

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

Opening Prayer /// Opening Hymn: *"My Hope is Built" 575*

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 130*

P: Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord; **C:** *O Lord, hear my voice. Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.*

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? **C:** *But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.*

P: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His Word I put my hope. **C:** *My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.*

P: O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption. **C:** *He Himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.*

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: Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** *Amen.*

Hymn: *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" 686*

(Prefatory Remarks) **O.T. Lesson:** *Ezekiel 37: 1-14* /// **Epistle Lesson:** *Romans 8: 1-11*

Hymn Prayer: *Tune 434*

Lord give us eyes to see now The needs of others always
Guide direct and guide us So we bring You praise all days
Help us to honor and proclaim Your grace You've freely given
We ask Your blessing On our work. For Your praise! Amen.

Holy Gospel: *John 11: 1-45* /// **Hymn:** "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" 819

Children's Sermon /// **Sermon** /// **Confession of Faith:** *Nicene Creed*

Offering brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of: Karch, Kurt and Waverlyn; Kellner, Ethan, Emily and Gracie; and Kellner, Mike, Sue and Jacob.

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:** "My Song Is Love Unknown" 430 vs 1-3,7

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

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, Last day to order Lilies
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 8 am, SS-Easter Egg Hunt 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Sat, Mar 14: 52 LS: 46; Sun, Mar 15: 8 am: 81 LS: 63; 10:15 am: 79 LS: 56; Lent #5: 67

MEMBER PRAYER LIST: Next Sat and Sun we will be praying for the following Knecht, Courtney, Joshua and Mia Racine; Kohlman, Paul and Charlotte; and Korff, Brent and Megan.

THANK YOU: *A heartfelt thanks and so much gratitude to my church family for the monetary gift, cards, love and kindness. It truly left me speechless. Each one of you is what makes Immanuel the special place that it is. With that serving to me has always felt like a privilege given, never a job. I pray God continues to bless each one of you and Immanuel as we continue to serve, work and move forward together. Debbie Snow*



WEDDING/RECEPTION RSVPS NEEDED: Many thanks to those who have already RSVPed to attend Pastor and Shelly's wedding and reception on Saturday, April 11th. If you have not done so, please call 812-457-8515 no later than Sunday, March 29th. Due to large numbers anticipated to attend, we need an accurate count for seating and food. Many Thanks! If you have any questions please contact Darlene Moog 812-916-2056



We wish a very Happy Birthday to our members born this week in March:
21 – Nash Wittenbraker, 22 – Lauren Taylor, 22 – Tim Brauer, 22 – Johnathan Mans, 23 - Judy Wittman, 23 – Ruth Carrier, 25 - Allen Karch, 26 - Josie Newmaster, 27 – Addison Tharp, 27 – Grayson Lane

We wish a very Happy Baptismal Birthday to our members that were baptized this week: Clayton Lane, Matt Lane, Hadley Thiem, Bryan Snow, – Christopher Heilman, Jared Newmaster



We will again be using Lilies to beautify our church sanctuary for the Easter Celebration. Those who want to purchase a plant(s) are asked to complete a form and place it in the offering plate along with your donation (6” plant is \$14.50 and 8” plant is \$26.75) in an envelope marked “Plants” or put in Theresa Newman’s mailbox on or before Saturday, March 21st. Please make your check payable to Immanuel – marked ‘plants’ in memo.

FROM THE CEMETERY BOARD: Mowing season is here, and the Cemetery Board wanted to remind everyone that we have to start following the rules for the cemetery during this mowing season.

***The Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery Board revised the rules regarding decorations on graves effective July 1, 2021*.**

Floral decorations (both real and artificial) are permitted but must be placed in permanently installed flower vases or saddled on top of the headstone.

Shepherd hooks, statues, glass objects/containers, toys, stuffed animals, balloons, solar lights, among other things are not permitted. If you have questions, check with Cemetery Board for a copy of our Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

