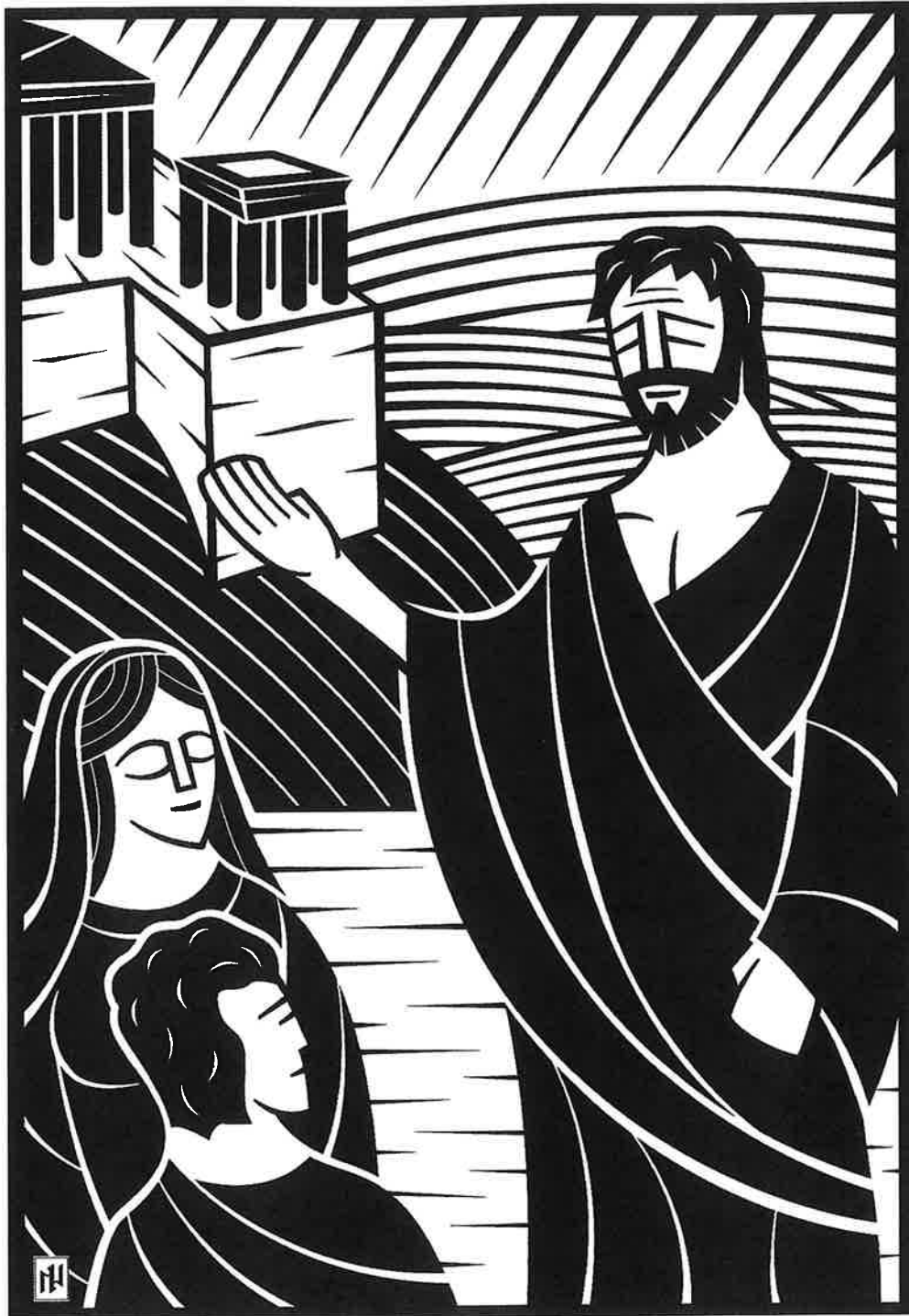


Divine Service at 5:00



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 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 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: “House of the Lord”

We worship the God who was. We worship the God who is.
We worship the God who evermore will be.
He opened the prison doors. He parted the raging sea.
Our God, He holds the victory.

(Chorus)

There's joy in the house of the Lord.
There's joy in the house of the Lord today.
And we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise.
There's joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place.
And we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise.

We sing to the God who heals. We sing to the God who saves.
We sing to the God who always makes a way.
'Cause He hung upon that cross then He rose up from that grave.
My God's still rolling stones away. (Chorus)

We were the beggars. Now we're royalty.

We were the pris'ners. Now we're running free.
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace.
Let the house of the Lord sing praise.
'Cause we were the beggars. Now we're royalty.
We were the pris'ners. Now we're running free.
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace.
Let the house of the Lord sing praise. (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 BAPTISM OF: Sadie Ross Nichols

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Spoken together)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: Sadie Ross Nichols

People: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His kingdom.

Pastor: And you, Sadie, the Lord bless you in all your ways from this time forth and even forevermore.

People: Amen.

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.

(Chorus)

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! For the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven's gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin, Lets His little child come in. (Chorus)

Jesus loves me! He will stay Close beside me all the way.
He's prepared a home for me, And some day His Face I'll see. (Chorus)

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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 SHARING OF PEACE

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Breathe"

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe,
Your holy presence living in me.
This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread,
Your very Word spoken to me.

(Chorus)

And I, I'm desp'rate for You. And I, I'm lost without You.

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe,
Your holy presence living in me.
This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread,
Your very Word spoken to me. (Chorus, two times)

This is the air I breathe. This is the air I breathe.

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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 MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Amen (Because He Lives)"

I believe in the Son. I believe in the Risen One.
I believe I overcome by the power of His blood.

Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives!
Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends,
because He lives!

I was dead in the grave. I was covered in sin and shame.
I heard mercy call my name. He rolled the stone away!
Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives!
Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone.
I know He holds my life, my future in His hands.

Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives!
Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends.
Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives!
Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends,
Because He lives; Because He lives.

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THE SERMON

Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please take the black binder at the end of each pew, and fill out the appropriate info.
We encourage our members to greet our visitors after the service.

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Might to Save"

Ev'ryone needs compassion, a love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me.
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations.

(Chorus)

Savior, He can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.
Forever Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, All my fears and failures; fill my life again.
I give my life to follow ev'rything I believe in.
Now I surrender, yes, I surrender. (Chorus)

Shine Your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.
Jesus shine Your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King. (Chorus)

You're my Savior, You can move the mountains.
God, You are mighty to save, You are mighty to save.
Forever Author of salvation, You rose and conquered the grave,
Yes, You conquered the grave. You are mighty to save.

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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 LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken together)

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THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "All Because of Jesus, I'm Alive"

Giver of every breath I breathe, Author of all eternity.
Giver of every perfect thing, To You be the glory.
Maker of Heaven and of earth
No one can comprehend Your worth.
King over all the universe To You be the glory.
And I am alive because I'm alive in You.

(Chorus)

It's all because of Jesus I'm alive.
It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ.
It covers me and raised this dead one's life.
It's all because of Jesus I'm alive.

Giver of every breath I breathe, Author of all eternity.
Giver of every perfect thing, To You be the glory.
Maker of Heaven and of earth
No one can comprehend Your worth.
King over all the universe To You be the glory.
And I am alive because I'm alive in You.

It's all because of Jesus I'm alive.
It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ.
It covers me and raised this dead one's life.
It's all because of Jesus.

Every sunrise sings Your praise, the universe cries out Your praise.
I'm singing freedom all my days, now that I'm alive. (Chorus)

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THE POSTLUDE

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.

THE MUSIC LEADERS: Emmanuel Praise Team
THE USHERS: Mike and Cathy Paff

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.

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.

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.

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?



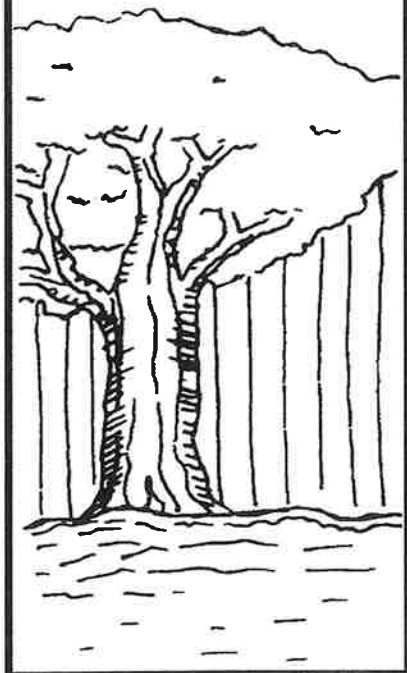
How can I use this in my life?

Who can I share Jesus with this week?

MY PRAYERS

Songs we sang:





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.

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