

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 4th Saturday in Lent
Church Phone: 812-867-5088 Pastor's Cell Phone: 812-760-1854
March 29, 2025 --- 5:30 pm ---- Worship with Holy Communion

Opening Prayer /// Opening Hymn: *"God Loved the World So That He Gave" 571*

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 32*

P: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. **C:** *Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.*

P: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. **C:** *For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.*

P: Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity. **C:** *I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord" – and You forgave the guilt of my sin.*

P: Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to You while You may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. **C:** *You are my hiding place; You will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.*

P: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. **C:** *Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will no come to you.*

P: Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in Him. **C:** *Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing all you who are upright in heart!*

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, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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: Isaiah 12: 1-6 /// **Epistle Lesson:** 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 /// **Hymn:** “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive” 609 vs. 1-3

Children’s Sermon /// **Sermon** /// **Confession of Faith:** Nicene Creed (back of hymnal)

Offering brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of Paul, Doris, Mike and Samantha; Puertzer, Jim; and Racine, Jeremy, Lauren and Corinne.

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: “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” 528 vs 1-3

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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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

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Sat, Mar 22: 55 LS: 48; Sun, Mar 23: 8am: 60; 10:15 am: 52; Lent Service: 48

MEMBER PRAYER LIST: Next Sat and Sun we will be praying for the following: Racine, Jerry and Bev; Racine, Jerry, Kim, Heather and Christian; and Racine, Courtney and Mia.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: The children's Egg Hunt will be during Sunday School on Sunday, April 13th.

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.



FISH FRY NEWS: May 9th, 2025. SILENT AUCTION: We are asking for new items or themed baskets to be donated. Some ideas may include gift cards, handmade items, toys, lawn items, garden things, flowers/plants, activities, events, sports accessories, candy, popcorn, cookies, meals, golf, gas, grilling, camping, games, cycling, car wash, auto maintenance, travel, etc. Start dropping donations off in the church office starting May 1st. Bidding will be available at the Fish Fry & on our Facebook page. **KITCHEN CLEANUP:** We need all hands on deck to get the kitchens, gym, and porch ready for the fish fry. Everyone able to help, please meet on **Tuesday, April 22nd at 9 am in the gym.** **SIGN-UPS:** Sign-ups will be posted in the lounge on April 6th. Please sign up for anything and everything you can. **TICKETS:** Tickets will be available Easter Sunday, April 20. **Prices will be \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids 4-12.**