

Divine Worship at 5:00



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Here are a few things we'd like you to know...



CHILDREN IN WORSHIP



We are so happy you are here!

We've got tot bags and children's bulletins that are located in the east and west rear entrances of the church. Also, check out our Visual Faith page in the back of the bulletin.

Please feel free to bring your kids up during the distribution of Holy Communion for a personal blessing.

The unstaffed Church Nursery is available for children three years of age and younger and is located in the lower level. If you need help finding it, please ask one of our ushers who will gladly guide you.

PRAYER REQUESTS



If you have a prayer request that you would like announced to the congregation, you will find a prayer request card on the tables located near each entrance into the sanctuary. Drop the completed card into one of the boxes located at each entrance, or simply hand it to an usher.

CONNECTIONS COUNTER



Visit the Connections Counter located in Ebenezer Hall. We've been expecting you and have a gift for our visitors. You can also pick up information on all we have to offer and sign up for events too!

SPECIAL NEEDS



We offer a hearing loop, large print bulletins and printed copies of today's sermon. If these would be helpful, please ask one of our ushers who would be delighted to assist you.

GATHERING TIME



Join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship on Sunday mornings, after the early service and before Sunday school and Bible classes begin.

EMMANUEL APP



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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

“Unreasonable Generosity”

AS WE GATHER

In today's parable, we see God's unreasonable generosity. It's the same unreasonable generosity that fed the 5,000. It's the same unreasonable generosity we see in the father who celebrates the return of his prodigal son. It's the same unreasonable generosity that allowed Jesus to forgive the "Thief on the Cross," and it is the same unreasonable generosity that today comes to you in the forgiving Word of Christ.

THE GATHERING TIME

We encourage our members to greet each other with God's peace and to warmly welcome visitors into our fellowship. Kindly turn off all cellphones and please sit toward the center of the pew so there is room for all who worship.

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE GATHERING SONG: "Shout to the Lord"

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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(Please stand as able)

THE INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Almighty God,

People: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, and judge of all people, we confess to You that we have sinned. We have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You desire. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Because of the obedience of our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, forgiving us all that is past and granting us the Holy Spirit to guide us into the future.

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

Leader: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent. The Lord keep you in His grace and favor and bring you to everlasting life. 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.

People: Amen.

Leader: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

(Please be seated)

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Lord, I Need You"

Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.

And without You, I fall apart. You're the One that guides my heart.

(Chorus)

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.

Ev'ry hour I need You.

My one Defense, my Righteousness,

O God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.
Where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. (Chorus)

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my Hope and Stay.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my Hope and Stay. (Chorus two times)

My one Defense, my Righteousness, O God, how I need You.

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THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:6-9

"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . . ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE RESPONSE: "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand
'til He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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THE SERMON

Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please take the black binder at the end of each pew, and fill out the appropriate info. We encourage our members to greet our visitors after the service.

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: "At the Cross (Love Ran Red)"

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies.
There's a place where streams of grace, flow deep and wide;
Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

(Chorus)

At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You. I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white,
I owe all to You; I owe all to You, Jesus.

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless,
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness;

Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood, comes flowing down.
(Chorus)

Here my hope is found; here, on holy ground, here I bow down.
Here I bow down.
Here, arms open wide, here You save my life.
Here I bow down, here I bow.

At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You. I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white,
I owe all to You; I owe all to You.
At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life.
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I owe all to You; I owe all to You.
I owe all to You; I owe all to You, Jesus.

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(Please stand as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. O Lord, grant that we would rejoice in the light of Christ and His salvation, and that sinners would find refuge in His mercy and comfort in His forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, embolden our congregation and all sister churches throughout the world to confess the truth steadfastly and to witness boldly to our only Savior, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty Lord, bless this nation and all people in their rightful callings. Grant that we may serve our neighbors in love, and that all authorities would exercise their callings with humility and wisdom on behalf of the defenseless. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, we thank You for the gift of health. Hear our prayers on behalf of the sick, the aged, the infirm, the mourning, and the dying. Grant them healing in accord with Your will and grace to sustain them in their need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, we thank You for the witness of the faithful who lived and died in Christ. Grant that at the last we, too, may be joined with them in the marriage supper of the Lamb in His kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE PREFACE (Spoken responsively by the Congregation)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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

THE PROPER PREFACE

Leader: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have graciously blessed us through the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. Confident of His compassion for us, faithfully and continually learning of Him, and rejoicing in the company of the saints on earth and those above, we laud and magnify Your holy name, evermore praising You and singing:

“SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)”

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Heavenly Hosts,

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Heavenly Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Blessed is he who comes,

Blessed is he who comes, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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THE LORD’S PRAYER (Spoken together)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (Served by stations)

When Jesus said, “This is My Body...This is My Blood,” He really meant it. As Lutherans, we believe in the real bodily presence of Christ in the Sacrament, not merely in a figurative or symbolic sense. This means that Jesus’ body and blood are actually present in the bread and wine received in Holy Communion. In this meal our faith is strengthened and forgiveness is assured. This gift is an act of God’s love, which we don’t deserve, cannot explain, and don’t even fully understand. We humbly believe it. It is a request of our congregation that anyone who wishes to commune

with us would share this faith. If you are not receiving the Lord's Supper today but desire a blessing, approach the Pastor with your arms crossed over your heart. The individual cups located in the center of each tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those having that medical need. Individually packaged gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please ask the Communion Assistant if you have this dietary need.

THE DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"It Is Well"

Grander earth has quaked before, moved by the sound of His voice.
Seas that are shaken and stirred can be calmed and broken for my regard.

Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You.
Through it all, through it all it is well.
Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You, and it is well with me.

Far be it for me to not believe, even when my eyes can't see.
And this mountain that's in front of me will be thrown into the midst of the sea.

Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You.
Through it all, through it all it is well.
Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You, and it is well, it is well.

So let go, my soul, and trust in Him. The waves and wind still know His Name.
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It is well with my soul. It is well with my soul. It is well, with my soul.
It is well, it is well with my soul.
Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You, and it is well with me.

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"King of My Heart"

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run,
The fountain I drink from; oh, He is my song.
Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide,
The ransom for my life; oh, He is my song.

(Chorus)

You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.
You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails,
The anchor in the waves; oh, He is my song.
Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins,
The echo of my day; oh, He is my song. (Chorus two times)

When the night is holding on to me, God is holding on.
When the night is holding on to me, God is holding on.

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THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: “Build Your Kingdom Here”

Come, set Your rule and reign in our hearts again.

Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we’re made.

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls.

Holy Spirit, come invade us now.

We are Your church. We need Your pow’r in us.

We seek your Kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;

Refuse to waste our lives, for You’re our joy and prize.

To see the captive’s heart released;

The hurt, the sick, the poor, at peace.

We lay down our lives for Heaven’s cause.

We are Your church. We pray, revive this earth.

(Chorus)

Build Your Kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.

Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.

Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back.

Change the atmosphere. Build Your Kingdom here, we pray.

Unleash Your Kingdom’s pow’r, reaching the near and far.

No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts.

You made us for much more than this.

Awake the Kingdom seed in us.

Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.

We are Your church. We are the hope on earth. (Chorus)

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THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Ez. 18:1–4, 25–32; Ps. 25:1–10; Phil. 2:1–18; Matt. 21:23–32

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Richard Hill from his family; in loving memory of Bart Bircheff from Janet and family; and in honor of the 26th Wedding Anniversary of Mike and Judy Huesner.

USHERS: Kathy Lash and Catherine Peterson

COMMUNION: Tom McLaughlin

The Prayers of the Church

Prayer Requests

- Our congregation continues to care for one another through a faithful prayer ministry. Please pray for the following people this week:
 - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Alycia Williams, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie Kidwell (mother of Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Deb Percy, Norv McClure, Janine (friend of Lauryn Longworth), Gracelynn Anderson (granddaughter of Tim and Cindy Anderson), Stan Thompson, Deb Epperson, Faith Behling, LuAnn Reichhart (mom of Brent Reichhart), Renee Bleke, Mark Wasson (brother of Cheri Maxwell), Laura Herrick (Caroline Eber's niece), Kevin Hoffman, Jeff Springer, Jodie Karrick, Jen Harless, Matt Bennett (Ty Bennett's brother), William Kieser (godson of Caleb and Hannah Swor)
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Linda Barnes, Janet Toepfer, Jan Hoffman, Logan Ryan, Caroline Eber, Renee Bleke, Mary Gynn, Sherry Ryan
 - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Karen Burtch (sister-in-law of Lori Richey), Amy Krontz (daughter-in-law of David and Karen Wyss), Mary Grosjean, Sherry (friend of Barb and Gary Lesh), Ed and Barb Hambrock, Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith), Dennis McFadden, Art Klausmeier, Roger Kuehnert, John Jennings (friend of Dave and Tammy Bair), Bruce Williams, Rob Roehm, Ann Schwartz, Hazel Krenzke (Brian and Anna Snodgrass's niece), Robert Burmeister (Hannah Swor's dad), Roxanne Moore, Jenny Nehrenz (niece of Charlene Hess), Rick Bair (brother of Dave and Tammy Bair), Gary Thompson (father of Carly Bennett), Carol McGuigan (mother of Kevin McGuigan), Linda Raatz, Jeff Dunham (brother-in-law of Scott and Christi Everson), Doug Bennett (father of Ty Bennett), Sean Breininger, Herb Schumm, Karen Bickhart (daughter of Barry Doege), Tara Bustos (sister of Sean Breininger), Jeff Bennett (father of Faith Harless), Carol Yeoman (friend of Dave and Joni Scheppele), Amy (daughter of Bruce and Linda Novak), Mark Schmotzer (father of Jacob Schmotzer), Tyrone Woods (friend of Chris Smith)
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - McKenna Houser
 - Ken Howe
 - Dexter and Connie Hoyer
 - Tyler and Emily Hoyle, Liam, Eloise, and Bennett
 - Ryan and Stacey Hubbard, Patrick and Alayna
 - Sam and Sydney Hudson
 - Mike and Judy Huesner

- Dave and Cindy Huffman
- Kevin and Shanda Hughes, Reese
- William Hull, Maisie
- Please pray for the missions supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
 - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf – Ponce, Puerto Rico
 - Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)
 - Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
 - Heidi Wilkinson – Ethiopia
 - The Lutheran Heritage Foundation
 - Luther Academy
 - Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM)
 - Lutherans For Life (LFL)
 - Lutheran Bible Translators

If you have a prayer request that you would like to make known to our Emmanuel family, please email me at taeggold@hotmail.com. If you would like to join the Emmanuel Prayer Chain, please email Marsha at marshasappenfield@comcast.net or call 260.616.0679.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism: Thank God for the baptisms so far in 2026:

Callaghan Miller	Austin Hayward	Calvin Chess	Michael Flanagan
Sean Flanagan	Morgan Flanagan	Mordecai Austin	Theodore Vachon
Emerson Ross	Esther Burns	Cameron Etzler	Niyanni Berry
Callum Dan	Natalie Sheaffer	Jacob Wiehe	Shaylee Epperson

The Teaching of the Church

Want Help Growing in the Word? Regularly visit Pastor Brunow's website <http://www.genesbrunotes.com>. The website offers notes on each chapter of Scripture, Bible studies, tips for preparing for worship, and a weekly devotion based on the Gospel reading for the coming week. You can find these devotions under the "Sermon Notes Plus" option.

Sunday School and Bible Class 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

CLASS	LOCATION
Little Flock (Birth – Age 3)	School Room A5 (Extended Care)
3-5 Year Olds	School Room A4
K-1 st Grade	School Room A1
2 nd -3 rd Grade	School Room B3
4 th -5 th Grade	School Room B5
6 th -7 th Grade	School Room D2
8 th Grade	LL Ebenezer
High School	Loft
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall
Ephesians	Sanctuary

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Clay & Iron Devotion	Brandt Hall	Monday	6:30 a.m.
Monday Morning Moms	Loft	Monday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
Lifelight	Ebenezer	Monday	5:30 p.m.
Lifelight	Ebenezer	Tuesday	3:30 p.m.
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.
Women's Bible Study	Brandt Hall	Wednesday	8:45 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesday	10:00 a.m.
Friends in the Word	Loft	Thursday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
@917 Bible Class	Ebenezer Hall	Thursday	7:00 p.m.
This Is Most Certainly Brew	Brandt Hall	Friday	6:30 a.m.

The News of the Church

Visual Faith Ministry: Join us for our Visual Faith workshop: Praying Scripture on Tuesday, October 6, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall. God has given us the gifts of His Word and prayer, and Scripture itself can become a starting place for conversation with God. During this evening, we will explore two creative prayer practices—Counterpanes and Open Spaces—that use words, color, and simple patterns to help us pray through Scripture with praise, thanksgiving, confession, lament, intercession, and reflection. No artistic experience is needed. Sign up at the Connections Counter and join us for an evening of Scripture, prayer, creativity, and fellowship.

David - The Anointed One - A new weekly Tuesday evening Bible study for women will begin on Tuesday, October 6, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Join us as we discover more about David – son of Jesse, shepherd, musician, poet, warrior, fugitive, friend, husband, father, and king. Courageous King? Flawed Hero? Why is Jesus called the son of David? During our time together we will sharpen our Bible study skills by digging deeply into 1 Samuel this fall and 2 Samuel in the new year. Each week we'll use psalms of David to bless our personal devotion time. Bible study leader – Jan Williams.

Emmanuel Junior Chorale - Come join our new choir, the Emmanuel Junior Chorale, and sing with us for Christ the King Sunday, a mid-week Advent service, & the Christmas Eve 7 p.m. service! We would love to have as many voices as possible, even if you can only sing for one service! Rehearsals start Oct. 22. Sign up now or no later than September 30, by scanning the QR code.



Emmanuel's Men's Ministry "Clay & Iron" - All of our men should be getting weekly devotions as well as updates about upcoming gatherings, service projects, prayer requests, special needs, and more. If you are not receiving these and you wish to be added, email Billy at will.hofman@gmail.com. We also meet for monthly fellowship

on the first Saturday in the Loft here at church from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. It would be great to see you!

Lutherans for Life –The ‘Right to Life’ banquet will be on October 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Coliseum. If interested please contact Carolyn Beitz 260.433.7188 for more information

Emmanuel Women’s Retreat - Registration is now open for the 2026 Emmanuel Women’s Retreat! Join us October 10–11 at the Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park for a weekend of encouragement, fellowship, and time in God’s Word. Our featured speaker is deaconess, author, and licensed clinical social worker, Heidi Goehmann. Learn more about Heidi and find details on lodging, costs, and meal options by picking up a retreat brochure at the Connections Counter. Register by using the QR code above.



The Friends of Wyneken will host an Oktoberfest at the historic Wyneken House, the Civil War-era home of former LCMS President F.C.D. Wyneken, on Saturday, September 26 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. There will be German and American food and beverages, a silent auction, live music by the duo String Theory and tours of the historic Wyneken House. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Additional information can be found on the Friends of Wyneken Facebook page or by calling/texting 260.437.0420. The Wyneken House is located at 11730 NW Winchester Road, Decatur, Indiana.

Bridge 20/30 is a Christian group for adults in their 20s and 30s focused on building community, friendships, faith, and fellowship through social events, devotion, and activities throughout the Fort Wayne area. New participants are always welcome! The next event is on September 22 at 7:00 p.m. – Anchor Devotion Night: Money (The Youth Center – 3420 N. Anthony Blvd.)

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL’S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$1,607,873	Anticipated Need Through September: \$1,824,287
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$168	Year to Date: \$10,725
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CUP OF KINDNESS

Distributed by Lutheran Social Services to local families who have crisis needs.

Last Week: \$110	Year to Date: \$3,657
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,974,879	Mortgage Balance: \$491,950	Total Cost* \$7,474,989
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*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, September 21

6:30 a.m. Clay & Iron Weekly Devotion

5:30 p.m. Lifelight

6:00 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. WC Neighborhood Association Meeting

Tuesday, September 22

2:30 p.m. iLead at ESM

3:30 p.m. Lifelight

6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Wednesday, September 23

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study

8:30 a.m. ESM Chapel

8:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study

9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion

9:30 a.m. ESM Preschool Chapel

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study

11:30 a.m. Communion Service

3:30 p.m. PALS

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 24

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys

8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

9:00 a.m. Piece Makers

Friday, September 25

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Saturday, September 26

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Sunday, September 27

8:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Classes

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

3:00 p.m. Middle School Youth

6:00 p.m. SNA

Notes



My Worship Notes



Today is: _____

The preacher is: _____

Today I ...

_____ Brought a Friend to Church.

_____ Brought my Bible.

_____ Said "hello" to two people.

Today's Bible passages

1

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3

Words I don't understand ...

Questions I have about
what was said ...

How many times did I hear these words? (make a tally mark)

Heaven	Kingdom	Vineyard	Master
First	Last	Worker	Gospel

MY NAME _____

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Building faith in the city

We are a caring family of baptized Christians bound together in the forgiveness which God has provided all people through His Son, Jesus.

This family exists to announce this gift of forgiveness to individuals of all nations and cultures through the preaching of God's Word and the administration of the Sacraments. Emmanuel instructs young and old according to the confessional standard of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and reaches out through forgiving relationships, working to connect all members of the family through caring friendships.

Emmanuel serves as shepherds of the sheep; seekers of the lost; friends of sinners; and caregivers to the poor, lonely and broken-hearted. It is a family that cares for all people and reaches out to witness to the love and forgiveness found in Jesus Christ.

Emmanuel Worship Services are designed to share God's love and forgiveness through the ministry of Word and Sacrament. We offer a variety of worship styles and we encourage you to worship in the liturgical style that best meets your needs.

Saturday Evening Divine Service—This service offers a contemporary setting and is held on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning Divine Services—These services are held on Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. and feature worship in a traditional liturgical setting.

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