

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



The Divine Service I
The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 23, 2025
10:00am

3000 West Main Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

ORGAN PRELUDE: *BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR*

WILL CANFIELD, ORGANIST

CHORAL INTROIT: *O GOD, BEYOND ALL PRAISING*

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CHOIR

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

* *The congregation will stand for sections beginning with an asterisk.*

***ENTRANCE HYMN ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS LSB 821**



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of the
scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.
Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.
tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the
In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -
As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in
Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der

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***INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Cong: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Cong: 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, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew 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.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: Amen.

KYRIE

THIS IS THE FEAST

SERVICE OF THE WORD

*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

FIRST READING

GENESIS 45:3-15 (ESV)

Lector: And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 103:1-13 (ESV)

Lector: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

Cong: and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Lector: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

Cong: and forget not all his benefits,

Lector: who forgives all your iniquity,

Cong: who heals all your diseases,

Lector: who redeems your life from the pit,

Cong: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

Lector: who satisfies you with good

Cong: so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Lector: The Lord works righteousness

Cong: and justice for all who are oppressed.

Lector: He made known his ways to Moses,

Cong: his acts to the people of Israel.

Lector: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
Cong: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Lector: He will not always chide,
Cong: nor will he keep his anger forever.

Lector: He does not deal with us according to our sins,
Cong: nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Lector: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
Cong: so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

Lector: as far as the east is from the west,
Cong: so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Lector: As a father shows compassion to his children,
Cong: so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

Cong: Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 15:21-26, 30-42 (ESV)

Lector: For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Why are we in danger every hour? I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day!

What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
Cong: **Thanks be to God.**

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

***HOLY GOSPEL**

LUKE 6:27-38 (ESV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the sixth chapter.

“But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

SERMON

REV. MARK COUCH

Pastor: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Cong: Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

HOW GREAT THOU ART

LSB 801

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***APOSTLES' CREED**

**Cong: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting.
Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Lector: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for
all people according to their needs.**

**O Lord, Your servant Joseph endured hardship and struggle, yet
he believed it would come to good. Give us such tested faith,
and bring all things to completion according to Your purposes
in Christ, the new Adam, who has brought hope to the world.
Lord, in Your mercy,**

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Preserve and unite Your Church, O Lord. Bring an end to her earthly divisions, which grieve You. Give her the true unity of doctrine and faith in Your Word. Bless and sustain our leaders in our Synod, district, circuit and this congregation. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Almighty God, Your Son, our Lord, commanded us to love our enemies, do good to those who hate us and pray for those who persecute us. We implore You, by Your gracious visitation, lead our enemies to true repentance and to have the same love, be of one accord, and share one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Merciful God, give us guidance amid the changes and chances of this mortal life. Deliver us from the pangs of doubt and the paralysis of fear. Let us know our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the power of His resurrection with joy, that we may not surrender to anxiety or despair. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Righteous Lord, uphold civil authority and those responsible for the welfare of our nation, state and community. Help them steadfastly to pursue the cause of justice and protect life from beginning to natural end. Guard all first responders, and protect those who defend us here or abroad. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Heavenly Father, according to Your will grant healing to the sick and infirm, especially those on our prayer list and those held closely in our hearts (*pause*). Grant them patience to endure their time of suffering, and crown their days with Your mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: We give thanks for the gift of this blessed Sacrament, O Lord. Give us a right heart as we prepare to eat and drink Christ's true body and blood, that by it we would be equipped to love You above all and our neighbors as ourselves. Lord, in Your mercy,
Cong: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, we confess that we are poor, miserable sinners with no good in us. Our hearts and our flesh and blood are so corrupted by sin that we are never without sinful desires in this life. Therefore, we implore You, forgive us our sins. Let Your Holy Spirit so cleanse our hearts that we would love Your Word, abide by it and, by Your grace, be saved forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

***PEACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

*Please greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

IN THIS VERY ROOM

IMMANUEL CHOIR

This song is being sung in memory of Dixon Pulver

*In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me,
and in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me,
and there's quite enough hope and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.*

*And in this very room there's quite enough love for all of us,
and in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us,
and there's quite enough hope and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.*

*And in this very room there's quite enough love for all the world,
and in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world,
and there's quite enough hope and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus, in this very room.*

*We ask our guests to review our understanding and practice of communion
on the back page of this worship folder.*

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Cong: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

Cong: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly 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 archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

***SANCTUS ~ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

***THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

***PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

Cong: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**Cong: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

***PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Cong: Amen.

***AGNUS DEI ~ LAMB OF GOD**

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COMMUNION {*INTENTIONAL PAUSE FOR SILENT MEDITATION*}

COMMUNION HYMN

GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT

WOV 711

***POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

***BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Cong: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ✠ peace.

Cong: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE *ON OUR WAY REJOICING* **WILL CANFIELD**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

FAREWELL TO WILL:

Farewell to an exceedingly talented musician and choir director! You will be missed by many at Immanuel. We wish you the best in your reduced schedule and life in general and hope you will use the extra time you now have to relax and enjoy life more! And all God's people said.... "Amen!"



ILLNESS/SPECIAL NEED:

Rev. **Paul Maier** has been a long-time friend Immanuel for many years. He will be 95 on May 31st, but age is rapidly catching up with him and he is currently in failing health.

Tom and Cathy Mollet's daughter, **Jean Ellen**, has hypertension. In early February, she nearly suffered a stroke. Thankfully, doctors provided prompt treatment and averted a stroke.

Paul Wills recently fell on the ice and broke several ribs. He continues to need our prayers. He is still experiencing a lot of pain and having testing run. He is home right now. Keep Patti in our prayers too as she helps him get through these health problems.

GRIEF:

On February 18, 2025, as mutually agreed upon by Beth Mitchell and their children, **Bob Mitchell** was removed from life-support after several months of incapacitation. A funeral service will be held for Bob at on Saturday, March 1st @ 11:00am. Visitation will be on Friday, February 28th from 6-8pm in the garden level of the church.

Immanuel member, **Vince Marshall**, passed away at home on February 15, 2025. A funeral service was held at Immanuel on February 20, 2025.

Jan Wilson, long-time, home-bound Immanuel member, passed away at Rose Arbor on Monday, February 10, 2025. A funeral for Jan was held at Immanuel on Monday, February 17, 2025.

THANKSGIVING:

HOMEBOUND: Marian Brugh, Ellen Plano, John Curtiss, and Jerome Dirst.

IMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

LONG TERM CONCERNS

Rose Maxum , requested by Chuck and Amber Townsend	Susan & Gregory Fritz , Stephanie Beck's parents
Amy Stillwell , sister of Dave Reynolds	Mary Ann Massey , friend of Dotty Smith
Bob Perri , brother of Phil Perri	Craig Rennhack , requested by Bob & Maryalice Reck
John Blasko , requested by Elizabeth Blasko	Mindy Mitchell , sister of Shelly Reynolds
Kyle Reinbold Family , requested by Kyle's sister, Sonya DeVary	James Leo Brown , requested by Shelly and Dave Reynolds
Karen McDougall , requested by Sue Steuer	Jim Sabo , friend of Susan Steuer
Katie VerKow , former member of Immanuel, requested by Phil Roekle	Sue Steuer's sister-in-law Christine's mother Elaine, and her daughter-in-law Molly
Vicki Dilley , requested by Christa & Phil Perri	Suzie Brink , Christie Sidwell's mother and Bill Brink , her brother
Joanne Cleason , Esther Cleason's daughter	Melissa , friend of Dotty Smith and daughter Laura
Marie Winberg , godmother of Bill Bennett	Hannah Bayer , requested by her father
Lisa and David Wentzel , Sue Steuer's cousins	Jerry and Sandi McKenzie , friends of Dotty Smith
Ware Washam , requested by Brian Long	Sandy Hale , requested by Stephen Presdorf
Caroline Barkow	Jeri Noneman
Gene Jennings	Kay Hecht , John Hecht's mother
Loren Gerber , Sue Anderson's father	Beth Mitchell
Alice Schley , Jane Schley's granddaughter	Charlie Miller , Marian Brugh's brother
Toni —Jane Schley's cousin	Jason , son-in-law of Sue & Craig Anderson
Sharon S. , requested by Dotty Smith	Karen Petersen , daughter of Cathy & Tom Mollet
Ruth Krueger	Justin Nickels , requested by Justin Beck
Deb , friend of Sue Steuer	Marilyn Borgeson , Annie Hecht's grandmother
Sophie Rose Verile , Brindley's grandniece	Lynne Partridge , friend of Christa Perri
Linda & Scott Spurlock , req. by Esther C.	Lucille and Lawrence Fritz , requested by Jonathan Fritz
Kim N., Kim M., Emilie H., & Sydney B. , all friends of Kim Sharp; and River Lint , Kim's cousin's baby	
All Crossroads Prison Ministry students from all congregations around the country	
Immanuel members: Gail Stewart, Dolly Bryan, Cathy Mollet, Shelly Reynolds, Tina Lauer, Jerome Dirst & John Miller	

CHURCH CALENDAR

MARCH'S MISSION: **LCMS MICHIGAN DISTRICT**

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
23 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNION SERVICE (COUCH) 11:30AM ADULT CLASS & CHILDREN'S CHOIR	24	25 7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ IMMANUEL	26	27	28	MARCH 1 11:00AM FUNERAL FOR BOB MITCHELL 6-8PM VISITATION FOR BOB MITCHELL
2 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNION SERVICE (IQBAL) 11:30AM ADULT CLASS & CHILDREN'S CHOIR	3	4 5:30PM MARY & MARTHA MTG. 7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ IMMANUEL	5 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:00PM LENTEN SOUP SUPPER BY FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE 7:00PM COMMUNION SERVICE	6	7	8 10-11AM "JOY" BIBLE STUDY @ ILC
9 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNION SERVICE (QUARDOKUS) 11:30AM ADULT CLASS & CHILDREN'S CHOIR	10	11 6:30AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST 7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ IMMANUEL	12 6:00PM LENTEN SOUP SUPPER BY PROPERTY COMMITTEE 7:00PM COMMUNION SERVICE	13	14	15
16 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNION SERVICE (COUCH) 11:30AM ADULT CLASS & CHILDREN'S CHOIR	17	18 7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ IMMANUEL	19 6:00PM LENTEN SOUP SUPPER BY WORSHIP COMMITTEE 7:00PM COMMUNION SERVICE	20	21	22

Worship Assistants/Serving Schedule

	Acolyte	Altar	Usher	Lector	Worship Assistant	Coffee Hour
Sunday 2/23/2025	Elliora & Caviion Beck	Kim Sharp	John Hecht	Mark Miller	John Quardokus & John Wagner	Maryalice Reck
Sunday 3/2/2025	Genevieve Miller & Adelaide Jefferies	Jane Schley	Kim Sharp	Ninah Miller	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Rita Clarke
3/5/2025 Ash Wednesday	NA	Jane Schley	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sunday 3/9/2025	Maddie Hernandez & Elijah Lawrence	Patti Wills	John Wagner	John Quardokus	Bill Stewart & Ron Swinehart	Amber & Chuck Townsend
Sunday 3/16/2025	Cailyn Hecht & Norah Lawrence	Sally Crawford	Ron Swinehart	Dave Mandrick	Mark Miller & Andrew Lustila	AnnMarie & Philip Miller
Sunday 3/23/2025	Linus & Ezra Mandrick	Amber Townsend	John Hecht	John Hecht	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	Helen & Philip Roekle— (Coffee) Dotty Smith— (Snacks)
Sunday 3/30/2025	Elliora & Caviion Beck	Rita Clarke	Kim Sharp	Andrew Lustila	John Quardokus & John Wagner	Maryalice Reck



Ash Wednesday is March 5th this year. Ash Wednesday kicks off Lent, a somber church season that prepares Christians all around the world for Easter.

***Mid-week services are held on
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.***

***Soup Suppers will precede each mid-week service
and will start at 6:00p.m.***



We have midweek Lenten services with soup and bread meals before each service to remind us of the early church traditions of sharing food and living lives together. As we contemplate all that Jesus did for us on the Cross, let us use this wonderful time to delve deeply into the spiritual side of our lives while we also pray and enjoy good food and fellowship with other believers.

This is a “donated” meal so we encourage you to sign up to bring food or help in some other way as you are able. (See the sign-up poster in the Narthex.)

**We look forward to seeing you at supper and at worship on these
Wednesday evenings during Lent!**

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER—WEEKLY SPONSORS:	
March 5, 2025	Fellowship Committee
March 12, 2025	Property Committee
March 19, 2025	Worship Committee
March 26, 2025	Discipleship Committee
April 2, 2025	Outreach Committee
April 9, 2025	Service Committee



2025 Alma College Choir Tour

Sun, Feb 23 4pm	Memorial Presbyterian Church 1310 Ashman Street, Midland, MI
Tues, Feb 25 7pm	Presbyterian Church of Traverse City 701 Westminster Road, Traverse City, MI featuring choirs from St. Francis HS, Kingsley HS, & Glen Lake HS
Wed, Feb 26 7pm	Westminster Presbyterian Church 47 Jefferson Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI
Thurs, Feb 27 7pm	First Presbyterian Church 508 Franklin Ave, Grand Haven, MI
Fri, Feb 28 7pm	First Presbyterian Church 321 W South St, Kalamazoo, MI
Sat, March 1 3pm	Lansing Central United Methodist Church 215 North Capital Ave, Lansing, MI

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Our Belief and Practice

Our congregation believes that Holy Communion is a gift of Christ to His Church. Out of loving concern for the communicants and our understanding of the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, we request that those who commune here:

1. Be Baptized Christians.
2. Are mature enough to examine themselves, recognizing their sin and their need for God's grace. (*1 Corinthians 11:28*)
3. Believe that in Holy Communion they receive Christ's body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the gracious remission of their sins. (*Matthew 26:26-28*)
3. Do so without giving offense to others. (i.e., Willing to forgive and be reconciled) (*Matthew 18:15-17*)

Guests of the congregation, who are instructed in Luther's Small Catechism, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. All others are asked to speak with the pastor regarding the sacrament. Non-communicating children may join their parents. Communicants may choose from the Common Cup or individual cups.

Serving Today at Immanuel Lutheran Church

Rev. Mark Couch, Visiting Pastor

Ms. Ailene Buchtrup, Secretary

Mr. Will Canfield, Director of Music

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