

Heavenly Father, You revealed a glimmer of the Divine nature of Your Son when He was transfigured on the mount. This points us to the hope in which we live as a result of the Heavenly gift provided to us through the work of Your Son. May the holiness that our Lord revealed be upon us into eternity.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH First Saturday In Lent
Church Phone: 812-867-5088 Pastor's Cell Phone: 812-760-1854
February 17, 2024 --- 5:30 pm ---- Worship with Holy Communion

Opening Prayer **Opening Hymn:** *"A Mighty Fortress is our God" 657*

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: The Lord walked with Peter, James & John	C: <i>To pray on a mountain.</i>
P: The Lord was transformed.	C: <i>He became as bright as the sun.</i>
P: Moses and Elijah came to Him.	C: <i>They came to discuss His departure.</i>
P: The Father spoke from the cloud.	C: <i>This is my beloved Son, listen to him.</i>
P: The disciples were told to be silent.	C: <i>They never forgot the experience.</i>
P: This is the day the Lord has made.	C: <i>Let us rejoice and be glad in it.</i>

Psalmody: *Psalm 25: 1-10*

P: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in You I trust, O my God. **C:** *Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.*

P: No one whose hope is in You will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse. **C:** *Show me Your ways, O Lord, teach me Your paths;*

P: Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long. **C:** *Remember, O Lord, Your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.*

P: Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to Your love remember me, for You are good, O Lord. **C:** *Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in His ways.*

P: He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way. **C:** *All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of His covenant.*

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 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 You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** *Amen.*

Hymn: “*The Lamb, The Lamb*” 547

(*Prefatory Remarks*)

O.T. Lesson: *Genesis 22: 1-18* /// **Epistle Lesson:** *James 1: 12-18*

Holy Gospel: *Mark 1: 9-15* /// **Hymn:** “*O Christ, You Walked the Road*” 424

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

Offering brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of Snyder, Cindy; Somers, Brandon, Kayla, Evelyn and Ainsley; Somers, Mark and Debbie.

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:** “*The God of Abraham Praise*” 798 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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**Kirk Horstmeyer, Pastor
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 at w/HC 8:00 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship w/HC 10:15 am,
Confirmation Outing 1 pm
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 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Sat, Feb 10: 40 LS: 36; Sun, Feb 11: 8am: 67; 10:15 am: 46

Member Prayer List: Next Saturday and Sunday we will be praying for the families of Soulsby, Rex; Sparks, Larry and Linda; and Speicher, Bryce, Jessica, Jayden, Brylee and Violet.

THANK YOU:

To the Members Of Our Church Family!

What a blessing it is to be a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church! We are so appreciative of all the cards, calls, and prayers during Darlene's recent knee replacement surgery and recovery. We are also grateful for Pastor Horstmeyer's presence and prayers the morning of surgery, and for sitting with Mark and Ryan throughout the surgery. We couldn't be more blessed to be surrounded by such a loving and caring extended family. In His Love Always, Mark and Darlene Moog

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.

