

Divine Service at 10:30



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

“Life’s Best Place”

AS WE GATHER

Shotgun! Growing up this was the phrase we’d use to claim the front passenger seat in the car. There was this unwritten rule that whoever spoke this phrase first won the right to sit up front. This simple game uncovers the deeper reality that all of us are looking to climb life’s ladder to the best place possible. Yet, our readings this weekend, especially the Gospel reading, reveal to us that life’s best place is truly with Jesus in all humility. Today and always, let us humbly walk with our Lord and Savior!

+ THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE I AT 10:30 A.M. +

THE GATHERING TIME

During the Gathering 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: “Prelude on ‘Slane’”

Ashdown

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN: “God Himself Is Present”

Hymn 907

(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

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

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:8-9).

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,

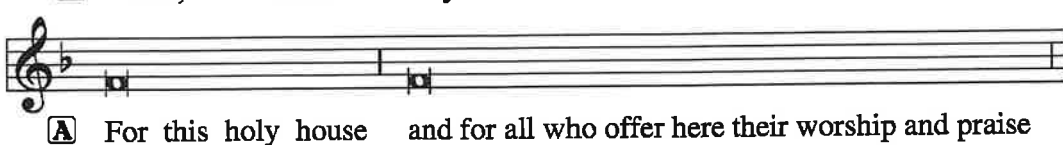
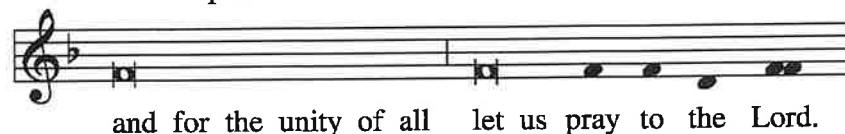
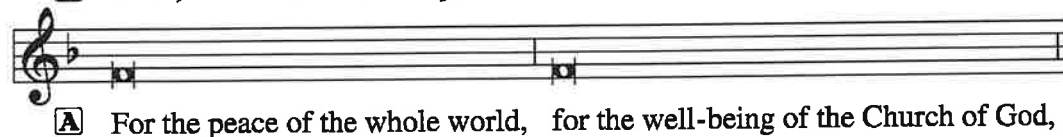
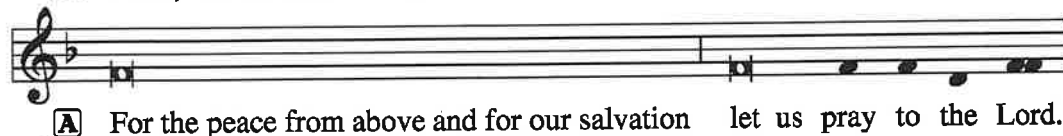
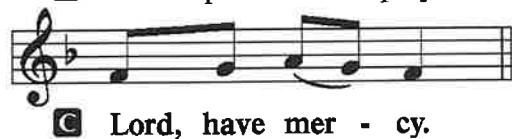
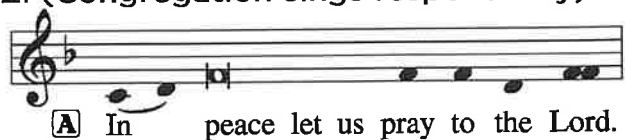
by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Leader: 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.

THE KYRIE: (Congregation sings responsively)

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let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: This Is the Feast

LSB, 155

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



THE COLLECT

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, 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: Proverbs 25:2-10

It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. ³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. ⁴Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; ⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. ⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen ⁸do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? ⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, ¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-17

Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals

whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. ¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 14:1-14

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter.

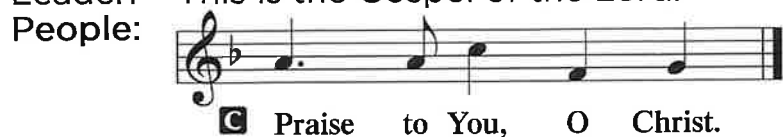
People:

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶And they could not reply to these things. ⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." ¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a

dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

Inside back cover of hymnal

(Please be seated)

THE SERMON HYMN: "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

Hymn 842

THE SERMON

Pastor Dan Sheafer

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: "Intermezzo in A"

Brahms

THE MINISTRY MINUTE

The Emmanuel Choir

(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. Heavenly Father, through the humiliation of Your Son, You have called us to a place at Your heavenly table. Teach us to treasure this place of honor and so to spurn the foolish honors of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Merciful Lord, Your Son has come to us who have offended Him, called us to repentance and offered us His forgiveness. Teach us to trust His love whenever we offend Him and to go to His house to be forgiven by those called to forgive in His name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: O Lord, You have established the family and the home to be a place where we learn, care and extend Your love to one another. We come to You on behalf of Your people, asking that You would visit and bless our homes. Strengthen and restore our relationships through the healing power of forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Righteous judge, bless our nation and those who lead us in this land, and guide those who serve on behalf of this people. Watch over all nations, that justice and peace may reign. Grant courage to Christians to endure in faith in times of test, trial, and persecution. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Gracious God, we commend to You all who pass through difficult circumstances: the lonely and the persecuted, the imprisoned and the addicted, those suffering from mental distress, and those suffering from bodily affliction. Comfort them with Your promise that You will never leave or forsake them. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Divine Master, You prepare for us a heavenly feast this day. Grant us faith to cherish this banquet of forgiveness, life, and salvation and, being honored by a place at Your table, inspire us to spurn all the small and fleeting honors of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

People: **Amen.**

+ THE SERVICE 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 to the Lord.**

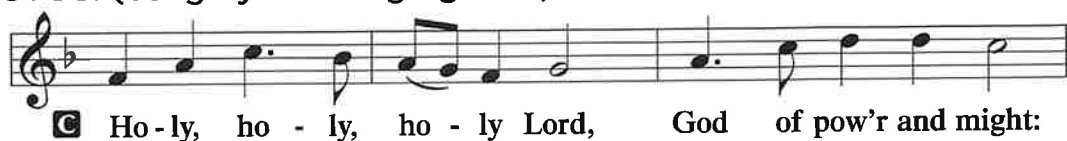
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

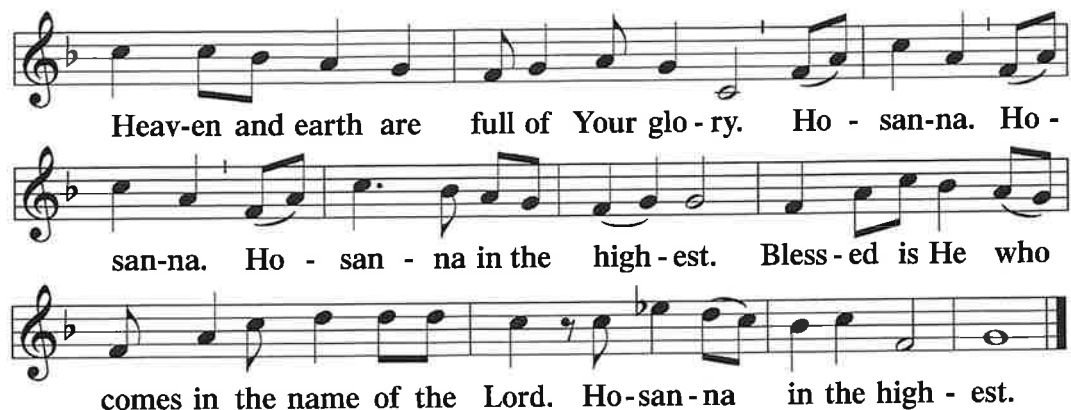
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly good, right, and 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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way 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 saying:

THE SANCTUS: (Sung by the congregation)

LSB, 161





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 AGNUS DEI: (Sung by the congregation)

LSB, 163



(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 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 HYMNS:

"Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

Hymn 620

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

Hymn 738

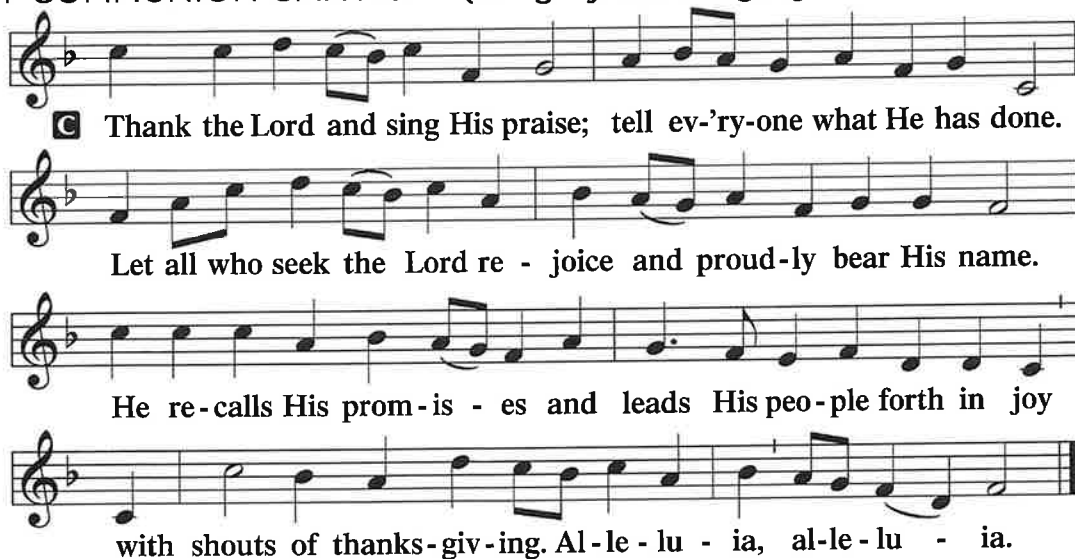
"To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All"

Hymn 613

THE DISMISSAL

THE POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (Sung by the congregation)

LSB, 165



G Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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Leader: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

People:



G A - men.

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:



THE CLOSING HYMN: "Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious"

Hymn 829

THE POSTLUDE: "Toccata in 7"

Rutter

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Deut. 30:15-20; Ps. 1; Phil. 1-21; Luke 14:25-35

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar today were given in celebration of eternal life in Christ Jesus. of husband Steven and dear friend Eric Kurtz, is lovingly remembered by Ruth Anne Teeple; in loving memory of Harold Rieck, Fred and Edna Rieck, Robert and Myrtle Schuelein and Sherran Fenker, from Georgia Rieck; and in honor of the 57th Wedding Anniversary of Dexter and Connie Hoyer.

SERVING

Liturgist	Pastor Thomas A. Eggold
Acolyte	William Arthur
Organ	Myra Schmidt
Altar Guild	Beth Igney, Cathy Elkins, Jan Fisher, Faith Harless, Diane Witzman
Usher Crew 4	Thim Reed, Mike Shively, Ron Ahrens, Thomas Bay, Dave Behling, Christian Behling, Troy Hockemeyer, Hudson Kraft, Dick Shively, Steve Williams, David Wyss
Communion	Jim Wudy, Justin Arkkelin, Jon Bay, Brent Bejot
Closer	Nick and Lauryn Longworth
Audio	Craig Dahlkamp

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:
 - We give thanks for the birth of a baby boy, Parker John Hall, born to Eric and Krista Hall. We ask God to strengthen and protect Parker as he grows, and to be with his family as they welcome Parker into their home.
 - 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), Colsen Gage (nephew of Annalissa Smith), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia Williams, Dick Reinking, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie Kidwell (mother of Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Devon Jewel and Niko L. Christlib (friends of Ilona Clenny), Deb Percy, Ed Braun

- Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Phil Arthur, Kathy Freimuth, Cathi Schenkel, Jenny Scheiderer, Judy Schele, Dave Bieberich, Cathy Paff, Jan Reche, Vernene Miller, Kelsey Westrick, Roxanne Moore, Evan Westrick, Cheri Maxwell
- 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 Krantz (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 (Peppie), Laura Herrick (Caroline Eber's niece), Art Klausmeier, Roger Kuehnert, John Jennings (friend of Dave and Tammy Bair), Bruce Williams, Herb Schumm, Mike Huesner, Rob Roehm, Cheri Maxwell
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - James and Amanda Voorman, Bennett and Maggie
 - Angela Voors
 - Josh and Allyson Vriesman, Maddox, Liliann and Everett
 - Theodore Thomas III and Robin Wagner, Jackson, Court and Camden
 - Doug and Colleen Walker
 - Kary and Jennifer Walker, Olivia and Isabella
 - Mike and Lynn Walkup, Abbey
 - Joni Walters-Macy, Joseph and Andrew
 - Mark and Michelle Walters
 - Bill and Judy Warner
- 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 2025.

Dolores Harper	Parker Schultheis	Mason Gilliom	Atlas Arnold
Renae Smith	Rafael Alberto	Lois Altheide	Lincoln Griffin
Virginia Miller	Amelia Adair	Forrest Clarke	Brandon Cirilo
Charlotte Schmotzer	Lilyth Tittman	Anna Vanderkar	William Vogt
Bennett Hoyle	Liam Hill	Rowen Lomont	Owen Light
Kollin Vanderford	Klaire Vanderford	Khloe Vanderford	Walter Vanderford
Wilma Vanderford	Vada Gillum	Valerie Miller	Gary Keller
Terry Buffington	Desirae Rider	Payton Caudill	Benjamin Rider

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.

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Women's Bible Study	Loft	1st/3rd Tuesdays	7:30 p.m.
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
Bible Study & Fellowship	Chapman's Brewing	Thursdays	6:00 p.m.
@917 (Ages 25-45)	Ebenezer Hall	Thursdays	7:00 p.m.
Men's Lectionary Study	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 a.m.

Monday Morning Moms - Hey, mama! Have you been looking for a group to connect with here at Emmanuel? We hope you'll join us every other Monday morning as we study Jen Wilkin's "Abide" (a study on 1, 2, & 3 John). Drop your kiddos off in the Lower Level of Ebenezer Hall with our amazing caregivers. Then head upstairs to the Loft for fellowship, a cup of coffee, and studying God's word. We will be meeting on the following dates: September 8 & 22, October 6 & 20, November 3 & 17, and December 1 & 15. Questions? Please reach out to Liz Bejot - LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org.

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study - The 8:30 a.m. Wednesday Women's Bible Study will resume September 3 in Brandt Hall. We will begin our study this fall in Paul's letters to the Thessalonians.

The News of the Church

Christian Education Kickoff! - Sunday, September 7 is a big day at Emmanuel! On this day, we'll begin our Christian Education season for 2025-2026. For this day, the entire Emmanuel congregation will be invited to join outside on Union Street for a time of fun, food and friendship from 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Donuts will be back! A coffee truck will be on site! We'll even have a bounce house! All this will help us begin our Christian Education season with great excitement! See you there!

"I Love to Tell the Story: A Congregational Journey" - The story of Emmanuel Lutheran Church is an inspiring account of God at work. This fall, we invite you to join us on a journey entitled, "I Love to Tell the Story." This engaging exploration will include every member of our church family as we revisit the stories that have shaped our ministry, and rediscover our mission as a Caring Family Sharing God's Love and Forgiveness. From September 14 through October 26, each Sunday will include a presentation, service project, or celebration. Stay tuned for more details!

Sanctuary Doors - All of our sanctuary doors, including the west side door, will be locked following the Opening Hymn/Song of each service, for security reasons. Please use the main doors of Ebenezer Hall (circle drive entrance) to enter the church after this time. Thank you for your understanding!

Emmanuel's 40th Golf Outing, was held on Saturday, August 23, and was a great day! Many thanks to our golfers, sponsors, donors and especially to Jeff Huffman at Eel River Golf Course, who is always so kind and accommodating. This year's outing was blessed with a day full of beautiful weather, fun, laughter, fellowship, and ended with a delicious meal, raffle of prizes for our golfers and a presentation of gifts to our winners. After the meal, Pastor Art Klausmeier spoke about the history of our outings, as he was the founder 40 years ago. We had 20 teams that played in the outing, with the winning team being: Luke Starnes, Chris Dennison, Eric Steele, and Steve Bell. Other winners were: Longest Putt-Chris Dennison; Longest Drive-(for men) Bill Brace and (for women) Michelle Hoffman; Closest to the Pin-(for men) Mike Reuille and (for women) Diane Straessle. The proceeds from this outing will go to The Heidbrink Scholarship fund which offers financial assistance to our Emmanuel members, specifically, graduating students who are pursuing careers in church work, and to provide need-based grants to our students wishing to attend Concordia Lutheran High School. Thank you again for your support and prayers.

Big news from Concordia Lutheran High School: Groundbreaking is set for September 23! The 'A Bold Step' capital campaign, renovating the academic building and auditorium, has reached a major milestone with financing secured, and construction on Project 1 is set to begin after Labor Day. But we're not done yet: campaign fundraising continues so that Project 2, the auditorium

renovation, can be included in this historic effort. In the coming weeks, Concordia will host public meetings in congregations and community venues to share how this campaign will bless generations to come, and your attendance and participation will make the difference—pray, attend, and spread the word!

Visual Faith – On Tuesday, September 2, from 6:00–8:00 p.m., in Ebenezer Hall, we invite you to take part in a special evening of creativity and reflection. Participants will create a visual collage centered on a meaningful Bible verse—such as a baptism verse, confirmation verse, or a favorite family passage. All basic materials will be provided. You are also encouraged to collect and bring items from home that you might like to include in your collage—such as family photos, greeting cards, or small mementoes. No artistic experience necessary—just bring your favorite verse and a heart ready to create!



Emmanuel's LWM/LWML next meeting will be on Thursday, September 4; 1:00–3:00 p.m. in Lower Level Ebenezer. Our Bible Study will be “Here I Am, Send Me” and our service project will be making Christmas ornaments for our missionaries in Puerto Rico, the Neuendorfs. We hope to see you there!

Join PALS! – Do you have a heart for connecting with kids? Are you patient, a good listener, and enjoy sharing the love of Jesus? If so, we'd love to have you join the next session of PALS (Peer Assisted Learning Strategies), a ministry of Emmanuel that partners with Washington Elementary to support 2nd and 3rd graders. Any adult, high school student, along with 7th and 8th graders are welcome to apply. Interested or have questions? Contact Liz at LBejot@emmanuel Lutheran.org or scan the QR code to apply:



Are You Interested in a Mission Trip? – Emmanuel has a rich tradition of sending members on mission trips. Over the last 20 years, we have sent teams to Puerto Rico, Alaska, Prague, and New Orleans, but we haven't sent any teams since before the pandemic. Emmanuel's Mission Task Force meets monthly with the goal of increasing awareness in our members of local, national, and worldwide mission opportunities. The Mission Task Force is looking for individuals who have an interest in serving on a mission trip team. If this interests you and you would like to be included in our plans for future mission trips, you can sign up by scanning the QR code!



Lunch Bunch (60+) - will kick-off another season of food, fun, and fellowship on Tuesday, September 16. Food will be prepared by Tammy Bair and our special speaker will be our very own member, Joy Boutakov. She will speak to us about “Stress and Ways to Handle It.” The cost is \$10.00, payable that day. Please stop by the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall to sign up for this event or call the church office by Friday, September 12. We hope you can join us!

Stephen Ministers Are “The After People” – They are there:

...after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
...after the funeral, when everyone leaves and emotions come crashing in on you.
...after the doctor says, “I’m sorry, but there’s nothing more we can do.”
...after the nursing home director says, “Welcome to your new home.”
...after the last child drives away and the house suddenly seems empty.
...after the gavel falls, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
...after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you dreamed possible.
...after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
...after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

For more information about training classes that begin September 16, contact Lana Hille at 260.417.5639.

Bridge 20/30 is a space for post-high school young adults (single or married) to connect, grow, and have fun in community with others who share similar values. This week, on Tuesday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m., we'll be meeting at The Garden (3308 N. Anthony Blvd.) for a Series on "Vanity" - Study of Ecclesiastes. We hope to see you there!

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL’S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$1,460,923	Anticipated Need Thru August, 2025: \$1,430,229
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$155	Year to Date: \$7,660
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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: \$3,125
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

“IAG” Total Received: \$6,053,031	Mortgage Balance: \$1,394,590	Total Cost* \$7,408,920
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*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, September 1

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - LABOR DAY

Tuesday, September 2

- 4:30 p.m. Mission Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Visual Faith
- 7:00 p.m. Clay and Iron: Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, September 3

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Wednesday Morning Study
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Communion Service
- 6:00 p.m. First Impressions

Thursday, September 4

- 8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
- 1:00 p.m. LWM Service Project and Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study & Fellowship at Chapman's Brewery
- 7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

Friday, September 5

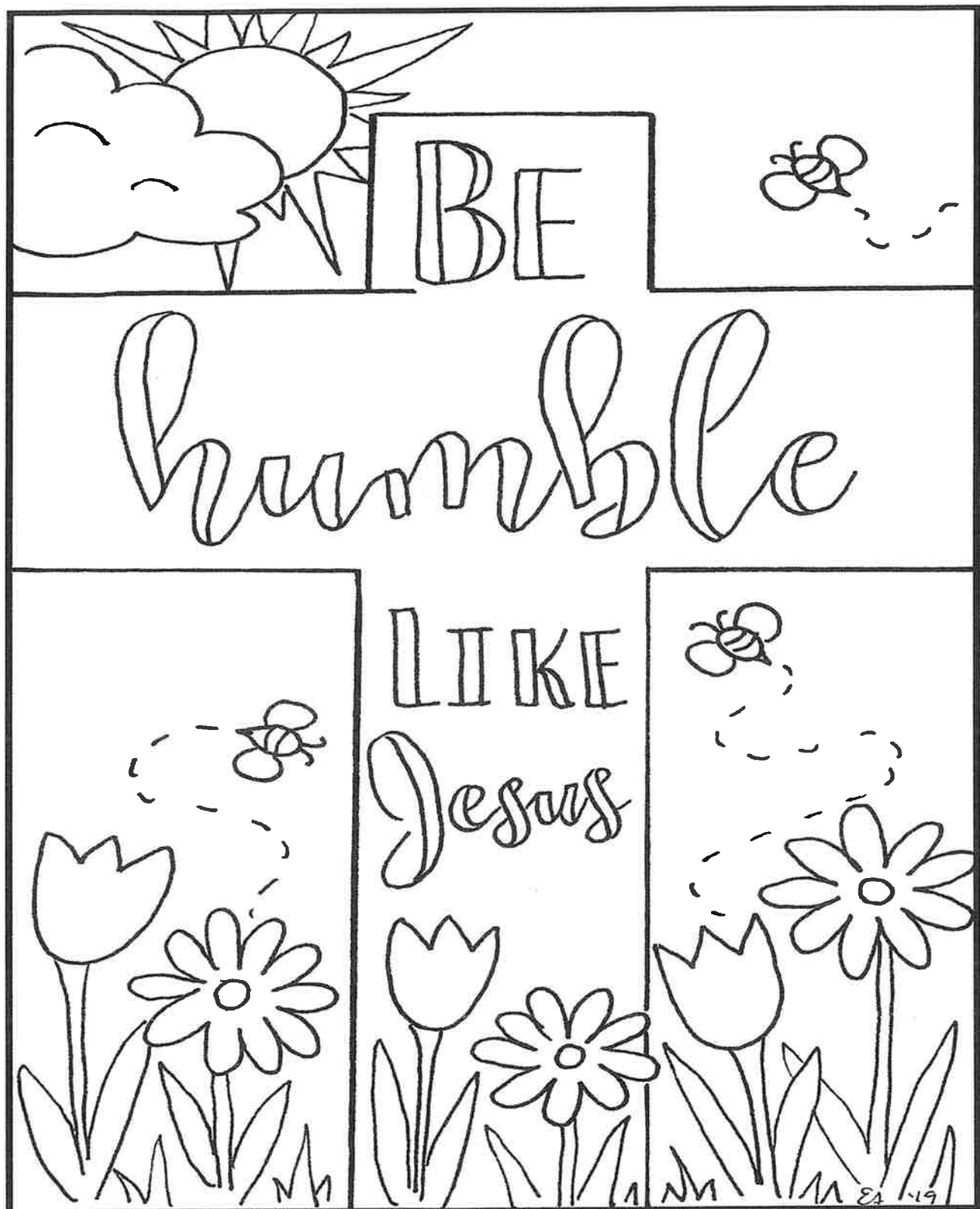
- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Saturday, September 6

- 10:00 a.m. Conversations on Race
- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service w/ Communion

Sunday, September 7

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service
- 9:00 a.m. Christian Education Kick-Off
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion
- 3:30 p.m. EYG Kick-Off



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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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907 God Himself Is Present



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him
 2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;
 3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His
 See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 Trust-ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in
 ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and
 an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease-less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne
 an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:
 ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!
 Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.
 Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

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842 Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
 2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
 oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
 Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
 truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
 Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
 Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
 Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
 sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
 toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
 will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
 of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
 thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
 me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
 Whose own feast of love I savor,
 Bidden by His gracious call.
 Wedding garments He provides me,
 With a robe of white He hides me,
 Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
 Comfort in my tribulation,
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.
 God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
 Cleanses me from sin and error,
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.

738 Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:
 Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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613 To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All



1 To Thee, om - ni - scient Lord of all, In grief and shame I
 2 O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray: O cast me not in
 3 O Je - sus, let Thy pre - cious blood Be to my soul a



hum - bly call; I see my sins a - gainst Thee, Lord,
 wrath a - way! Let Thy good Spir - it ne'er de - part,
 cleans - ing flood. Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest a - way,



The sins of thought and deed and word. They press me
 But let Him draw to Thee my heart That tru - ly
 But grant that jus - ti - fied I may Go to my



sore; I cry to Thee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
 pen - i - tent I be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
 house at peace with Thee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!

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829 Christ the Eternal Lord



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,
 2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,
 3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,
 4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,
 5 Christ the as - cend - ed King Ex - alt - ed high a - bove,



Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;
 Whose time - less teach - ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip - ture's page;
 And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;
 Our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;
 Whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, Whom yet un - seen we love;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,
 Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,
 In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,
 That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,
 When mor - tal life is past Your voice from heav - en's throne



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.
 With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.
 That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.
 Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.
 Shall call Your chil - dren home at last To know as we are known.