

Divine Service 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.

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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

“Blessed”

AS WE GATHER

The Beatitudes are not a moral roadmap designed to lead us to heaven. No, the Beatitudes bring blessings because they come to us as requirements of righteousness already met in Jesus. He is the one who has fulfilled every demand of the Law. He is the one who has taken away our sin, and the good news for us, sinners, is that Jesus Christ has come to comfort and to fill, to bring mercy and to reveal God, to make peace and to give us the Kingdom. And He has given us the power to do the same. In Christ, you are blessed. And in Christ, you will be a blessing to others.

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: “What an Awesome God”

God is great, give Him all the praise, Hallelujah, Name above all Names.
Fire in His eyes, healing in His veins, everywhere His glory on display.
Take a look at those stars, He can name them all.
Before His throne every knee falls.
The demons have to run, the angels have to praise,
Even the wind and waves obey.

(Chorus)

Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, pow'r and love. Our God is an awesome God.
Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, pow'r and love. Our God is an awesome God.

And even when I ran He didn't run away.
He came and put death back in its place.
Friday on a cross, broken for my shame,
Sunday morning rose up from that grave.
Take a look at those scars on His hands and feet.
He saved our souls for eternity.
Worthy is the Lamb, glory to the King.
Oh let all the saints and the angels sing. (Chorus)

Eyes on the sky. There will be a day, He will come and wipe our tears away.
No more fear, no more pain, No more sorrow sin or shame.
The King is coming back again, a reign of love that will never end
For everything You've done and everything You do
And everything You are, I'll sing to You.

My God, You're an awesome God. You're great in all You do.
I'm made to worship You. My God, You're an awesome God. (Chorus)

Our God is an awesome God. Our God, what an awesome God..

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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 OPENING SENTENCES (Psalm 89:1-2, 5, 8, 52; Isaiah 2:5b)

Leader: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;

People: with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens You will establish Your faithfulness."

People: Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O Lord, Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

Leader: O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as You are, O Lord, with Your faithfulness all around You?

People: Blessed be the Lord forever! Amen and Amen. Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS & ABSOLUTION

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

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

Leader: Eternal God,

People: we confess that by nature we are sinful people. We are given to sinful thoughts, sinful words, and sinful deeds. We have transgressed Your law in many ways, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have often been heedless of our calling to follow in Your ways. Because of our sins and our sinfulness, we deserve Your punishment now and for eternity. Gracious God, in Your mercy, forgive our sin and restore us to a full and joyful relationship with You through the merits of Jesus, our Lord. Direct our days by Your Holy Spirit that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments as Your redeemed people, bringing the brightness of Your light to the darkened world.

Leader: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Be at peace.

People: Amen.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

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: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³"O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." ⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

Inside back cover of hymnal

THE RESPONSE: "Blest Are They"

Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

(Chorus)

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill. (Chorus)

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. (Chorus)

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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 RESPONSE: "Blessings"

We pray for blessings, we pray for peace,
Comfort for family, protection while we sleep.
We pray for healing, for prosperity.
We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering.
And all the while You hear each spoken need,
Yet love is way too much to give us lesser things.

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?
What if Your healing comes through tears?
And what if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know
You're near?
And what if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?

We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear.
We cry in anger when we cannot feel You near.
We doubt Your goodness, we doubt Your love,
As if ev'ry promise from Your Word is not enough.
And all the while You hear each desp'rate plea,
And long that we'd have faith to believe.

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?
What if Your healing comes through tears?
And what if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know
You're near?
And what if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?

When friends betray us, when darkness seems to win,
We know that pain reminds this heart that this is not,
This is not our home. It's not our home.

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?
What if Your healing comes through tears?
And what if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know
You're near?

What if my greatest disappointments, or the aching of this life,
Is a revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy?
And what if trials of this life, the rain, the storms, the hardest nights,
Are Your mercies in disguise?

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(Please stand as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: O God of love, thanks and praise be to You for sending Your only-begotten Son to open Your kingdom by means of His love and deliverance and glory on the cross. Greater love has no one than this. Work in us, Your children, the gift of Your love, that we be enabled to endure the struggles of faith and hope, and reflect Your true glory all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Establish Your whole Church and this congregation to walk and serve together in love for You and love toward one another and the world, that many come to the knowledge of Your truth and salvation. Grant Your strength and blessing to all who preach Your life-giving Word and those who serve as Your loving hands to all who are in any need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Grant Your grace and wisdom to all who serve in the government of our country. Give strength and integrity to those in the armed forces and to all who serve and protect us in our communities. Give all agencies dedicated to the service of helping and healing people the freedom to do their good works for the support of all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Hear also our prayers for all who are sick or hospitalized, the injured and the lonely. Grant that Your healing love be administered faithfully by the medical professionals and those who supply the needy in any way. 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 Your Son, 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose love was shown in His preaching and mighty works of healing, and ultimately on the cross of His glory. Now by faith and hope in Him, Your love strengthens us to persevere to our future glory of everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious 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

“Goodness of God”

I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.

All my days I’ve been held in Your hands.

From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,

I will sing of the goodness of God.

(Chorus)

All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With ev'ry breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God. (Chorus)

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You ev'rything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You ev'rything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. (Chorus)

I will sing of the goodness of God.

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"Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)"

Light of the World, Treasure of Heaven,
Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky.
Joy of the Father, reach through the darkness,
Shine across the earth, send the shadows to flights.

Light of the World, from the beginning
The tragedies of time were no match for Your love.
From great heights of glory, You saw my story.
God, You entered in and became one of us.

(Chorus)

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah.
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done!
Come and adore Him, bow down before Him.
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World.

Light of the World, crown in a manger,
Born for the cross, to suffer, to save.
High King of Heaven, death is the poorer.
We are the richer by the price that He paid. (Chorus)

Light of the World soon will be coming.
With fire in His eyes, He will ransom His own.
Through clouds He will lead us straight into glory.
And there He shall reign forevermore. (Chorus)

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THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "Great Things"

Come, let us worship our King. Come, let us bow at His feet.
He has done great things. See what our Savior has done.
See how His love overcomes. He has done great things.
He has done great things.

(Chorus)

O Hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave.
You free every captive and break every chain.
O God, You have done great things.
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive.
O Jesus our Savior, Your name lifted high.
O God, You have done great things.

You've been faithful through every storm. You'll be faithful forevermore.
You have done great things. And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is Yes and Amen. You will do great things.
God, You do great things. (Chorus)

Hallelujah, God above it all! Hallelujah, God unshakable!
Hallelujah, You have done great things!
Hallelujah, God above it all! Hallelujah, God unshakable!
Hallelujah, You have done great things!
You've done great things! (Chorus)

You have done great things. O God, You do great things!

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THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Is. 58:3-9a; Ps. 112:1-9; 1 Cor. 2:1-16; Matt. 5:13-20

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Donna Dornseif from Cindy and Jack Sakowicz, Aaron, Stacey, Bryan, Tierney and Ashtyn Augenstein, and Jack, Melissa, Olivia and Audrey Sakowicz; in loving memory of Vern and Esther Miller and Linda Rowlett from their families; and in loving remembrance of our mom, Ann Dahlkamp, from Caleb and Ellie Dahlkamp.

USHERS: Dave and Tammy Bair

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 Pam Carmichael (sister of Deb Percy), Steve Herman, 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
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Jan Reche, Anne Kelly, Wes Harless, Jim Layman, Bob Klausmeier, Jim Bennett, Amy Konow, Molly Keltsch, Larry Von Gunten, Dave Huffman, Dave Harkless
 - 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)
 - 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 Summer.

- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - Derek and Alexa Brimmer, Quinn
 - Dave and Karin Brock
 - Jason and Beth Brooks, Liam and Finn
 - Lora Brothers
 - Asher and Danielle Brow
 - Drew Brown
 - Jill Brown
 - Harry and Krisie Brown, Dalton
 - Austin Bruce and Mary MacDonald
 - Brandon and Kalyn Bruce, Lincoln and Grayson
- 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.

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
Living Faithfully in a Fallen World	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 9 & 23, March 9 & 23, April 13 & 27, and May 11 from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Questions? Contact Liz Bejot - LBejot@emmanuel Lutheran.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 12 and 26, March 12 and 26, April 16 and 30, and May 14. We hope to see you there!

The News of the Church

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.

Emmanuel Church Office Closed for February Conference - From February 10-14, the staff members of Emmanuel will be attending the Best Practices in Ministry conference in Phoenix, Arizona. This is an unprecedented opportunity for professional development as our staff spends four days learning, worshipping, and growing together. Since it involves the majority of our staff, the church office will be closed from Tuesday, February 10, through Friday, February 14. If a special need for pastoral care arises during this time, you can still reach Pastor Eggold at (260) 414-8691 or Pastor Sheaffer at (260) 416-2590, and arrangements will be made to provide you with the pastoral assistance you need.

Visual Faith Workshop: Words from the Upper Room - Join us on Tuesday, February 3, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall as we prepare our hearts for Lent. Together, we'll create a devotional featuring opportunities to scribe passages from the Gospel of John. All materials are provided—bring a friend and join us. Sign up at the Connections Counter or scan the QR Code.



Game On is a group of fun-loving people who enjoy playing no stress games. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall. This month's game will be Rummikub. The objective of Rummikub is to be the first player to play all the tiles from your rack by forming them into sets or runs. If you enjoy being with other gamers, join us on February 3 in Ebenezer Hall. A sign up sheet will be at the Connection Counter.

First Impressions - Is the "sandwich generation" ready for dessert? Join us on Wednesday, February 4, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall as Susan Imler shares insights on balancing career and caregiving. Homemade pie included!

Emmanuel's LWM/LWML - Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 5 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in Lower Level Ebenezer. Our Bible Study will be an hour of interactive, cooperative study & discussion led by Judy May and our service project will be a fun, practical, hands-on project that make a difference in people's lives: locally, nationally, and globally. We hope to see you there!

Euchre Night - Calling all card players! Emmanuel's Senior High Youth Group (EYG) will host its annual Euchre Tournament on Saturday, February 21, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the lower level of Ebenezer Hall. The entry fee is \$10 per participant. Snacks and beverages will be provided, and all proceeds will help cover the cost of shipping care packages to Emmanuel's college students. Register with a partner or sign up individually and we'll pair you with someone when you arrive.



Lutherans for Life – On February 7, 8:15 a.m. there will be a legislative forum with small breakfast at the Parkview Field meeting room and on February 13, we will have a meeting with guest speaker Kathy Eggold, on surviving grief.

iLead 2026 - iLead is a collaborative initiative of several local congregations working together to develop leaders in the church. iLead 2026 churches are Emmanuel, Holy Cross, Promise, St. Michael, St. Peter's, and Suburban Bethlehem. Our last event will take place on February 7 at Emmanuel, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. This event is free to all participants, thanks to generous funding from The Lutheran Foundation. Please register by scanning the QR code.



Lunch Bunch (60+) – The next Lunch Bunch is Tuesday, February 17. Our special guests will be from Fairhaven Funeral Home, as well as an elder law attorney. They look forward to sharing how to make necessary arrangements before you need them. They will offer information about preplanning protections and protecting your assets as well as address any questions you might have, helpful information even if you have already completed some preplanning. Lunch reservations are required by calling the church office at 260.423.1369 or by signing up at the Connections Counter by Friday, February 13th. The lunch cost is \$10.00 per person payable that day. We hope to see you there!

Eagles Rise - ESM's annual dinner auction and will be held Friday, March 6 from 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. at Parkview Mirro Center. Tickets are \$50 per person for early registration until February 16th (\$60 after). Scan the QR code for more info and to register to attend.



Eagles Rise Auction Donations - Now collecting donations! Please contact either of our auction coordinators if you have something to give! Erin Neuenschwander at 260.417.8373 or Lisa Terrell at 260.710.1949. All items should be gathered by Thursday, February 26. And if you, your employer, or other organizations would like more information on supporting ESM's students, scan this QR code to learn more.



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.

ESM Kindergarten Enrollment - With so many schools in the area to choose from, making the decision about where your child will begin their education is easier said than done. We invite you to join us on February 17 for our Kindergarten Information and Enrollment session to get a clear picture of what ESM is all about. To learn more and register, please scan the QR code.



ESM Preschool Enrollment - As a parent, we understand that no one knows your child’s unique needs better than you. Finding a school that will reinforce the values you are instilling at home is crucial. We invite you to join us on February 12 or 19 for our Preschool Information and Enrollment sessions to get a clear picture of what ESM is all about. To learn more and register, please scan the QR code.



The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL’S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$144,028	Anticipated Need Through February: \$389,767
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$65	Year to Date: \$705
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$20	Year to Date: \$355
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,576,244	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 2

3:30 p.m. Lifelight
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6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

Tuesday, February 3

1:00 p.m. Game On
3:30 p.m. ESM Talent Show Auditions
4:30 p.m. Mission Meeting
6:00 p.m. Stephen Training
6:00 p.m. Psalms at Chapman's
6:00 p.m. Visual Faith

Wednesday, February 4

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion
9:15 a.m. Preschool Chapel
10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Communion Service
3:30 p.m. PALS
3:30 p.m. ESM Musical Auditions
6:00 p.m. First Impressions
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 5

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
1:00 p.m. LWML
3:30 p.m. ESM Musical Auditions
6:00 p.m. Bible Study at Chapman's
7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

Friday, February 6

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:15 a.m. Joint Chapel at Emmanuel

Saturday, February 7

8:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training
5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Sunday, February 8

8:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Find Words from the Scripture Readings

D D Z K T H R O N E
 T C V L B H P D A P
 G P H O F O L F M O
 D L O I Y M J Y E R
 F G P G L O V E N D
 O I G B Z D Z B A S
 L N D C S G R L N H
 G H S S A N G E M O
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 R E J O I C E P D M
 U J D D O D O L T Z
 P U G V D F O G O D

MULTITUDE
 SALVATION
 CHILDREN
 KINGDOM
 BLESSED

INHERIT
 REJOICE
 THRONE
 HEAVEN
 GLORY

PURE
 LOVE
 HOPE
 AMEN
 GOD



This Visual Faith resource is designed to help visual and tactile learners take worship into the week. You can find more Visual Faith resources at <https://www.visualfaithmin.org>.

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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