

Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son into the world, as a man, in order to make a journey. This journey was a three year trek to a cross. He came onto earth to complete a ministry, His ministry of grace. This culminated in His taking upon Himself our sins and suffering our punishment. Open our hearts Lord to understand more fully His sacrifice and open our lips to share this truth. In Jesus' name we ask this. Amen.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 2nd Saturday in Lent
Church Phone: 812- 867-5088 Pastor's Cell Phone: 812-760-1854
February 28, 2026 --- 5:30 pm ---- Worship with Holy Communion

Opening Prayer /// Opening Hymn: *"Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me" 722*

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** *Amen.*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.	C: <i>Who made the heavens and earth.</i>
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.	C: <i>Make haste to help me, O Lord.</i>
P: Jesus began His walk to the cross	C: <i>When He was baptized in the Jordan</i>
P: He placed His own righteousness	C: <i>Upon this Sacrament to the church</i>
P: Jesus walked the path	C: <i>Laid out for Him by the Father.</i>
P: He shared the Father's grace	C: <i>With those who were hurting</i>
P: Jesus walked the path	C: <i>Of the Sacrificial Lamb</i>
P: Jesus willingly placed Himself	C: <i>In the position to be sacrificed</i>
P: This is the day the Lord has made.	C: <i>Let us rejoice and be glad in it.</i>

Psalmody: *Psalm 121*

P: I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from? **C:** *My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.*

P: He will not let your foot slip He who watches over you will not slumber; **C:** *Indeed, He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.*

P: The Lord watches over you – the Lord is your shade at your right hand; **C:** *The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.*

P: The Lord will keep you from all harm – He will watch over your life; **C:** *The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.*

All: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Collect: O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** *Amen.*

Hymn: *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" 918*

(Prefatory Remarks)

O.T. Lesson: *Genesis 12: 1-9*

/// **Epistle Lesson:** *Romans 4: 1-8, 13-17*

Tune 434 “*Lamb of God, Pure and Holy*”

Lead us Lord to be loving And offer kindness always
Share what You’ve freely given To others in many ways
Open our eyes so we may see The needs and hurts of others
Guide us Lord dai-ly In Your grace. In Your name! Amen!

Holy Gospel: *John 3: 1-17* /// **Hymn:** “*All Christians Who Have Been Baptized*” 596 vs. 1-4

Children’s Sermon /// **Sermon** /// **Confession of Faith:** *Nicene Creed (back of hymnal)*

Offering brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of Hurlbut, Dave; Jagers, Anne, Adam and Carly; and James, Taylor, Hallie and Waylon.

Lord’s Prayer (back of hymnal)

Confession of Sins

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, our Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive 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.*

Absolution: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Admonition to Communicants: I exhort you in Christ, that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the Words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness. That you take note of, and give thanks for, the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own Words administer and receive His Sacrament.

Blessing of Elements /// Distribution

Hymn: “*God Who Made the Earth and Heaven*” 877

Closing Collect: *Heavenly Father, You grant us Your Spirit to open our eyes and enlighten our minds to serve You and fellow believers; lead us by Your Spirit to enable us to witness of Your love, live according to Your will, bring Your Word of life to others, rejoice in the goodness You have showered upon us, and reflect Your love in how we reach out to others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Benediction

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Kirk Horstmeyer, Pastor
Karen Whitehead, Organist

WHAT THE SCRIPTURES TEACH CONCERNING THE LORD’S SUPPER

In I Corinthians 11 the Holy Spirit led Paul to write, “This is my body” and “This cup is the new covenant in my blood” to explain the spiritual truth of the Supper: Christ is truly present in His body and blood in the bread and wine. This is a mystery, a Heavenly gift; one we can only understand in faith. Paul further says, “Therefore whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord” and, “let a man examine himself...for he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.” There is no doubt from our Lord’s Word, we are receiving His body and blood. The Father offers us forgiveness, unity of faith, strengthening of faith, etc.; it is never our right, we approach His altar only by His invitation. If you are visiting we ask that you please speak with the Pastor before receiving the Lord’s Supper. We strive to lovingly carry out our responsibility to ensure the supper remains a blessing for all, never a curse. May His richest blessing be upon you all.

THIS WEEK

TONIGHT: Worship w/HC 5:30
SUNDAY: Worship w/HC 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship w/HC 10:15 am
TUESDAY: Confirmation 6 pm
WEDNESDAY: LENTEN Meal 6:10 pm, and Worship
THURSDAY: Bible Study 9:30 am & 6 pm
Next SATURDAY: Confirmation 9:30 am, Worship w/HC 5:30
Next SUNDAY: Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Sat, Feb 21: 47 LS:40; Sun, Feb 22: 8 am: 70; 10:15 am: 78;
Lent #2: 80

MEMBER PRAYER LIST: Next Sat and Sun we will be praying for the following: Johnson, Markus, Kadie, Peyton and Paige; Johnson, Sarh, Shane, Sadie and Sofie; and Jones, Aaron, Hadley and Elliot.

LENTEN MEALS: Please join us for some great food and fellowship as we enter into the Lenten Season on Wednesday evenings at 6:10 pm.

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING ON DIVINE CALL: On February 22, the voters of Immanuel decided to issue a Divine Call to Pastor Zachary Viggers of Trinity Lutheran Church in Gillette, Wyoming. Pastor Viggers is prayerfully considering this Call as well as his current Call to Trinity. There is no definite timeline as to when a decision may be made. Please keep Pastor Viggers, the people of Trinity, and the Congregation at Immanuel Lutheran Church in your prayers as this process plays out.



We wish a very Happy Birthday to our members born this week in February:
28 – March 6: 2 – Jane Gibson, 2 - Sherry Sanders, 2 – Nicholas Borchelt,
5 – Addison Hill, 6 – Brooks English

We wish a very Happy Baptismal Birthday to our members that were baptized this week: David Roy Shirley, Nolan Vandergriff, Emily Fortune, Eric Tharp, June Brondos, Thomas Bearman, Jeremy Fortune, Jane Gibson

COUNCIL MEETING: Sunday, March 15 following the 10:15 am service.

LWML Indiana District Convention on June 26 – 28, 2026: Vanderburgh County 4-H Center, 201 E. Boonville-New Harmony Road, Evansville, IN for - Lutheran ladies coming together as God's children *united in faith* to proclaim the Gospel. **Knowing** the eternal gifts of God's grace and mercy received in His Word, baptism, and communion.

(Convention registration information is on-line at lwmlindiana.org)



June 26-28, 2026 Convention Communication

Convention registration on lwmlindiana.org.

Some Convention Happenings: Speaker –Rev. Gene Ernst, Orphan Grain Train; Silent Auction – your church or LWML group can donate an item or a gift basket for this event, proceeds will help fund requests for mission opportunities, for information contact Krista Newmaster (newmastersix@hotmail.com).

Needed – Chairman and Co-Chairman for: News Media, Ushers, and Pages.

Committee Chairmen meeting – March 21 at Shepherd of the Hills, Georgetown, IN, (CT) 9a.m.-1p.m.