuel App and click the GIVING tab.
- Scan the QR Code for more options.



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