

Divine Worship at 8:00



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.

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RESTROOM

Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

"The Grammar of Grace"

AS WE GATHER

God is the actor. This is what Lent reminds us. We have a Savior who has been tempted in every way, yet was without sin. We have a Savior who knows the taste of weakness and the sound of the devil's voice and the ache of hunger. But He didn't just *feel* what we feel. He fought where we fall, and He won. And now, because of this Gospel truth, Lent becomes something different. It's not a ladder we climb to God, instead, it's a season where God humbles us with His Law, so He can raise us by grace. We fast. We pray. We give. We repent. But we do those things as a response to what God has already done for us. This is the grammar of grace. When the subject changes, we're in trouble, but when Christ is the subject, we are saved.

+THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE 8:00 A.M. +

THE GATHERING TIME

During this time, we encourage our members to greet each other 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 PRELUDE: "Wondrous Love"

Owen

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN: "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

Hymn 423

THE PRESENTATION OF PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (Psalm 43:3-4, 5b; 61:1-2a)

Leader: Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer;

People: from the end of the earth I call to You when my heart is faint.

Leader: Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;

People: let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!

Leader: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,
People: and I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God.

Leader: Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,
People: my salvation and my God.

Leader: Let us make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: Merciful Father, our Lord and King,
People: we are sinful people. We have inherited the legacy of original sin from our first parents, Adam and Eve, who disobeyed You in Eden. We are by nature sinful and unclean. In our daily lives we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that each day we may grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.

Leader: God is gracious and forgiving. He has shown His merciful power in ways that renew, restore, and heal. To those who come to Him with repentant and contrite hearts, our Lord says, "Fear not!" and promises pardon, life, and salvation. 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. As you believe, so may it be.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Genesis 3:1-21

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing

good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” ¹⁴The 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. ¹⁵I 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.” ¹⁶To 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.” ¹⁷And 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; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By 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.” ²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

Reader, Sam Comilang

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— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet 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. ¹⁵But 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. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷If, 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. ¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For 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.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."⁴But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple⁶and 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.'"⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED **(Spoken together)**

Inside back cover of hymnal

(Please be seated)

THE SERMON HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress"

Hymn 656

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: "Holy Jesus, Think On Me" arr. Mallory

Handbells

(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, You sought Adam and Eve in the garden and called them to repentance. Seek us when we wander from Your Holy Word, and give us contrite hearts to confess our sins and receive the forgiveness and restoration You promise us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Father in heaven, Your Son trampled the serpent underfoot and freed us from sin and death by His own death on the cross. Protect and preserve all called to preach Christ and Him crucified. Command Your angels to guard them in all their ways and bear them up for the sake of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: O Lord, You created the home as the place where we are brought up in the ways of truth, goodness, and mercy. Sustain parents in their sacred charge, and grant that our homes would be places of confession and forgiveness of sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: O Lord, You have established earthly authorities to punish evil and praise those who do good. Grant our rulers humble hearts to resist the allure of power and to worship You alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Almighty God, Your Son was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to suffer temptation for our sake. Strengthen us when we are tempted, and teach us to rely upon Your Word as our defense against the evil one. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Almighty God, send Your holy angels to protect and keep us in Your ways, that no evil may befall us. Graciously behold the needy, the sick and the troubled. Satisfy us with long life, and show us Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lord God, heavenly Father, 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.

People: **Amen.**

+ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +

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 up to the Lord.**

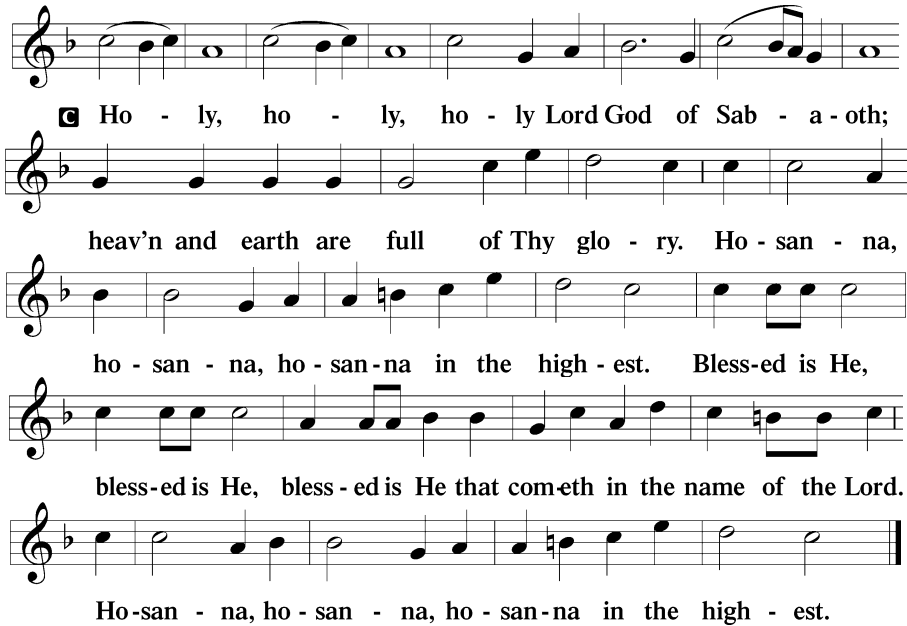
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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

Leader: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, King of the universe. Grant that we may live with firm confidence in the surety of Your truth and await with hope the abundant inheritance to come in Your glorious presence. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, forevermore praising You and singing:

THE SANCTUS (Congregation sings)

LSB, 195



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken together)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

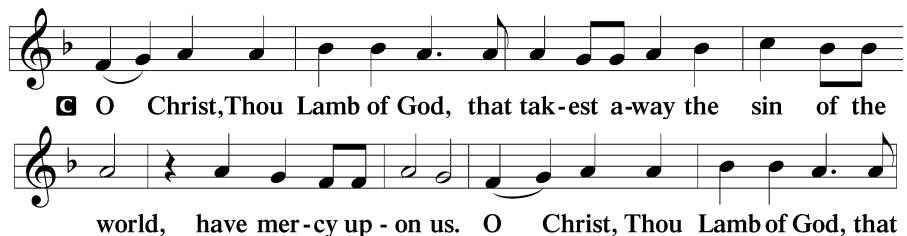
THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE AGNUS DEI (Congregation sings)

LSB, 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



(Please be seated)

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 with that medical need. Individually packaged gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please ask the Communion Assistant if needed.

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“The Tree of Life”

Hymn 561

“Take My Life and Let it Be”

arr. Schram

“Jesus, Lead Thou On”

Hymn 718

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

Hymn 545

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE DISMISSAL

THE POST COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB, 166

Leader: 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.

People: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Leader: 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.

People: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee"

Hymn 573

THE POSTLUDE: "A Mighty Fortress"

Held

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Gen. 12:1-9; Ps. 121; Rom. 4:1-8, 13-17; John 3:1-17

THE FLOWERS adorning the altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of the birthday of Dealus Lasley with love from Ed, Darlene and Kaitlyn Judkins; in loving memory of Wieslaw Wolczacki from his daughter Marietta Frye and family; and in loving memory of Joanne Bruce from her family.

SERVING

Liturgist	Seminarian Caleb Swor
Organ	Myra Schmidt
Handbell Director	Cassie Didier
Acolyte	Sam Comilang
Altar Guild	Marilyn Brenner, John and Donna Hofrichter, Mike and Wanda Reuille, and Sarah Schwantz
Opener	Eric and Michelle Hoffman
Communion	Mike Huesner, Randy Kammeyer, Kevin McGuigan, Tom Matson
Usher Crew 3	Ed Davis, Chuck Karrick, Dave Bieberich, Matt Benne, Barry Gynn, Kurt Kleinrichert, Tom Matson, Bill Pynchon, Mike Repp
Audio Engineer	Brian Snodgrass

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 the families of Steve Herman, Karen Wilson, and Donna Brunow, as they mourn the passing of their loved one. Ask God to comfort them in their grief, give them His peace, and assure them of the victory over death that is ours through Christ.
 - We pray for Austin Kenneth Hayward on the occasion of his Baptism. We ask God to strengthen Austin as he grows and to bless his parents, Cole and

Victoria, and his sponsors, Nathan Linnemeier and Robert Tittman, as they raise and nurture Austin in his Baptismal faith.

- Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Pam Carmichael (sister of Deb Percy), River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia Williams, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie Kidwell (mother of Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Deb Percy, Ed Braun, Norv McClure, Janine (friend of Lauryn Longworth), Gracelynn Anderson (granddaughter of Tim and Cindy Anderson), Randi Gramling (cousin of Deb Percy), Stan Thompson, Deb Epperson, Salem Lee Hilty, Faith Behling, William Rush, Wayne McClure, LuAnn Reichhart (mom of Brent Reichhart), Cohen (grandson of Matt and Kim Benne), Lynn Auman (father of Kim Faley), Amanda Cornyn-Bradford (daughter of Mike and Aprel Cornyn), Michaela Procise, Melissa Henry (sister of Judy Huesner)
- Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Jan Reche, Anne Kelly, Wes Harless, Jim Bennett, Larry Von Gunten, Catherine Peterson
- Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Bonnie Havener (sister-in-law of George and Becki Elonzae), Karen Burtch (sister-in-law of Lori Richey), Amy Krontz (daughter-in-law of David and Karen Wyss), Mary Grosjean, Peg Davis, Ashley Edge (niece of Barb and Gary Lesh), Barb Hambrock, Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Shelly Koenig (friend of Matt & Amy Konow), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith), Tina Bennett, Dennis McFadden, Lisa Toth (Pepple), Laura Herrick (Caroline Eber's niece), 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, Marsha Sappenfield, 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)
- Prayers for PALS – PALS is a program in which Emmanuel members partner with Washington School students to build relationships and strengthen reading skills in a Christian environment. Each week we will pray for some of our Washington School PALS or helpers, and we encourage you to join us in the ministry. This week, we are praying for Olivia.
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - Sherry Burkett, Joshua, James, David, and Andrew
 - Dan and Lindsay Burns
 - Tim and Olivia Burns, Liam and Isabelle
 - Ryan and Jennifer Buroff
 - Jamie Burridge

- Dale Buuck
- Dilan and Holly Buuck
- Doretta Buuck
- Ellen Buuck
- Gary and Anne Buuck
- 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 Sappenfield 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

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)
4-5 Year Olds	School Room A3
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	School Room D3 (Art/Science)
High School	Loft

Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall
Galatians	LL Ebenezer
Genesis	Sanctuary

NEW Sunday Morning Bible Class – Jon Meyer will be leading a 12-week bible class on Genesis (February 15 – March 22) in the sanctuary.

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Monday Morning Moms	Loft	Monday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
LifeLight: Luke	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	3:30 p.m.
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Study the Psalms	Chapman's	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 a.m.
Women's Bible Study	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays	8:30 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
Friends in the Word	Loft	Thursday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
Bible Study & Fellowship	Chapman's	Thursdays	6:00 p.m.
@917 (Ages 25-45)	Ebenezer Hall	Thursdays	7:00 p.m.
This Is Most Certainly Brew	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 a.m.

Monday Morning Moms - Hey, mama! We hope you'll join us every other Monday morning as we journey through the salvation story of the Old Testament using Chad Bird's book "Hitchhiking with the Prophets". Drop your kids off in LL Ebenezer with our amazing caregivers. Then, head upstairs to the Loft to enjoy fellowship, a cup of coffee, and study with other moms. The dates are: February 23, March 9 & 23, April 13 & 27, and May 11 from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Questions? Contact Liz Bejot - LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org.

Friends in the Word meet every other Thursday morning, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m., in the Loft. Here are the scheduled dates: February 26, March 12 and 26, April 16 and 30, and May 14. We hope to see you there!

The News of the Church

Easter Flowers – It's hard to imagine ordering Easter flowers when it's cold outside and with snow on the ground. Easter is on Sunday, April 5 **and the deadline to order your flower(s) is Monday, March 9.** Order forms can be picked up from the Connections Counter in Ebenezer, the Welcome Center, or you can print one from the email newsletter. Please submit your form along with payment to the church office. If paying by check, please make it payable to Emmanuel. Your flowers will be available for pick up after the 11:00 service on Easter Day.

Emmanuel Food Pantry Drive – For more than 17 years, Emmanuel’s food bank has served families in our church and community, assisting an average of 40 families each month with food, personal hygiene items, and household supplies. The Food Pantry is open on the third Thursday of every month, from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. It is supported almost entirely by donations and volunteers and currently requires \$16,000 in monetary support each year. During February, we invite you to help support this ministry by donating non-expired food, hygiene, or cleaning items, or by making a designated monetary gift for the food pantry. Donations may be placed in the marked bins in Ebenezer Hall. Thank you for helping us care for our neighbors in need throughout the year.

Middle School Youth - Join us on Sunday, February 22 for our February Middle School Youth Event - Laser Tag and Deep-Dish Pizza. For more information and to register, please scan the QR code. Reach out to Liz Bejot at LBejot@emmanuel Lutheran.org with any questions.



GriefShare: 13-Week Grief Support Group – GriefShare is a Christ-centered support group for adults grieving the loss of a family member or friend. We will be meeting Tuesdays, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., March 31 - June 23 in Ebenezer Hall. To register (so books can be ordered), contact Lana Hille at lanah@emmanuel Lutheran.org or 260.417.5639.

Visual Faith Workshop: Words from the Upper Room (Continues!) - Join us, March 3, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall as we continue our ‘Words from the Upper Room’ project during Lent. If you’re already working on the devotional, come and keep it going—and if you’re new, you’re absolutely welcome to jump in and start from the beginning. We’ll create a devotional with opportunities to scribe passages from the Gospel of John, and we’ll also have Easter cards available to make and send to anyone God brings to mind. All materials are provided—bring a friend and join us.



“The Story Continues” in 2026 - We are excited to announce that Emmanuel has officially launched a planning process designed to seek the Lord’s direction for a renewed congregational vision. Led by our ministry staff, Elders, Church Council, and a Vision Team representing different groups within our church family, in the coming months, we will be listening to the congregation, analyzing pertinent data about our community, and discerning a concise vision for the future of the ministry we share. Building on our “I Love to Tell the Story” journey last fall, the goal of this process is to present a clear vision to the congregation for approval in the November congregational meeting. Please pray for this planning process and take advantage of opportunities to contribute to it as “The Story Continues.”

Game On meets the first Tuesday of each month. This is a group designed for those who like to play table games. Sometimes we play as individuals. Other times, we play with partners and sometimes we divide into teams. The game for March is

Sequence. We will meet on Tuesday, March 3, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall. Please join us for fellowship and food. Bring a friend. We love to meet new people. Sign up is located at the Connection's Desk. If you forget to sign up, come anyway. If you have any questions text Diane Campbell at newmoon312@gmail.com.

Eagles Rise is ESM's annual dinner auction and will be held Friday, March 6, 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. at Parkview Mirro Center. Tickets are \$60 per person. You can register to attend by scanning the QR code. Last day to register is February 23, 12:00 p.m. or until all spots are filled.



Trivia Night: Save the Date! The EYG hosted Trivia Night will take place Saturday, March 21, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Save the Date for Emmanuel's VBS - Join us June 22-26, as we walk the streets of Rome! Explore the Underground Church, meet the Apostle Paul, and so much more! Mark your calendars and invite a friend! Interested in being a part of the planning team? It's forming NOW! Reach out to Liz Bejot for more information. LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org

ESM Position Open - ESM is in need of morning help with our Extended Care from 6:30 - 8:30 a.m., Monday - Friday at either Getz or Union. Individual days available if you're willing to help but can't do every day of the week. Please contact Analicia Nunez at anunez@esmeagles.com if you're interested or able.

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$324,505	Anticipated Need Through February: \$389,767
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$195	Year to Date: \$1,665
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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: \$610
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,592,756	Mortgage Balance: \$950,000	Total Cost* \$7,438,997
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*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, February 23

3:30 p.m. Lifelight

5:30 p.m. Lifelight

6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

7:00 p.m. Church Council

Tuesday, February 24

6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

6:00 p.m. Stephen Training

6:00 p.m. Psalms at Chapman's

Wednesday, February 25

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

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

8:30 a.m. ESM Chapel

9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion

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, February 26

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys

8:30 a.m. Friends in the Word

9:00 a.m. Piece Makers

6:00 p.m. Bible Study at Chapman's

7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

Friday, February 27

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

Saturday, February 28

5:00 p.m. Divine Service w/ Communion

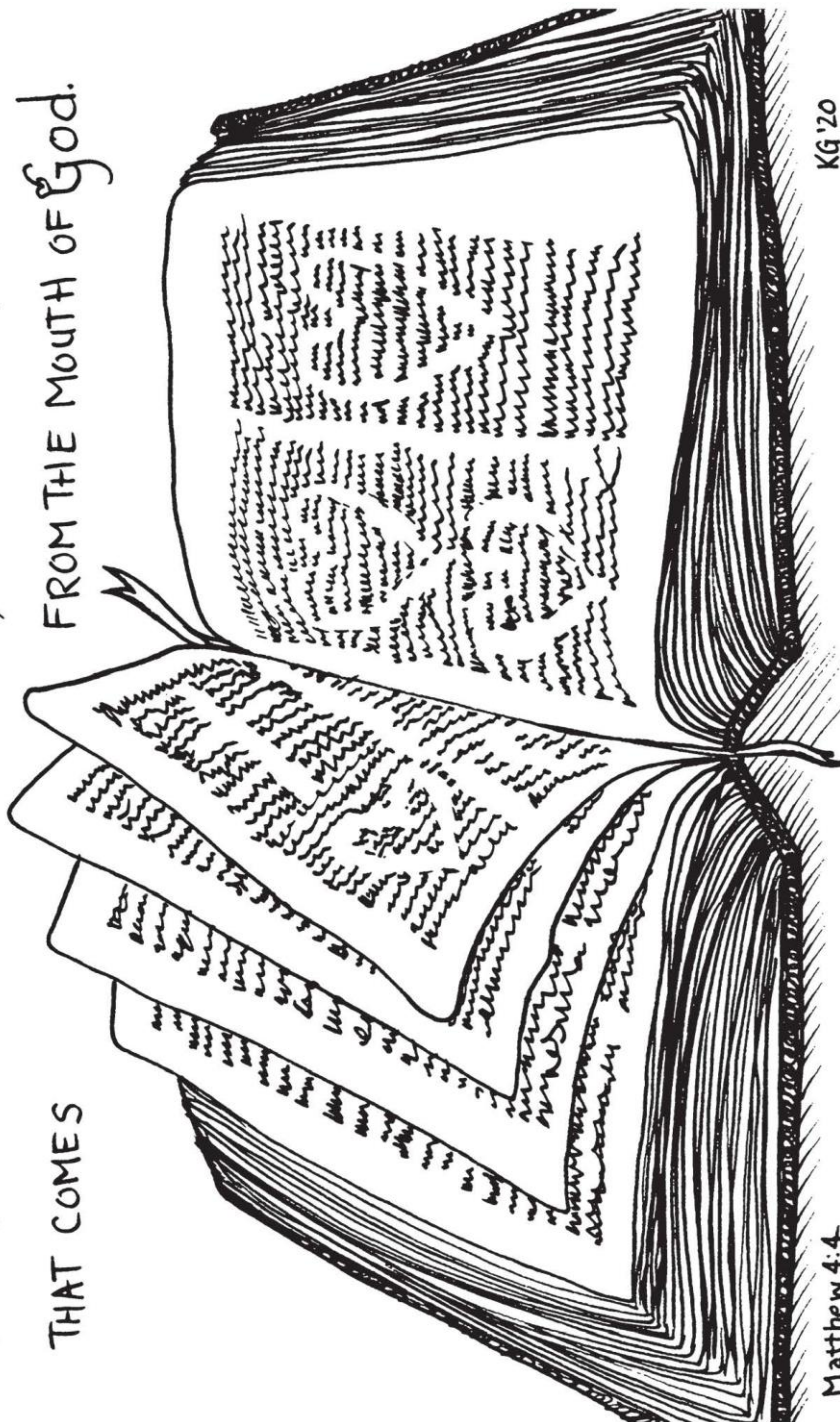
Sunday, March 1

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion

MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD
THAT COMES
FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.



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Matthew 4:4

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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423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

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656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 With might of ours can naught be done,

A trust - y shield and weap - on;
Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;

He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
But for us fights the val - iant One,

That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
Whom God Him - self e - lect ed.

The old e - vil foe Now means
Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus

dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth holds
And there's none oth - er God; He holds

is the not his e - qual.
the field for - ev - er.

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3 Though dev - ils they all the world should fill,
4 The Word they still shall let re - main.

All ea - ger to de - vour us,
Nor an - y thanks have for it;

We trem - ble not, side we fear no ill;
He's by our side up - on the plain

They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
With His good gifts and Spir - it.

This world's prince they may still Scowl fierce
And take they our life, Goods, fame,

as child, he and will, He can harm us none.
child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

tle dom word ours can re - fell him.
dom ours can re - main - eth.

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561 The Tree of Life



1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry good In E - den's
 2 The still - ness of that sa - cred grove Was bro - ken,
 3 What mer - cy God showed to our race, A plan of
 4 Now from that tree of Je - sus' shame Flows life e -

ho - ly or - chard stood, And of its fruit so pure and
 as the ser - pent strove With tempt - ing voice Eve to be -
 res - cue by His grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's
 ter - nal in His name; For all who trust and will be -

sweet God let the man and wom - an eat. Yet in this
 guile And Ad - am too by sin de - file. O day of
 seed, The One to fill our great - est need— For on a
 lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this

gar - den al - so grew An - oth - er tree, of which they
 sad - ness when the breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and
 tree up - lift - ed high His on - ly Son for sin would
 fruit so pure and sweet The Lord in - vites the world to

knew; Its love - ly limbs with fruit a -
 death, Its aw - ful poi - son first dis -
 die, Would drink the cup of scorn and
 eat, To find with - in this cross of

dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.
 played With - in the world so new - ly made.
 dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!
 wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

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718 Jesus, Lead Thou On



1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al - though the
2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief From a long-felt grief, When temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, We will fol - low calm and fear - less.
fears o'er - take us; Let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing, Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.
still di - rect us, Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



Guide us by Thy hand To our fa - ther - land.
For through man - y a woe To our home we go.
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

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545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth



1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our
 4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
 mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
 Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the
 Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
 world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.
 pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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573 Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee



1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee; That, I know, could

2 It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my dark - ened

△ 3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion; Praise the Fa - ther's



nev - er be; For this heart would still re - fuse Thee Had Thy
heart and mind; Else the world had yet en - thrall'd me, To Thy
bound - less love. Praise the Lamb, our ex - pi - a - tion, Priest and



grace not cho - sen me. Thou hast from the sin that stained me
heav'n - ly glo - ries blind. Now I wor - ship none a - bove Thee;
King en - throned a - bove. Praise the Spir - it of sal - va - tion,



Washed and cleansed and set me free And un - to this
For Thy grace a - lone I thirst, Know - ing well that,
Him by whom our spir - its live. Un - di - vid - ed



end or - dained me, That I ev - er live to Thee.
if I love Thee, Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.
ad - o - ra - tion To the great Je - ho - vah give.

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