

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 Third Saturday in Lent
Church Phone: 812-867-5088 Pastor's Cell Phone: 812-760-1854
March 22, 2025 --- 5:30 pm ---- Worship with Holy Communion

Opening Prayer /// Opening Hymn: *"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" 761*

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.	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 85*

P: Lord, You were favorable to Your land, O Lord; You restored the fortunes of Jacob. **C:** *You forgave the iniquity of Your people and covered all their sin.*

P: You withdrew all Your wrath; You turned from Your hot anger. **C:** *Restore us again, O God our Salvation, and put away Your indignation toward us.*

P: Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger through all generations? **C:** *Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?*

P: Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us Your salvation. **C:** *Let me hear what God the Lord will speak; for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints – but let them not turn back.*

P: Surely His salvation is near those who fear Him, that His glory may dwell in our land. **C:** *Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.*

P: Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. **C:** *The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.*

P: Righteousness will go before Him **C:** *And make His footsteps a way.*

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: *Ezekiel 33: 7-20* *///* **Epistle Lesson:** *1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

Holy Gospel: *Luke 13:1-9* *///* **Hymn:** *“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”* 704

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

Offering brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of Parkers, Bob and Karen; Parker, Taylor, Jennifer, Paxton and Teagen; and Patterson, Julie, Matt, Garrett Wyatt and Lydia/

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: *“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”* 917

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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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

TONIGHT: Worship w/HC 5:30 pm
SUNDAY: Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am
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
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 15: 34 LS: 30; Sun, Mar 16: 8am: 69 LS 59; 10:15 am: 52 LS: 33; Lent Service: 57

MEMBER PRAYER LIST: Next Sat and Sun we will be praying for the following: Paul, Doris, Mike and Samantha; Puertzer, Jim; and Racine, Jeremy, Jill, Lauren and Corinne.

THANK YOU... *What a wonderful blessing your cards have been to me as I celebrated my 90th birthday. I've enjoyed reading every one of them so very much. May God bless you in return for your kindness and thoughtfulness. Together in Christ, Gayle Betulius*

To Members of Immanuel Church, Thank you so much for the love and how you cared about my sister, Marcia Diane Huett; for Pastor Kirk doing her service, it was beautiful, and the people who came to her funeral and the lunch you had for our family. The meal was delicious. I know almost everyone at Immanuel must have an Angle Keychain from my sister, Diane. Thank you so much, Mayetta Champion and Margie Spruell

We would like to give our thanks to all that helped with the last two funeral lunches. The ones that set and put up table and chairs, cleaned the gym afterward and to all that brought food in. Your help was very appreciated! Bev Racine

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: The children's Egg Hunt will be during Sunday School on Sunday, April 13th.

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.

TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL is enrolling for the 2025-2026 school year. We have openings for ages 2-5. Visit 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.



