

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 3rd Saturday in Lent
Church Phone: 812-867-5088 Pastor's Cell Phone: 812-760-1854
March 2, 2024 --- 5:30 pm ---- Worship with Holy Communion

Opening Prayer // **Opening Hymn:** "How Firm a Foundation" 728

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

Opening Litany:

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 19*

P: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. **C:** *Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.*

P: There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. **C:** *Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.*

P: In the heavens He has pitched a tent for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming forth from His pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. **C:** *It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat.*

P: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. **C:** *The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.*

P: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous. **C:** *They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.*

P: By them is Your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. **C:** *Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults.*

P: Keep Your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression. **C:** *May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

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 God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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: *“The Law of God Is Good and Wise” 579*

(Prefatory Remarks)

O.T. Lesson: *Exodus 20: 1-17* *///* **Epistle Lesson:** *1 Corinthians 1: 18-31*

Duet: *Cheryl Bratten and Debbie Snow “Just As I Am, I Come”*

Holy Gospel: *John 2: 13-22* *///* **Hymn:** *“God of Grace and God Of Glory” 850*

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

Offering brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of Spruell, Margie; Stambush, Ova and Chestine; and Stremming, Sandy and Brent.

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 /// Closing Hymn: *“We Sing the Praise of Him Who Dies”* 429 (tune 664)

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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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
TODAY: Worship at 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am
TUESDAY: Confirmation 6 pm
WEDNESDAY: *Lent* - Meal 6:10 pm, Worship w/HC 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: Sat, Feb 24: 37 LS: 33; Sun, Feb 25: 8am: 56; 10:15 am: 58;
Mid Week: 82

Member Prayer List: Next Saturday and Sunday we will be praying for the families of Strieter, Brenda; Strieter, George; and Sugg, Dan and Paula.

MONTHLY MEETINGS & EVENTS

COUNCIL MEETING: Sunday, March 10 after 10:15 am service

MID-WEEK LENT SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY is Sunday, March 24th.

MARCH 24TH SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT during Sunday School
9:10 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE is at 7:00 pm March 28th.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE is at 7:00 pm March 29th – it is Tenebrae Service- (service of gradual darkness) to honor our Lord giving His life on our behalf)

HOLY SATURDAY SERVICE will be at 5:30 pm March 30th -- it will be a service of Scripture and Hymns-- is a night of anticipation and celebration

EASTER MORNING WORSHIP: On Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am

Easter Breakfast starting at 8:20 am

Easter Worship Service at 9:30 am.

******(Please note that the late service starts at 9:30 am-- not at 10:15)******

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY this year will be on April 28 at the 10:15 service. This is an important day for these youth in our congregation, so please ask the Lord to bless that day and those who will be Confirmed.

LWML WEST ZONE MEETING: The LWML West Zone Board cordially invite the Ladies of the LWML West Zone to a meeting on Saturday, April 27th at St. Peters Lutheran Church in Vincennes. The meeting will start at 10 am EST / 9 am CST and should be done by 1:30/12:30 pm. The Ladies of St. Peters will provide a Salad Luncheon.

We will be taking up a love offering to help establish our new treasurer's account. The officers will be installed at this time. If you would like to attend, please email/text/call registrations by April 17th. Barb Rastl, rastl@att.net, 812-890-1735 Sheryl Bloebaum, sbloebaum@frontier.com, 812-890-3657

