

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 Sunday in Lent
March 3, 2024 --- 10:15 am ---- Worship with Holy Communion p. 184

Opening Prayer **Opening Hymn:** “*How Firm a Foundation*” 728

Invocation: p. 184 **Confession and Absolution:** p. 184-185

Introit: *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.*

(Immediately follows Gloria Patri p. 186, The Kyrie p. 186)

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*

Please stand Gospel Lesson: *John 2: 13-22*

Confession of Faith: *Nicene Creed* pg. 191 (**please be seated**)

Sermon Hymn: “*God of Grace and God Of Glory*” 850

Children’s Sermon **Sermon**

Offering brought to the Altar

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

Service of the Sacrament: p. 194

(Proper Preface)

P: It is good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and arch-angels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

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Kirk Horstmeyer, Pastor
Beth Vance, 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 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)* *****

SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT- will be around 9:00 pm on Easter morning.

The kids will have a chance to eat with their families, and then go and enjoy the process of finding eggs with goodies inside. The resurrection points us to how God brought His Son to life from death by coming out of the tomb. The children are reminded of that when the gifts come out of the eggs they find. A blessing to them in two ways.

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

