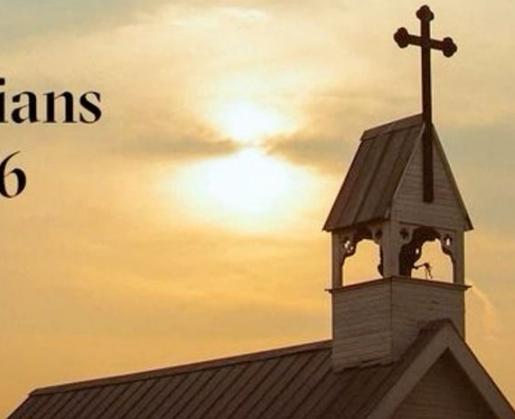


# Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her to make her holy, cleansing her with the washing of water by the word.

Ephesians  
5:25-26



**March 15, 2026**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**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.

**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 FOR WORSHIP

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Happy the Home When God Is There

D. R. Johnson

PASTORAL WELCOME

Pastor Robert Jones

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today Your Mercy Call Us

LSB 915



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

## INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.



## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## STUDY THE WORD

*(Please be seated)*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Gina Bertaina, D.C.E Intern

### INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS

As we listen to God's Word today, we discover that one of the greatest temptations that He wants us to avoid are those revolving around His design for our sexuality. He uses this to illustrate His great love for His Church as we are called His bride and He the bridegroom who lays down His life for us. This, of course, mirrors His design for creation which Jesus teaches on in our Gospel Reading.

### RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 119:9-16

L: How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

**C: With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!**

L: I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

**C: Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes!**

L: With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth.

**C: In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.**

L: I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.

**C: I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.**

### FIRST READING

Ephesians 5:22-33

*(After the reading)*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

*(please stand)*

### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:27-32

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(After the reading)*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly  
 2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my  
 3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and  
 4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,  
 5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, Grant that in Your



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of  
 sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new  
 eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me  
 is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing  
 death I trust, Know - ing death has lost its pow - er Since You



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in  
 cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,  
 weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.  
 new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet  
 crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let Your ag - o - ny



Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from  
 Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was  
 Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -  
 Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing  
 Ev - er help and com - fort me; When I die be my pro -



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.  
 wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.  
 ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.  
 pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.  
 tec - tion, Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

*(please be seated)*

**MESSAGE**

**Jesus and the 10: Purity**

Pastor Robert Jones

The 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment: You shall not c\_\_\_\_\_ a\_\_\_\_\_.

Two things are important when hearing this section of Scripture:

- We shouldn't read these like the P\_\_\_\_\_. We shouldn't seek to use these as case studies for all circumstances.
- C\_\_\_\_\_: Our identity is not because we f\_\_\_\_\_ the L\_\_\_\_\_, but because we are c\_\_\_\_\_ of G\_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus opens up God's will and original design for this commandment:

- Against Lust: God cares beyond a\_\_\_\_\_ on it, but He also wants a p\_\_\_\_\_ of t\_\_\_\_\_ and m\_\_\_\_\_.
- Against Divorce: God's intent for marriage—d\_\_\_\_\_ d\_\_\_\_\_. "What God has j\_\_\_\_\_ together, let no person separate"

Although Jesus did not marry, He fulfills this commandment by:

Not only that, but Jesus honors women throughout His earthly ministry. What are some of note?

St. Paul encourages us in Ephesians 5 using the example of Christ's fulfillment. What encouragement do we find:

- For wives:
- For husbands:
- Regardless of relationship status:

What future hope do we have embedded within the image that St. Paul uses?

# RESPOND IN COMMUNITY

(please stand)

## SONG OF RESPONSE

## Power of the Cross

Getty

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

F/A G/B C G7/D C/E F C/E

1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day. Christ on the road to  
 2. Oh to see the pain writ - ten on Your face, bear - ing the awe - some  
 3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath quakes as its Mak - er  
 4. Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for through Your suf - fring

4 Dm7 Fmaj7 Gsus G F/A G/B C G7/D C/E F C/E Fmaj7

Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en then nailed to a cross of —  
 weight of — sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing Your blood - stained  
 bows His — head. Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life. "Fin - ished!" the vic - try  
 I am — free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live won through Your self - less

1 2,3,4 CHORUS

8 Gsus G Gsus G/F C/E F G/B C C/E F G/B C C/E

wood. brow. 2,3. This the pow'r of the cross Christ be - came sin for us. Took the  
 cry. 4. This the pow'r of the cross Son of God slain for us. What a  
 love.

14 F D/F# G G/F C/E F Gsus G 2,3 F/A G/B C FM7 Dm7 Gsus G D.C.

blame, bore the wrath. We stand for - giv - en at — the cross.  
 love, what a cost. We stand for - giv - en at — the

4. ENDING

19 F/A G/B C C/E F D/F# G G/F C/E F Gsus G C

cross. What a love, what a cost. We stand for - giv - en at — the cross.

## NICENE CREED

**C:** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

## PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND PETITION

*(After the petition)*

**P:** Lord in your mercy

**C:** Hear our prayer

*(please be seated)*

## OFFERING

## IMMANUEL IN MINISTRY

## DEDICATION OF GIFTS

**GRADES 1 & 2 RECORDER BAND**     *“Joyful We Adore You”*

*by L.V. Beethoven,  
Arr. E. Rodriguez*

## 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.

## 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.

## POSTLUDE

**Oh, Blest the House**

J.C. Bach

## **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**

- ✠ Prayer of thanks to God that a recent eye issue with Beverly Phillips was not as serious as thought.
- ✠ John Havrisik thanks God that Rocky's leg wounds are on the mend. We lift prayers for continued healing and ask for wisdom and discernment for health decisions.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- ✠ We pray for the friends and family of Herbert Bice who passed away on March 6th. May God grant them comfort during these days.
- ✠ Diane and Marlin Brandt ask for prayers for a quick and successful recovery of hip surgery for their dear friend Paula.
- ✠ John Havrisik asks for prayers for David Miller and Peter Solerio for cancer treatments. Prayers for friend Joan Chohon who is terminal, and both her daughters and family.
- ✠ Jane Havrisik asks for prayers for her friend, Jaime who is struggling with side effects from chemo. Pray for her strength, her appetite and recovery between treatments.

**Ongoing Prayers for Healing:** David Schilling / Wayne Smith / Dee & Joseph Ferreri / Ken & Ruth Unrath / Ede and Phillip Lundquist / Ron Kusel / Ken Hendershot / Andrew Ashline / Jo Kenney & Nana

**In Oncology Therapy:** 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 (951-354-9896), Dory Robb (951-687-5725) or the church office (951-682-7613).*

# NEW LENT SERIES

## JESUS AND THE 10

Looking at how Jesus fulfills  
the Commandments

Sundays 9:30 AM  
Wednesdays 6:00 PM

March 15	I Am Your Purity
March 18	I Am Your Treasure
March 22	I Am Your Truth
March 25	I Am Your Contentment

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 29 | Palm Sunday 9:30 AM

April 2 | Maundy Thursday 6:30 PM

April 3 | Good Friday Noon & 6:30 PM

April 5 | Easter Sunday Services  
6:30 AM Sunrise,  
8:30 & 10:30 Festival Services

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR WIGGLE WORSHIP** today and next Sunday due to the principal candidate meet-and-greets. Confirmation will continue as usual.

**YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT TONIGHT, 5-7:30!** 7th-12th graders - Come join us in the youth lounge for a movie, pizza rolls and popcorn! We're watching The Prince of Egypt and discussing how the story of Moses points us to Christ. For more details contact Gina.

**CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED FOR EASTER EGG HUNT!** If you would like to donate unmeltable candies for our Easter egg hunt, please drop them off at the box in the narthex or the church office.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** - Confirmation Unit 2 has started and will be meeting every Sunday at 11am in the Youth Lounge.

**FUTURE OF YOUTH MINISTRY FORUM** A forum is planned to discuss the future of youth ministry here at Immanuel and you are invited to participate! The forum will be held on March 29th at Noon. Childcare and lunch will be provided.

**NO AFTER WORD BIBLE STUDY** With the open forums for our principal candidates, Palm Sunday, and Easter over the next month of Sundays, we will be taking a break until April 12th.

**ReFORM DISCIPLESHIP CLASS CONTINUES** It's not too late to join us for our Spring class of ReForm! Come join us to learn and talk more about the basics of the Christian faith while also getting a chance to meet, pray, and get into a rhythm of following Jesus. We meet in the Conference room after church\*. \*We will take a break on March 29th and April 5th

### **LENTEN SUPPERS AND SERVICE WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM**

Please join us this Wednesday for a time of food and fellowship in Graumman Hall starting at 6 PM. The Board of Elders are looking for groups and individuals to sponsor future weeks. Please use the sign up sheet in the narthex if you will bring a soup, side or help set up, clean up and tear down. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Matthew Chrzan at [matthewchrzan@gmail.com](mailto:matthewchrzan@gmail.com).

**MENS BIBLE STUDY** Meetings are first and third Saturdays at 8:30am in the conference room. Coffee and donuts at every meeting and we are studying the book of Genesis. Our next meeting is Saturday, March 21st. If you are interested please call the office at 951-682-7613 or email [info@immanuelriverside.com](mailto:info@immanuelriverside.com)

**WOMENS BIBLE STUDY** Meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 9:30am and led by Leslie Reick. Our next meeting will be March 28th. We are studying 10 Women of the Bible by Max Lucado

**DAVID ELFMAN MEMORIAL SERVICE** A memorial service will be held at Immanuel on April 11th at 2 PM. A light reception will follow. Guests who plan on attending are encouraged to RSVP with the church office at [info@immanuelriverside.com](mailto:info@immanuelriverside.com) to obtain an accurate count.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthdays this week:** Beverley Matheson—Mar. 15, Kristine Cockrell—Mar. 15, Win Teasley—Mar. 17, Naomi Bunke—Mar. 17, Joan Sohns—Mar. 19, Jonathan Howard—Mar. 20, Sandra Chapel—Mar. 21, Stacy Vigo—Mar. 22.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**—Flowers are in celebration of Don and Tinie Clark's 2nd Wedding Anniversary.

**DIVORCE CARE** A Christ centered divorce support group led by Scott and Cindy Hutter. Divorce Care is open to church and community, and is designed to help comfort and heal those going through separation and divorce. For more information, please feel free to contact Cindy and Scott Hutter at 909-234-0942. or email us at [scotthutter60@gmail.com](mailto:scotthutter60@gmail.com). Divorce Care has an excellent website detailing topics, etc., at [www.Divorcecare.org](http://www.Divorcecare.org).



**HERB BICE FUNERAL** A long time member, Herbert Bice, passed away on March 6th. A service is planned for April 11th at 11 AM here at Immanuel.

**BEDS AND BLESSINGS** Do you have a bed to donate? Changing a guest room into an office? Beds and Blessings could use TWIN beds, Twin Bunk Beds or Toddler Beds and even CRIBS. Please contact Julia in the Church office or at 951-682-7613 if you would like to donate or have a question.

**IMPORTANT UPDATE ON OUR PRINCIPAL CALL!** Our Call Committee has narrowed our candidate list to two candidates who will be visiting our campus in March. We are very excited to welcome Mr. Kristopher Schneider and wife Christy on March 15-16, and Mr. Jim Violette and wife Kim on March 19 and 22. You will be receiving a candidate profile for each candidate. We also ask that you take the opportunity to meet each candidate during one of their Open Forums in GPEC. These are:

- Kris Schneider Open Forums: Sunday, March 15 at 11am and/or Monday, March 16 at 8:30am
- Jim Violette Open Forums: Thursday, March 19 at 8:30am and/or Sunday, March 22 at 11:00am

There will be a **SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING** to call one of these candidates to be our next principal. This will take place on Palm Sunday, March 29 at 11am in the Sanctuary. Please keep our candidates and our elementary school in your prayers!

**EASTER LILIES** Help our sanctuary bloom in celebration of Christ's resurrection by sponsoring an Easter lily. The cost is \$15 per plant. Checks should be made payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church and placed in the envelope found in the pew back. If you wish to give a lily in memory of a loved one, please include the name(s) on the order envelope; memorials will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. The deadline to order is March 29, 2026. You may take your lily home after the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Easter Sunday. Thank you for helping beautify our church for this joyful celebration.

**IMMANUEL ENDOWMENT FUND UPDATE: 2026 Award Funds:** The Endowment Commission is pleased to share that **\$10,208.89** is available to distribute to members of Immanuel Lutheran Church for scholarships and grants in 2026.

**Scholarships:** The scholarship application deadline for the 2026–2027 academic year is **April 1, 2026**. Scholarships are available to Immanuel members attending a Christian college or university and majoring in Lutheran ministry or Christian education.

**Grants:** Grants may be requested at any time by Immanuel members for non-budgeted special projects or ministries within the church or the broader Christian community.

**How to Apply:** The application form is available online at: [immanuelriverside.com/endowment-application](http://immanuelriverside.com/endowment-application) or through the church office. **For more information** about scholarships, grants, or ways to support the Endowment Fund, contact the church office at 951-682-7613 and leave a message for the Endowment Commission.



- ◆ Friend of the Cantrell Family, Brenna Anderson, Staff Sergeant, U.S. Air Force, Guam.
- ◆ 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
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- ◆ 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

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Elder ..... Chip Sartorius  
Children's Message..... Gina Bertaina, D.C.E. Intern  
Ushers ..... Eileen Bailey, Kristy Sartorius, Carol Kessler, Bob Swortwood  
Lector..... Cherkaleyna Haga  
Greeters..... Beverly Phillips, Eileen Bailey  
Organ/Piano..... Dr. Elvin Rodriguez, Jan Smith  
Praise Team..... Denise Illingworth, Linette Rodriguez, Lydia Sipan  
Tech Team..... Sandra Chapel, Rebecca Chapel, Jim Chapel  
Acolytes ..... Samantha Block, 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.

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