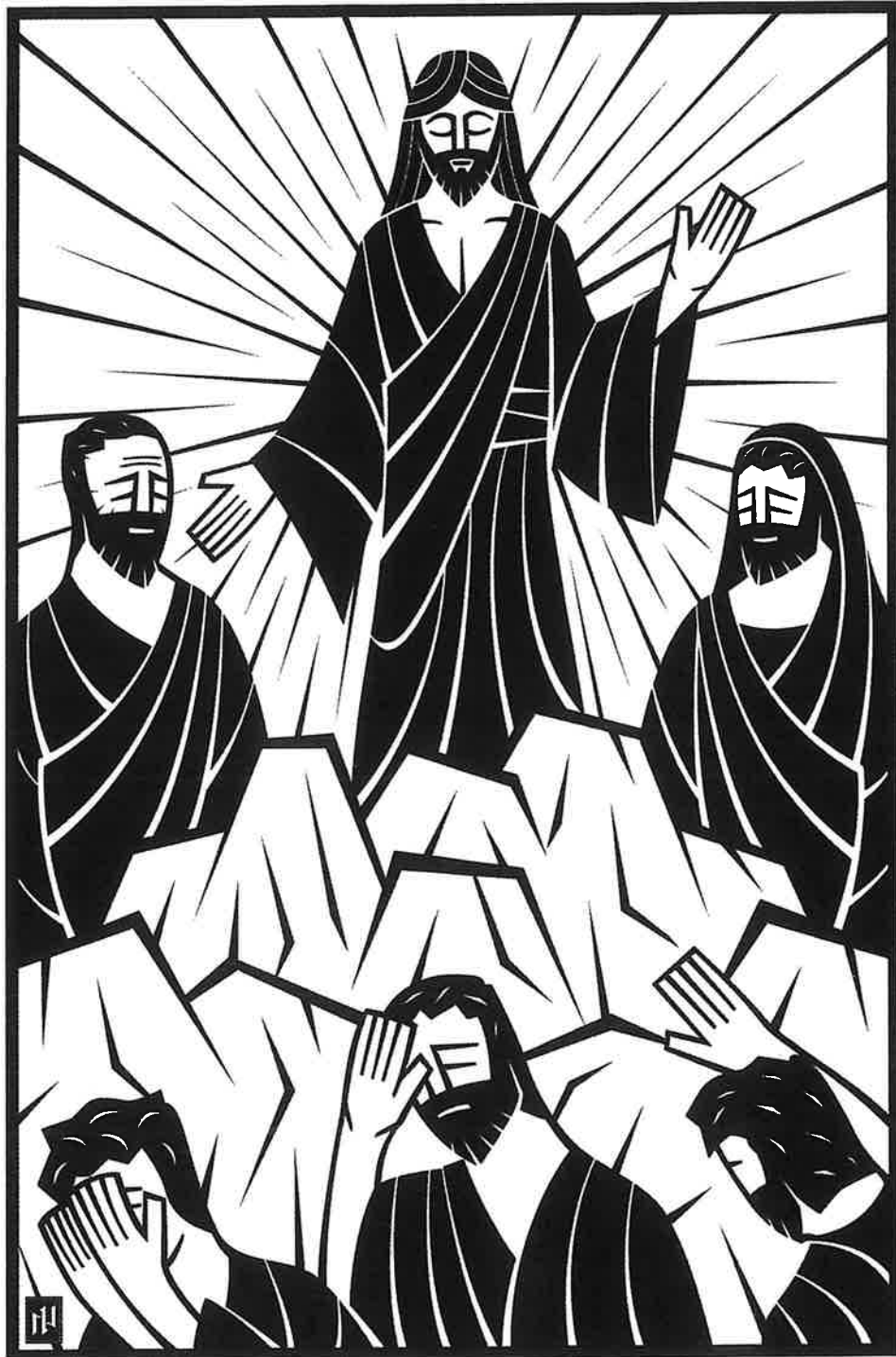


Divine Worship at 5:00



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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

“Transfiguration”

AS WE GATHER

This weekend we celebrate the Transfiguration: that moment when Jesus was transformed before the disciple's eyes. It was a dazzling moment. Moses and Elijah appeared, there was a glorious cloud and a voice from heaven; all of it exactly as you might expect when God is involved. After all, this is the kind of spectacle that makes sense to us. This is who God is, who He must be. He is not a God content to stay on a mountain, though. He has a grander plan than this!

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: “His Mercy Is More”

(Chorus)

Praise the Lord; His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many His mercy is more. (Chorus)

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor.
Our sins they are many His mercy is more. (Chorus)

What riches of kindness He lavished on us?
His blood was the payment His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
Our sins they are many His mercy is more. (Repeat)

Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

(Please stand as able)

THE INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

THE OPENING SENTENCES (Psalm 50:1-2; 67:1, 3; 2 Corinthians 4:6)

Leader: The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us.

People: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

Leader: For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"

People: has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.

People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

Leader: We confess that we have not always listened to Your Word and have not brought glory to You through our words and our deeds.

People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

Leader: We confess that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, begrudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

Leader: We confess that we have not always been defenders of the weak and the needy,

People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

Leader: We repent of all that is sinful in our lives, both those things that we know of and those things unknown to us that are against Your righteous laws.

People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

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

Leader: Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Leader: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.
People: Amen.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Jesus Messiah"

He became sin, who knew no sin that we might become His righteousness
He humbled himself and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

(Chorus)

Jesus Messiah, name above all names, blessed redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven;
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine, broken and poured out all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, love so amazing. (Chorus)

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You;
All the glory to You, God, the light of the world. (Chorus)

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THE FIRST READING: Exodus 24:8-18

And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words." ⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. ¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them." ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. ⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

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.

THE RESPONSE: “‘Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”
‘Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.

‘Tis Good, Lord, to be here, Thy beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand, They messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be,
We hail Thy body glorified and our redemption see.

‘Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
But since You bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Lutheran Service Book

THE SERMON

Pastor Jon Meyer

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: “When Peace Like a River”
When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

(Chorus)

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. (Chorus)

He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Chorus)

**And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. (Chorus)**

Lutheran Service Book. Arrangement by Craig Dahlkamp

(Please stand as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Almighty and merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give You thanks for revealing to the world Your goodness and mercy in the gift of Your beloved Son. Being of one substance with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, He has revealed Your glory chiefly in His sacrifice on the cross for the life of the world. Make us certain that because He died and lives again, we and all who trust in Him are now given eternal life in the forgiveness of our sin. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: By Your Word and Spirit, rule and govern Your holy Church throughout the world in order that we may be preserved in the pure doctrine of Your saving Word and may be strengthened in faith and love. Send forth laborers into Your harvest that Your kingdom be extended to all nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant Your help and protection to all who are in the authority of government, bless our country that righteousness and peace abound that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort with Your Holy Spirit all who are in trouble, want, sickness, or any adversity, that they may receive healing of body and mind, and peace in their souls. Bless all medical professionals and emergency workers and all who supply the needy in any way. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We give thanks for all Your prophets and apostles who have faithfully delivered Your Word through the ages, and for all Your witnesses who have gone before us and are now with You in Your divine presence. Keep us in the sure faith and hope of Your Word that we may one day look upon our Savior face-to-face in the glory of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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

People: Amen.

THE PREFACE (Spoken responsively by the Congregation)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

THE PROPER PREFACE

Leader: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

“SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)”

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Heavenly Hosts,

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Heavenly Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Blessed is he who comes,

Blessed is he who comes, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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THE LORD’S PRAYER (spoken together)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (Served by stations)

When Jesus said, “This is My Body...This is My Blood,” He really meant it. As Lutherans, we believe in the real bodily presence of Christ in the Sacrament, not merely in a figurative or symbolic sense. This means that Jesus’ body and blood are actually present in the bread and wine received in Holy Communion. In this meal our faith is strengthened and forgiveness is assured. This gift is an act of God’s love, which we don’t deserve, cannot explain, and don’t even fully understand. We humbly believe it. It is a request of our congregation that anyone who wishes to commune with us would share this faith. If you are not receiving the Lord’s Supper today but desire a blessing, approach the Pastor with your arms crossed over your heart. The individual cups located in the

center of each tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those having that medical need. Individually packaged gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please ask the Communion Assistant if you have this dietary need.

THE DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“What Is This Bread”

What is this bread? Christ’s body risen from the dead:

This bread we break This life we take,

Was crushed to pay for our release.

O taste and see—the Lord is peace.

What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;

The cup of grace Brings His embrace

Of life and love until I sing!

O taste and see—the Lord is King.

So who am I, That I should live and He should die

Under the rod? My God, my God,

Why have You not forsaken me?

O taste and see—the Lord is free.

Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,

In mouth and soul He makes us whole—

Christ, truly present in this meal.

O taste and see—the Lord is real.

Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!

I do believe That I receive

His very body and His blood.

O taste and see—the Lord is good.

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“Communion”

(Chorus)

This is the body and this is the blood

Broken and poured out for all of us.

And in this communion, we share in His love.

This is the body and this is the blood.

Well, I will remember ev’rything Lord,

That You’ve done for me.

I won’t take for granted the sacrifice that set me free.

I hunger and thirst for You, Lord.

Come fill me today. (Chorus)

We hunger and thirst for Your love.

And Your righteousness.

We long for Your presence here, Lord.

Be with us again. (Chorus)

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THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

Alleluia, song of gladness,
Voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem
Ever raised by choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding
Thus they sing eternally.

Alleluia, thou resoundest,
True Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia, joyful mother,
All thy children sing with thee,
But by Babylon's sad waters
Mourning exiles now are we.

Alleluia cannot always
Be our song while here below;
Alleluia, our transgressions
Make us for a while forgo;
For the solemn time is coming
When our tears for sin must flow.

Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee,
Grant us, blessed Trinity,
At the last to keep Thine Easter
With Thy faithful saints on high;
There to Thee forever singing
Alleluia joyfully.

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THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Gen. 3:1-21; Ps. 32:1-7; Rom. 5:12-19; Matt. 4:1-11

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ivan Yeiter from Pat and family; in loving memory of our parents, Orby and Dolores Hurless from Deb, Pam and Lee; and in loving memory of the February birthdays of Debra Wyss, Fred Wyss and Herb Bulmahn from David and Karen Wyss.

USHERS: Dale and Pat Bultemeier

COMMUNION: Steve Bredemeyer

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 Callaghan May Miller on the occasion of her Baptism. We ask God to strengthen Callaghan as she grows and to bless her parents Joshua and Katelyn, and her sponsors Zach and Jessica Strasser and Tim and Leah Koehlinger as they raise and nurture Callaghan in her Baptismal faith.
 - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Pam Carmichael (sister of Deb Percy), Steve Herman, River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia Williams, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie Kidwell (mother of Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Deb Percy, Ed Braun, Norv McClure, Janine (friend of Lauryn Longworth), Gracelynn Anderson (granddaughter of Tim and Cindy Anderson), Randi Gramling (cousin of Deb Percy), Stan Thompson, Deb Epperson, Salem Lee Hilty, Faith Behling, William Rush, Wayne McClure, LuAnn Reichhart (mom of Brent Reichhart), Cohen (grandson of Matt and Kim Benne), Lynn Auman (father of Kim Faley), Amanda Cornyn-Bradford (daughter of Mike and Aprel Cornyn), Michaela Procise
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Jan Reche, Anne Kelly, Wes Harless, Jim Bennett, Amy Konow, Molly Keltsch, Larry Von Gunten
 - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Bonnie Havener (sister-in-law of George and Becki Elonzae), Karen Burtch (sister-in-law of Lori Richey), Amy Krontz (daughter-in-law of David and Karen Wyss), Mary Grosjean, Peg Davis, Ashley Edge (niece of Barb and Gary Lesh), Barb Hambrock, Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Shelly Koenig (friend of Matt & Amy Konow), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith), Tina Bennett, Dennis McFadden, Lisa Toth (Pepple), Laura Herrick (Caroline Eber's niece), Art Klausmeier, Roger Kuehnert, John Jennings (friend of Dave and Tammy Bair), Bruce Williams, Rob Roehm, Ann Schwartz, Hazel Krenzke (Brian and Anna Snodgrass's niece), Robert Burmeister (Hannah Swor's dad), Roxanne Moore, Marsha Sappenfield, Jenny Nehrenz (niece of Charlene Hess), Rick Bair (brother of Dave and Tammy Bair), Gary Thompson (father of Carly Bennett)

- Prayers for PALS - PALS is a program in which Emmanuel members partner with Washington School students to build relationships and strengthen reading skills in a Christian environment. Each week we will pray for some of our Washington School PALS or helpers, and we encourage you to join us in the ministry. This week, we are praying for Justin & Daisey.
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - Steve and Pamela Bryan
 - Jim and Kimberly Buckhardt
 - Tony Buckhardt
 - Linda Buell
 - Josh Buesching
 - Kathy Buesching
 - Nathan Buesching
 - Brian Bulmahn
 - Dale and Pat Bultemeier
 - Rick Burke, Jr.
- Please pray for the missions supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
 - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf - Ponce, Puerto Rico
 - Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)
 - Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
 - Heidi Wilkinson - Ethiopia
 - The Lutheran Heritage Foundation
 - Luther Academy
 - Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM)
 - Lutherans For Life (LFL)
 - Lutheran Bible Translators

If you have a prayer request that you would like to make known to our Emmanuel family, please email me at taeggold@hotmail.com. If you would like to join the Emmanuel Prayer Chain, please email Marsha Sappenfield at marshasappenfield@comcast.net or call 260-616-0679.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism: Thank God for the baptisms so far in 2026:
Callaghan Miller

The Teaching of the Church

Want Help Growing in the Word? Regularly visit Pastor Brunow's website <http://www.genesbrunotes.com>. The website offers notes on each chapter of Scripture, Bible studies, tips for preparing for worship, and a weekly devotion based on the Gospel reading for the coming week. You can find these devotions under the "Sermon Notes Plus" option.

Sunday School and Bible Class 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

CLASS	LOCATION
Little Flock (Birth - Age 3)	School Room A5 (Extended Care)
4-5 Year Olds	School Room A3
K-1 st Grade	School Room A1
2 nd -3 rd Grade	School Room B3
4 th -5 th Grade	School Room B5
6 th -7 th Grade	School Room D2
8 th Grade	School Room D3 (Art/Science)
High School	Loft
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall
Galatians	LL Ebenezer
Living Faithfully in a Fallen World	Sanctuary

Weekday Bible Classes...

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

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

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

The News of the Church

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

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

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

Washington Elementary Donations – Washington is in need of clothing, sizes 5 - 12 (girls and boys). Please bring your donations to the church office. Thank you for your kindness and support of Washington School.

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



Lunch Bunch (60+) - The next Lunch Bunch is Tuesday, February 17. Our special guests will be from Fairhaven Funeral Home, as well as an elder law attorney. They look forward to sharing how to make necessary arrangements before you need them. They will offer information about preplanning protections and protecting your assets as well as address any questions you might have, helpful information even if you have already completed some preplanning.

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



Eagles Rise Auction Donations - Now collecting donations! Please contact either of our auction coordinators if you have something to give! Erin Neuenschwander at 260.417.8373 or Lisa Terrell at 260.710.1949. All items should be gathered by Thursday, February 26.

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

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



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



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

Newspaper Needed - Do you have a stack of newspaper laying around? We would love to use it for VBS! We have some fun decor pieces we are going to start working on. Drop off any and all newspaper to the church office labeled "VBS". Thanks for your help!

ESM Position Open - ESM is in need of morning help with our Extended Care from 6:30 - 8:30 a.m., Monday - Friday at either Getz or Union. Individual days

available if you're willing to help but can't do every day of the week. Please contact Analicia Nunez at anunez@esmeagles.com if you're interested or able.

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, February 16

ESM NO SCHOOL

3:30 p.m. Lifelight

5:30 p.m. Lifelight

6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

7:00 p.m. WC Neighborhood
Association Meeting

Tuesday, February 17

11:00 a.m. Lunch Bunch

6:00 p.m. Stephen Training

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

Wednesday, February 18

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

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

9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion

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

11:30 a.m. Communion Service

3:30 p.m. PALS

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 19

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys

9:00 a.m. Piece Makers

9:00 a.m. TEC21

3:30 p.m. Food Pantry

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

7:00 p.m. @917

Friday, February 20

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

6:30 p.m. ESM Talent Show

Saturday, February 21

9:30 a.m. Clay & Iron Brunch

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

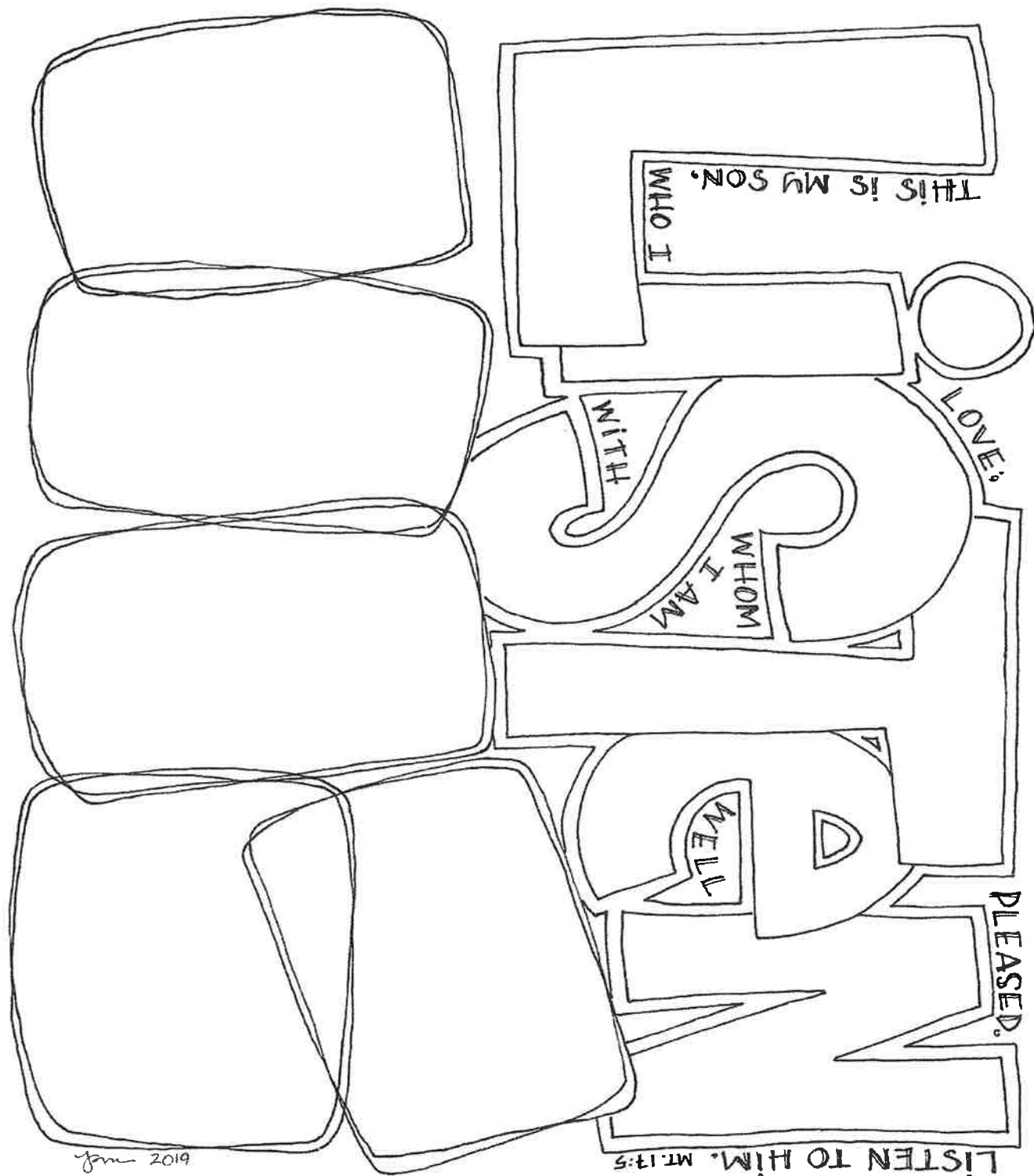
6:00 p.m. EYG Euchre Tournament

Sunday, February 22

8:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service



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

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Building faith in the city

We are a caring family of baptized Christians bound together in the forgiveness which God has provided all people through His Son, Jesus.

This family exists to announce this gift of forgiveness to individuals of all nations and cultures through the preaching of God's Word and the administration of the Sacraments. Emmanuel instructs young and old according to the confessional standard of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and reaches out through forgiving relationships, working to connect all members of the family through caring friendships.

Emmanuel serves as shepherds of the sheep; seekers of the lost; friends of sinners; and caregivers to the poor, lonely and broken-hearted. It is a family that cares for all people and reaches out to witness to the love and forgiveness found in Jesus Christ.

Emmanuel Worship Services are designed to share God's love and forgiveness through the ministry of Word and Sacrament. We offer a variety of worship styles and we encourage you to worship in the liturgical style that best meets your needs.

Saturday Evening Divine Service—This service offers a contemporary setting and is held on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning Divine Services—These services are held on Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. and feature worship in a traditional liturgical setting.

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