

Dear Beloved Congregation of Immanuel Lutheran Church,

I hope this letter finds you well, in the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is with a mixture of joy and sadness that I write to inform you of my decision to accept a new call to ministry as Senior Pastor at Clairemont Lutheran Church in San Diego, California. After much prayer, reflection, and seeking God's guidance, I believe that He is leading me into this new chapter of service.

Over the last seven years, it has been one of my greatest privileges to serve as your pastor and Latino Mission Developer here in Silverton. Together, we have walked through seasons of joy, challenge, growth, and transformation, and I have been deeply blessed by your faith, dedication, and love. I have witnessed God's work in this congregation in powerful ways, and I have no doubt that His hand will continue to guide and bless each of you as you welcome, accept and encourage more and more people as you follow Jesus.

While Laura and I are excited for the opportunities that lie ahead in San Diego, leaving this community that we love so dearly is not easy. You have become our family, and the relationships we have built will forever hold a special place in our hearts. We will carry the lessons, memories, and shared ministry with us always, and we will continue to pray for the ongoing flourishing of this church.

My final Sunday with you will be on November 17th, after which I will begin the transition to my new role in San Diego. In the coming weeks, I will work closely with the leadership team to ensure a smooth transition and to provide any support I can.

Please know that this decision was made with careful discernment, and I trust that God's plan for this congregation is one of hope and a bright future. I encourage you to remain steadfast in your faith, and to allow yourself to trust in the Spirit's guidance during this time of transition. Thank you for your unwavering support, your prayers, and your trust. I am deeply grateful for the privilege of serving/as your pastor, and I look forward to seeing all that God has in store for you in the days ahead.

With deep love and gratitude,

P. Manuel Humberto Borbon Talamante

Pastor and Mission Developer at Immanuel Lutheran Church.