

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

11:30am Modern Divine Service

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

Embrace ~ Educate ~ Engage

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting of the Saints

Opening Song "Graves Into Gardens"

Verse 1

I searched the world, but it couldn't fill me.
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade are never enough.
Then You came along and put me back together.
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love.

Chorus

Oh, there's nothing better than You.
There's nothing better than You.
Lord, there's nothing, nothing is better than You.

Verse 2

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness.
My failures and flaws, Lord, You've seen them all, and You still call me friend.
'Cause the God of the mountain is the God of the valley.
There's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again.

Chorus

Oh, there's nothing better than You.
There's nothing better than You.
Lord, there's nothing, nothing is better than You. 2x

Bridge 1

You turn mourning to dancing.
You give beauty for ashes.
You turn shame into glory.
You're the only one who can. 2x

Bridge 2

You turn graves into gardens.
You turn bones into armies.
You turn seas into highways.
You're the only one who can.
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Invocation

P: Let us begin in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy unto me.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy unto me.
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison unto me.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy unto me.

Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth.
We praise, we bless, we adore You.
We give thanks for Your great glory.
O Lord, God heavenly King, mighty Father
Lord Jesus Christ only begotten Son
You take away the sins of the of the world, receive our prayer.

For You alone are holy You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the most high.
Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit to the Glory of God the Father.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:14-21

The LORD God said to the serpent,
"Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."
To the woman he said,
"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.

Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.”
And to Adam he said,
“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.
By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. If, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,"

and

"On their hands they will bear you up,

lest you strike your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God

and him only shall you serve."

Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Children's Message

Please stand

Song of the Day

"The Wonderful Cross"

Verse 1

When I survey, the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Verse 2

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Chorus

O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross;
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

Verse 3

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an off'ring far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Chorus

O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross;
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

Sermon

Rev. Benjamin Braun

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

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

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

A: For faith to follow our Lord Jesus and resist temptation, that we would come through this fallen world to dwell with Him forever, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

A: For a faithful proclamation of truth, that God would embolden pastors to warn of sin and death and give all Christians strength to defend that message; and that sinners would be turned to life through the proclamation of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

A: For those with worldly authority, that they would resist the allure of power and would worship God alone, punish evil and praise those who do good, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For those troubled in mind or body, that in their afflictions and pain the Lord would sustain and heal them according to His will and deliver them at last to everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For those who grieve, especially the family and friends of Helen Henningsen, that they may be comforted, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: In gratefulness for God's good creation and His gifts, that we may be good stewards of all that He has given and be preserved from trusting in our possessions more than in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Lord God, heavenly Father, You have given us a refuge from the world in the Body of Christ. Protect us from all evils of body and soul, that we would find rest in this life and eternal rest in Your heavenly embrace; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

Service of the Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

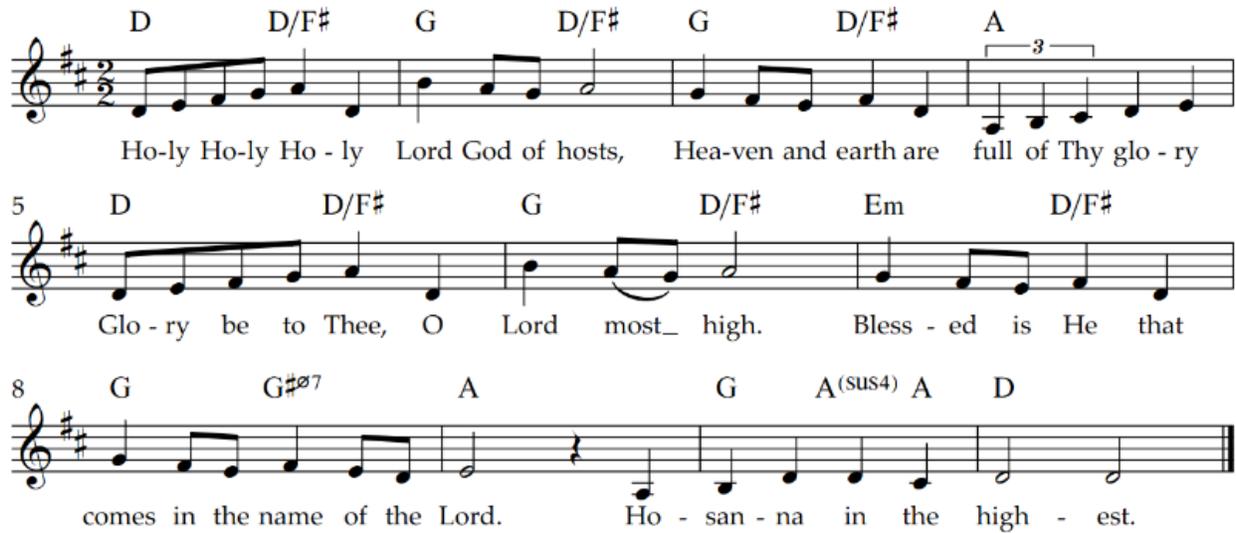
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Sanctus

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D D/F# G D/F# G D/F# A

Ho-ly Ho-ly Ho - ly Lord God of hosts, Hea-ven and earth are full of Thy glo - ry

5 D D/F# G D/F# Em D/F#

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord most_ high. Bless - ed is He that

8 G G#7 A G A(sus4) A D

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

The Words of Our Lord

P: 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 covenant 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."

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

C: **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

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D F#m/C# G(add2) D/A A

5 D F#m/C# G(add2) D/A A

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take a-way the sins of the world

9 D F#m/C# G(add2) D/A A D

Lamb of God Lamb of God Have mer - cy on us. Lamb of

13 G E/G# A A/G F#m Bm

God You take a - way the_ sins of the World. Grant us

17 G D/G A A7 D

Peace_ Oh Grant us peace.

Please be seated

Silent Prayer before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Communion Song

“Come, Thou Fount, I Will Sing”

Verse 1

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
 Sung by flaming tongues above;**

Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Verse 2

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

Chorus

How Your kindness yet pursues me
How Your mercy never fails me
'Til the day that death shall loose me
I will sing, oh, I will sing.

Verse 3

Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it;
Seal it for thy courts above.

Chorus

How Your kindness yet pursues me
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Ending

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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Please stand

Communion Dismissal

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in
body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

C: **Amen.**

Closing Song

“Mighty Name of Jesus”

Verse 1

I pray into the atmosphere
Spirit of God, You're here
You have all authority
I pray over my heart and mind
I am healed by Your stripes
Your blood declares that I am free

Chorus 1

In the mighty name of Jesus, I pray
Calling on the power of Heaven, I proclaim
Every weapon formed against me, must break
In the mighty name of Jesus

Verse 2

I draw a permanent boundary line
The enemy has no rights to come near my family
No scheme could ever undo God's plans
No matter the circumstance
The cross has sealed my destiny

Chorus 2

In the mighty name of Jesus, I pray
Calling on the power of Heaven, I proclaim
Every weapon formed against me, must break
In the mighty name of Jesus
In the mighty name of Jesus, I know
All the power of fear and darkness, must go
He's every key to every victory, I hold
In the mighty name of Jesus

Bridge

I will not fear, I will not fear
When the enemy comes near
On the door frame of my life
Is the blood of Jesus Christ
I will not fear, I will not fear
There's an army of angels here
I'm protected on all sides
By the blood of Jesus Christ

Chorus 2

In the mighty name of Jesus, I pray
Calling on the power of Heaven, I proclaim
Every weapon formed against me, must break
In the mighty name of Jesus
In the mighty name of Jesus, I know
All the power of fear and darkness, must go
He's every key to every victory, I hold
In the mighty name of Jesus

Tag

It's in the mighty name of Jesus.
It's in the mighty name of Jesus.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Offering will be received as you leave the sanctuary (Please place completed Attendance Register in the offering plate)



**The Annual Youth Ministry Dinner & Auction is NEXT SUNDAY!
Buy your tickets today!**



It is a Murder Mystery Dinner Event with a silent auction and an auction for youth service hours to be worked on Saturday, April 11.

We're really hoping you'll join us for some fun and help raise funds for Immanuel Youth Ministry. Our goal each year is to raise 1/3 of what it

costs to run youth programs here at ILC. That includes funds for Service Projects and Mission trips, but it also includes funds for retreats, youth conferences, supper each week, and things needed for our youth to continue to grow in their faith while being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Wednesday Lenten Services

Our Lenten journey continues at our Wednesday evening services on February 25, March 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 6:45pm, in the sanctuary.

GriefShare – a weekly grief support group

New participants are welcome to join at any time.

We meet on Sunday mornings at 10:30am, here at the church, in classroom 122.

Topics that are covered: Your grief journey; Sadness & Loneliness; Fear & Anxiety; Anger; Regrets, and more. Please contact Cindy Carr for more information and/or questions: cjcarr405@gmail.com

CHURCH ATTENDANCE & OFFERING: Sunday, February 15, 2026

9:00am Service attendance: 267

Offering: \$22,084.40

11:30am Service attendance: 59

Online Giving: \$5,671.21

Today's Altar Flowers

In celebration of the birthday of Margaret Schulz on February 18th,
lovingly given by her family.

Thank You, Lord, for the blessing of Margaret. We are thankful she celebrates another year lived in by Your grace. We praise You for the perfect gift of Your Son, who gives Margaret the greatest joy—the promise of everlasting life with You.

In recognition of the baptismal birthday of Sarah Engelman.

Sarah was baptized on February 19, 2012.

Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, who calls us by name and blesses us through the waters of Baptism. You have given us this sacrament to secure our salvation and draw us nearer to You through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Thank You for this glorious gift.

IN OUR PRAYERS

The family of Helen Henningsen – Helen was called to her eternal home of glory February 13, 2026, at the age of 82. Pray that the peace of the Gospel continues to comfort Jerry and family. Helen's confirmation verse was Isaiah 54:10: *For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,*” says the Lord, who has compassion on you. Funeral service was at Immanuel on Friday, February 20, 2026, at 10:00am.

Immanuel's Visioning Process – pray for us as a congregation to know God's vision for us and that we will be inspired to pursue it.

Our Expecting Mother: Alycia Abbott

Those with Health Concerns – Matt Hagans, Loretta Herzberger

Those with cancer – Allen Beard, Carol Boatright, Michelle Craig, Donna D., Jill Duran, Earl Franklin, Mike Hays, Mark Holcomb, Allen Hufford, Holly Johnson, Lyle Johnson, Shirley Kirkpatrick, Merle Kuhlmann, Jackie Oestreich, Pat Rogers, Gary Siftar, Carrie Ann Swaim, Tabitha, Theresa, Ellen Vester, Lois Wegner, Carole Weygand, Woody Wicker