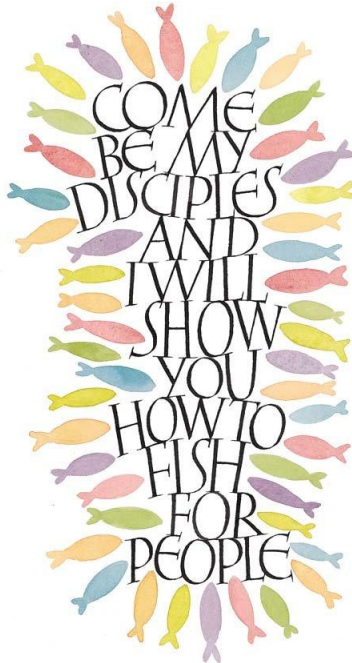


***Immanuel Lutheran Church***  
***Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod***



***The Divine Service I***  
***The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany***

*February 9, 2025*

*10:00am*

*3000 West Main Street*  
*Kalamazoo, MI 49006*

**PRELUDE**

**WILL CANFIELD, ORGANIST**

**WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

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

**\*ENTRANCE HYMN**

**HAIL, O SOURCE OF EVERY BLESSING LSB 409**



1 Hail, O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Fa - ther of our  
2 Once far off but now in - vit - ed, We ap - proach Your  
3 Hail, O all - in - vit - ing Sav - ior! Gen - tiles now their



hu - man race! Gen - tiles now, Your grace pos - sess - ing, In Your  
sa - cred throne, In Your cov - e - nant u - nit - ed, Rec - on -  
of - f'rings bring, In Your tem - ples seek Your fa - vor, Je - sus



courts ob - tain a place. Grate - ful now, we fall be - fore You,  
ciled, re - deemed, made one. Now re - vealed to east - ern sa - ges,  
Christ, our Lord and King. May we, bod - y, soul, and spir - it,



In Your Church re - jice to live, See Your glo - ry  
See the Star of Mer - cy shine, Mys - t'ry hid in  
Live de - vot - ed to Your praise, Glo - rious realms of



and a - dore You, Thank - ful for the grace You give.  
for - mer a - ges, Mys - t'ry great of love di - vine.  
bliss in - her - it, Grate - ful an - thems ev - er raise.

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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 Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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

### ISAIAH 6:1-8 (ESV)

*Lector:* <sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

*Lector:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**Cong:** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**

**PSALM 138 (ESV)**

Lector: I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;

**Cong: before the “gods” I will sing your praise.**

Lector: I will bow down toward your holy temple

**Cong: and will praise your name**

Lector: for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,

**Cong: for you have so exalted your solemn decree**

Lector: that it surpasses your fame.

**Cong: When I called, you answered me;**

Lector: you greatly emboldened me.

**Cong: May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord,**

Lector: when they hear what you have decreed.

**Cong: May they sing of the ways of the Lord,**

Lector: for the glory of the Lord is great.

**Cong: Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;**

Lector: though lofty, he sees them from afar.

**Cong: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life.**

Lector: You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;

**Cong: with your right hand you save me.**

Lector: The Lord will vindicate me;

**Cong: your love, Lord, endures forever—**

Lector: do not abandon the works of your hands.

**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 14:12B-20 (ESV)**

**Lector:** So it is with you. Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that build up the church.

For this reason the one who speaks in a tongue should pray that they may interpret what they say. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding. Otherwise when you are praising God in the Spirit, how can someone else, who is now put in the position of an inquirer, say “Amen” to your thanksgiving, since they do not know what you are saying? You are giving thanks well enough, but no one else is edified.

I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. But in the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue.

Brothers and sisters, stop thinking like children. In regard to evil, be infants, but in your thinking be adults.

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Cong:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN’S CHOIR**

### **\*HOLY GOSPEL**

### **LUKE 5:1-11 (ESV)**

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

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water’s edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets.

He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”

Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”

When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

*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**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY***

**LSB 507**

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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.**

Father of all joy, You have taught us to believe in Your  
righteous acts and deeds of salvation from our youth. Teach us  
now to proclaim Your might to the next generation, that they,  
too, may rejoice in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

**Lector: Lord God of hosts, sustain those called to be fishers of men in  
Christ's Church. Grant that they would not be discouraged when  
they toil all night and take nothing, but continue to let down  
their nets at His Word according to that calling. Lord, in Your  
mercy,**

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

Lector: O Lord, give us faith to let down the nets of Your Word in our daily vocations and to trust Your Son to do His gracious work through poor sinners like us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

Lector: Merciful God, build up Your Church and manifest Your Spirit among us with wisdom and knowledge. Let our words be measured and intelligible to our fellow Christians and to those outside Your Church, that we may utter our “Amens” confidently in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

Lector: O God, be not far from us. As You have worked deeds of salvation in Christ Jesus, so make haste to help us now in every trouble. Give healing to the sick, strength to the weak and comfort to the afflicted, especially those on our prayer list and those held closely in our hearts (*pause*). Do not forsake us nor the generations to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

Lector: Send from Your altar, O Lord, the body and blood of Christ. Cleanse us and our lips by this blessed Sacrament and deliver to us the atonement Christ has won for us, that we may be worthy to stand before You now and at the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

Lector: O Lord, never depart from us. Though we are unworthy of You and Your bounty, You are pleased to receive our meager thanks and reluctant obedience for the sake of Christ’s perfect obedience. Let Your Word rule us and Your Spirit revive us to leave behind pride and anxiety alike, that we may follow You in all we do; through the same 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**

***WHAT SHALL I RENDER?***

*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  $\text{†}$  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 HYMN**

*I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE*

**LSB 618**

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**\*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**

*SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE*

**LSB 394**

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**\*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

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal God's glory. "Who will go for us?" God asks. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is that we are also called.

### **A NOTE FROM WILL CANFIELD, MUSIC DIRECTOR:**

*To the members of Immanuel:*

*I will be leaving as your Director of Music soon. My last Sunday will be February 23<sup>rd</sup>. As I swiftly approach the age of 70, I'm now winding down my many commitments. I have accepted a position at Zion Lutheran Church as one of their staff organists, playing two Sundays per month.*

*I want to thank everyone for your welcoming spirit and kindness. A special thanks to all the talented choir members who committed their time and talents to the music program at Immanuel. Special thanks also to Linda Richter, Judie Eckert, and Beth Mitchell for accompanying congregational services and the choir on several occasions. My prayer is that the Lord will send this congregation both a pastor and music director soon—both of whom will dutifully serve the unique needs of Immanuel.*

*Thank-you again for the opportunity you gave me to serve all of you!*

*In Christ's Service,  
Will*

***SPECIAL NOTE:*** *Our annual diaper drive is right around the corner, so start taking advantage of the spring diaper sales which are in progress now!*

***A MOST SPECIAL NOTE:*** *We wish good-bye and God's blessings to Christa and Phil Perri as they make their new home in beautiful Traverse City very soon!!! You will be missed here at Immanuel!*



**ILLNESS/SPECIAL NEED:**

**Paul Wills** recently fell on the ice and broke several ribs.

**GRIEF:**

**THANKSGIVING:**

**HOMEBOUND:** Marian Brugh, Marlys Olson, Ellen Plano, Jan Wilson, John Curtiss, Vince Marshall, Jerome Dirst, and Beth Mitchell.

## IMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

### LONG TERM CONCERNS

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

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY'S MISSION: WMU SOLID GROUNDS MINISTRY

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>9 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>COMMUNION SERVICE (COUCH)</p> <p>11:30AM ADULT CLASS &amp; CHILDREN'S CHOIR</p>	10	<p>11 6:30AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST</p> <p>7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ IMMANUEL</p>	12	<p>13</p> <p>11AM- 12:30PM CHOIR REHEARSAL</p>	<p>14</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>1-3:30PM "A DAY OF BEAUTY— WITHOUT AND WITHIN"</p>
<p>16 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>COMMUNION SERVICE (QUARDOKUS)</p> <p>11:30AM ADULT CLASS &amp; CHILDREN'S CHOIR</p>	17	<p>18</p> <p>7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ IMMANUEL</p>	19	<p>20</p> <p>11AM- 12:30PM CHOIR REHEARSAL</p>	21	22
<p>23 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>COMMUNION SERVICE (COUCH)</p> <p>11:30AM ADULT CLASS &amp; CHILDREN'S CHOIR</p>	24	<p>25</p> <p>7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ IMMANUEL</p>	26	27	28	MARCH 1
<p>2 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>COMMUNION SERVICE (???)</p> <p>11:30AM ADULT CLASS &amp; CHILDREN'S CHOIR</p>	3	<p>4</p> <p>5:30PM MARY &amp; MARTHA MTG.</p> <p>7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ IMMANUEL</p>	5	6	7	8



# Worship Assistants/Serving Schedule

	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Altar</b>	<b>Usher</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Worship Assistant</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
Sunday 2/9/2025	Cailyn Hecht & Norah Lawrence	Sally Crawford	John Wagner	Andrew Lustila	Mark Miller & Andrew Lustila	Sue & John Wagner
Sunday 2/16/2025	Linus & Ezra Mandrick	Vivian Westphal	Ron Swinehart	John Krueger	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	Shelly Reynolds
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



## Come join us for a Day of Beauty - Without and Within

Saturday, February 15th  
from 1:00 to 3:30pm  
Immanuel Lutheran Church

### What is this?

A time of fellowship, beauty, devotion and supporting women in need. Michaela Hernandez-Haw, our own Mary Kay representative will be doing make overs, demonstrations, answering questions and giving tips on skin care and make up. This will be a hands-on experience in "Beauty Without." A short devotion from 1 Peter 3:3-4 about "Beauty Within" will be given.

During this event, we will be collecting items for the YWCA. Their mission is: "Improving the lives of children, promoting maternal and child health, and caring for victims of abuse."

Below is a list of what they could use:

- Diapers (size 3, 4, 5, 6)
- Baby Wipes
- Gift Cards (any denomination)
- Personal Care items (full size body wash, deodorant, hair care products, lotions, etc.)
- Linens (new or gently used twin sheets, blankets, towels, etc.)

If you would like to give a cash donation for purchase of personal care items, Michaela would be happy to order these items and take them to the YWCA.

We will end with refreshments and fellowship!

You will have an opportunity to purchase Mary Kay products if you choose.



**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



## 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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