# 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...

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 <a href="mailto:taeggold@hotmail.com">taeggold@hotmail.com</a>, or Pastor Sheafer at <a href="mailto:pastordan@emmanuellutheran.org">pastordan@emmanuellutheran.org</a>, or call either of us at (260) 423-1369. We would love to talk with you.

# "The Dawn of a New Day"

#### AS WE GATHER

When Jesus appeared on the scene of human history, His coming was like the light of a new day. Isaiah had prophesied a day would come filled with joy as at the harvest or when victors divide spoils. But daylight also reveals problems covered by darkness, like the divisions at the Church in Corinth, as Paul writes. Jesus' light not only reveals, but it also forgives, heals, and enlivens. People brought the sick and demon-possessed to our Lord, and the first four disciples jumped at the opportunity to follow Him. What ills shall we bring to worship today for resolution? Sins requiring forgiveness, gloom needing joy, divisions seeking reconciliation? Jesus came into human history to die and rise for us; today He comes through Word and Sacrament in grace and mercy to meet our deepest needs. Let us rejoice in the light of God's forgiveness, mercy, and love.

#### 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: "Lord Have Mercy (For What We Have Done)"

For what we have done and left undone We fall on Your countless mercies. For sins that are known and those unknown, We call on Your name so holy. For envy and pride, For closing our eyes; For scorning our very neighbor. In thought, word, and deed, We've failed You, our King; How deeply we need a Savior.

(Chorus)

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

For what You have done, Your life of love You perfectly lived, we praise You. Though tempted and tried, You fixed Your eyes; You finished the work God gave You. And there on the tree, A King among thieves, You bled for a world's betrayal. You loved to the end, Our merciful friend; How pure and forever faithful. (Chorus two times)

For hearts that are cold, For seizing control; For scorning our very Maker. In thought, word, and deed, We've failed You our King; How deeply we need a Savior. (Chorus two times)

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#### THE INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the 

■ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (Matt. 4:17; Phil. 3:20; 1 Cor. 1:18; Ps. 27:14)

Leader: The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, People: but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Leader: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;

People: wait for the Lord!

Leader: St. Matthew writes that Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the

kingdom of heaven is at hand." Let us respond to the Word of Christ

by confessing our sins and asking our Lord's forgiveness.

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

Leader: Heavenly Father,

People: we confess our sins to You. We are too much a part of this fallen

world. Because our citizenship is in heaven, invade our thoughts, words, and deeds by Your gracious power. Help us to live each day as pilgrims heading to the eternal promised land. Turn us from our sinful direction to follow our Savior's gracious lead, walking in ways

pleasing to You for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Leader: "For 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." Be assured that through Jesus' blood-bought rescue, you are already citizens in the Kingdom of heaven. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 SHARING OF PEACE

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"

O Christ, who called the Twelve to rise and follow You, Forsaking old, familiar ways for ventures bold and new: Grant us to hear Your call to risk security And, bound in heart and will to You, find perfect liberty.

O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for ages sealed, Whose words and works awakened faith, the ways of God revealed; Instruct us now, we pray, By Your empowering Word. True teacher, be for all who seek their light, their life, their Lord.

O Christ, who sent the Twelve on roads they'd never trod To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim the nearer reign of God: Send us on ways where faith transcends timidity, Where love informs and hope sustains both life and ministry.

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." <sup>13</sup>Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup>For 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.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-25

When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. <sup>13</sup>And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be

fulfilled: 15"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—16the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." <sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." 18 While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21 And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. <sup>23</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. <sup>24</sup>So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. <sup>25</sup>And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Spoken together)

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THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "In Christ Alone"

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

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

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

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand; Till He returns or calls me home—here in the power of Christ I'll stand! ©2001 Kingsway's Thankyou Music. All rights reserved. Used by permission. CCLI#646308.

#### THE SERMON

### 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: "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. (Repeat)

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and renew a right spirit within me.

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#### THE MINISTRY MINUTE

National Lutheran Schools Week

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Lord of all nations, Your Son became flesh to enlighten a world

darkened by sin with His grace. Visit us with His gifts of forgiveness and life, that our way may be glorious with His salvation. Lord, in Your

mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty Lord, Your Son's cross and crucifixion is folly to the world,

but it is the source of repentance and forgiveness. Preserve the preaching of the cross in our midst, that from this life-giving tree we would continue to receive Your faith-preserving gifts. Lord, in Your

mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty God, You have called us to be united in the same mind and

judgment in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Preserve us from divisions and quarreling, and fix our eyes on the Word of the cross.

Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son as the Savior of the world, that all

the families of the nations might worship before You. Bless the families of this congregation with Your grace and protection, that they might remember You in both joy and trouble and worship before You

forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: O Lord, all kingship belongs to You. Rule over the nations for the good

of Your people, that we might live in peace. Lord, in Your mercy.

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy God, Your Son welcomed the sick, the afflicted and those

oppressed by demons and healed them. Have mercy upon all whom we bring before you in prayer, and deliver them according to Your

gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty God, the fame of Your Son spread everywhere as people

witnessed His miracles and wonders. As He has wondrously saved us from sin and death, so open our mouths to speak of Him to all who will

hear. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and

death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and

Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken together)

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THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "You Never Let Go"

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, Your perfect love is casting out fear; And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life, I won't turn back, I know You are near.

And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me; And if my God is with me,

Whom shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

(Chorus)

Oh no, You never let go, through the calm and through the storm.

Oh no, You never let go, in ev'ry high and ev'ry low.

Oh no, You never let go. Lord, You never let go of me.

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on,

A glorious light beyond all compare;

And there will be an end to these troubles. But until that day comes,

We'll live to know You here on the earth.

And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me; And if my God is with me,

Whom shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear? (Chorus)

Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on. And there will be an end to these troubles. But until that day comes, Still I will praise You, still I will praise You. (Repeat, then sing chorus) © 2005 Thankyou Music. All Rights Reserved. Used by Permission, CCLI# 646308.

#### THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Micah 6:1-8; Ps. 15; 1 Cor. 1:18-31; Matt. 5:1-12

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ruth Bryan from the Bryan family, and in loving memory of Helen Springer from Shelly, Jackie and Larry Springer.

THE MUSIC LEADERS: Emmanuel Praise Team
THE USHERS: Kathy Lash, Catherine Peterson

# 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 James Anthony Altheide on the occasion of his Baptism. We ask God to strengthen James as he grows and to bless his parents, Nathaniel and Lauren (Johnson) Altheide and his sponsors, Cameron and Alicyn Truemper, as they raise and nurture James in his Baptismal faith.
  - o Pray for the family of Robert Beall (husband of Ruth), and for the family of Gretchen Breininger (friend of Ruth Anne Teeple), 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 Huesner, Marcille Burtch, Ed Braun, Jacqueline Springer (wife of Larry), Ron Bear, Margie Domenichelli, Kathy Schweyer, Don Bartelt, Dottie Coppolino (sister of Sherry Baker), Jerry Kanning, Jacob Lichstinn, Chuck Nelson, Betsy Gibson (daughter of Mary Kleinschmidt), Hannah Mast (daughter of Michael and Shirley Harvey), Ray Behling (Father of David Behling), Phyllis Tittman, Vickie Tufley (sister of Judy Huesner), Maury Springer, Patrick Agerton, Harry Brown (father-in-law of Kristina Brown), Taylor Hogan (son of Arlan and Robin Hogan), Curt Reese (brother-in-law of Sandra Nahrwold), David Merkler, Kristy Fitzgerald.
  - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Dave Behling, Janel Byers, Allen Herbst, Faith Harless, Marty Renner, LindaSue Landis, Larry Lankenau, Edie Lesh, Noni Hoham, Doris Hoffman, Cynda Clark, Troy

Sargent, Becky Nahrwold, Paul Parker, Gretchen Breininger (friend of Ruth Anne Teeple), David Nahrwold (father of Seth Nahrwold), Mitch Platt, Steve Mueller.

- o Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Marty Imler, Judi Brunow, Angela Osborn, Jamie McConnell, Beth Woodward, Tom Eggold, Lois Howe (aunt of Bob Frye), Peg Davis, Jenny Hobby (sister of Chris Murphy), Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Richard Vargas (brother-in-law of Kris Tinsley), and Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith).
- Join our staff in praying for the following members this week:
  - o Taya Resac
  - o Mike and Wanda Reuille
  - o Jim and Renee Reynolds, James and Savannah
  - o Cindy Rich
  - Nick and Jennifer Rich, Claire and Ethan
  - o Kelly Richards, McKenna
  - o Mary Richards, Lily
  - o Eric Richardson
  - o Lori Richey
  - o Jerry and Jolene Rider
- Please pray for the missions supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
  - o Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf Ponce, Puerto Rico
  - Rev. Aaron Spratt Alaska Mission for Christ
  - Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)
  - o Rev. Michael Paul Taiwan
  - o The Lutheran Heritage Foundation
  - Luther Academy
  - Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM)
  - Lutherans For Life (LFL)

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

Sunday School Classes 9:15 - 10:15 A.M.

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CLASS	LOCATION		
Little Flock (Birth - Age 2)	Room 7 (Lower Level, School)		
3-5 Year Olds	Room 6 (Lower Level, School)		
K-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Room 105 (Middle Level, School)		

3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Room 104 (Middle Level, School)		
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	Room 102 (Middle Level, School)		
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	Room 101 (Middle Level, School)		
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	Ebenezer, Lower Level		
9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	The Loft		

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

CLASS	LOCATION	DATES	INSTRUCTOR
Handling the Word of	Sanctuary	1/8-3/26	Pr. McFadden
Truth			
Marriage Is	Mr. Staub's Rm	1/8-2/12	Matt & Amy Konow,
	(Top floor, School)		John & Sarah Martin
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall	1/8-3/26	Eggold, Sheafer, Hille
Sunday School for	Mrs. Frerking's Rm		
Grown Ups	(Top floor, School)	1/15-3/26	Pr. Mark Sheafer
Feasts of the Old	Mr. Staub's Rm		
Testament	(Top floor, School)	2/19-3/26	Jan Williams

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
	Ebenezer Hall		6:00 pm
Adult) Bible Study		(Not on 1/1)	•
Women's Book Study	The Loft	Mondays	8:30 am
LifeLight - Gospel of Matthew	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	5:30 pm
	Ebenezer Hall	Tuesdays (1st & 3rd)	7:30 pm
(Beth Williams 402-803-5303)			
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

Visual Faith Ministries - Emmanuel's Visual Faith Ministry (VFM) invites you to join a Faith Mail adventure on Tuesday, February 21, 6:00-8:00 p.m. This Faith Mail Project correlates with the VFM pillar "Tell" as a creative way to tell others of His faithfulness. The completed project will be a pocket in which to put prayers and additional fun completed items to send in the mail to a friend or family member to help them know you are thinking of and praying for them. Using Faith Mail, we share parts of our faith story and also encourage others. Consequently, we send out our prayers in a tangible form. It's simple, fun, and inspirational. Prayer templates will be provided along with all other additional supplies. Sign up at the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall and join us!

LFL Baby Shower - On the weekend of January 28 and 29, your local Lutherans For Life team will celebrate NEW life by holding a baby shower to benefit the Fort Wayne Women's Care Center. Needed are slightly-used or new baby items, along with larger articles such as Pack and Play portable play yards (crib) which provide a safe place for baby to sleep. A gift as simple as a pack of diapers will be sent to Shepherd of the City, who hands out thousands of diapers each year to parents in dire need. Bring your donations to any of our three church services on January 28 and 29, and your Lutherans For Life team will most gratefully accept them on behalf of the little ones!

Are You Missing Your Favorite Travel Mug/Cup? If so, check out the table in Ebenezer Hall that has travel mugs, water bottles and children's cups that have been left at church. Any cups that are left at the end of January will be donated.

New Emmanuel Bible Reading Plan - Are you looking for a way to read the Bible with greater consistency and regularity? Would it be helpful to have a way to engage the Bible for 10-15 minutes a day and also have it prepare you for Emmanuel's services on the weekend? This year, Emmanuel's app will feature a new plan that could help. This new Bible reading plan can be found by clicking the "Bible" icon at the bottom of the app's home screen. Then click the plan option on the bottom of the next screen. This new plan will run through the readings for the upcoming weekend two times in the week prior. Here's the weekly breakdown for the new plan:

- Monday: First Reading & Weekly Psalm
- Tuesday: Second Reading & Weekly Psalm
- Wednesday: Third Reading & Weekly Psalm
- Thursday: First Reading & Weekly Psalm
- Friday: Second Reading & Weekly Psalm
- Saturday: Third Reading & Weekly Psalm
- Sunday: Rest Day

This is another way for our church family to unite around God's Word in this new year! Give it a try!

PrayerWorks - Electric Works has already had a huge impact on our neighborhood and city. Along with the restaurants, shops, and businesses that will define this new development in the heart of West Central, there will also be a space dedicated to Jesus, and set aside for the purpose of praying for the city and world. PrayerWorks is now open. Emmanuel will be hosting PrayerWorks on Thursday, February 9. Watch our weekly email in the coming weeks for more information on how you can help.

Donate a Catechism - Liberian Children's Ministry is collecting catechisms to share with students and families throughout the Lutheran school system in Liberia. If you have an extra copy of *Luther's Small Catechism* (any edition) which you would be willing to donate, please drop it off at the church office or the Connections Counter.

2023 Contribution Envelopes - Contribution envelope packets for 2023 are available to pick up in Ebenezer Hall until the end of January. Please check the alphabetized list provided on the table to find your envelope number. If you do not find a packet with your name, and you would like envelopes for 2023, please stop by or call the church office during the work week.

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 15, for our Kindergarten Information & Enrollment Session to get a clear picture of what ESM is all about. With a long history of academic achievement, Emmanuel - St. Michael Lutheran School exceeds the standard for excellence of education in northeast Indiana. However, at ESM we hope to provide even more. At ESM, our deep commitment to investing in the whole family while also providing excellent academics ensures that your child will be prepared for their future calling, confident in who they are in Christ, and have a sense of community as they grow. REGISTER at www.esmeagles.com/enrollment/kindergarten-open-house.

**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.

Communion Services on Wednesdays - We continue to offer a special service of Holy Communion on Wednesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. For these services, social distancing recommendations will be followed, and there will be no singing.

# The Stewardship of the Church

**EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES** 

Year to Date: \$91,665 Anticipated Need Thru January, 2023: \$161,894

DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Last Week: \$287 Year to Date: \$901

CUP OF KINDNESS

Last Week: \$250 Year to Date: \$476

IN ALL GENERATIONS

Received: \$2,499,648 Goal: \$5,000,000 Pledged: \$3,000,172

### The Calendar of the Church

### Monday, January 23

9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

5:00 p.m. LifeLight

7:00 p.m. Church Council

### Tuesday, January 24

5:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

### Wednesday, January 25

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

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

9:00 a.m. Home School Religion

9:00 a.m. Wednesday Playgroup

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

11:30 a.m. Communion Service

### Thursday, January 26

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys

9:00 a.m. Piece Makers

### Friday, January 27

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

9:00 a.m. ESM Joint School Chapel

### Saturday, January 28

8:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training

3:30 p.m. Praise Team

5:00 p.m. Divine Worship with Communion

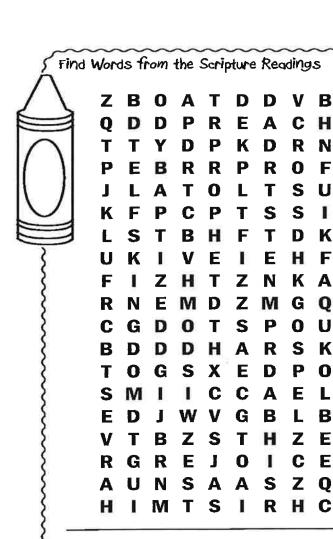
### Sunday, January 29

8:00 a.m. Divine Worship Service with Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Divine Worship Service with Communion

6:00 p.m. FWYA Bible Study



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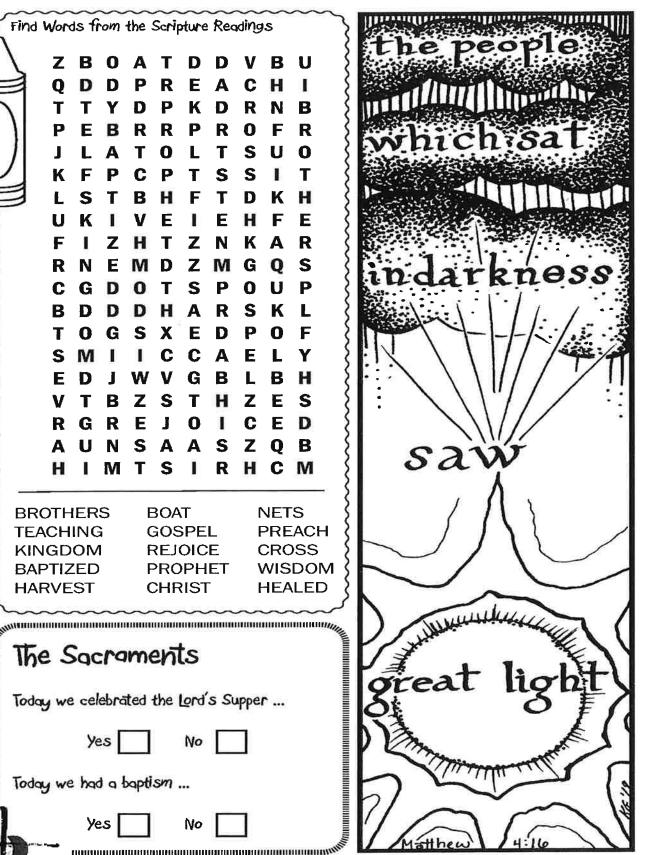
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VISUAL &FAITH This Visual Faith resource is designed to help visual and tactile learners take worship into the week. You can find more Visual Faith resources at <a href="https://www.visualfaithmin.org">https://www.visualfaithmin.org</a>.

### 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

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Craig Dahlkamp, Worship Director
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