

# 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](mailto:taeggold@hotmail.com), or Pastor Sheaffer at [pastordan@emmanuelutheran.org](mailto:pastordan@emmanuelutheran.org), or call either of us at (260) 423-1369. We would love to talk with you.

# “The Reign of the Root of Jesse”

## AS WE GATHER

This weekend's readings are filled with language that describes God's kingdom. We hear about the coming reign of the "Root of Jesse", a phrase that points us to Jesus as the coming Savior who has been promised. From these readings we learn that Jesus' reign is one that leads to peace by calling people to repentance and sharing with them the hope of the God who is merciful and faithful to His promises. May this God of hope, fill us all this day with joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope today and until He returns. Amen.

## THE GATHERING TIME

During the Gathering Time, we encourage our members to greet each other and to warmly welcome visitors into our fellowship. Kindly turn off all cellphones and please sit toward the center of the pew so there is room for all who worship.

## THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

## THE WORDS OF WELCOME

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Bethlehem Candle

Leader: As we light the second candle on our Advent wreath, the Bethlehem Candle, we remember how God chose the little town of Bethlehem to be the birthplace of our Savior, fulfilling the Old Testament prophecy and making great what was small. We pray:

People: We give You thanks, our heavenly Father, that You exalt the humble and bring down the proud. Grant that as we travel once more to Bethlehem to greet our Savior and King, we may be humbled in His presence and blessed to serve Him well; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## THE GATHERING SONG: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

O Little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, And, gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the king, And peace to all the earth!

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem descend on us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

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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

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:8-9).

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Leader: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: Amen.

#### THE SHARING OF PEACE

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "The Advent of Our King"  
(Please stand as you are able for the last verse)

(Chorus)

Rise up, the Lord is coming! Rise up, this is the day;  
Rise up, and see the Light! O, Rise up, O Church of Faith!

The advent of our King our prayers must now employ, and we must hymns of welcome sing in strains of holy joy. (Chorus)

O Zion's daughter, rise to meet your lowly King, nor let your faithless heart despise the peace He comes to bring. (Chorus)

As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come again and His true members all unite with Him in Heav'n to reign. (Chorus)

(Musical Interlude)

All glory to the Son, who comes to set us free, with Father, Spirit, ever one through all eternity. (Chorus)

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#### THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup>In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### THE SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it

is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." <sup>10</sup>And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." <sup>11</sup>And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." <sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." <sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" <sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

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THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "O Come O Come Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Song of God appear.

(Chorus)

Rejoice, rejoice. Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
(Chorus two times)

(Musical Interlude)

O come, Thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home.  
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.  
(Chorus two times)

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## THE SERMON

Pastor Dan Sheaffer

## THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

## THE MUSICAL OFFERING: "Once in Royal David's City"

Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for His bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable, And His cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and mean and lowly Lived on earth our Savior holy.

For He is our childhood's pattern, Day by day like us He grew;  
He was little, weak, and helpless, Tears and smiles like us He knew;  
And He feels for all our sadness, And He shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own redeeming love;  
For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heav'n above;  
And He leads His children on To the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor, lowly stable With the oxen standing by  
Shall we see Him, but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high.  
Then like stars His children, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the Holy Church, that God would continually feed her with His Word and Sacraments as she looks for Christ's return, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For families, that they would faithfully fulfill their vocations to love and forgive one another, even as they grow in the fear, love and trust of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For civil authorities, that they would govern with justice and righteousness as leaders appointed by God to protect the innocent, punish the wicked and work for the common welfare of all, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For the sick and suffering, that as the day draws near when the wolf will dwell alongside the lamb and pain and destruction will be no more, God would grant them patience, comfort, and healing according to His will, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For all who commune this day, that their hearts would be stirred up to make ready the way of the Lord Jesus, who comes in His body and blood, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** Grant, heavenly Father, that we may be kept in joy and sustained in hope through every trouble and trial of this mortal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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



archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify  
Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### **“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**

### **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**

#### **“Where Shepherds Lately Knelt”**

Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel’s word,  
I come in half-belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred,  
But there is room and welcome there for me,  
But there is room and welcome there for me.

In that unlikely place I find Him as they said:  
Sweet newborn babe, how frail! And in a manger bed:  
A still, small voice to cry one day for me,

A still, small voice to cry one day for me.

How should I not have known Isaiah would be there,  
His prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare:  
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me,  
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.

Can I, will I forget how Love was born, and burned  
Its way into my heart—unasked, unforced, unearned,  
To die, to live, and not alone for me,  
To die, to live, and not alone for me?

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“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”  
(Please stand as you are able for the last verse)

On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be ev’ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.

We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without Thy grace we waste away Like flow’rs that wither and decay.

Lay on the sick Thy healing hand And make the fallen strong to stand;  
Show us the glory of Thy face Till beauty springs in ev’ry place.

All praise, eternal Son, to Thee Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit evermore.

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THE DISMISSAL

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)

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THE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Is.35:1-10; Ps. 146; James 5:7-11; Matt. 11:2-15

THE CHRISTMAS GREENS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God.

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Tom McLaughlin

USHER AND ALTAR GUILD: Dale and Pat Bultemeier

## + THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS +

(The following individuals will be received into membership at the 10:30 a.m. service)

Adult Confirmation	Nathaniel and Lauren Altheide, James Raquel Klug Mark Moore Cindy Rich Troy Turner Matthew Wright
Profession of Faith	Ann Woodward, Charlie Ed Dornseif
Transfers	Ron and Lynda Bear Brent and Elizabeth Bejot, Breaden and Oliver Michael and April Cornyn Tim and Christa Falkenstern, Ashley, Paige and Nathan Paul and Julie Fulghum Eric and Krista Hall, Carson Dan Hoffman Rick and Stephanie Hoffmann, Lauren and Lily Jason Kaiser, Celesta and Annalee Joyce Lehmann Brett and Jenel Meyer, Kylie, Evan and Carson Roxanne Moore Hayley Osborne Joshua and Ashley Peterson, Addie and Aubrey

Greg Rehberg  
Cathi Schenkel  
Lilith Schenkel  
Sarah Schwantz  
Christopher and Sarah Smith, Quinn and Madelyn  
Sarah Stegenga, Abigail and Hume  
Stephan Taylor, Alex  
Lisa and Nicholas Terrell, Haley and Kinley  
Joshua and Adrienne Vandercar, Aelah, Simeon,  
Isaiah, Naomi, Lydia and Grace

## 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:
  - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for 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, NeNe Vibbert (cousin of Becki Elonzae), 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, Jennifer Bergman, Kristy Fitzgerald.
  - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Edie Lesh, Noni Hoham, Doris Hoffman, Cynda Clark, Troy Sargent, Becky Nahrwold, Dave Harkless, Carol Salge, Paul Parker, Gretchen Breiningner (friend of Ruth Anne Teeple), Kathy Schweyer, Krisie Brown, David Nahrwold (father of Seth Nahrwold), Mitch Platt, Steve Mueller.
  - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Marty Imler, Judi Brunow, Angela Osborn, Mike Notter (brother-in-law of George and Becki Elonzae), 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:
  - Amanda Osborne, Raelynne
  - Austin and Hayley Osborne
  - Rodney and Julia Oser, Olivia
  - Brent and Janet Ostermeyer, Aaron, Clayton and Grayson

- Austyn and Mary Pace, Cassius
  - Mark and Shirley Pace
  - Shayne Pace
  - Zach and Rhianna Pace, Eowyn, Evandar, Ripken and Ryne
  - Katie Paetz, Jillian, Justin and Kennedy
  - Mike and Cathy Paff
- Please pray for the missions and missionaries currently 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)

If you have a prayer request that you would like to make known to our Emmanuel family, please email me at [taeggold@hotmail.com](mailto:taeggold@hotmail.com). If you would like to join the Emmanuel Prayer Chain, please email Marsha Sappenfield at [marshasappenfield@comcast.net](mailto: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.

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

CLASS	LOCATION	DATES	INSTRUCTOR
Faithfully Facing the End of Life	Sanctuary	11/27-12/18	Pr. McFadden
Sunday School for Grown Ups	School Rm 102	12/4-12/18	Pr. Mark Sheafer

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

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 103 (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

### 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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	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

**Advent at Emmanuel** - As we begin a new church year with the penitential season of Advent, we prepare to celebrate God's greatest gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. You are invited to join our church family in observing this season in the following ways:

**Advent Devotionals** - This year we are using an Advent devotional from Lutheran Hour Ministries entitled, "A Son is Given." You can find free copies at each of the church entrances.

**Family Advent Devotions** - New this year, Ms. Liz, Director of Children's Ministry, is posting weekly Family Advent Devotions. Families may gather together around an Advent wreath, watch the weekly video together, discuss the questions, and do an activity. You can find these devotions on the Emmanuel website ([emmanuel.lutheran.org](http://emmanuel.lutheran.org)) by selecting "Where To Watch," and "2022 Advent Devotions." If you have any questions, feel free to email Liz at [lbejot@emmanuel.lutheran.org](mailto:lbejot@emmanuel.lutheran.org).

**Advent Morning Prayer** - We offer an opportunity for spiritual preparation by holding a morning prayer service Mondays through Fridays from 7:30-7:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. This brief service of the Word will provide us with time in God's Word and feature hymns, Scripture readings, and a time of spoken and silent prayer.

**Midweek Worship** - We offer midweek Advent services on Wednesdays, November 30 and December 7, and the ESM School Christmas Service on Wednesday, December 14, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Emmanuel.

**Join Us for a Sing-Along!** - On Sunday, December 18, our organist Myra Schmidt and a few other Emmanuel musicians, will lead us in a preservice sing-along. The carols will begin 20 minutes before each service. Come early and sing loudly!

**Give the Gift of a Prayer Shawl This Christmas!** - Emmanuel's Prayer Shawl Ministry has shawls available year-round for you to take (for free!) for yourself or to give to a loved one who is in extra need of prayers. Consider giving one as a gift this Christmas to someone who could use some special care and attention to remind them that they are in your prayers and that they are loved by their Emmanuel family! You can find the new Christmas colored prayer shawls outside the sanctuary doors leading into Ebenezer Hall.

**Emmanuel Member Ruth Nicolet Turns 100!** On January 4, our sister in Christ, Ruth Nicolet turns 100 years old. Please consider sending Ruth a card or note of blessing as part of an Emmanuel card shower for Ruth. If you'd like to participate, you can mail your well wishes to: Ruth Nicolet, 6701 S. Anthony Blvd., Rm 313-C, Fort Wayne, IN 46816.

**Washington Elementary School's Santa Shop** is back! This shop offers the students at Washington School the opportunity to "shop" for items that they can gift to family members for Christmas. They are seeking donations of \$1-\$5 gift items for men, women, boys, and girls, and donations of wrapping paper, tissue paper, gift tags and bows. Please bring your donations to the church no later than Monday, December 12. There will be bins labeled "Washington School Santa Shop" in the Welcome Center and Ebenezer for your donations. Gift wrappers are also needed on December 16, 19, 20 and 21 from noon to 3:00 p.m. each day. Please call or text Diane Witzenman at 260.249.1307 to volunteer to wrap gifts. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

**"Stars and Promises" Christmas Concert at Emmanuel** - On Thursday, December 22, at 7:00 p.m., Emmanuel will welcome recording artist Peter Mayer and his band to the Emmanuel sanctuary for a special Christmas concert of traditional Christmas carols and original Christmas songs entitled, "Stars and Promises." Tickets for this unique performance may be purchased by going to Eventbrite.com and typing "stars and promises" into the search line. Peter Mayer (the son of Lutheran missionaries) is a guitarist, vocalist, songwriter, touring musician, and recording artist. Mayer has released 25 albums to date and tours year-round with the Peter Mayer Group. He is also the lead guitarist in Jimmy Buffett's band.

**Lutheran Witness** - If you would like to subscribe to the Lutheran Witness, please call Becki at the church office at 423-1369, or email her at

[becki@emmanuel Lutheran.org](mailto:becki@emmanuel Lutheran.org). Cost is \$19, and you can pay that through your contribution envelopes on the "other line" or you can drop your payment off at the church office. **Deadline for ordering is Monday, December 5.**

**Emmanuel's Food Pantry** - Food donations may be placed in the "Food Bank" cabinet in the Welcome Center. In addition to the regular food staples, there is a need for tissues, paper towels, and large and extra-large adult Depends. Cash donations may be placed in a church envelope and marked "food pantry" on the "other line". Members may stop by for food any day the church office is open. The food pantry is available to those living in the 46802 zip code on the third Thursday of each month from 3:30-5:00 p.m. If you are interested in serving on this ministry team, call Carolyn Beitz at 432-9189.

**Concordia Lutheran High School's Christmas at the Embassy** - You are all invited to CLHS's annual Christmas at the Embassy concert at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 11, at Ft. Wayne's historic Embassy Theatre. Kick off the Christmas season with sounds from CLHS bands, choirs, and orchestra students. It's a tradition that you won't want to miss! Tickets are \$12 for students/seniors and \$18 for general admission. Tickets are now on sale at Ticketmaster and at the Embassy Box Office.

**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. Children at Emmanuel - St. Michael Lutheran Preschool play, learn, and actively explore God's world under the guidance of caring, dedicated staff. With TWO campuses and flexible program options, you'll be sure to find the right fit. We invite you to join us on February 2 or February 9 for our Preschool Information & Enrollment sessions to get a clear picture of what ESM is all about. **LEARN MORE AND REGISTER at [www.esmeagles.com/earlychildhood/enrollment/early-childhood-open-house](http://www.esmeagles.com/earlychildhood/enrollment/early-childhood-open-house).**

**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 January 18, or 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](http://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 form 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: \$1,668,549	Anticipated Need Thru December: \$1,770,840
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### DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Last Week: \$197	Year to Date: \$16,589
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### CUP OF KINDNESS

Last Week: \$45	Year to Date: \$6,553
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### IN ALL GENERATIONS

Received: \$2,210,858	Goal: \$5,000,000	Pledged: \$2,992,172
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## The Calendar of the Church

### Monday, December 5

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service  
5:15 p.m. Handbell Practice

### Tuesday, December 6

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service  
7:30 p.m. Women's Bible Class

### Wednesday, December 7

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service  
8:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion  
9:00 a.m. Wednesday Play Group  
10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study  
11:30 a.m. Mid-Week Communion Service  
7:00 p.m. Advent Worship Service

### Thursday, December 8

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys

9:00 a.m. Piece Makers

### **Friday, December 9**

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

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service

### **Saturday, December 10**

3:30 p.m. Praise Team

5:00 p.m. Divine Worship Service

### **Sunday, December 11**

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

9:00 a.m. Gathering Time in Ebenezer Hall

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

9:15 a.m. New Member Brunch

10:30 a.m. Divine Worship Service

6:00 p.m. FWYA Bible Study



# My Worship Notes

Today is: \_\_\_\_\_  
The preacher is: \_\_\_\_\_

Today I ...

# Hope

\_\_\_\_\_ Brought a friend to Church.

\_\_\_\_\_ Spent time in prayer.

\_\_\_\_\_ Said "hello" to two people.

Today's Bible passages

# 1 \_\_\_\_\_

# 2 \_\_\_\_\_

# 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Words I don't understand ...

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Questions I have about  
what was said ...

How many times did I hear these words? (make a tally mark)

Repent	Written	Servant	Jesus
Rejoice	Peace	Praise	Hope

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

# EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Building faith in the city*

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Church Staff

**Thomas A. Eggold**, Senior Pastor  
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**Sarah Pennekamp**, Dir. of Discipleship  
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**Dennis McFadden**, Pastoral Assistant  
**Herb Schumm**, Pastoral Assistant

**Mark Sheaffer**, Pastoral Assistant  
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**Craig Dahlkamp**, Worship Director  
**Myra Schmidt**, Lead Organist  
**Dick Shively**, Business Manager  
**Becki Elonzae**, Office Manager  
**Randy Thompson**, Maintenance Supervisor  
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