

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

Let us fix
our *eyes* on
Jesus

the **author** and **perfecter** of our faith,
who for the joy set before him endured the cross,
SCORNING ITS SHAME

and sat down
at the *right*
hand of the
throne of
GOD

Hebrews 12:2

October 12, 2025
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Helen H Lemmel

PASTORAL WELCOME

Pastor Steven Borst

(please stand)

OPENING HYMN

All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

LSB 815

vv. 1-3, 5



1 All praise to Thee, for Thou, O King di - vine,
2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;
3 Let this mind be in us which was in Thee,
5 Let ev - 'ry tongue con - fess with one ac - cord,



Didst yield the glo - ry that of right was Thine,
By Thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;
Who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
In heav'n and earth, that Je - sus Christ is Lord,



That in our dark - ened hearts Thy grace might shine.
And by Thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.
Hum-bling Thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.
And God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.



Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

based on Psalms 123

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us therefore confess our sins to God our Father. *(please kneel)*

P: To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

C: Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he has mercy upon us.

ALL: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

P: For not loving you with our whole heart and not loving others as ourselves,

C: Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

P: For the sins we have done and the good we have left undone,

C: Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

P: For the sake of Christ who laid down His life for our sins,

C: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and look upon us with favor. *(silence for personal confession)*

P: Our God is a gracious God who does not hide His face from us, but looks upon us with favor through His Son, our Messiah and Lord. Christ shed His blood to make full atonement for our sins, and for His sake, God forgives us and renews us by His Spirit. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I announce this grace unto you: you are forgiven in the name of the Father, (†)Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN *(please stand)*

SONG OF PRAISE

Speak, O Lord

1) Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in Your likeness;
That the light of Christ
might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak O Lord, and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory.

2) Teach us Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise,
cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

3) Speak O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights
of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built,
And the earth is filled with your glory.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

(please be seated)

BAPTISM

Ella Rose Brandt

Pastor Steven Borst

INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS

As we begin to examine more closely our ICONS in Transformation installation, we begin with one of the most striking features of the art: all those eyes. God instructs the high priest Aaron on how to bless His people by assuring us that His face shines upon us in grace and that His eyes look upon us with favor. In the book of Hebrews, we are told that many eyes are upon us: a great cloud of witnesses of the faithful who have already finished their race. Their advice to us is to keep our eyes focused on Jesus as we continue to run the race of faith. Finally, Jesus gives a picture of the final Judgment. Will we see in the eyes of the least among us the opportunity to serve Jesus by being a blessing to them?

FIRST READING

Numbers 6:22-27

(After the reading)

L: This the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:1-3

(After the reading)

L: This the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:31-46

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

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

(After the reading:)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

SERMON SONG

Lord Be My Vision, Supreme in My Heart

Ancient Irish Eighth Century Hymn,

versified and translated Mary E Byrne (1880 - 1931) and Eleanor H Hull (1860 - 1935)

- 1) Lord, be my vision, supreme in my heart,
bid every rival give way and depart:
you my best thought in the day or the night,
waking or sleeping, your presence my light.
- 2) Lord, be my wisdom and be my true word,
I ever with you and you with me, Lord:
you my great father and I your true child,
once far away, but by love reconciled.
- 3) I need no riches, nor earth's empty praise:
you my inheritance through all my days;
all of your treasure to me you impart.
high King of heaven, the first in my heart
- 4) High King of heaven, when battle is done,
grant heaven's joy to me, bright heaven's sun;
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

(please be seated)

MESSAGE

Being Transformed: To See and To Be Seen Pastor Steven Borst
Numbers 6, Hebrews 12, Matthew 25

What do the eyes of God in Scripture reveal about Him? Why might that make us feel uncomfortable?

How do we play hide and seek with God?

Give an example of what Jesus observes with human eyes:

Look up at the art hanging above! What do the red and the eyes portray?

Describe the word "Behold" =

The psalmist cries, "H_____ not your f_____ from me." (Ps 27:8-9)

What happened to Christ on the cross so we need not fear God turning His back on us?

Human Eyes:

- Where does the Great Cloud of Witnesses tell us to turn our focus?

- In the Judgment Parable, in whom does Jesus tell us to see Him?

The Blessing – what is it?

(please stand)

SONG OF RESPONSE

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Michael Bleecker

F Bb F C

1. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, in the dawn - ing of the King. He the
 2. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, He the per - fect Son of Man. In His
 3. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, Christ the Lord up - on the tree. In the
 4. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, slain by death, the God of life. But no

5 Dm7 Dm7/C Bb2 C F F/A Bb2

theme of heav - en's prais - es, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty. In our long - ing, in our
 liv - ing, in His suf - f'ring, nev - er trace, nor stain of sin. See the true and bet - ter
 stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry. See the price of our re -
 grave could e'er re - strain Him. Praise the Lord, He is a - live! What a fore - taste of de -

10 F/A F F/E Dm7 Dm7/C Bb2 F/C Bb2

dark - ness, now the light of life has come. Look to Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on
 Ad - am, come to save the hell - bound man. Christ, the great and sure - fill - ment of the
 demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold. Bring - ing man - y sons to glo - ry; grace un -
 liv - rance, how un - wa - ver - ing our hope. Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed, as we

15 Bb2 Csus F Bb2 Dm7 C F F/A Bb2 **ENDING** F/A F F/E

flesh to ran - som us. comes. Whata fore - taste of de liv - rance, how un
 law, in Him we stand.
 - meas - ured, love un told.
 will be when He

23 Dm7 Dm7/C Bb2 F/C Bb2/D Bb2 Csus F

wa - ver - ing our hope. Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed, as we will be when He comes.

30 Bb2 Dm7 Csus F

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND PETITION

(After the petition)

P: Lord in your mercy

C: **Hear our prayer** *(please be seated)*

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

IMMANUEL IN MINISTRY

DEDICATION OF GIFTS

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

PREFACE *(please stand)*

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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)*

ORGAN MEDITATION



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;
 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought
 3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;
 4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove



O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,
 Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,
 The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.
 In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;



We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
 We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
 We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
 Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,



We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
 We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.
 We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.
 And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!

HYMN

Behold The Lamb

Verse 1

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that
all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King

Verse 2

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ
Torn for you eat and remember
The wounds that heal
the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King

Verse 3

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you drink and remember
He drained death's cup
that all may enter in
To receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King

Verse 4

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

SENT OUT TO SERVE

BLESSING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14

POSTLUDE

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

John Dunstable

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

- † We give thanks for Suzie Pratt, the coordinator of event volunteers, and for all who have served during our ICONS installation.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- † Don & Tinie Clark ask for prayers of healing for their grandson Lincoln Ketner, that doctors find a cause of his pancreas attacks. He and his family are traveling to Ohio from Arkansas to see specialists. Safe travels for the family and wisdom for the doctors.
- † The DeGruy family ask for prayers for their family friends, for their mom who was just diagnosed with breast cancer and they just lost their family dog, Milo.
- † Heather Olea would appreciate prayers for her mother, Judy, who is just out of the hospital. We need prayers for healing and strength and also help with in home care.
- † Dee Graumann asks for prayers for Rasmi Graumann still recovering in hospital and her sister Tyla Jones who is now rehab for post surgery therapy.

Ongoing Prayers for Healing: 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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Brian Percy—Oct. 12, Kim Murataya—Oct. 12, Ellen Kaminski—Oct. 13, Richard Sohns—Oct. 15, Gabriella Zlaket—Oct. 15, William Zlaket—Oct. 15, Chad Phillips—Oct. 16, Bob Crosby—Oct. 17, Diana Feinauer—Oct. 19.

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

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, October 18th. 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. Our next meeting will be on October 25th, 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.

MEAL TRAIN We would like to bless the Illingworth family with some meals as they transition to a family of 4! If you would like to help please go to <https://mealtrain.com/d0m49z> to sign up for a date to bring a meal or you can give a meal gift card through the website.

AfterWord for Kids - 11:00-12:00

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS

Preacher Pastor Steven Borst
 Liturgist Pastor John McCombs
 Elder Jim Chapel
 D.C.E. Intern Gina Bertaina
 Ushers Brett Bailey, Robert Swortwood, Carlos Olea, Heather Olea
 Lector Jonathan Howard
 Greeters Brett and Eileen Bailey
 Piano/Organ D'Laney Jevas, Jan Smith
 Praise Team Alison Jones, Eliana Palagi, Linette Rodriguez
 Tech Team Sandra Chapel, Rebecca Chapel
 Acolyte James Chapel

OUR VISION

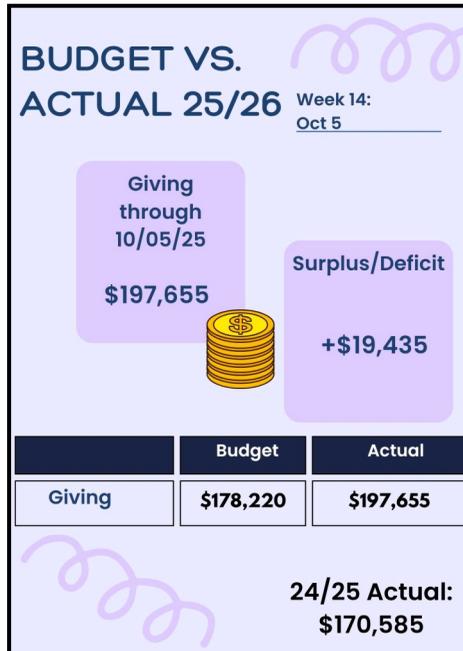
Immanuel Lutheran Church and School is a grace-filled community rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, serving the Inland Empire as a center for Christian faith. Our worship honors God in both classical and contemporary styles where Christ is glorified and proclaimed. We disciple both youth and adults, 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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- Scan the QR Code for more options.



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