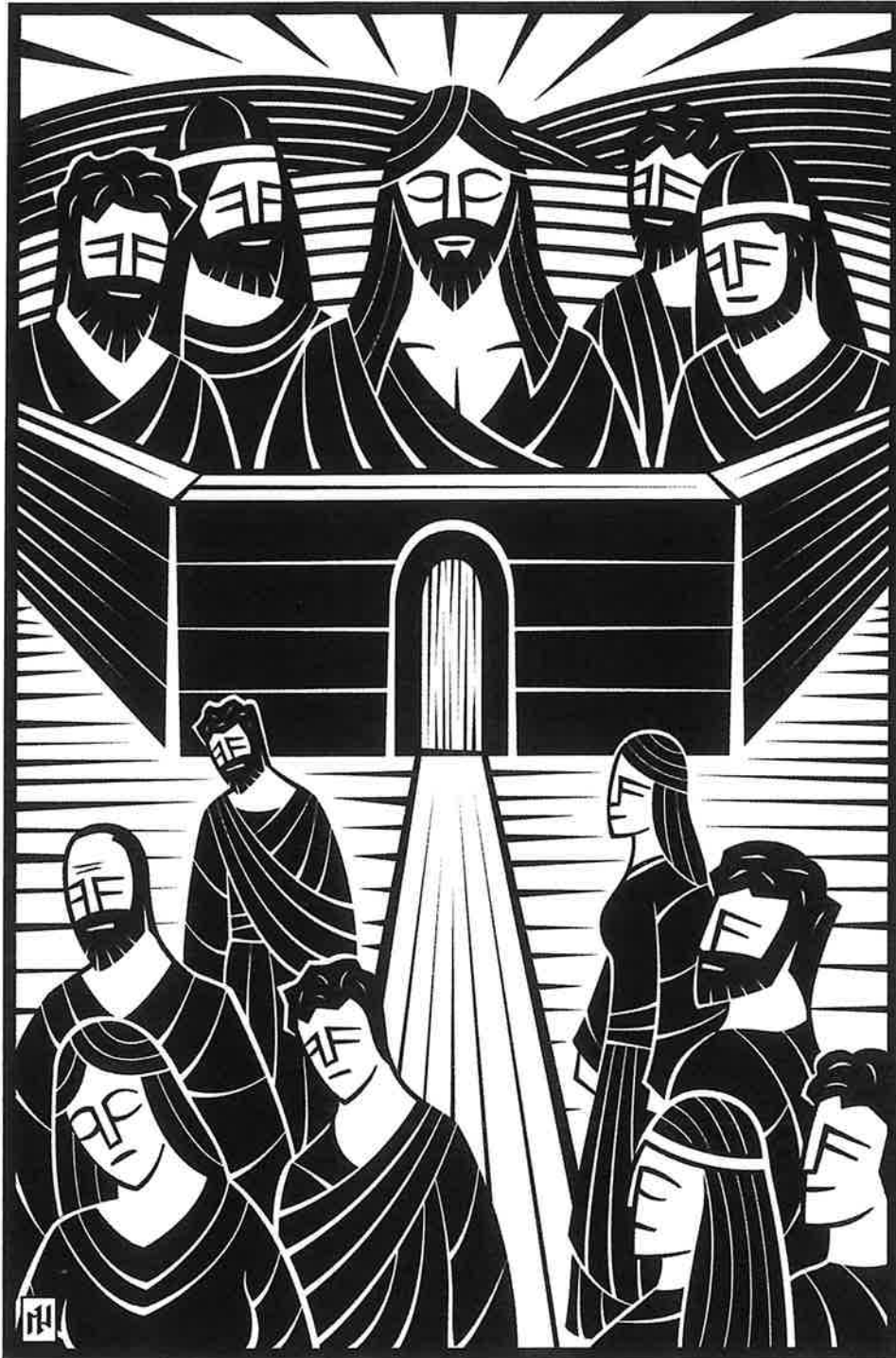


Divine Service at 5:00



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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

"The Narrow Door"

AS WE GATHER

We, who once were far from God; we who once were lost in our sin; we, who once clung to our works; we have been brought into the Kingdom of God – not because we've done enough, not because of anything in us, but because Jesus walked the narrow way of the Cross and by the blood of Christ alone we have been saved. This is the way and the truth and the life that has been given to us and it is this great and gracious act of God that gives Jesus' words meaning to us today.

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 OPENING SONG: "It Is You"

As we lift up our hands, will You meet us here?
As we call on Your name, will You meet us here?
We have come to this place to worship You, God of mercy and grace
It is You, we adore. It is You, praises are for
Only You, the heavens declare it is You, It is You.

(Chorus)

And holy, holy is our God Almighty
And holy, holy is His name alone
And holy, holy is our God Almighty
And holy, holy is His name alone

It is You, we adore, it is You, only You.

As we lift up our hands, will You meet us here?
As we call on Your name, will You meet us here?
We have come to this place to worship You, God of mercy and grace
It is You, we adore. It is You, praises are for
Only You, the heavens declare it is You, It is You.(Chorus)

As we lift up our hands, as we call on Your name
Will You visit this place by Your mercy and grace
As we lift up our hands, as we call on Your name
Will You visit this place by Your mercy and grace
It is You, we adore. It is You, it is You. (Chorus)

It is You, we adore; It is You, only You.

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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 OPENING SENTENCES (Psalm 103:1-2, 8, 13, 21-22)

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

Leader: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.

People: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: Bless the LORD, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will!

People: Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

THE CONFESSION OF SINS & ABSOLUTION

Leader: Let us now confess our sins to God, our Father.

People: Have mercy on us, Lord, and grant us Your forgiveness. We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We repent of our sins, those known to us and those unknown as well. Create in us clean hearts, gracious Lord, and put new and right spirits within us that we may be reconciled to You and at peace with all people. We trust in Christ alone for the forgiveness that we seek today and at all times. Give us the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us into paths of righteousness and finally bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

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

Leader: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I 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

(Please be seated)

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Lord, I Need You"

Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.

And without You, I fall apart. You're the One that guides my heart.

(Chorus)

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.

My one Defense, my Righteousness, O God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.

Where grace is found is where You are.

And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

Where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. (Chorus)

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.

And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my Hope and Stay.

And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my Hope and Stay.

(Chorus two times)

My one Defense, my Righteousness, O God, how I need You.

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THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:18-23

"For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD. ²²"For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. ²³From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:4-24

In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. ⁶For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." ⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are

illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. ¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears. ¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 13:22-30

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, ²⁴"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' ²⁶Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south,

and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: “May the Peoples Praise You”

You have called us out of darkest night, into Your glorious light,

That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.

May our ev'ry breath retell the grace that broke into our strife

With boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life.

(Chorus)

May the peoples praise You, let the nations be glad!

All Your blessing comes that we may praise,

May praise the name of Jesus.

All the earth is Yours and all within, each harvest is Your own,

And from Your hand we give to You, to make Christ known.

May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard,

May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word. (Chorus)

This our holy priv'lege to declare Your praises and Your Name

To ev'ry nation, tribe and tongue Your church proclaim. (Chorus)

Holy, Holy, is the Lord Almighty. Worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

Holy, Holy, is the Lord Almighty. All creation praise Your glorious Name.

(Chorus two times)

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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: "What an Awesome God"

God is great, give Him all the praise, Hallelujah, Name above all Names.
 Fire in His eyes, healing in His veins, everywhere His glory on display.
 Take a look at those stars, He can name them all.
 Before His throne every knee falls.
 The demons have to run, the angels have to praise,
 Even the wind and waves obey.

(Chorus)

Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above
 With wisdom, pow'r and love. Our God is an awesome God.
 Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above
 With wisdom, pow'r and love. Our God is an awesome God.

And even when I ran He didn't run away.
 He came and put death back in its place.
 Friday on a cross, broken for my shame,
 Sunday morning rose up from that grave.
 Take a look at those scars on His hands and feet.
 He saved our souls for eternity.
 Worthy is the Lamb, glory to the King.
 Oh let all the saints and the angels sing. (Chorus)

Eyes on the sky. There will be a day, He will come and wipe our tears away.
 No more fear, no more pain, No more sorrow sin or shame.
 The King is coming back again, a reign of love that will never end
 For everything You've done and everything You do
 And everything You are, I'll sing to You.

My God, You're an awesome God. You're great in all You do.
 I'm made to worship You. My God, You're an awesome God. (Chorus)

Our God is an awesome God. Our God, what an awesome God..

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(Please stand, as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, grant us repentant faith to strive to
 enter ever more deeply into Your blessings of forgiveness, life and
 salvation. By the witness of Your saints, gather many from the very
 corners of this world to enter Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: O Lord, prosper Your Church, the preaching of the Word, and the work
 of all pastors and church workers. Guide and strengthen the
 catechumens and all who teach and learn Your Word. Lord, in Your
 mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Eternal King, the kingdoms and nations of this world rise and fall while Your Church remains before You. Give Your Church a holy confidence in Your eternal life so she fears no worldly threat and ministers to the nations boldly and faithfully. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Almighty God, bless all those who care for the sick and attend to the dying; all those who care for our children; and our police, firefighters, emergency personnel and disaster-relief workers. Increase our generous support of those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lord, be with the sick and those who suffer, those troubled in mind or heart, the grieving in their sorrow, and the dying in their last days on earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lord God, You have drawn to Yourself believers from all nations and sanctified them in Holy Baptism. Fortify their faith and embolden their witness, that many may be gathered into the new heavens and new earth; 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 LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken together)

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

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "Build Your Kingdom Here"

Come, set Your rule and reign in our hearts again.

Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls.

Holy Spirit, come invade us now.

We are Your church. We need Your pow'r in us.

We seek your Kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;

Refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize.

To see the captive's heart released;

The hurt, the sick, the poor, at peace.

We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause.

We are Your church. We pray, revive this earth.

(Chorus)

Build Your Kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.

Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.

Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back.

Change the atmosphere. Build Your Kingdom here, we pray.

Unleash Your Kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far.
 No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts.
 You made us for much more than this.
 Awake the Kingdom seed in us.
 Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are Your church. We are the hope on earth. (Chorus)

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THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Prov. 25:2-10; Ps. 131; Heb. 13:1-17; Luke 14:1-14

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar today were given in loving memory of the birthday of Joann Voelker, from her family; in honor of the 48th Wedding Anniversary of Don and Maureen Gentry; in loving memory of our son Damon, from Ron and Jackie Springer; and in loving memory of Joanne Bruce, from her children and their families.

USHERS: Jan Hoffman and Laura Miller

+ THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS +

Adult Confirmation	Khloe Vanderford Kollin Vanderford McKenna Houser Rhonda and Paul Mills (Emmanuel) Chris Larimer Barb Sorg Karen Louis Desirae Rider (Benjamin) Payton Caudill Gary Keller and Meaghan Oliver (Mickinley, Makena and Torian) Terry Buffington II
Profession of Faith	Bob and Jan Kleinschmidt William and Debra Brace
Transfers (June 23, 2025)	Bob and Kelly Asher
(Pending Transfers)	Brian and Anna Snodgrass (Maria, William, Andrew) Derek and Alicia Reynolds (Lily and J. D.) David and Deb Epperson Brandon Epperson Lawson Fairchild

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 give thanks with Hailey Summers and Kevin Austin who are uniting in marriage this weekend. We ask the Lord to bless their relationship with a love for each other that is based on His perfect love. Pray that He will guide their life together and keep them always grounded in the faith that they may be a blessing to each other and to those around them.
 - 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), Colsen Gage (nephew of Annalissa Smith), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia Williams, Dick Reinking, Dottie Coppolino (sister of Sherry Baker), Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie Kidwell (mother of Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Cyndi Mohr, Devon Jewel and Niko L. Christlib (friends of Ilona Clenny), Deb Percy, Ed Braun
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Phil Arthur, Kathy Freimuth, Cathi Schenkel, Jenny Scheiderer, Judy Schele, Dave Bieberich, Cathy Paff, Jan Reche, Vernene Miller, Kelsey Westrick, Roxanne Moore
 - 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, Herb Schumm, Mike Huesner, Rob Roehm, Cheri Maxwell
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - Joshua and Adrienne Vandercar, Simeon, Naomi, Lydia, Isaiah, Grace, Anna and Aelah
 - Erik and Clacey Vanderford, Wilma, Walter, Kollin, Klaire and Khloe
 - Jeff and Michelle Vanderwheele, Haley and Emily
 - Mark and Brianna Vandre, Micah and Esther
 - Sommer VanPelt

- Gerald and Amy Villagomes, Ryan and Aaron
- Jennifer Vincenzo, Raegan Casey
- Aaron and Erin Vogt, William
- Larry and Becky VonGunten
- 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 2025.

Dolores Harper	Parker Schultheis	Mason Gilliom	Atlas Arnold
Renae Smith	Rafael Alberto	Lois Altheide	Lincoln Griffin
Virginia Miller	Amelia Adair	Forrest Clarke	Brandon Cirilo
Charlotte Schmotzer	Lilyth Tittman	Anna Vandercar	William Vogt
Bennett Hoyle	Liam Hill	Rowen Lomont	Owen Light
Kollin Vanderford	Klaire Vanderford	Khloe Vanderford	Walter Vanderford
Wilma Vanderford	Vada Gillum	Valerie Miller	Gary Keller
Terry Buffington	Desirae Rider	Payton Caudill	Benjamin Rider

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 - 10:15 a.m. (June 1 - August 24)

CLASS	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall	Pastors Eggold, Sheaffer, & Meyer
The Chosen	LL Ebenezer	Pastors Eggold, Sheaffer, & Meyer

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Monday Morning Moms	Loft	Mondays	8:30 a.m.
Reading Group	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	5:30 p.m.
Women's Bible Study	Loft	1 st /3 rd Tuesdays	7:30 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.
Bible Study & Fellowship	Chapman's Brewing	Thursdays	6:00 p.m.
@917 (Ages 25-45)	Ebenezer Hall	Thursdays	7:00 p.m.
Men's Lectionary Study	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 a.m.

Monday Morning Moms - Hey, mama! Have you been looking for a group to connect with here at Emmanuel? We hope you'll join us every other Monday morning as we study Jen Wilkin's "Abide" (a study on 1, 2, & 3 John). Drop your kiddos off in the Lower Level of Ebenezer Hall with our amazing caregivers. Then head upstairs to the Loft for fellowship, a cup of coffee, and studying God's word . We will be meeting at 8:30 a.m. on the following dates: August 25, September 8 & 22, October 6 & 20, November 3 & 17, and December 1 & 15. Questions? Please reach out to Liz Bejot - LBejot@emmanuel Lutheran.org.

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study - The 8:30 a.m. Wednesday Women's Bible Study will resume September 3 in Brandt Hall. We will begin our study this fall in Paul's letters to the Thessalonians.

The News of the Church

Join PALS! - Do you have a heart for connecting with kids? Are you patient, a good listener, and enjoy sharing the love of Jesus? If so, we'd love to have you join the next session of PALS (Peer Assisted Learning Strategies), a ministry of Emmanuel that partners with Washington Elementary to support 2nd and 3rd graders. Any adult, high school student, along with 7th and 8th graders are welcome to apply. Interested or have questions? Contact Liz at LBejot@emmanuel Lutheran.org or scan the QR code to apply:



"I Love to Tell the Story: A Congregational Journey" - The story of Emmanuel Lutheran Church is an inspiring account of God at work. This fall, we invite you to join us on a journey entitled, "I Love to Tell the Story." This engaging exploration will include every member of our church family as we revisit the stories that have shaped our ministry, and rediscover our mission as a Caring Family Sharing God's Love and Forgiveness. From September 14 through October 26, each Sunday will include a presentation, service project, or celebration. Stay tuned for more details!

Adult Choir – The adult choir season is starting this week! Any interested singers are invited to join us this Wednesday, Aug. 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. Let's make a joyful noise together! See Matt Johnston for more information.

Are You Interested in a Mission Trip? - Emmanuel has a rich tradition of sending members on mission trips. Over the last 20 years, we have sent teams to Puerto Rico, Alaska, Prague, and New Orleans, but we haven't sent any teams since before the pandemic. Emmanuel's Mission Task Force meets monthly with the goal of increasing awareness in our members of local, national, and worldwide mission opportunities. The Mission Task Force is looking for individuals who have an interest in serving on a mission trip team. If this interests you and you would like to be included in our plans for future mission trips, you can sign up by scanning the QR code!



Lunch Bunch (60+) - will kick-off another season of food, fun, and fellowship on Tuesday, September 16. Food will be prepared by Tammy Bair and our special speaker will be our very own member, Joy Boutakov. She will speak to us about "Stress and Ways to Handle It." The cost is \$10.00, payable that day. Please stop by the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall to sign up for this event or call the church office by Friday, September 12. We hope you can join us!

Christian Education Kickoff! - Sunday, September 7 is a big day at Emmanuel! On this day, we'll begin our Christian Education season for 2025-2026. For this day, the entire Emmanuel congregation will be invited to join outside on Union Street for a time of fun, food and friendship from 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Donuts will be back! A coffee truck will be on site! We'll even have a bounce house! All this will help us begin our Christian Education season with great excitement! See you there!

Bridge 20/30: August Events & Connection Opportunities - Are you, or is someone you know, a young adult in your 20s or 30s looking for real friendships and a deeper faith life? Bridge 20/30 is a space for post-high school young adults (single or married) to connect, grow, and have fun in community with others who share similar values. This week, on August 26 at 6:00 p.m., we will meet up at Country Heritage Winery for Singo Social (0185 Country Rd 68, Laotto). Singo is like Bingo - but with songs! We hope to see you there!

Bibles and Devotions for 2nd Graders - In the past, second graders have received a Bible as a gift from Emmanuel. This year, we are excited to add something new! Each 2nd grade student will also receive a devotion book to use at home. Students enrolled at Emmanuel-St. Michael have already received their Bible at Opening Chapel on the first day of school. If your child is a second grader not attending ESM, we would love to give them a Faith Alive Student Bible along with the devotion book. We invite you to celebrate this milestone in

your child's faith journey during Education Sunday, September 7th at the 10:30 service. At that time, you and your child will be invited to the altar to receive a blessing and their devotion book. If your child is entering 2nd grade this year, please let us know so we can include them. Call the church office at 260-423-1369 or email Liz Bejot (LBejot@emmanuel Lutheran.org).

Visual Faith – On Tuesday, September 2, from 6:00–8:00 p.m., in Ebenezer Hall, we invite you to take part in a special evening of creativity and reflection. Participants will create a visual collage centered on a meaningful Bible verse—such as a baptism verse, confirmation verse, or a favorite family passage. All basic materials will be provided. You are also encouraged to collect and bring items from home that you might like to include in your collage—such as family photos, greeting cards, or small mementoes. No artistic experience necessary—just bring your favorite verse and a heart ready to create!



Stephen Ministers Are “The After People” – They are there:

- ...after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ...after the funeral, when everyone leaves and emotions come crashing in on you.
- ...after the relationship falls apart.
- ...after the doctor says, “I’m sorry, but there’s nothing more we can do.”
- ...after the nursing home director says, “Welcome to your new home.”
- ...after the last child drives away and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ...after the gavel falls, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ...after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you dreamed possible.
- ...after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ...after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

For more information about training classes that begin September 16, contact Lana Hille at 260.417.5639.

Conversations on Race - On September 13, Terrie Ensley M.S.W. LCSW, will be speaking on how to communicate with someone who has differing values, morals, political, racial, and religious beliefs. This will take place in the Ebenezer Hall Loft, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. All are welcome!

Shepherd of the City Community Picnic - All are welcome to Shepherd of the City's Community Picnic! Enjoy a grilled sandwich and sides for \$5 a person. This will take place on Saturday, September 13, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., at Shepherd of the City (1301 South Anthony & Alliger).

Men's Retreat at Camp Lutherhaven - Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Retreat is scheduled on the weekend of September 26-28, 2025. Dr. Jeffrey Leininger, who is currently the pastor at First Saint Paul's Lutheran Church in Chicago and also served twenty-one years in campus ministry at Concordia Chicago, is the main

speaker for this year's retreat and will focus on "Callings for Life: God's Plan, Your Purpose." You can register for Iron Sharpens Iron at lutherhaven.org.

From Teen Heartthrob to Faithful Witness: - At 17, Kirk went from self-proclaimed atheist to passionate believer, and now he's using his platform to speak for life and truth. Come hear his incredible testimony at the 28th Annual Right to Life of Northeast Indiana Fall Banquet on October 14, 2025, at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. For tickets call Carolyn Beitz 260 433 7188 for early seating.

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$1,418,704	Anticipated Need Thru August, 2025: \$1,430,229
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$150	Year to Date: \$7,505
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$160	Year to Date: \$3,105
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,049,220	Mortgage Balance: \$1,475,977	Total Cost* \$7,400,777
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*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, August 25

7:00 p.m. Church Council

Tuesday, August 26

6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Wednesday, August 27

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, August 28

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
6:00 p.m. Bible Study & Fellowship at Chapman's Brewery
7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

Friday, August 29

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, August 30

8:00 a.m. Emmanuel Serves
2:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Divine Service w/ Communion

Sunday, August 31

8:00 a.m. Divine Service
9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion
3:30 p.m. Cook/Witmer Wedding

Notes

Draw a picture about the sermon



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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