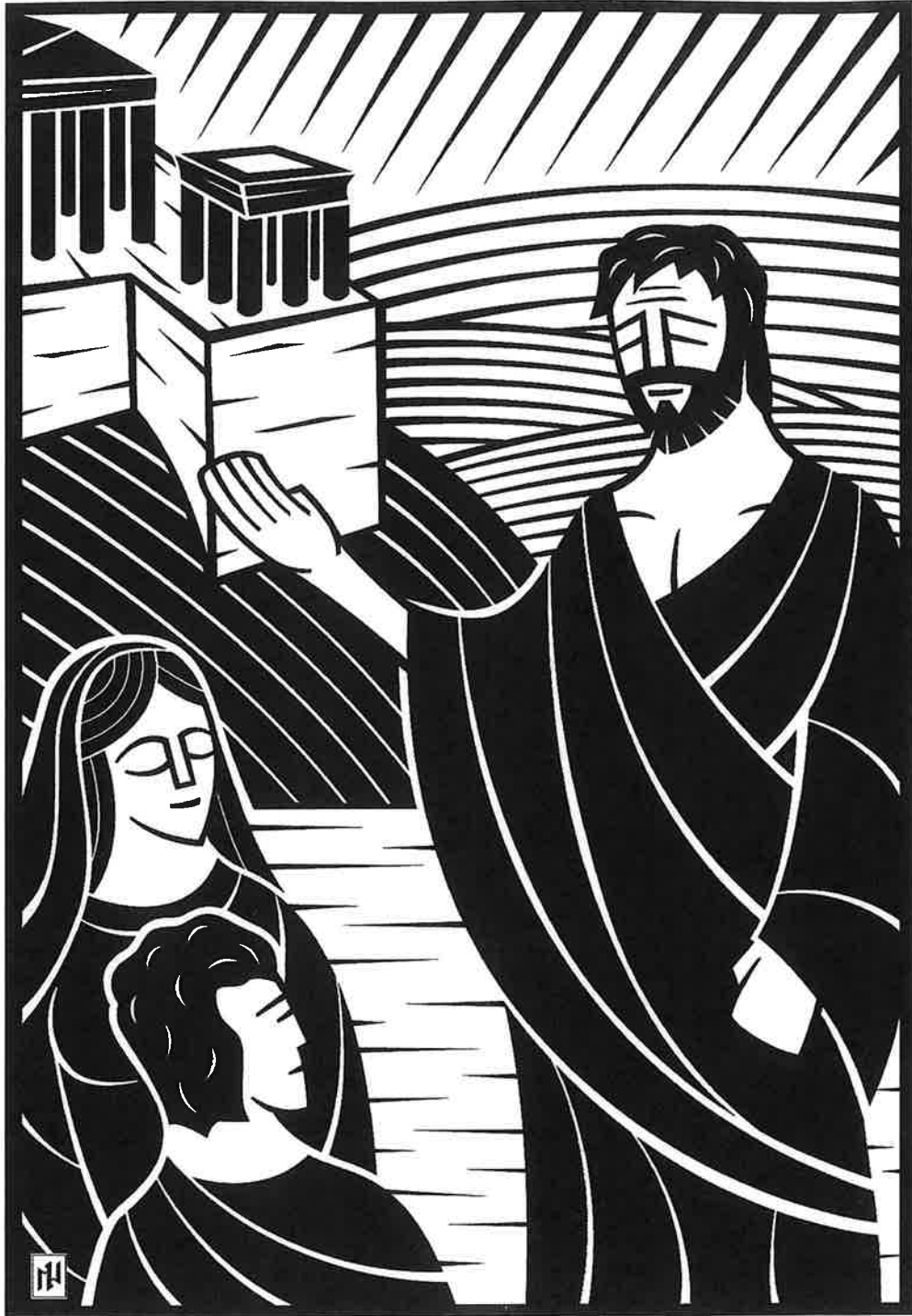


Divine Service at 8:00



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Worship

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

Guests in Worship—Each week, we have the opportunity to welcome new people to our fellowship. While ushers have the important job of helping guests find seats and sharing information, we all play a role in embracing and welcoming guests to Emmanuel. Please look for new faces, extend a helping hand whenever possible, and encourage guests to visit the **Connections Counter** in Ebenezer Hall.

Children in Worship—The presence of children at Emmanuel is a great blessing and the worship service can be a wonderful opportunity to teach them about God's love. Please bring children forward during the distribution of Holy Communion for a personal blessing, and help them to participate in the responses and prayers throughout the service. Age appropriate **Children's Bulletins** are available on the tables located at the back of the church. **Tot Bags** are located in the east and west rear entrances of the church. If a child becomes restless or disruptive during the service, a **Church Nursery** for children three years of age and younger is located in the lower level hall just down the stairs near the northwest entrance to the church. If you need help finding the Church Nursery, please ask one of our ushers who will gladly guide you.

Prayer Requests—If you have a prayer concern that you would like included in the worship service, please ask an usher for a prayer request card. You may drop the completed card into one of the boxes located at the back of the sanctuary or hand it to an usher.

Special Needs—We offer a number of aids designed to enhance your worship experience including a **Hearing Loop**, **Large Print Bulletins** and **Printed Copies of Today's Sermon**. If any of these items would be helpful to you, please ask one of our ushers who would be delighted to assist you.

The Gathering Time—Each Sunday, after the early service and before Sunday School and Bible Classes begin, we congregate in Ebenezer Hall for The Gathering Time. During this time, members and guests have the opportunity for fellowship together, while enjoying a beverage and donut.

Emmanuel App—The Emmanuel App is a wonderful tool for ministry and will put access to worship resources, devotional helps, congregational information, video announcements, as well as our church calendar at your fingertips. The Emmanuel App can be accessed by going to your app store and searching for "Emmanuel Fort Wayne." Search results will show you the app which features our logo.

The mission of Emmanuel is the mission Christ gave His Church when He said, "go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20). If you are interested in finding out more about Emmanuel, you can contact Pastor Eggold at taeggold@hotmail.com, or Pastor Sheafer at pastordan@emmanuelutheran.org, or call either of us at (260) 423-1369. We would love to talk with you.

“Assurance to All”

AS WE GATHER

In today’s reading from Acts 17, Paul makes Christ known to the men of Athens by saying that God has given “assurance to all” by raising Jesus from the dead. The assurance to which Paul refers is that Jesus will return to judge the world in righteousness. For believers, this assurance is a beautiful truth. We have been saved completely by God’s grace through faith and even though our sin condemns us we have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ and, on that basis, the day of judgment will be our day of victory. Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

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

THE GATHERING TIME

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

THE PRELUDE: “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”

Raabe

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP: “Living for God”

Wilson

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN: “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”
(Verses 1-4)

Hymn 556

THE PRESENTATION OF PRAYER REQUESTS

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: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Jesus said, "Because I live, you also will live."

People: In Him we live and move and have our being.

Leader: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

People: We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father, seeking His forgiveness through our risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: Heavenly Father,

People: Heavenly Father, creator of all that was, is, and will ever be, we confess to You that we fall short of the calling that we have received from You, as Your dearly loved children. We have struggled to share the reason for the hope we have in You. We have not always responded to others with gentleness and respect. We have failed to live and share the love we have first received from You. Forgive our sins, for Jesus' sake, and lead us to live lives that reflect Your indwelling presence.

Leader: Our God hears our prayers and forgives our sins because of Jesus' perfect life, death, and resurrection. At the command of Christ and through the power of the cross and the empty tomb, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace!

People: Alleluia! Amen.

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice" Hymn 556
(Verses 5-7)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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: Acts 17:16-31

While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. ²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we are indeed his offspring.' ²⁹Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered

once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

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

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

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the

remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE SERMON HYMN: "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"
(Verses 8-10)

Hymn 556

THE SERMON

Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

During the offering, please take the binder located at the end of each pew, and fill out the appropriate info. We encourage members to greet our visitors at the end of the service.

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: "Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace" Shepperd

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. We give You praise and thanksgiving, almighty God, that You do not leave us or forsake us, but come to us and all the world by Your Holy Spirit working through Your Word. By His help, we worship and glorify You, and take continual refuge in Your great mercy and grace. Abide with us, and keep us close to You, that we may share in Your great life and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Lift up Your whole Church in the Spirit of Christ and especially those You call and send, who give us Your gifts of forgiveness and Your Word of truth. Be with us always with Your mercy, protection, and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant Your blessings to all in the authority of government in our nation and throughout the world, that we may lead peaceful and quiet lives, godly and dignified in every way. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those who mourn. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: For all those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, we give thanks, and those who have loved and served You in Your Church who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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

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.

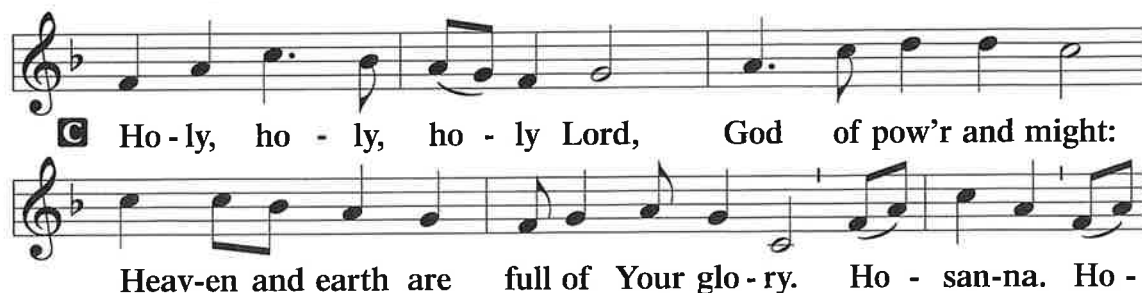
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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:

THE SANCTUS: (Sung by the congregation)

LSB, 161



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

During the Lord's Prayer, the church bell tolls three times to encourage those outside the sanctuary to join with the church in corporate prayer.

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

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

(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:

"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

Hymn 594

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

Hymn 725

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Hymn 821

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE DISMISSAL

THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Hymn 655

THE POSTLUDE: "Fugue in D Minor"

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 1:1-11; Ps. 47; Eph. 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mary Willen, Mr. & Mrs. Otto C. Miller, and Mrs. and Mrs. Curtis P. Willen from Chuck Willen and family; and in loving memory of Art and Joann Voelker from their children and grandchildren; and in loving memory of their mother, Doris Hoffman from Denise, Diane, and Drew and from her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great, great-grandchildren.

SERVING

Liturgists

Pastor Dan Sheaffer

Acolyte

Liam Beckett

Organ/Piano

Myra Schmidt

Vocalist/Flute

Rochelle Linnemeier

Altar Guild

Barb Klaehn, Marcia Hines, Marsha Sappenfield, Susie Klausmeier, Ellen Buuck, Michele Wedeven

Comm. Assistants	Kevin McGuigan, Mike Huesner, Randy Kammeyer, Bill Labrash
Opener	Kim Perez
Usher Crew 3	Ed Davis, Chuck Karrick, Kevin Sark, Bryson Berg, Dave Bieberich, Matt Benne, Austin Harless, Barry Gynn, Tom Matson
Audio Engineer	Mike Harvey

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 pray for Sadie Ross Nichols on the occasion of her Baptism. We ask God to strengthen Sadie as she grows and to bless her parents, Joseph and Sarah (Maneval) Nichols, and her sponsors, Matt Maneval and Maddie Nichols, as they raise and nurture Sadie in her Baptismal faith.
 - Pray for the family of Ray Behling (father of David Behling), 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.
 - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Cheryl Smith, Phyllis Tittman, Dick Reinking, Bertha Jackson (mother of Kris Tinsley), Joy (friend of Emmanuel Lutheran Church), Ellie Dahlkamp, Ed Braun, Alycia Merkler, Cheryl Huesner, Marcille Burtch, Dottie Coppolino (sister of Sherry Baker), Jerry Kanning, Vickie Tufley (sister of Judy Huesner), Maury Springer, Taylor Hogan (son of Arlan and Robin Hogan), Curt Rees (brother-in-law of Sandra Nahrwold), David Merkler, Kristy Fitzgerald.
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Roland Preuss (father of Nancy Maier), Darlene Lanckenau, Peg Buuck, Carolyn Banta, Stan Payne, Kathy Schweyer, Carson Hall, Peg McFadden, Gillian Vachon, Troy Sargent.
 - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Ed Terry, Rob Howe, Tom Weick, Judi Brunow, Angela Osborn, Jamie McConnell, Beth Woodward, Tom Eggold, Lois Howe (aunt of Bob Frye), Jenny Hobby (sister of Chris Murphy), Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), and Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith).

- Join our staff in praying for the following members this week:
 - Grace Strahm, Avery, Daniel, Joshua and Kason
 - Dawn Strange
 - Zach and Jessica Strasser, Carter and Finley
 - Jon and Jamie Stroud, Welsie and William
 - Landon Stroupe
 - Rob Stroupe
 - Troy and Allie Stults, Kaley
 - Drew Swagart
 - Paige Swary
 - David and Tanya Swinehart, Dustin and Madisyn

- Please pray for the missions supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
 - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf - Ponce, Puerto Rico
 - Rev. Aaron Spratt - Alaska Mission for Christ
 - Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)
 - Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
 - 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 Classes 9:15 - 10:15 A.M.

CLASS	LOCATION
Little Flock (Birth - Age 2)	Room 5 (Lower Level, School)
3-5 Year Olds	Room 6 (Lower Level, School)
K-1 st Grade	Room 7 (Lower Level, School)

2 nd -3 rd Grade	Room 4 (Lower Level, School)
4 th -5 th Grade	Room 3 (Lower Level, School)
6 th Grade Confirmation	D1 (Top Floor, School)
7 th Grade Confirmation	D2 (Top Floor, School)
8 th Grade Confirmation	Ebenezer, Lower Level
9 th -12 th Grade	The Loft

Adult Sunday Bible Classes 9:15 - 10:30 A.M.

CLASS	LOCATION	DATES	INSTRUCTOR
Sunday School for Grown Ups	Mrs. Frerking's Rm (Top floor, School)	4-16-5/21	Pr. Mark Sheaffer
Life in Two Kingdoms: How God Take Care of Us	Sanctuary	4/16-5/21	Rev. Dr. MacKenzie
The Bible in 5 Hours	Mr. Staub's Rm (Top floor, School)	4/16-5/21	Rev. Dr. Tietz

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
FWYA (Ft. Wayne Young Adult) Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Sundays	6:00 pm
Women's Book Study	The Loft	Mondays	8:30 am
LifeLight - Gospel of Matthew	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	5:30 pm
Women's Book Study (Beth Williams 402-803-5303)	Ebenezer Hall	Tuesdays (1 st & 3 rd)	7:30 pm
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 am
Women's Bible Study on Luke	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays	8:45 am
Homeschool Religion Class	Choir Room	Wednesdays	9:00 am
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	10:00 am
Men's Lectionary Study	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 am

The News of the Church

SAVE THE DATE: Our Sunday School Sings! - All Sunday School Kiddos, please join us Sunday, May 21, at the 10:30 a.m. service to sing "Strength and Shield."

VBS with St. Michael's Lutheran Church - Due to the continued renovations at Emmanuel, we plan to join St. Michael's for their VBS on June 26 through June 30. Links to register your child and to sign up to help are available in the weekly email from the pastors.

Emmanuel's Visual Faith Ministry - You are invited to join us for our next Visual

Faith Gathering on Saturday, May 20, 9:00 a.m.-Noon. Our project will be *Prayers For My...* where you will create a tool to help you pray for your spouse, children, grandchildren, teachers, students, friends, aunts, uncles, or anyone you would like to pray for. Your Visual Faith Team will supply all you need and some snacks too! We will meet in the gym so please use the Welcome Center door for entrance into the gym. Sign up at the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall by Sunday, May 14.

Emmanuel Lunch Bunch - The next Lunch Bunch activity for those around 60 or over is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16. Our special guest will be Beth Boatright, a representative of the Allen County Public Library, who will update us on current programs and provide an overview of specific programs at this time. We gather for fellowship any time after 11:00 a.m. in the Lower Level of Ebenezer Hall. Lunch is served at noon at a cost of \$9.00, payable the day of the event. Deadline to sign up to attend is Friday, May 12. You can sign up for this event at the Connections Counter, or by calling the church office at 423-1369. Hope you can join us!

Call Accepted for Eighth Grade Teaching Position - Ms. Johannah Miesner has accepted the call to serve as 8th grade teacher. We are blessed and excited to have her join the ministry here! In accepting, Johannah shared that "it was exciting to come and see the changes you are making at your school, looking toward the future of what you will be providing for your students. I look forward to joining the team already working at ESM!" We thank God for affirming her call to ESM, and we also lift Suburban Bethlehem in prayer as they search for the next person to serve the students there. God is good and faithful to provide!

Calling Fort Wayne Poets and Performers - As part of our summer art festival, **BE NOT AFRAID, A Celebration of Faith**, Emmanuel Lutheran Church invites local poets and performers to submit a poem, short story, or dramatic reading to present in a Spoken Word Performance. These may be original or authored by someone else. In keeping with the festival's theme, presentations should reflect promises of hope and courage found throughout the Bible and in Christian tradition: *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God (Isaiah 41:10); I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20)*. Selections need not be specifically Christian, but should express an assurance of courage and hope for a fearful world. Performances will be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes and will be presented from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 20, 2023.

Information and Submission Guidelines:

- Printed submissions plus key information—your name, title and author of submission, genre (poem, short story, dramatic reading), and performance time—must be submitted electronically by Sunday, July 9, to emmanuelspokenword23@gmail.com.

- Because of time constraints, performances will be limited to 3 minutes in length and one per person. A maximum of 15 submissions will be chosen.
- A jury of readers will review each entry on the basis of the quality of writing, how well it reflects the theme, and the length of performance time.
- Notification of acceptance for each entry will be provided by July 23, 2023.

For more information on Emmanuel's art festival, including this Spoken Word Performance, please check the home page of Emmanuel's website: <http://www.emmanuel Lutheran.org/> or our Facebook page: Emmanuel Lutheran Church - Building Faith in the City

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ESM Now Enrolling for 2023-24 School Year - Emmanuel—St. Michael (ESM) Lutheran School, in partnership with our churches and families, is raising up the next generation of students who know the love of Christ and are prepared to serve Him in their families and communities. We are now accepting applications for Preschool–8th grade. Schedule a visit today! Contact Erin Clark, Director of Admissions | 260.422.6712 | eclark@esmeagles.com | www.esmeagles.com.
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CLHS Sermon Report Forms - In case your Concordia High School student forgets to bring a "Growth in Worship" sermon report to church, we have extras at the Connections Counter.

News from CLHS

Alivia Perkins Competes at Junior Olympics - Emmanuel member and junior at Concordia Lutheran High School, Alivia Perkins, recently competed in the Junior Olympics in Colorado Springs. She did very well in the Smallbore Rifle Competition, making the finals with the top eight female athletes from all over the United States. She finished with a Gold Medal in U18, earned a third-place spot on the USA Shooting Junior National Team, and received her Team USA jacket. She will be competing in the Junior World Cup and Junior World Championships taking place in Germany in June and Korea in July. May God bless and keep Alivia as she travels and represents the United States this summer.

Right to Life of Northeast Indiana will host Dr. Ben Carson at the annual banquet held on Monday, October 9, at the Allen County Memorial Coliseum. Dr. Carson is a retired neurosurgeon and politician. Tickets are \$50 per person and includes the meal, parking, and your chance to hear this renowned speaker. There will be also be an opportunity to financially support RLNI that evening. If

you wish to attend, and to guarantee a seat, please contact Carolyn Beitz at carolynbeitz@frontier.com by Monday, May 29.

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$689,486	Anticipated Need Thru May, 2023: \$801,632
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$417	Year to Date: \$6,238
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$85	Year to Date: \$2,590
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

Received: \$2,909,667	Projected Cost: \$6,966,818
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The Calendar of the Church

Monday, May 15

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

5:00 p.m. LifeLight

7:00 p.m. West Central Neighborhood Association Meeting

7:00 p.m. School Board at Emmanuel

Tuesday, May 16

11:00 a.m. Lunch Bunch

6:30 p.m. Preschool Closing Program

Wednesday, May 17

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

8:30 a.m. ESM Chapel

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

9:00 a.m. Home School Religion

9:00 a.m. Wednesday Playgroup

9:30 a.m. Preschool Chapel
10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Grief Share
11:30 a.m. Communion Service
1:00 p.m. Grief Share

Thursday, May 18

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
3:30 p.m. Food Pantry

Friday, May 19

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, May 20

8:00 a.m. Visual Faith
2:00 p.m. Wedding
3:30 p.m. Praise Team
5:00 p.m. Divine Worship Service with Communion

Sunday, May 21

8:00 a.m. Divine Worship Service
9:00 a.m. Gathering Time in Ebenezer Hall
9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Divine Worship Service with Communion
3:00 p.m. @917
6:00 p.m. FWYA Bible Study

What was the most important thing I learned today?



How can I use this in my life?

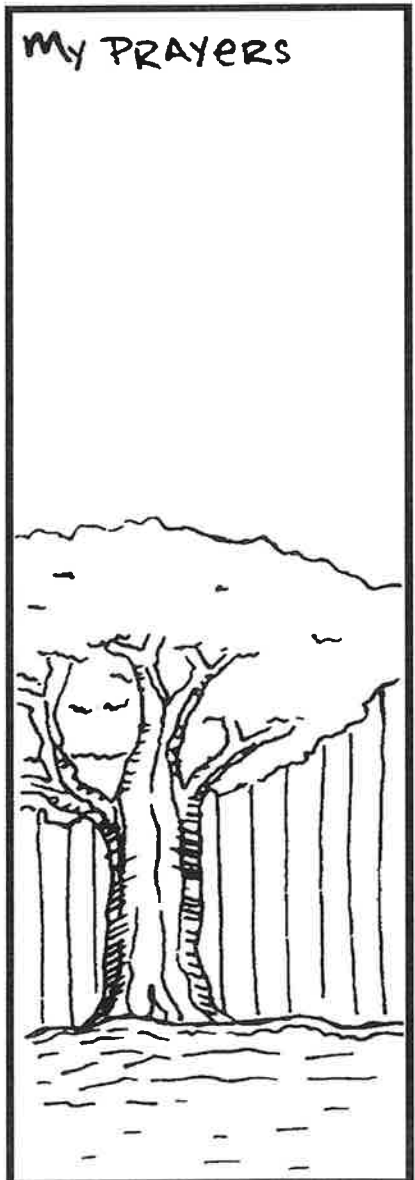
Who can I share Jesus with this week?

MY PRAYERS

Songs we sang:



Four horizontal lines for writing the names of songs.



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.

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.

Church Staff

Thomas A. Eggold, Senior Pastor
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Herb Schumm, Pastoral Assistant

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1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joi-ce, With ex - ul - ta - tion
 2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark - ly
 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer - it
 4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be - fore the world's foun -



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
 o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my
 gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead to all
 da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro-claim the won - ders God has done, How
 moth-er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My
 good re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left
 my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran-som cost Him!
 life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
 on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.
 did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear-est trea - sure.

5 God said to His belovèd Son:
 "It's time to have compassion.
 Then go, bright jewel of My crown,
 And bring to all salvation.
 From sin and sorrow set them free;
 Slay bitter death for them that they
 May live with You forever."

6 The Son obeyed His Father's will,
 Was born of virgin mother;
 And God's good pleasure to fulfill,
 He came to be my brother.
 His royal pow'r disguised He bore;
 A servant's form, like mine, He wore
 To lead the devil captive.

7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me,
 I am your rock and castle.
 Your ransom I Myself will be;
 For you I strive and wrestle.
 For I am yours, and you are Mine,
 And where I am you may remain;
 The foe shall not divide us.

8 "Though he will shed My precious blood,
 Me of My life bereaving,
 All this I suffer for your good;
 Be steadfast and believing.
 Life will from death the vict'ry win;
 My innocence shall bear your sin,
 And you are blest forever.

9 "Now to My Father I depart,
 From earth to heav'n ascending,
 And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
 The Holy Spirit sending;
 In trouble He will comfort you
 And teach you always to be true
 And into truth shall guide you.

10 "What I on earth have done and taught
 Guide all your life and teaching;
 So shall the kingdom's work be wrought
 And honored in your preaching.
 But watch lest foes with base alloy
 The heav'nly treasure should destroy;
 This final word I leave you."

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

594



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized
 5 There is noth - ing worth com-par - ing To this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong-er:
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -
 did re - lease me In a dear for -
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

Children of the Heavenly Father

725



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

821



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the



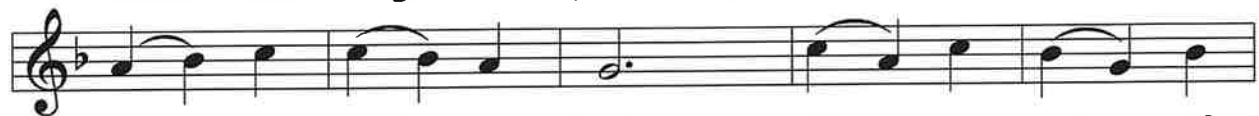
scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
 earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
 nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of the
 scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
 sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.
 Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.
 tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the
 In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -
 As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in
 Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der



like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -
 deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of
 flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both
 like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."
 get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word 655



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.