

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 First Saturday in Lent
Church Phone: 812-867-5088 Pastor's Cell Phone: 812-760-1854
February 21, 2026 --- 5:30 pm ---Worship with Holy Communion

Opening Prayer /// Opening Hymn: *"A Mighty Fortress is our God"* 656

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 32: 1-7*

P: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. **C:** *Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.*
P: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. **C:** *For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer*
P: Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity. **C:** *I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord" – and You forgave the guilt of my sin.*
P: Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to You while You may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. **C:** *You are my hiding place; You will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.*

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 Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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: *"Creator of the Stars of Night"* 351 (Tune 425)

(Prefatory Remarks)

O.T. Lesson: *Genesis 3: 1-21*

/// Epistle Lesson:

Romans 5: 12-19

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

Father bring us Your Spirit Please hear the prayer we offer
Grant us wisdom and courage To share our faith with others
May we speak Your Word boldly And offer hope and blessings
May You walk near us In Your grace. In Your name! Amen!

Holy Gospel: *Matthew 4: 1-11*

Hymn: *“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days” 418 (Tune 436)*

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

Offering brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of Hoffherr, Stu and Carol; and Houseknecht, Kaylin, Garrett, Garrett, Gracelynn and Gabriella.

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:** *“On Eagle’s Wings” 727*

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, Luncheon 11:30-12:15 pm,
Call Meeting at 12:30 pm,
TUESDAY: Confirmation 6 pm
WEDNESDAY: LENT – Meal 6:10 pm, Worship w/HC 7 pm
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

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Sat, Feb 14: 68 LS: 45; Sun, Feb 15: 8 am: 82 LS: 42; 10:15 am:
56 LS: 34 Ash Wed: LS:

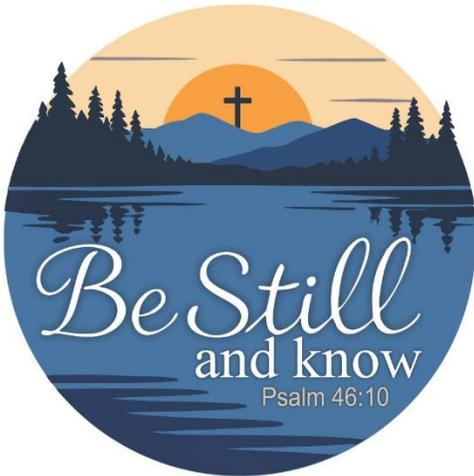
MEMBER PRAYER LIST: Next Sat and Sun we will be praying for the following: Hurlbut, Dave; Jagers, Anne, Adam and Carly; and James, Taylor, Hallie and Waylon.

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 February: 21 – Emma Tharp, 22 – Amanda Foster, 22 - Trey Meny, 22 – Bart Schutz, 23 – Brent Korff, 23 - David Brown, 25 - Bryan Snow, 26 - Matt Wright, 26 – Kimberly Korff, 27 - Jeff Snow

We wish a very Happy Baptismal Birthday to our members that were baptized this week: Sadie Johnson, Crew Wittenbraker, Jett Wittenbraker, Savannah Farney, Annie Wilkinson, Jacob Newman, Blake Meny, Hadley Wilson, Isabella Robbins, Pam Bailey



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 online 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.

