

***Praise Be to our God, the Father Almighty, Christ Has Risen! He has Risen Indeed!!!
His Victory is complete. We live in the life He has given.***

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 3rd Sunday of Easter

Church Phone: 812-867-5088 May 4, 2025 --- 8:00 am

Opening Prayer /// Opening Hymn: “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” 611

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

P: O Lord, open my lips.	C: <i>And my mouth will declare Your praise.</i>
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;	C: <i>Make haste to help me, O Lord.</i>
P: The Lord has risen from the dead.	C: <i>He has risen indeed!!!</i>
P: Christ, was raised from the dead	C: <i>His victory over death is complete</i>
P: Christ was delivered for our offenses	C: <i>And raised again for our justification</i>
P: In that He lives	C: <i>He lives unto God.</i>
P: This is the day the Lord has made	C: <i>Let us rejoice and be glad in it.</i>

Confession and Absolution: pg. 184-185 /// **The Introit:** *Psalm 30*

P: I will exalt You, O Lord, for You lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me. **C:** *O Lord my God, I called to You for help and You healed me.*

P: O Lord, You brought me up from the grave; You spared me from going down into the pit. **C:** *Sing to the Lord, you saints of His; praise His holy name.*

P: For His anger lasts only a moment, but His favor lasts a lifetime; **C:** *Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.*

P: When I felt secure, I said, “I will never be shaken.” **C:** *O Lord, when You favored me, You made my mountain stand firm; but when You hid Your face, I was dismayed.*

P: To You, O Lord, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy: **C:** *“What gain is there in my destruction, in my going down into the pit?”*

P: Will the dust praise you? **C:** *Will it proclaim Your faithfulness?*

P: Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me; **C:** *O Lord, be my help.”*

P: You turned my wailing into dancing; You removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to You and not be silent. **C:** *O Lord my God, I will give You thanks forever.*

Gloria Patri: Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to the God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit, Great Jehovah Three in One! Glory, Glory, While eternal ages run.
(LSB 506)

Kyrie: Have mercy on Your people, Lord. Have mercy Christ, Our King
(LSB 733) Renew us by Your mercy, Lord; Accept the prayers we bring.

Gloria: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph,
(LSB 851) His the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood: “Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And with your spirit.*

Collect: O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: *Amen.*

Hymn: *“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”* 839

N.T. Lesson: *Acts 9: 1-22* /// **Epistle Lesson:** *Revelation 5: 8-14*

Holy Gospel: *John 21: 1-14* /// **Confession of Faith:** *Nicene Creed (back of hymnal)*

Sermon Hymn: *“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”* 633 vs. 1-4

Children’s Sermon /// **Sermon**

Confessional Hymn: *“In God We Believe”* (802)

In God we believe: the Creator whose pow’r In mercy has brought us renewal this hour
In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secure True God and True Man once the cross He endured

God’s Spirit at work in our lives we confess: With power and truth the church now He does bless
As saints, God’s forgiven, one day we shall then Be living in glory forever. Amen.

Offering brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of Seay, Janet; Shirley, Dave; and Shirley, David, Stephanie, Madalyn and Molly.

Lord’s Prayer: *back of hymnal* /// **Blessing of Elements**

Distribution Hymn: *“The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord”* 634

Closing Hymn: *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”* 507

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
Beth Vance, 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

TODAY: Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am
WEDNESDAY: **FISH FRY-Set Up Tables 2-4 pm, 4-7 pm Food Prep, Turkey Fryers and Rhubarb for pies needed this evening**
THURSDAY: **FISH FRY Food Prep 8 am, Bible Study 9:30 am and 6 pm**
FRIDAY: **FISH FRY early AM Food Prep, Fish Fry 4:30 pm**
SAT 3rd – SAT 10th: **Fish Fry Silent Auction online bidding**
Next SATURDAY: Worship w/HC 5:30 pm
Next SUNDAY: *Mother's Day* - Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Sat, Apr 26: 45 LS: 40; Sun, Apr 27: 8:00: 66; 10:15: 74

MEMBER PRAYER LIST: Next Sat and Sun we will be praying for the following Simmons, Luke, Lyndsi, Layne and Leo; Simmons, Pauline; Smith, Paul, Tammy, Jaelin; Faw, Melissa, Jimmy and Cody; Smith, Emily and Jessa.



LEAH VANDERGRIFF'S COOKBOOKS – NOW AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE: Proceeds going to her Memorial Scholarship. Cost is \$25.00 per book. Please contact Steven Vandergriff by text (812)454-8116 or see him at church. This is a LIMITED PRINTING so don't wait.

CEMETERY FLOWERS & DECORATIONS: As we prepare for mowing season, we ask that you would remove any flower containers or decorations placed on the ground around the cemetery plots that are not fastened to the headstone, as these hinder the mowing crew from effectively maintaining the cemetery. Thank you for helping take care of our cemetery.



FISH FRY NEWS: May 9th, 2025.

Needed - Turkey Fryers

Needed - Rhubarb for pies

Bring both to church by Wednesday evening May 7

TICKETS: Prices will be \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids 4-12.

DESSERTS NEEDED: We would appreciate if each family would donate TWO or MORE desserts for the fish fry! Suggestions from the at the dessert table were:

1. More pies, Pies, PIES...rhubarb, chess, pecan, cream, apple, pumpkin, any kind of PIE!
2. Anything strawberry
3. Cheesecake or pudding desserts
4. Angel food cake with and without icing
5. Label your dish or use disposable
5. Bring your dessert "early" if possible

FISH FRY SILENT AUCTION CHANGES This year our silent auction will be live Saturday, May 3 and we will close bids the following Saturday, May 10. It will be posted on our public Facebook Page: facebook.com/ImmanuelLutheranEvansville

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

SUMMER FUN CELEBRATION & VBS KICK-OFF

Sunday, June 1st – During Sunday School

Kona Ice – Games – Snacks – Crafts

Sunday School resumes on Rally Day – August 17th

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

TRUE NORTH

Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

Sunday, June 1st -Wednesday, June 4th

6-8 pm

Meal served nightly at 5:15 pm

ORGANIST NEEDED: Immanuel is looking for an experienced organist, preferably familiar with Lutheran liturgy and order of service, to play for our 8:00 a.m. worship services. This is a paid position. Members of Immanuel can forward any organist prospects to Warren Korff at 812-550-7662 or wmkorff@gmail.com.

TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL is enrolling for the 2025-2026 school year. We have openings for ages 2-5. Visit www.trinitylutheranpreschooldarmstadt.com for more information. Schedule a tour today! Yours in Christ, Breenna Smith

LWML Indiana District Convention: Another BIG EVENT is happening at the 4-H Center, June 26-28, 2026, our District Convention. We will need A LOT OF HELP, men and women, with the work leading up to the event. Carol Grimm from St. Paul's is the District Vice President. She will be coming to Immanuel in the near future to talk to all of us.

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION: The Lutheran Cemetery Board would like to invite you to celebrate Memorial Day with us. Rev. Case Farney of St. Paul's Lutheran Church will lead us in a service on Monday, May 26, at 11 a.m. at the Cemetery. Refreshments will be served in the Cemetery office following the service to offer an opportunity for fellowship and to answer any questions you may have. The Cemetery is located at 1305 North St. Joseph Avenue in Evansville. We look forward to seeing you on May 26!

TRINITY LUTHERAN -HENDERSON: The Ladies of our LWML are having an Accessory Sale, Saturday, May 10th from 8 – 11 am at our church, Trinity Lutheran, 510 N. Elm Street, Henderson. We will have a wide variety of new/gently used purses, wallets, totes, scarves and jewelry. No admission-just shopping for great bargains. All money raised will go towards our projects to benefit the community.