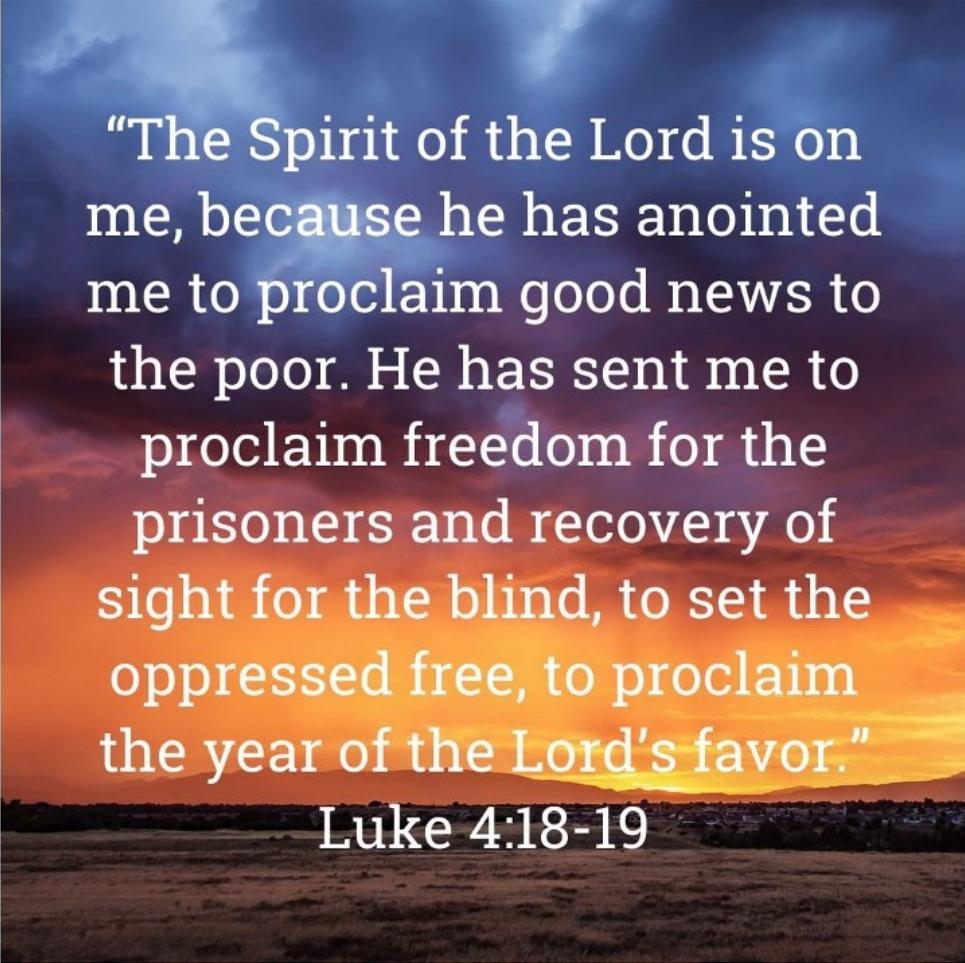


Immanuel Lutheran Church and School



“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Luke 4:18-19

January 26, 2025
Third Sunday after the Epiphany
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 now OPEN for childcare during worship. Your children (6 weeks old - 5 years old) will be cared for by our trained staff for any or all of the service. You will need to read the Nursery Parent Information sheet and fill out a questionnaire before dropping off your children. Please see the Nursery Coordinator if you have any questions.

GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

Johann Sebastian Bach

PASTORAL WELCOME

Pastor Robert Jones

(please stand)

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

LSB 839



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose
find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science
wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.
in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *(please kneel)*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.** *(silence follows for personal confession)*

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** (*please stand*)

SONG OF PRAISE

Proclaim, The Glory of the Lord

Praise Team

Verse 1

*Proclaim the glory of the Lord
Let ev'ry tongue confess He reigns
Lift up His name in praises forever
Proclaim the glory of the Lord
Make known His mighty deeds to all
Take up the call let ev'ry nation know*

Chorus

*He is our Messiah our Savior and our King
Let all our voices join as one
And fill the earth with singing
Glory to our God His greatness we applaud
Let ev'ry race on ev'ry shore
Proclaim the glory of the Lord*

Verse 2

*Proclaim the glory of the Lord
Give honor to the Prince of Peace
For if we cease the stones will start shouting
Proclaim the glory of the Lord
With hands uplifted let us raise
Immortal praise to Him who reigns on high*

Chorus

Ending

Proclaim the glory of the Lord

SERVICE OF THE WORD

(please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor John McCombs

SUNDAY SCHOOL DISMISSAL

Catherine Bengtson

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

As the season of Epiphany unfolds, the mysteries of God continue to be made known. In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul reveals that we are all different members of the same body of Christ, yet we serve different functions. No member is unimportant. Our Gospel Reading allows us to see Jesus' purpose as He fulfills the Old Testament while simultaneously revealing how his hometown received Him.

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 12:21-31a

(After the reading)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God *(please stand)*

(please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:16-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourth 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

By Faith

Verse 1

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those
who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

Verse 2

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

Verse 3

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed for Messiah would appear
With the power to break
the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

Verse 4

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth.

Chorus

Verse 5

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His Name.

Chorus

(please be seated)

MESSAGE

Right Before Your Eyes

Pastor Robert Jones

What is one childhood memory that you have of your hometown?

The people of Nazareth are excited to see Jesus! Why?

- ◆ Because Jesus had been to other towns, performing m_____.
- ◆ Because Jesus is p_____ in their synagogue.

What was their initial response to Jesus preaching from Isaiah 61?

- ◆ Why might be a couple of reasons for their response?

What causes a sudden shift in their tone?

The real issue that Jesus exposes is His hometown of Nazareth wanted to c_____

H_____ and have s_____ p_____ with God.

They wanted to d_____ Jesus.

How do we mirror the Nazarenes here? What sin does Jesus expose in them that is also in us?

Jesus won't have any of it! Jesus shows them a m_____ - by p_____

t_____ t_____ m_____.

God's a_____ leads Jesus to a different h_____.

Why is it good that God claims us as His own instead of the other way around?

RESPOND IN COMMUNITY

(please stand)

SONG OF RESPONSE

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

LSB 394
vv. 1-3,5



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND NEED

(After the petition)

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

(please be seated)

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

IMMANUEL IN MINISTRY

DEDICATION OF GIFTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Love Him Every D-A-Y

Kinder and 1st Grade

I love Him better every D-A-Y; I love Him better every D-A-Y!
He is my Lord, the W-A-Y; I love Him better every D-A-Y!
I Love J-E-S-U-S; I know J-E-S-U-S; I need J-E-S-U-S;
I love Him better every D-A-Y! (repeat)

J-E-S-U-S, I love J-E-S-U-S! I know J-E-S-U-S,
I need J-E-S-U-S!

I love Him better every D-A-Y; I love Him better every D-A-Y!
He is my Lord, the W-A-Y; I love Him better every D-A-Y!
I love Him better every D-A-Y!

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.

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

The People That In Darkness Sat

Johann G. Walther

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 for successful open heart surgery for Max (A preschooler) who is recovering and healing.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ✠ Don and Tinie Clark ask for prayers of healing for their friend Becky, who had surgery this week.
- ✠ Ken and Opal Hendershot ask for prayers for their niece Karin Summerford, her breast cancer has returned.
- ✠ Prayers for Scott Hutter and family at the passing of his sister Nancy, Pray for God's comfort during this time of mourning.

Ongoing Prayers for Healing: Richard Katz/ Wayne Smith/ Andy Ashline / Chala Baker / Brianna / Fred Brown / Dee & Joseph Ferreri / Jo Kenney & Nana / Mindy Odum / Ken & Ruth Unrath / Ede, Phillip and Lois Lundquist / Albert / Ron Kusel / Larry Anderson / Rasmi Graumann/ Ken Hendershot

In Oncology Therapy: Kimo Sherlin / Lisa Warner Kavanagh / Sandra Potter / Maria Edwards

Healing for victims of terrorism, foreign and domestic. / Deliverance for the persecuted, especially for those in our family of faith.

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).

✝ Weekly Small Groups ✝

THURSDAY

✝ 6:30 PM **Divorce Care: 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.*

SATURDAY

✝ 9:30 AM **Women's Bible Study** meets in the Conference Room on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 9:30-11AM.

✝ 8:30 AM **Men's Bible Study** meets in the Conference Room. Meets the 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 8:30-10AM.

SUNDAY

✝ 11:00 AM **After Word Bible Study** in GPEC

✝ 11:00 AM **Re:Form** class for new members led by Pastor Robert Jones. We are excited to keep growing in our faith with having meaningful discussions every week. If you are interested in joining Immanuel or would like to learn more about the Christian faith, our current session started Sunday, August 18th and meets after church in our Church Sanctuary. For more information on our next session please email info@immanuelriverside.org or Pastor Robert at Robert.jones.immanuel@gmail.com.

✝ 11:00 AM **Confirmation Class** Classes started Sunday, Sept. 8th, in the youth lounge.

✝ **High School Youth** Bible Study Sunday 2nd and 4th Sundays from 6-8PM.!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL After the children's message, Immanuel Kindergarten and First graders will head to the music room and other children (K-6th grade) will meet for Sunday School in GPEC. All children will return to the sanctuary at the end of the service.

JR HIGH (CONFIRMATION): Confirmation class continues today, after church in the youth lounge.

MENS BIBLE STUDY Meetings are first and third Saturdays in the conference room. 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 February 8th, we are studying The Chosen Bible Study, watch and reflect on the first season of The Chosen together.

JOY GROUP SAVE THE DATE—Joy Group Outing to The Huntington Library Art Museum and Botanical Gardens on Saturday, March 8th. Sign ups start on January 26th.

NEW MEMBER CLASS BEGINS SOON Are you interested in joining Immanuel or simply learning more about who we are, what we believe, and the ministries that we're involved in? Join us starting on January 26th after the service on Sunday in the Conference Room (found in the Administration Building) as we embark on a 9-week journey that covers a lot and gives you the perfect environment to ask questions. Worried that you won't be able to make every week? Don't worry! We'll work with you! RSVP at info@immanuelriverside.com or email Pastor Robert (robert.jones.immanuel@gmail.com)

RESPONSE TO LA FIRE VICTIMS AND FIRST RESPONDERS The winds have died down but the great need and hard work continues on. Please keep all those affected in your prayers. Also, please respond with a gift of generosity to your favored non-profit serving there. If you are looking for a place to donate, our LCMS Pacific Southwest District has an emergency fund that designates 100% of gifts toward those in need. Go to www.psd-lcms.org. Thank you!





**It's time for our
ANNUAL BEDDING DRIVE!
The Foster Kids we serve need your HELP!!
We've been busy doing Jesus' work
and have almost run out of bedding!**

These are the items they need: Twin or Twin/XL Sheets (@ Walmart for best price), Twin or Twin/XL Comforters (@ Walmart for best price) , Comforters for Toddler Beds
During the month of January, please bring your donations to the church office M-F between 8am-3pm. OR drop them in the Church Narthex on ANY Sunday during January. We're requesting that all the items being donated are new and in original packaging. Questions? Call Julia in the office at 951-682-7613 and leave a message.

IMMANUEL FAMILY IN NEED We are reaching out with a heavy, but hopeful heart to share some important news about our Kindergarten class. Mrs. Riley Sherlin is currently navigating a deeply challenging time as her husband, Kimo, undergoes treatment for leukemia. For those who feel led to help, we are organizing a way to support the family through donations. Contributions can be submitted to Kristine in the Immanuel office. Please write : Compassion Fund Sherlin on your check or envelope. You may also give online by going to immanuelriverside.com/give and selecting "Compassion Fund" on the dropdown menu. Or, you may choose to contribute to the family's GoFundMe at <https://gofund.me/2a433bcd> Mrs. Sherlin has been such a blessing to many, her three children, and husband are cherished members of our Immanuel family. Please continue to pray for Kimo's healing.

2024-25 SCHOOL AND PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT Community Registration for the next school year opens on January 27th, If you know a family who is searching for an excellent, Christ centered education, tell them about Immanuel. Have them call the school office at 951-682-4211 or email our admissions coordination at Jayda.smith-craig@ilcs-riverside.org.

SCOUT SUNDAY AND BREAKFAST SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2

Your very own Boy Scout Troop 176 and Cub Scout Pack 176 will be joining you at the 9:30am services on Sunday, February 2, 2025 in order to share "Scout Sunday" with the congregation. We are very excited to share this day with you all. After the service we will be preparing and serving a pancake breakfast for the congregation as a thank you for supporting our scouting programs.

"Scout Sunday" is a nationwide event which highlights your scouts and gives them a specific opportunity to join with the fellowship, be reverent and be part of the services. Scouts from both Pack and Troop 176 will present the colors at the beginning of worship. We encourage all scouts and former scouts to wear their uniforms, or for those that have outgrown them display a scouting item (such as a patch, medal, or neckerchief), as an acknowledgment of their scouting experience.

Campus Calendar

Church Events

Sunday, January 26 Lutheran Schools Week

9:30 AM Worship Service Sanctuary
Kindergarten/1st grade sing
11:00 AM AfterWord GPEC
11:00 AM Confirmation Youth Lounge
2:00 PM Pack 176:Lion Mtg GPEC

Monday, January 27 –

6:45 PM Troop 176 Mtg GPEC

Tuesday, January 28

6:30 PM Board of Directors Conf. Room

Wednesday, January 29

Thursday, January 30

6:30 PM Divorce Care Conference Room
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Music Room

Friday, January 31

Saturday, February 1

8:30 AM Men's Bible Study Conference Room

Sunday, February 2

9:30 AM Worship Service Sanctuary
Scout Sunday
11:00 AM Pancake Breakfast
11:00 AM Confirmation Youth Lounge

Elementary School Events

Lutheran Schools Week

Sunday, January 26

9:30 AM Worship Service Sanctuary
Kindergarten/1st grade sing

Wednesday, January 29

8:15 AM Chapel
5:00 PM Family Math Night GPEC

Thursday, January 30

Pedal for PTL

Friday, January 31

8:40 AM Awards Assembly Sanctuary
1:45 PM Early Dismissal

Sunday, February 2

9:30 AM Worship Service Sanctuary
Scout Sunday
11:00 AM Pancake Breakfast

Preschool Events

Sunday, January 26

Lutheran Schools Week

9:30 AM Worship Service Sanctuary
Kindergarten/1st grade sing

Thursday, January 30

8:30 AM Preschool Chapel Sanctuary
Pedal for PTL

Friday, January 31

Pedal for PTL

Sunday, February 2

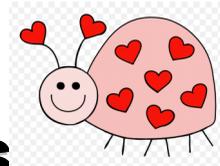
9:30 AM Worship Service Sanctuary
Scout Sunday
11:00 AM Pancake Breakfast

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January & February Birthdays



Arianne Wilcox	26-Jan	Heather Olea	7-Feb
Jeremiah Chapel	28-Jan	Teri Brayton	7-Feb
Alistair Snyder	29-Jan	Deidre Goodwin	7-Feb
Julian Opoku	31-Jan	Sylvia Kurth	8-Feb
Bonnie Barnes	31-Jan	Lucas Brown	12-Feb
Naomi McAllister	1-Feb	Diane Brandt	13-Feb
Mallory Babcock	2-Feb	John Havrisik	13-Feb
Trent Smith	2-Feb	Susan Buster	16-Feb
Megan Smith	2-Feb	James Chapel IV	16-Feb
Gregory Good	3-Feb	Diana Cantrell	20-Feb
Anika Hansen	5-Feb	Doris Schwecke	23-Feb
Ryan Gross	5-Feb	Eileen Haiker	23-Feb
Pastor Robert Jones	5-Feb	Mason Babcock	25-Feb
Shawn DeGruy	6-Feb	Cole Vigo	27-Feb
		Nancy Roth	28-Feb
		John Lundi	28-Feb



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS

Preacher Pastor Robert Jones
Liturgist Pastor John McCombs
Children's Message Pastor John McCombs
Sunday School Catherine Bengtson
Elders Jim Kaminski
Ushers Brett Bailey, Robert Swortwood, William Buster
Greeters Beverly Phillips, Eileen Bailey
Organ/Piano Jan Smith, Dr. Elvin Rodriguez
Praise Team Denise Illingworth, Alison Jones, Linette Rodriguez
Lectors Heather Olea
Tech Team Sandra Chapel, Rebecca Chapel, Jim Chapel
Acolyte Breana Leggett

OUR VISION

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

Other Ways to give:

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



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Difference: -\$19,129

Last Year Giving: \$380,338

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