

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 3rd Saturday in Lent
Church Phone: 812-867-5088 Pastor's Cell Phone: 812-760-1854
March 7, 2026 --- 5:30 pm ---- Worship with Holy Communion

Opening Prayer /// Opening Hymn: *"Come, Let Us Join our Cheerful Songs" 812*

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 95: 1-9*

P: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. **C:** *Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.*

P: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. **C:** *In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him.*

P: The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land. **C:** *Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.*

P: Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, as you did that day at Massah in the desert, **C:** *Where your fathers tested and tried Me, though they had seen what I did.*

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, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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: “*Rock of Ages*” 761

(Prefatory Remarks)

O.T. Lesson: *Exodus 17: 1-7* ///

Epistle Lesson: *Romans 5: 1-8*

Hymn Prayer tune: “*Lamb of God Pure and Holy*” 434

Hear us Lord when we seek You Grant us hearts that are caring
Help us bring Your blessings! To others who are hurting.
Guide us through all life’s burdens Your strength be boldly on us.
So we may always Seek Your grace, In Your name! Amen!

Holy Gospel: *John 4: 5-26* ///
Hymn: “*Christ the Word of God Incarnate*” 540

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

Offering brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of Johnson, Markus, Kadie, Peyton and Paige; Johnson, Sarah, Shane, Sadie and Sofie; and Jones, Aaron, Hadley and Elliot.

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: “*How Sweet the Name of Jesus’ Sounds*” 524 vs. 1-4

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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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 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 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 w/HC 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship w/HC 10:15 am, Council Meeting

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Sat, Feb 28: 54 LS:46; Sun, Mar 1: 8 am: 67 LS: 49; 10:15 am: 56 LS: 37; Lent #3: 67

MEMBER PRAYER LIST: Next Sat and Sun we will be praying for the following: Jones, Karl, Theresa and Marshal; Juncker, Brian; and Karch, Allen, Christine and Allen.

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.



We wish a very Happy Birthday to our members born this week in March:

7 – Debby Heitzman, 8 - Gayle Betulius, 8 – Jessa Clairday, 9 - Beckett Mills,
9 - Jaize Mills, 10 - Beverly Racine, 10 – Jamie Ames, 10 – Cedric Flood,
11 – Sarah Wittenbraker, 12 - Darlene Welte, 13 – Warren Hill, 13 – Samuel Belt

We wish a very Happy Baptismal Birthday to our members that were baptized this week:

Kimberly Korff, Cedric Flood, Bryan Mason,

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.

The Lutheran Cemetery of Evansville is actively encouraging Lutherans to join the Cemetery's Trustee Board. If you are community-minded and have the talents to plan for the future we have a spot for you!

The Trustee Board meets six times a year on alternating months beginning in January. Meetings are held at the Cemetery office at 4:30 pm. The office is located at 1305 North St. Joseph Avenue.

Come join us for a meeting, check us out, and see if you would like to join. Despite all rumors, we do not bite and some consider us nice folks!

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact President Jim Lutterman at jlafret2@gmail.com or call and leave a message at the Cemetery office at 812-422-2748.