

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
March 8, 2025 --- 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 91: 1-13*

P: He who dwells in the shelter of the most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. **C:** *I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."*

P: Surely He will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. **C:** *He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.*

P: You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, **C:** *Nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.*

P: A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. **C:** *You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.*

P: If you make the Most High your dwelling---even the Lord, who is my refuge---**C:** *Then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.*

P: For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; **C:** *They will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.*

P: You will tread upon the lion and the cobra; **C:** *You will trample the great lion and the serpent.*

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: “*God Loved the World So That He Gave*” 571

(Prefatory Remarks)

O.T. Lesson: *Deuteronomy 26: 1-11* /// **Epistle Lesson:** *Romans 10: 8b-13*

Holy Gospel: *Luke 4: 1-13* /// **Hymn:** “*Jesus, Lead Thou On*” 718

Children’s Sermon /// **Sermon**

Confession of Faith: *Nicene Creed (back of hymnal)*

Offering brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of Newmaster, Mark and Krista; Newmaster, Josie; and Nicholson, Carl and Maretta.

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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A Reminder, you may be on camera: The Saturday night service is livestreamed on Facebook and the Sunday 8am service is livestreamed to YouTube and on the church website. The 10:15 service is not recorded.

**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 pm
SUNDAY: Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am
TUESDAY: Confirmation 6 pm
WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice 6 pm, Lenten Meal 6:10 pm, Mid Week Lenten Service 7 pm
THURSDAY: Bible Study 9:30 am and 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: WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Sat, Mar 1: 52 LS: 44; Sun, Mar 2: 8am: 64 LS: 45; 10:15 am: 67 LS: 39

MEMBER PRAYER LIST: Next Sat and Sun we will be praying for the following: O’Brien, Christian and Caleb; O’Neal, Zach, Brittney and Kinleigh; and Oxley, Teri Jo, Harper and Dylan.

COUNCIL MEETING: There will be a Council Meeting on Sunday, March 16 following the 10:15 service in the Lounge. All committees please have a member present. If you have not turned in your Annual Report please bring to meeting.

SENIORS - Mark your calendar for a fun afternoon of games & fellowship! We will meet in the lounge on Friday, March 21, 12:30 to 3:30 pm. A variety of games & light snacks will be provided. Please bring your own drink. Hope to see you there!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: We are looking for volunteers who would like to work one day a week, in the Office. The volunteer(s) would be folding/stuffing bulletins, on Wednesday from 10am to Noon. We are hoping to find several people to spread the work around. Please call Kellie Wittman at 440-915-5777, if you'd be interested.

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. Thanks! In Christ, Jim Bratten.

PRAISE GOD WITH SONG!!! CHOIR PRACTICE The choir will be practicing for Lent and Easter on Wednesdays at 6pm. We are always looking for new members who like to sing, high school age and up. It's a lot of fun and great fellowship. If you are interested, please come and see if it is something you'd like to do. Questions? You can call or text Cheryl Bratten 812-604-9076.

Job Openings at Redeemer Christian Preschool: Redeemer Lutheran Church is seeking qualified candidates to fill two positions at our Preschool for the 2025-2026 school year. The Director/Teacher position is 30 hours per week and comes with full benefits. The Assistant Teacher position is 22.5 hours per week. We are looking for people with experience in early childhood education and who want to share the love of Jesus with children and their parents. The Preschool is located within our Evansville church building, 1811 Lincoln Ave, right across from UE. If you are interested, please contact DCE Sarah Prentice at sarah@redeemerchurch.org.

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.

