

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 Second Saturday In Lent
Church Phone: 812-867-5088 Pastor's Cell Phone: 812-760-1854
February 24, 2024 --- 5:30 pm ---- Worship with Holy Communion

Opening Prayer **Opening Hymn:** *"Christ, the Life of All the Living" 420 vs. 1-3*

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 22: 23-31*

P: You who fear the Lord, praise Him! **C:** *All you descendants of Jacob, honor Him!*

P: Revere Him, all you descendants of Israel! **C:** *For He has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; He has not hidden His face from him but has listened to his cry for help.*

P: From You comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear You will I fulfill my vows. **C:** *The poor will eat and be satisfied; they who seek the Lord will praise Him—may your hearts live forever!*

P: All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before Him, for dominion belongs to the Lord and He rules over the nations. **C:** *All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before Him—those who cannot keep themselves alive.*

P: Posterity will serve Him; future generations will be told about the Lord. **C:** *They will proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn—for He has done it.*

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, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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: “*Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord*” 935 (tune 917)

(Prefatory Remarks)

O.T. Lesson: *Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16* /// **Epistle Lesson:** *Romans 5: 1-11*

Holy Gospel: *Mark 8: 27-38* /// **Hymn:** “*Lift High the Cross*” 837

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

Offering brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of Soulsby, Rex; Sparks, Larry and Linda; and Speicher, Bryce, Jessica, Jayden, Brylee and Violet.

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: “*Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*” 722

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 5:30 pm
SUNDAY: Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am
TUESDAY: Confirmation 6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice 6 pm, Meal 6:10 pm, Lent Service w/HC 7pm
THURSDAY: Bible Study 9:30 am and 6 pm
Next SATURDAY: Confirmation 9:30 am, Worship w/HC 5:30
Next SUNDAY: Worship at w/HC 8:00 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship w/HC 10:15 am

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Sat, Feb 17: 36 LS: 28; Sun, Feb 18: 8am: 67 LS: 50; 10:15 am: 80 LS: 50; Ash Wednesday: 79 LS: 68

Member Prayer List: Next Saturday and Sunday we will be praying for the families of Spruell, Margie; Stambush, Ova and Chestine; and Stremming, Sandy and Brent.

THANK YOU: *Thank you for all the cards and well wishes. They brought a feeling of sunshine and blessings every day. Judy Wittman*

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.

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Congregation Invitation: The congregation is invited to Joshua Knea's Eagle Scout Court of Honor Saturday March 16th at 2:30 in the fellowship hall at Trinity Lutheran Church Darmstadt. Light refreshments will be provided.