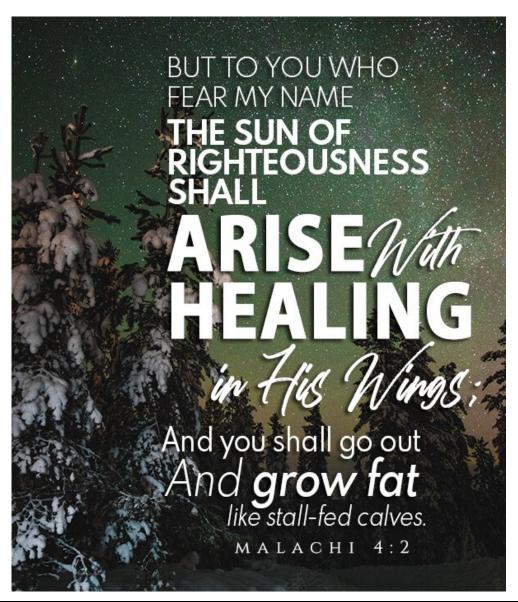
Immanuel Lutheran Church and School



November 23, 2025 Last Sunday of the Church Year 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

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

arr. Federick Swann

PASTORAL WELCOME

Pastor Robert Jones

(please stand)

OPENING LITURGY

- P: Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, O Ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- C: Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!
- P: "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars...and then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."
- C: When these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.
- P: While the disciples were gazing into heaven as Jesus went up, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?
- C: This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

ALL: Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive all glory and honor and power, forever and ever. Amen.

(please stand) **PROCESSION** Alleluia! Sing to Jesus Sing Je 1 Al le lu ia! sus; His the to Women 2 A1 le lu ia! Not as or phans Are we 3 A1 le lu ia! Bread of Here heav en, on Men 4 Al le lu ia! King Lord e ter nal, om -5 Al le lu ia! Sing Je His the to sus: His the throne; Al His scep - ter, le - lu ia! the left A1 le - lu He in sor row now; ia! is earth food, A1 le - lu ia! Here the our our stay; we own; Al le - lu Born of nip - 0 tent ia! scep - ter, His the throne; A1 le - lu ia! His the tri His the umph, vic to ry a lone. Faith us; be - lieves, how. near nor ques tions sin ful Flee to You from day day. to Mar Earth Your foot stool, heav'n Your throne. y, tri umph. His the vic lone. to ry a Hark! The songs of peace ful Zi Thun - der on Though the cloud from sight ceived Him When re the Friend Earth's In ter - ces sor, of sin ners. Re -As with - in the veil You en tered, Robed in peace - ful Hark! The songs of Zi on Thun - der like might - y flood: "Je of out a sus for days were o'er, Shall our hearts for ty deem hear plea Where the of er, our songs High Priest, both flesh, our great Here on earth like might - y flood: "Je sus out of a re - deemed us 'ry na - tion Has by His blood." ev His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"? get all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea. - tim the cha - ris - tic priest and vic In eu feast. 'ry na tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."

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vv. 1,3,5—ALL v. 2-Women v. 4—Men

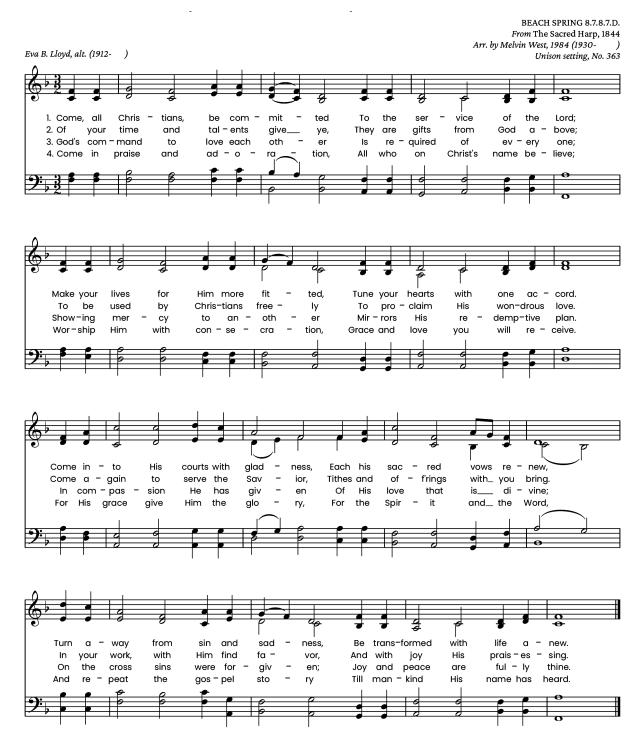
INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

- P: We come into the presence of the Almighty King. Malachi tells us "the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And we will go out and leap like calves released from the stall (Mal 4:2)" Let us therefore confess our sins, asking God to grant us forgiveness for the sake of Jesus. (please kneel)
- P: O Almighty Lord,
- C: We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words and actions.
- P: Although You bless us, we are often selfish and withhold those blessings from others.
- C: We receive Your forgiveness, yet we often refuse to forgive others.
- P: We turn from Your Word and follow our own desires.
- C: Have mercy on us and forgive us for the sake of Jesus our Savior. (silence for personal confession)
- P: The sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings.
- C: And we will go out and leap like calves released from the stall.
- P: This sure and certain promise is ours because God sent his Son to bear our sin and be our Savior. For the sake of Jesus and by His command, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the (†)Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (please stand)

Come, All Christians Be Committed



SERVICE OF THE WORD

(please be seated)
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Gina Bertaina, D.C.E. Intern

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

We conclude our stewardship series in Malachi by hearing the prophet focus on who the righteous are before God. This is also important because the righteous wait upon the Lord and His return which ushers in healing and redemption. Though the signs of the end of the age are worrisome, we need not fear it but trust in Christ, our king.

FIRST READING Malachi 3:13-4:3

(After the reading)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

(please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 21:25-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(After the reading)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.



A Long Journey

Pastor Robert Jones

1.	Life is rarely easy. We constantly have to fight against the temptation to s						
	w (in faith).						
2.	. Malachi is addressing the concerns of h was the righteous are not					oroblems wicked	
3.	When the journey gets hard, we often blame God. The people in Malachi's time said, "it is						
	to God	."					
	Is there an area in your walk with G	od tha	it you "sit d	own" on the jou	ırney?		
4.	. God reminds us that we are His			His p_			
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5.	. God reminds us of w	_w	a	9			
6	God reminds us that Jesus alone c			us when we a	re disc	ouraged	

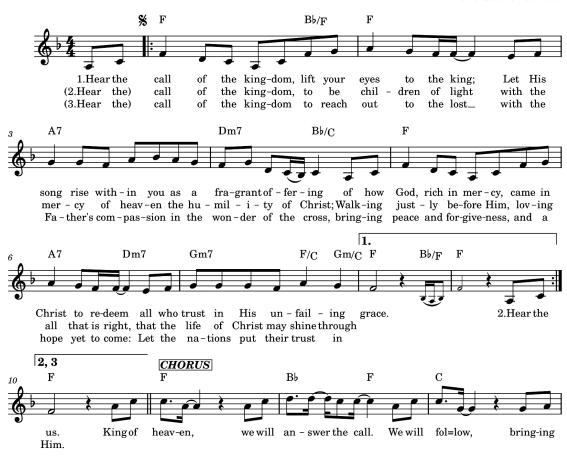
We can trust in Him in all parts of our life, not just the ones of convenience.

RESPOND IN COMMUNITY

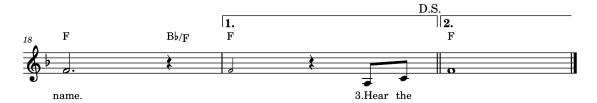
(please stand)
SONG OF RESPONSE

Hear the Call of the Kingdom

Words and Music by Keith and Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend







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 PRAISE AND PETITION

(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)

OFFERING & COMMITMENT

This morning, we have the opportunity to respond to God's faithfulness and generosity with our own. Instead of the ushers passing the offering plate, we invite everyone to come and place their offerings and sealed commitment cards on the altar.

DEDICATION OF GIFTS

IMMANUEL IN MINISTRY

BENEDICTION (Blessing)

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

EXPERIENCE COMMUNION

(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:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."
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."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: Amen.

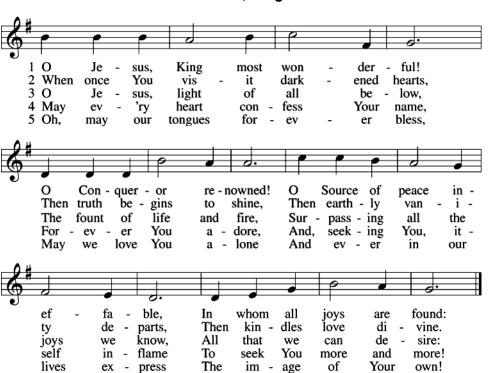
COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION (please be seated)

COMMUNION MUSIC

HYMN

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

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HYMN

Come Share the Lord

Chorus 1

We gather here in Jesus' name
His love is burning in our hearts
like living flame
For through His loving Son
the Father makes us one
Come take the bread
Come drink the wine
Come share the Lord

Bridge

For He will feed us with His presence here
This bread and wine will do us good
Our deepest hungers He will satisfy
For He is life and peace
and rest and drink and food

Chorus 2

We'll gather soon where angels sing
We'll see the glory of
our Lord and coming King
Now we anticipate
the feast for which we wait
Come take the bread
Come drink the wine
Come share the Lord

Bridge

No one is a stranger here
Ev'ryone belongs
Finding our forgiveness here
We in turn forgive all wrongs
We are now the family
Of which the Lord is head
Though unseen He meets us here
In the breaking of the bread

Chorus 3

He joins us here He breaks the bread
The Lord who pours the cup
is risen from the dead
The One we love the most
is now our gracious host
Come take the bread
Come drink the wine
Come share the Lord

SENT OUT TO SERVE

BLESSING

2 Corinthians 13:14
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be

with you all.

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Fred Bock

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

⊕ Debby and Richard Weigand give thanks for the beautiful service last Sunday, the sermon, the color guard. It reminds me of how special it is to be Lutheran, citizens in the world and respect for our earthly government with always serving our heavenly kingdom with our gifts and talents. God is so good and we especially thank him today for our pastors and his reminder that He provides for all our needs in this life and that to come.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- → Jean Kempe requests prayers for peace and comfort for the Brown family (a preschool family) who lost their Dad/Grandpa and are traveling to New Orleans for the funeral.
- Beverly Phillips asks for prayers of healing for their daughter Briana, for complete healing for persistent ear infections.
- ⊕ Britta and Michael Bailey ask for prayers for safe travels for their train trip to Seattle and flight home.

<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, Wendy Price

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

AFTERWORD FOR KIDS—11:00-12:00 Meets in the 6th Grade Classroom

- Wiggle Worship Ages 5 and under with parents: Interactive Bible time, singing, dancing, and craft for our littlest worshippers and their parents
- Sunday School—Elementary Grades: Lesson, crafts, and games based on our Bible reading for today.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Sherry Kynaston—Nov. 26, Kenneth Phillips—Nov. 27, Adam Illingworth—Nov. 27th, Jeanne Moore—Nov. 30th.

360 DISCIPLES The third quarter giving statements are available for pickup in the sanctuary. These statements will show your giving through September 30, 2025. They will be available throughout the month of November in the sanctuary and the rest will be mailed. If you have any questions about the statement please email Jamila at jamila.leggett@ilcs-riverside.org.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS The Altar Guild is inviting you to support and beautifying our sanctuary for Christmas by purchasing poinsettias. The cost is \$20.00 per plant. If you would like to donate one or more plants please enclose your contribution in the Christmas Poinsettia envelope in the pew back and place in the offering or mail to the church office. Please write checks payable to: Immanuel Lutheran Church with the memo line stating Poinsettias " In memory of a loved one, please note the name(s) on the envelope." Memorials will be listed in the worship bulletin on Christmas Day. The last day for orders is Sunday, December 20, 2025. You are welcome to take your plant after the service on Christmas Day. PLEASE ONLY TAKE PLANTS YOU HAVE PAID FOR. Thank you for helping decorate the church.

JOY GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY: The JOY Group Christmas Party will be held on December 13th from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM in Graumann Hall. A Ham Dinner with all the trimmings will be catered by McGrath's along with musical entertainment and a White Elephant Gift Exchange. All this fellowship and fun for \$30.00 per person. See the signup table in the courtyard after the service or signup online at www.immanuelriverside.com

MENS BIBLE STUDY Meetings are first and third Saturdays at 8:30am in the conference room. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, December 6th. 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. The next meeting will be on December 13th, we are studying The Chosen Bible Study, watch and reflect on the third season of The Chosen together.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR ICON VOLUNTEERS! It took 99 volunteers to be able to host the ICONS installation over the past 10 weeks. We are so appreciative of everyone who made this a reality. What a blessing it has been for our church, school, and community! A special thank you to our chairpersons for organizing and inspiring our members to serve.

- **STEERING COMMITTEE**: Karin Jeske (chair), + 3 volunteers
- GALA COMMITTEE: Leslie Reick and Susan Atkinson (co-chairs) + 2 volunteers
- INSTALLATION & REMOVAL: George Frahm and Don Clark (co-chairs) + 40 volunteers
- DOCENTS: Suzie Pratt (chair) + 48 volunteers

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.

Memorial Service Announcement In Loving Memory of Marsha "Gargar" McInnis

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Marsha "Gargar" McInnis. A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Riverside on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 10am. You are invited to a reception in the fellowship hall immediately following the service.

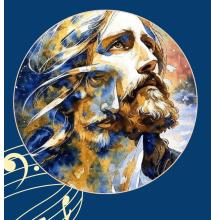
We invite family, friends, school children and alumni including all who knew Marsha to join us in remembering her warmth, kindness, and faithful spirit.

- Service Details:
 - Date: Thursday, 12/11/2025
 - Location: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Riverside

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Immanuel Lutheran Elementary School in Marsha's honor. Your generosity will help continue her legacy of love and support for our community's children.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." — Matthew 5:4

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS



Christus Paradox

The highly anticipated concert of the year returns. This service of Lessons and Carols is an extended meditation on the incomprehensible incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday, Decmber 14 at 4pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church 5455 Alessandro Blvd. Riverside, CA 92506 (951) 682-7613 immanuelriverside.com



CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

It's already time to start thinking about our **ANNUAL ANGEL TREE**. We're getting ready for the joy, love and goodness that God provides us during the holidays!

Our ANGEL TREE will benefit Foster Teens & Veterans! You'll see the ANGEL TREE in the narthex beginning **Sunday**, **November 9th**. Let's FOCUS our heart on JESUS' birth and the meaning that Christmas

brings us. Having our focus on Jesus gives us the right perspective as we show God's love during the coming Christmas season.

We will be collecting GIFT CARDS for the Foster Teens and Veterans again this year, through Sunday, December 7th!

If possible, please purchase your gift cards on Sundays after the church service between 11/16—12/7 OR they're available for purchase in the church office M-F 8:30am-3:30pm.

Questions? Or if you'd like to help at either of the parties, Call the church office (951-682-7613) and leave a message for Julia Gardner.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE KIDS & VETERANS!!

- ◆ Friend of the Cantrell Family, Brenna Anderson, Staff Sergeant, U.S. Air Force, Lajes Fields in the Azores.
- ♦ Husband of Kenya Buchanan MSgt. Jaron Buchanan U.S. Air Force, March Air Reserve Base CA.
- Grandson of Dave and Joy Fosgett, Nathan Fosgett, 2nd Lieutenant Air Force Reserve.
- ♦ Brother -in-Law of Jean Kempe, Matthew Kempe, USCG South Carolina
- ♦ Nephew of Jean Kempe, Austin Beck, USCG, Virginia
- ♦ Sgt. Julian Opoku, U.S. Army, Pensacola, Florida
- ♦ Nephew of Lisa Hjulberg, SSgt. Dylan Willette, USMC, Lufkin, TX
- ♦ Granddaughter of Steve Parillo, niece of Mike and Jill Parillo, Rachel Parillo, 2nd Lieutenant Air Force, Pensacola, Florida
- ♦ Granddaughter of Ken and Ruth Unrath, Maj. Katelyn Unrath, Eglin AFB, Florida.
- ♦ Grandson of Ken and Ruth Unrath, Maj. Scott Unrath, Hurlburt AFB, Florida.
- ♦ Grandson of Ken and Ruth Unrath, Maj. Steven Ewing, Dyess AFB, Abilene, Texas.
- ♦ Friend of Alyssa Wilcox, Josh Hobbs, U.S. Navy, Virginia
- ♦ Cousin of Lexi and Blake Mercadefe, Brandon Sheer, U.S. Navy, San Diego, CA
- ♦ Nephew of Deidre Goodwin, James Goodwin, U.S. Military, Japan
- ♦ Father of Preschool daughter: Coby Torres, Army, stationed in Iraq

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS

Preacher	Pastor Robert Jones			
Liturgist	Pastor Steven Borst			
D.C.E. Intern	Gina Bertaina			
Elder	Chip Sartorius			
Ushers	Elmer Baumgarten, John Uhles, Terry Streich, Brett Bailey			
Greeters	Del & Lea Petersen			
Organ/Piano	Dr. Elvin Rodriguez, Jan Smith			
Praise Team	Alison Jones, Linette Rodriguez			
Lector	Paul Sundeen			
Tech Team	Sandra Chapel, Rebecca Chapel, Jim Chapel			
Acolyte	Samantha Block			
Cross Bearer	William Zlaket			

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.

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