

*God Almighty, You revealed Your Son in the River Jordan through the wondrous act of Baptism and the Holy Spirit descending like a dove. In this act you placed Your righteousness into Baptism, bringing to us eternal hope. May the blessing of Baptism daily renew our hearts.*

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Church Phone: 867-5088 Pastor's Cell Phone: 760-1854**  
**February 23, 2025 --- 8:00 am ---- Worship**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn:** *"O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth" 834*

**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.	<b>C:</b> <i>Who made the heavens and earth.</i>
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.	<b>C:</b> <i>Make haste to help me, O Lord.</i>
P: Jesus came asking to be Baptized.	<b>C:</b> <i>He came to John at the Jordan River.</i>
P: Jesus came to accomplish a purpose.	<b>C:</b> <i>He came to fulfill all righteousness.</i>
P: The heavens opened.	<b>C:</b> <i>The Spirit of God descended,</i>
P: The Spirit rested upon our Lord;	<b>C:</b> <i>The Father's voice from heaven proclaimed,</i>
P: This is My beloved Son	<b>C:</b> <i>In Whom I am well pleased.</i>
P: This is the day the Lord has made.	<b>C:</b> <i>Let us rejoice and be glad in it.</i>

**Confession and Absolution:** pg. 184

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**The Introit: Psalm 103: 1-13**

P: Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. **C:** *Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits--*

P: Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, **C:** *Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,*

P: Who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. **C:** *The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.*

P: He made known His ways to Moses, His deeds to the people of Israel: **C:** *The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.*

P: He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor His anger forever; **C:** *He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.*

P: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; **C:** *As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.*

P: As a father has compassion on his children, **C:** *So the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him.*

**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, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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:** “All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall” 562

*(Prefatory Remarks)*

**O.T. Lesson:** *Genesis 45: 3-15*                      *///*                      **Epistle Lesson:** *I Corinthians 15: 21-26, 30-42*

**Gospel Lesson:** *Luke 6: 27-28*                      *///*                      **Confession of Faith:** *Apostle’s Creed (back of Hymnal)*

**Sermon Hymn:** “Lord Whose Love through Humble Service” 848

**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 Neal, Greta; Niedhammer, Cam and Dee; and Neukam, Terry and Sandra.

**Lord’s Prayer:** *(Back of hymnal)*

**Closing Hymn:** “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” 660

**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**

**TODAY:** Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am,  
**TUESDAY:** Confirmation 6 pm  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choir at 6:00 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

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:** Sat, Feb 15: 34 LS: 28; Sun, Feb 16: 8am: 34 LS: 30; 10:15 am: 38 LS: 26 (Weather was bad)

**MEMBER PRAYER LIST:** Next Sat and Sun we will be praying for the following: Newman, Robbie; Newman, Theresa, Greg, Jacob and Rachel; and Newmaster, Jacob, Laura, Brooks, Baker and Charlie Jo.

**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.

*happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!*

**Gayle's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday...** Gayle Betulius will be turning 90 on Saturday, March 8, 2025. Please help us celebrate mom's very special milestone with a "birthday card shower". As a member of Immanuel's card committee, mom always takes the extra time to write special notes in the cards she sends. I know she would deeply appreciate getting a card from her church family and friends. If you have the time, please send birthday wishes to: Gayle Betulius; 1733 E Warrenton Rd; Haubstadt, IN 47639; or save a stamp and put a card in her church mailbox next week, and I will make sure she gets it. Thank you, Lana Gruszewski

**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 on 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.

**ST. JOHN'S LADIES RETREAT:** Bev Racine is going to St. John's Ladies Retreat, Evanston, IN, on Saturday, February 22. Registration is at 8:30 am so we need to leave from church at 7:30 am. My husband, Jerry, was baptized at St John's and my grandmother grew up there. So I have a lot of connection at St. John's. We need to RSVP a week before. Praying a bunch of you will attend. Call Bev at 812-867-2306 if you are going.

**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.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.trinitylutheranpreschooldarmstadt.com) for more information. Schedule a tour today! Yours in Christ, Breenna Smith