

First Sunday in Lent - February 22, 2026

Opening Hymn	418	<i>O Lord, throughout These Forty Days</i>
Sermon Hymn	656	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Closing Hymn	420 v. 1	<i>Christ, the Life of All the Living</i>

As we are in the season of Lent, like last year we will be using the ashes from last years palms throughout, not just for a day. For the remembrance of our sin; that we are but dust because of them, are the only way will we understand and comprehend and hear the glorious news that we are forgiven, saved and redeemed from death by the work of redemption we receive in Christ.

So, there will be the plate of ashes as you enter the Nave and you are invited to make a cross in it each time you enter, so to remember why you have been called by the Spirit to come, hear and receive the good news of Christ.

To reflect the penitential nature of Lent, we begin each service in silence, rising as the pastor processes in, moving to the confession of sins in the Litany, followed by the opening hymn and collect.

TIME OF CONFESSION & REPENTANCE

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

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

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

Litany (pew sheet)

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 minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn

Collect (sung by Pastor)

Lenten Verse (before Gospel): Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

February Elder - Jim Wickesberg

March Elder - Brian Brede

Remember to sign the fellowship pad each week. There are large print hymnals available in the narthex.

*Please have bulletin information turned in by **9 AM** on **Thursdays**. You can email the information to IMWCLsec@gmail.com or tashatreptow@gmail.com, or they can be left on my desk. Thanks, Tasha!*

Church Prayers

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Immanuel Members: Bruce Boerst, Don Bonnin, Mary Ellen Fischer, Bob Hoppe, Brice Huntington, Judy Manthei, Ron Muck, Susan Patek, & Glenn Schreiber

Expectant Mothers: Emily Lacey

St. Paul Members: Reuben Langhoff, Judy Specht, Lois Weisnicht, & Verna Brusewitz

LCMS Presidents: Rev. Dr. Matthew & Kathy Harrison & Rev. Timothy & Nancy Shoup

Friends: Ernie Pelky, Lucille Tess, Judy Kostka, Parker Koeppin, Bryan Poirier, Geraldine Hejduk, Ron Watts, Scott Blood, Rosie Wepner, Dan, Donna Lederer, Violet Beauprey, Debbie Schmidt, Shannon Lepinski, Jill Delacore, David Pocket, Jeff Horsens, Aubrey Hunter, Noreen Miller & the family of Tom McClone.

Church Announcements

We are again connecting with District 13 for our Wed Lenten services, with the theme "*The Body of Christ*." The order of pastors serving us at 11 am (St Paul) and 7 pm (Immanuel), with lunch and dinner at each, are:

Feb 25: Pr. Kleinschmidt

March 4: Pr. Fehrmann

March 11: Pr. Zobel/Kaiser

March 18: Pr. Moon

March 25: Pastor Craig

Anyone interested in helping plan the **Spring Potato Dinner** is invited to attend a planning meeting after church on Sunday, March 1. If you cannot attend but have feedback/suggestions to share, please let Angie know (715) 853-2103.

"Thank you all for remembering me in your prayers, and for all of your cards and well wishes" - Judy Manthei

The Lutheran Hour March 1, 2026 "**The Fifth Act**" - Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Through the Bible, God invites us to help Him complete the unfinished drama He's been writing for the world. 1 Corinthians 4:1 The Lutheran Hour can be heard on Sundays at 8:30 AM on 550AM WSAU, 1260AM WOCO on Sundays at 12:30 PM or wherever you listen to podcasts.

Wolf River Lutheran High School Notes

SHADOW DAY OPPORTUNITY AT WOLF RIVER - If you know of any 8th grader(s) or high schooler interested in a shadow day at Wolf River or a tour, please have them give our office a call at 715-745-2400. We would be happy to get them scheduled!

2026-2027 School Registration is open! Check out wrlhs.org for more information. Registration forms are now available online.

Proud Supporter of Wolf River Lutheran High School

CHURCH CALENDAR & SCHEDULE

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, Feb. 22</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship (SP) 8:45 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship 3:45 PM Evening Prayer 2-3 PM Private Confessions 4 PM Confirmation Class 5 PM Matthew Bible Study 6 PM Adult Education <i>Greeters: Ann & Alyvia Boerst</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, Mar. 1</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship w/LS (SP) 8:45 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship w/LS Noon Dartball Tournament at Hayes 3:45 PM Evening Prayer 2-3 PM Private Confessions 4 PM Confirmation Class 5 PM Matthew Bible Study 6 PM Adult Education <i>Greeters: Froemming Family</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, Feb. 23</p> <p>9 AM Matins 6 PM Chimes 7 PM Choir 7:30 PM Dartball @ Hintz</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">February Elder - Jim Wickesberg</p> <p style="text-align: center;">March Elder - Brian Brede</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, Feb. 24</p> <p>8-Noon Office 9 AM Matins PC on Circuit Visitor business</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">January Stewardship</p> <p style="text-align: center;">General Total - 8459.45 Mission Total - 464</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, Feb. 25 - Rev. Kleinschmidt</p> <p>9 AM - Matins 9:30 AM Romans 11 AM Worship (SP) Noon Lunch (SP) 7 PM Worship 8 PM Dinner (church musicians) <i>Greeters: Brusky Family</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Listen to our Radio Broadcast - Sundays at 7:30 AM on WTCH 960 AM or 96.1 FM See table in narthex to sponsor a broadcast for \$60</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, Feb. 26</p> <p>8-Noon Office at SP 9 AM Matins at SP 10 AM Nursing Home Service</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Acolytes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mar. 1 - Aaron Stanke Mar. 15 - Sawyer Schmidt</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, Feb. 27</p> <p>9 AM Matins</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Attendance</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Feb. 15 - 68</p>

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The Mission Statement of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, White Clay Lake, is to provide for the Christian welfare of all God's people through the administering of the Sacraments, worship services, gatherings of Christ-centered groups, caring for the sick and needy, offering the forgiveness of sins through the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and reaching out to the unchurched, showing love and concern.