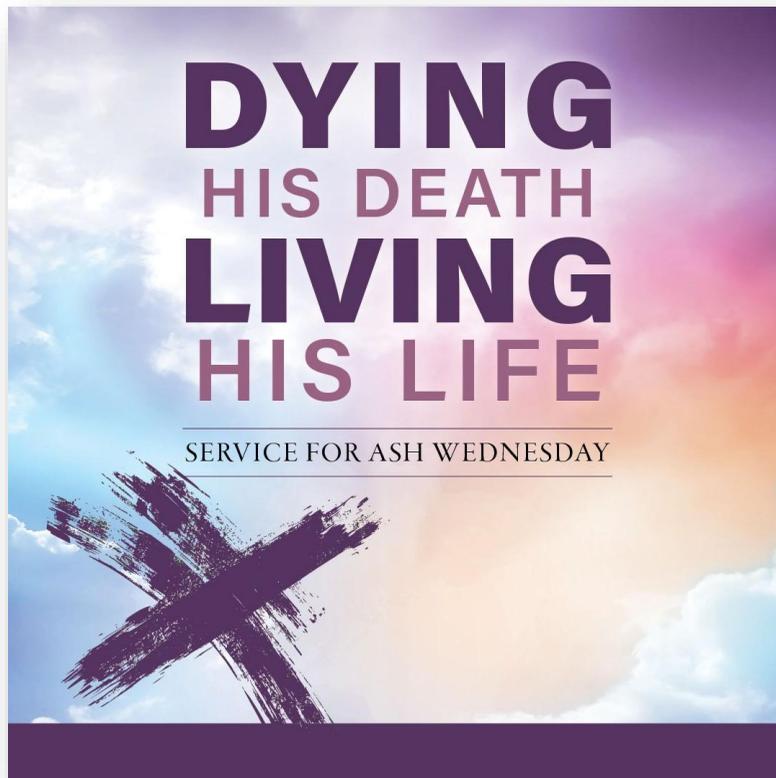


# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

GROWING IN JESUS, TRANSFORMING LIVES

ASH WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 18, 2026, 7:00 PM



## **OUR MISSION** - Matthew 28:19-20

*Jesus said: "Go to the people of all nations and make them My disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to do everything that I have told you. I will be with you always, even to the end of the world."*

# ASH WEDNESDAY

## DYING TO SIN, LIVING IN FORGIVENESS

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### AS YOU WORSHIP WITH US

- **Assisted Listening Devices** are available from an Elder or Usher.
- **If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion but would like a blessing**, simply come forward during the distribution, cross your arms when you approach the Pastor and he will speak a blessing.
- **Holy Communion** is offered to those who have been instructed in what the Scriptures teach about Communion. We believe the Bible teaches:
  - 1) Jesus Christ is our only Lord and Savior from all sin, death, and the power of evil;
  - 2) The Risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine we receive His Body and Blood; and
  - 3) We resolve to dedicate our lives to the service of our Lord in His Body, the Church, through worship, sacrificial giving, and thankful living.
- **Non-alcoholic wine** is available for those who prefer this substitute. **Gluten-free wafers** are also available. Please inform the pastor of your preference when you approach.

### ✠ GATHERING ✠

#### WELCOME

#### GATHERING SONG

“Savior, When Dust to Thee”

LSB 419

#### SEEKING & RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. David the psalmist writes, “Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered” (Psalm 32:1). In humble repentance, we seek the blessing of God and forgiveness for our sins.

**People:** **Almighty God, we confess that we have turned away from your Word and from your will for our lives. Instead of following your ways, we listen to the temptations of the world around us and seek to live according to our own sinful desires. We do not love others as we should. Have mercy on us, and forgive our sins for Jesus’ sake. Create in us new hearts and willing spirits to glorify you and serve others in your name.**

Pastor: The psalmist writes, “I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, ‘I will confess my sins to the Lord,’ and you forgave the iniquity of my sin” (Psalm 32:5). God has had mercy on us, sending his Son to suffer the penalty of death that we deserved for our sins and forgiving us for Jesus’ sake. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

### ☩ HEARING GOD’S WORD ☩

**FIRST READING** *Psalm 51:1-12*

**SECOND READING** *Colossians 1:13-20*

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 18:21-35*

**CONNECTING SONG** “I Lay My Sins on Jesus” LSB 606

**MESSAGE** “Dying to Sin, Living in Forgiveness” Pastor Warren

**CONFESSING OUR FAITH** *Apostles’ Creed*

**TALKING WITH GOD** (Need prayer? Text 224-801-2902)

Pastor: Lord, create in each of us a clean heart.

**People: Restore to us the joy of the salvation that we have through faith in your name.**

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS

*Gifts for the Mission and Ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church and School are received.*

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### ☩ RECEIVING GOD’S GIFTS ☩

## THE WORDS OF JESUS

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (forgive us our sins)

## THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES & COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*(Participants are invited to come forward during Holy Communion to receive a mark of ashes.)*

**COMMUNION SONG**      “A Lenten Prayer” by Robert J. Powell      Immanuel Choir  
**COMMUNION HYMN**      “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”      LSB 609

## COMMUNION DISMISSAL

### LEAVING WITH A BLESSING

*Psalm 51:10-12; Numbers 6:24-26*

Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**People: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**      “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”      St. 1-2, LSB 611

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Marilyn Kosmella; Piano/Organ

**GIVE**



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