For All the Saints



IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Temple, TX

Welcome to Immanuel!

"Leading our neighbors to the joy of salvation in Jesus Christ and building up one another in faith through Word and Sacrament."

A Note to Visitors

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church! We are glad you are worshiping with us today. We invite you to register your attendance using the cards located in the pews and to place them in the offering plate as it is passed. If you would like more information about Immanuel, please stop by the welcome table in the lobby.

Immanuel Lutheran Church serves the greater Bell County area with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are celebrating 100 years of faithful commitment to Christian worship, education, mission, and service.

We hope you join us for worship again soon!

Connect with Us!

Want more info about Immanuel? Scan this QR code and provide your contact information so we can connect with you!

About All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day takes place on November 1st of each year, and it is commemorated on the first Sunday of November. It is a day for us to remember those who have gone to be with the Lord over the past year. White, the color of purity and completeness, adorns the altar, bearing the message that "though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow." Christ's triumph from the grave on Resurrection day gives us cause to rejoice, knowing His purity before the Father becomes our purity.

A Note to Parents

We believe children are God's children too, which means they are as much a part of the church as everyone else. Therefore, children of all ages are always welcome in the worship service.

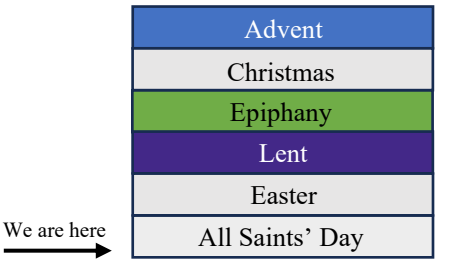
However, we completely understand that kids can get restless during the service, and we understand the challenges of getting children accustomed to being in the service the whole time. We want to assist you in helping your children learn to participate in a meaningful way. We offer these opportunities for children to participate in service, and for them to take breaks when needed:

Children's Message | Children are invited to come forward for a brief message of teaching and prayer. Parents are welcome to accompany small children as needed. *(Offered every other Sunday)*

Nursery | When parents need a place for their children during worship, a children's room is available down the main hallway on the left.

Nursing Mom's Corner | Available inside the nursery.

The Church Year



All Saints' Day

November 1, 2026 | 10:30am

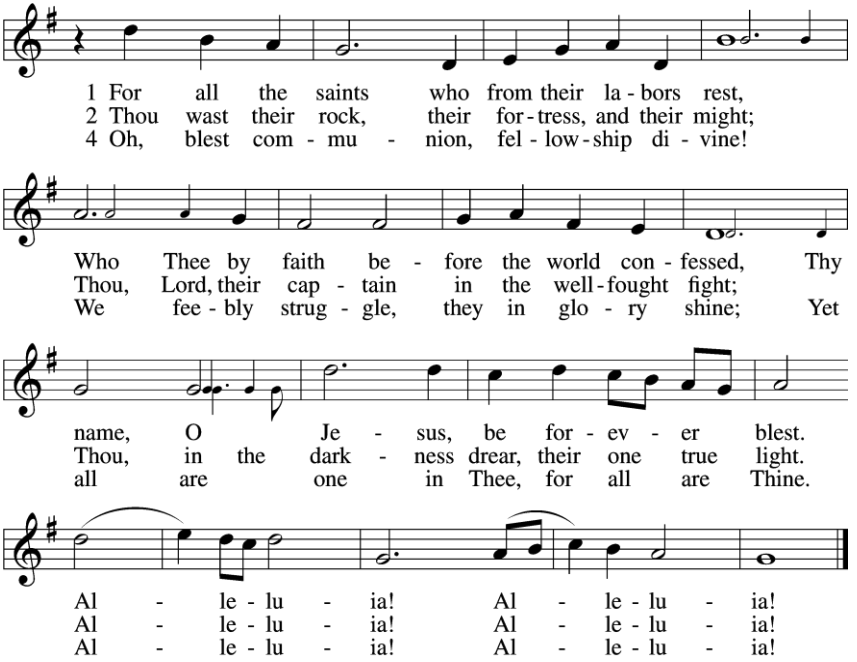
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Please share your attendance with us by filling out the attendance card and placing it in the offering plate. Any prayer requests or feedback may be written on the back.

Family Worship

♫ For All the Saints

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Welcome and Invocation

We have come to worship the one true God,

In the Name of the Father, **Who created us.**
In the Name of Jesus Christ, **Who redeemed us.**
In the Name of the Holy Spirit, **Who sanctifies us.**

Glory be to You, O God, **the Savior of all, forever and ever. Amen.**

When we speak the creed, we declare together the basics of our faith, as a summary of Biblical teaching about the Triune God, the Church, our resurrection, and life eternal.

The Prayers of the Day are ancient, some more than 1500 years old. In these carefully crafted prayers, we lift up our voices together, making our appeal to our heavenly Father, carrying our most basic needs before the heavenly throne.

Online offerings may be given by following the QR code found below and on the giving card in the pew. The card may then be placed in the offering plate

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

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.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Announcements

Offerings of Thanksgiving

Remembrance of the Saints Video

Following the video, the bell will toll three times.

We stand for prayer.

Prayers and Petitions

After each petition:
…Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we give You thanks for all the saints who have gone before us in the faith. Thank You for the ways You worked through their lives to share Your love and point us to Jesus. Keep us steadfast in the same faith, trusting in Your promises until we join them in Your presence. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, through the death and resurrection of Your Son, You have defeated sin and death and given us the promise of everlasting life. When we face sorrow and loss, remind us that those who die in Christ rest in Your care. Comfort us with the hope of the resurrection and the day when You will make all things new. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of the Church, through Holy Baptism You have made us Your children and joined us to the body of Christ. Forgive us when we lose sight of who we are in You. Strengthen us through Your Word and Sacraments, that we may live as Your saints, loving and serving our neighbors in the places You have put us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, send Your Spirit to the leaders of the Church who bring the Good News of Christ's death and resurrection, that they may work through their leadership and the Gospel message to gather the lost, kindle faith in those who do not yet believe, and sustain us all to the day of Christ's coming. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your great love for us and for calling us Your children. Bless our homes and families and give parents, grandparents, teachers, and all who care for children wisdom and patience as they share the faith. Help us encourage one another and pass on the good news of your faithfulness from one generation to the next. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all nations, guide our president, our governor, and all who serve in government. Give them wisdom to lead with integrity and a desire to serve their neighbors. Bring peace where there is conflict, protect those in danger, and help seek the good of the communities in which You have placed us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous Lord, be near to the sick and the recovering *[especially _____]*. Grant them health and healing according to Your wisdom and bless those who care for them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we look forward to the day when we will stand with all Your saints before Your throne, praising You together. Until that day, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who is our resurrection and our life. You have made us worthy of Your saving grace, through Jesus Christ, in whom, with whom and through whom all honor and glory is Yours, with the Father and the Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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 the evil one. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

♫ Ancient Words

1. Holy words, long preserved,
For our walk in this world;
They resound with God's Own heart,
O, let the Ancient Words impart;

3. Holy words of our faith,
Handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice;
O, heed the faithful words of Christ.

Ancient Words, ever true,
Changing me, changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O let the Ancient Words impart.

First Reading – Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no
one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples
and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb,
clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and
crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who
sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels were
standing around the throne and around the elders and the four
living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and
worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God
forever and ever! Amen."

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are
these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?"
14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the
ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their
robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his
presence.

[16]They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.
[17]For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – 1 John 3:1-3

[1]See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. [3]And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:1-12

[1]Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

[2]And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

[3]"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4]"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
[5]"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
[6]"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
[7]"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
[8]"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

♫ Hymn Of Heaven

1. How I long to breathe the air of Heaven,
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets;
To look upon the one who bled to save me,
And walk with Him for all eternity.

Chorus:
There will be a day when all will bow before Him.
There will be a day when death will be no more.
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again.
Holy, holy is the Lord.

2. And ev'ry prayer, we prayed in desperation;
The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear.
In the end, we'll see that it was worth it,
When He returns to wipe away our tears. *Chorus*

3. And on that day we join the resurrection,
And stand beside the heroes of the faith.
With one voice, a thousand generations,
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Forever He shall reign. *Chorus*

SO, LET IT BE TODAY WE SHOUT THE HYMN OF HEAVEN.
WITH ANGELS AND THE SAINTS WE RAISE A MIGHTY ROAR.
GLORY TO OUR GOD WHO GAVE US LIFE BEYOND THE GRAVE.
HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD. HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD.
HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD.

See the back of the bulletin for space for sermon notes

Today's Message

For All the Saints

Confessing our Sins and Receiving God's Forgiveness

Let us now draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
Who made heaven and earth!

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin!

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment; but I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You, out of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

♫ Dona Nobis Pacem

Instrumental

♫ David's Song

Have mercy on me, O God,
According to Your steadfast love.
According to Your great compassion,
Blot out my many transgressions,
And wash away all my iniquity.
Cleanse me from sin.

HAVE MERCY ON ME, O GOD.
HAVE MERCY ON ME, O GOD.
ACCORDING TO YOUR STEADFAST LOVE.
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Sacrament of Holy Communion

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, Who out of Your tender love for mankind gave Your Only Son, Jesus Christ, to take our nature upon Himself and to suffer death on the Cross for our redemption. We pray, for those of us who shall here receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, that You might fill us with all heavenly blessing and grace. Grant to us, who trust in Your mercies, fellowship with all the saints, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

These "Words of Institution" tell us what the gift is and what its benefits are: His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The pastor speaks, but the Words are Christ's.

The Words of Jesus

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. This do 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. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Proclamation of Christ

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

The Peace of the Lord

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you. Amen.

Confessional Affirmation

If this is not your confession or if you are an unconfirmed child, we ask you cross your arms and receive a blessing.

I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sin and ask God’s forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, satan, and death.

I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, under the form of the bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life.

I resolve to dedicate my life to the service of my Lord in His Body, the Church, by regular group worship, cheerful giving, thankful living, and sharing the Gospel with others. Amen.

As you prepare to receive the Holy Supper, please read Notes about Holy Communion on page 17.

The pastor, and those who assist him, distribute to those who come to receive, saying:

"Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. ***Amen****."*

"Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. ***Amen****."*

Distribution

♫ Ancient Words

Instrumental

♫ At the Cross

1. Oh Lord, You've searched me, You know my way.
Even when I fail You, I know You love me.

2. Your Holy presence, surrounding me.
In every season, I know You love me.
I know You love me.

Chorus:
At the cross I bow my knee,
Where Your blood was shed for me.
There's no greater love than this.
You have overcome the grave.
Your glory fills the highest place.
What can separate me now?

3. You go before me, You shield my way.
Your hand upholds me. I know You love me.
I know You love me. *Chorus*

YOU TORE THE VEIL, YOU MADE A WAY,
WHEN YOU SAID THAT IT IS DONE.
YOU TORE THE VEIL, YOU MADE A WAY,
WHEN YOU SAID THAT IT IS DONE.

4. And when the earth fades, falls from my eyes.
And You stand before me, I know You love me.
I know You love me. *Chorus*

♫ Knowing You

1. All I once held dear, built my life upon,
All this world reveres, and wars to own,
All I once thought gain I have counted loss;
Spent and worthless now, compared to this.

Chorus:
Knowing You, Jesus,
Knowing You, there is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
And I love You, Lord.

2. Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
To be found in You, and known as Yours,
To possess by faith what I could not earn;
All surpassing gift of righteousness. *Chorus*

3. Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life,
And to know You in Your sufferings,
To become like You in Your death, my Lord;
So with You to live, and never die. *Chorus 2X*

♫ Come Jesus Come

1. Sometimes I fall to my knees and pray,
"Come, Jesus come, let today be the day."
Sometimes I feel like I'm gonna break,
But I'm holding on to a hope that won't fade.

Chorus:
Come, Jesus, come, we've been waiting so long
For the day You return to heal every hurt
And right every wrong.
We need You right now; come and turn this around.
Deep down I know this world isn't home,
Come, Jesus, come. Come, Jesus, come.

2. There'll be no war and there'll be no chains
When Jesus comes; let today be the day.
He'll come for the weak and the strong just the same,
And all will believe in the power of His Name. *Chorus*

3. One day He'll come, and we'll stand face to face.
Come and lay it all down, 'cause it might be today.
The time is right now; there's no need to wait.
Your past will be washed by rivers of grace. *Chorus*

Come, Jesus, come, come.
Come, Jesus, come.

Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer of Thanksgiving

In the Post-Communion Prayer, we give thanks for the Sacrament, the gift that brings salvation. We are reminded from receiving the Sacrament of such favor and grace that our faith and love are stimulated, renewed, and strengthened.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you; *t*he 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. **Amen.**

Psalm 39 – Read Responsively

I said, "I will guard my ways,
that I may not sin with my tongue;
I will guard my mouth with a muzzle,
so long as the wicked are in my presence."

I was mute and silent;
I held my peace to no avail,
and my distress grew worse.
My heart became hot within me.
As I mused, the fire burned;
then I spoke with my tongue:
"O Lord, make me know my end
and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!
Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.
Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!
Surely a man goes about as a shadow!
Surely for nothing they are in turmoil;
man heaps up wealth and does not know who will gather!
"And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
My hope is in you.
Deliver me from all my transgressions.
Do not make me the scorn of the fool!
I am mute; I do not open my mouth,
for it is you who have done it.
Remove your stroke from me;
I am spent by the hostility of your hand.
When you discipline a man
with rebukes for sin,
you consume like a moth what is dear to him;
surely all mankind is a mere breath!
"Hear my prayer, O Lord,
and give ear to my cry;
hold not your peace at my tears!
For I am a sojourner with you,
a guest, like all my fathers.
Look away from me, that I may smile again,
before I depart and am no more!"

♫ Come Jesus Come

Come, Jesus, come, we've been waiting so long
For the day You return to heal every hurt
And right every wrong.
We need You right now; come and turn this around.
Deep down I know this world isn't home,
Come, Jesus, come. Come, Jesus, come. *Repeat*

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Notes About Holy Communion

What is Communion?

As Christians, we confess that we receive the true body and blood of Christ--in, with, and under the bread and wine--in our hands and in our mouths. This is a profound wonder and unexplainable mystery.

We take the words "This is my body" and "This is my blood" at face value because God's Word clearly teaches that in the sacrament, the bread and wine are a communion, or participation, in the body and blood of Christ.

In the Sacrament, we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

How Do I Receive Communion?

Receiving the body and blood of Christ is a sacred moment. You will be directed by the ushers to come forward. You may choose to come to the rail or commune by continuous flow. Those coming to the rail may immediately kneel and be served. Once served, you may return to your seat. Those choosing continuous flow will be served while standing as the line moves. Everyone will receive the wafer in an open hand, one on top of the other. Individual cups and a common cup are offered. Take an individual cup from the tray. If you prefer to take the common cup, it is acceptable to touch the base of the cup to control the tilt so that you receive an appropriate amount. Take empty cups with you and place in the receptacles on your way down the steps. Gluten-free wafers are available. The center ring of the communion trays contains low-alcohol wine.

For those who cannot approach the rail, we are happy to provide distribution in the pews. You may inform the elder in advance of the service that you will need communion in the pews, or, raise your hand when the elder comes by.

Who May Commune?

The Lord's Supper is a testimony to our unity in the faith. This Sacrament is given for those who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and desire to follow Him. We ask that those who are baptized, who believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine, and who have confirmed their faith, come forward to receive the Sacrament. Those who hold a different confession of faith are welcome to come forward for a blessing. To indicate this, please cross your arms over your chest.

Scripture calls us to receive this sacred meal with reverence and self-examination. As written in 1 Corinthians 11:28–29: *"Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."*

It is our desire that you join us at the Lord's Table. Please speak with a pastor or elder if you would like more information.

Children of all ages are welcome to accompany you at the rail or the walk with you through the line for continuous flow. In doing so, they learn the importance of Holy Communion even as they receive a prayer of blessing.

Prayer Before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation we come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let us find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of our souls and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Preparation for Communion

For more resources, see Luther's Small Catechism on pages 326-327 in the hymnal.

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