

*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  
**March 15, 2025 --- 5:30 pm ---- Worship with Holy Communion**

**Opening Prayer /// Opening Hymn:** *"Children of the Heavenly Father" 725*

**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.	<b>C:</b> <i>Who made the heavens and earth.</i>
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.	<b>C:</b> <i>Make haste to help me, O Lord.</i>
P: Jesus began His walk to the cross	<b>C:</b> <i>When He was baptized in the Jordan</i>
P: He placed His own righteousness	<b>C:</b> <i>Upon this Sacrament to the church</i>
P: Jesus walked the path	<b>C:</b> <i>Laid out for Him by the Father.</i>
P: He shared the Father's grace	<b>C:</b> <i>With those who were hurting</i>
P: Jesus walked the path	<b>C:</b> <i>Of the Sacrificial Lamb</i>
P: Jesus willingly placed Himself	<b>C:</b> <i>In the position to be sacrificed</i>
P: This is the day the Lord has made.	<b>C:</b> <i>Let us rejoice and be glad in it.</i>

**Psalmody:** *Psalm 4*

P: Answer me when I call to You, O my righteous God. **C:** *Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.*

P: How long, O men, will you turn my glory into shame? **C:** *How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?*

P: Know that the Lord has set apart the godly for Himself; the Lord will hear when I call to Him. **C:** *In your anger do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent.*

P: Offer right sacrifices and trust in the Lord. **C:** *Many are asking, "Who can show us any good?" Let the light of Your face shine upon us, O Lord.*

P: You have filled my heart with greater joy than when their grain and new wine abound. **C:** *I will lie down and sleep in peace, for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.*

**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 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:** *Jeremiah 26: 8-15* /// **Epistle Lesson:** *Philippians 3:17 - 4:1*

**Holy Gospel:** *Luke 13: 31-35* /// **Hymn:** *“O Little Flock, Fear Not the Fow”* 666

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

**Offering brought to the Altar**

**Prayers:** The families of O’Brien, Christian and Caleb; O’Neal, Zach, Brittney and Kinleigh; and Oxley, Teri Jo, Harper and Dylan.

**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:** *‘On Eagle’s Wings’* 727

**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 w/HC 5:30 pm  
**SUNDAY:** Worship w/HC 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship w/HC 10:15 am, Council Meeting  
**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  
**FRIDAY:** Seniors fun & fellowship afternoon 12:30 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: WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:** Sat, Mar 8: 74 LS: 48; Sun, Mar 9: 8am: 55; 10:15 am: 72; Ash Wed: 103 LS: 80

**MEMBER PRAYER LIST:** Next Sat and Sun we will be praying for the following: Parkers, Bob and Karen; Parker, Taylor, Jennifer, Paxton and Teagen; and Patterson, Julie, Matt, Garrett Wyatt and Lydia/

**COUNCIL MEETING:** There will be a Council Meeting on Sunday, March 16 following the 10:15 service in the Lounge. All committees please have a member present. If you have not turned in your Annual Report please bring to meeting.

**SENIORS** - Mark your calendar for a fun afternoon of games & fellowship! We will meet in the lounge on Friday, March 21, 12:30 to 3:30 pm. A variety of games & light snacks will be provided. Please bring your own drink. Hope to see you there!

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** We are looking for volunteers who would like to work one day a week, in the Office. The volunteer(s) would be folding/stuffing bulletins, on Wednesday from 10am to Noon. We are hoping to find several people to spread the work around. Please call Kellie Wittman at 440-915-5777, if you'd be interested.

**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](mailto:wmkorff@gmail.com). Thanks! In Christ, Jim Bratten.

**Job Openings at Redeemer Christian Preschool:** Redeemer Lutheran Church is seeking qualified candidates to fill two positions at our Preschool for the 2025-2026 school year. The Director/Teacher position is 30 hours per week and comes with full benefits. The Assistant Teacher position is 22.5 hours per week. We are looking for people with experience in early childhood education and who want to share the love of Jesus with children and their parents. The Preschool is located within our Evansville church building, 1811 Lincoln Ave, right across from UE. If you are interested, please contact DCE Sarah Prentice at [sarah@redeemerchurch.org](mailto:sarah@redeemerchurch.org).

**TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL** is enrolling for the 2025-2026 school year. We have openings for ages 2-5. Visit [www.trinitylutheranpreschooldarmstadt.com](http://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.

