

*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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**Church Phone: 812-867-5088 Pastor's Phone: 812-760-1854**  
**March 9, 2025 – 8:00 am**

**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.	<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 began His walk to the cross	<b>C:</b> <i>When He was baptized in the Jordan</i>
P: He placed His own righteousness	<b>C:</b> <i>Upon this Sacrament to the church</i>
P: Jesus walked the path	<b>C:</b> <i>Laid out for Him by the Father.</i>
P: He shared the Father's grace	<b>C:</b> <i>With those who were hurting</i>
P: Jesus walked the path	<b>C:</b> <i>Of the Sacrificial Lamb</i>
P: Jesus willingly placed Himself	<b>C:</b> <i>In the position to be sacrificed</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 184-185

**Introit:** *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.*

**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.

P: The Lord be with you.                    **C:** *And with your spirit.*

**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

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 4: 1-13    ///    **Confession of Faith:** *Apostle’s Creed (back of hymnal)*

**Sermon Hymn:** “*Jesus, Lead Thou*” 718    ///    **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 Newmaster, Mark and Krista; Newmaster, Josie; and Nicholson,  
Carl and Maretta.

**Lord’s Prayer** *(back of hymnal)*

**Closing 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**

**Kirk Horstmeyer , Pastor**  
**Karen Whitehead, Organist**

**THIS WEEK**

**TODAY:** 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 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.

**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

**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.

