

Divine Service at 10:30



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Here are a few things we'd like you to know...



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.

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!

GATHERING TIME



Join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship on Sunday mornings, after the early service and before Sunday school and Bible classes begin.

EMMANUEL APP



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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

“Connected to Christ”

AS WE GATHER

Christ is the true vine, and His disciples are the branches, vitally connected to Him and spontaneously bearing fruit under His purifying care. Christians must love one another as friends, not regard one another as enemies. By grace, God has dwelt among us in His Son and has joined us together in a fellowship of self-giving love (*The Lutheran Study Bible, pg. 1813*).

+ THE ORDER OF MATINS AT 10:30 A.M. +

THE GATHERING TIME

During this time, we encourage our members to greet each other with God’s peace and to welcome visitors into our fellowship. Kindly turn off cellphones and please sit toward the center of the pew so there is room for all who worship.

THE PRELUDE: “Prelude and Fugue”

Bach

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN: “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Hymn 807

THE PRESENTATION OF PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please stand, as you are able)

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: As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy. Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: O almighty God, most merciful Father

People: I, a repentant sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. By nature, I am a sinful creature. In thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law.

For this I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life and bear fruit in keeping with true repentance.

Leader: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

People: Amen.

Leader: Do you believe the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness, but God's?

People: Yes.

Leader: As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant 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.

+ MATINS +

(Congregation sings responsively)

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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,
C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.
Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.



L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.

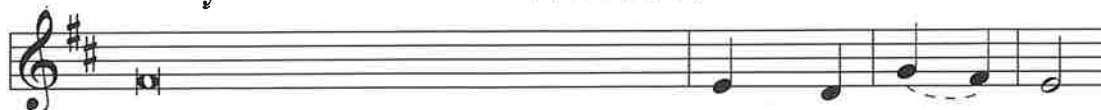


C O come, let us wor-ship Him.

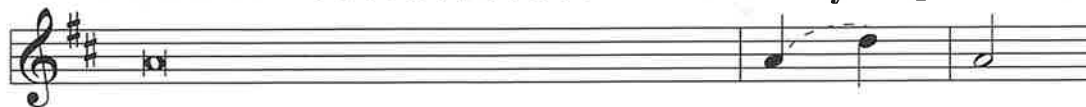
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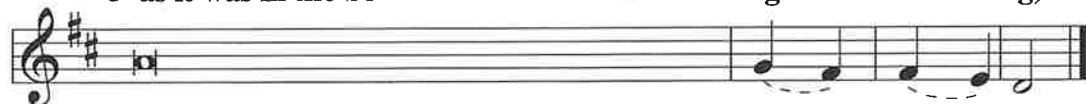
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal-va-tion.
 2 and a great king a-bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry-land.
 5 and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks-giv-ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow-down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be-gin-ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al-so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak-er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for ev-er. A-men.

THE ANTIPHON



L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



C O come, let us wor-ship Him.

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place.²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah.²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot."³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?"³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: 1 John 4:1-11

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.⁴ Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.⁵ They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them.⁶ We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Liz Bejot

(Please stand as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Spoken together)

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(Please be seated)

THE SERMON HYMN: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Hymn 700

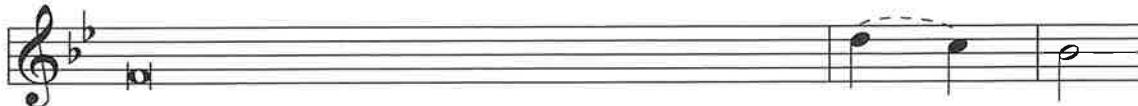
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Pastor Dan Sheafer

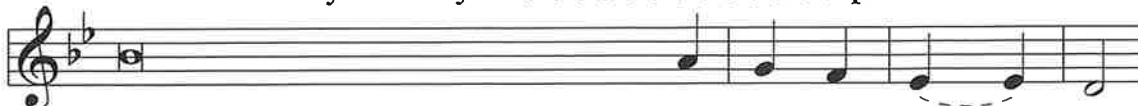
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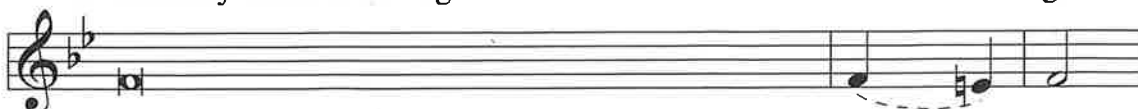
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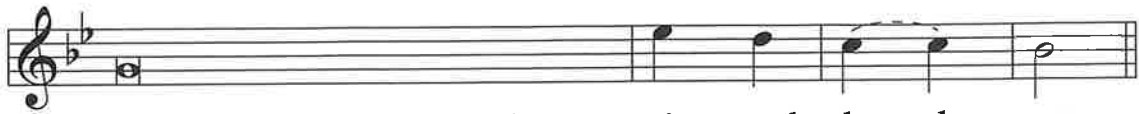
- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
- 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
- 3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



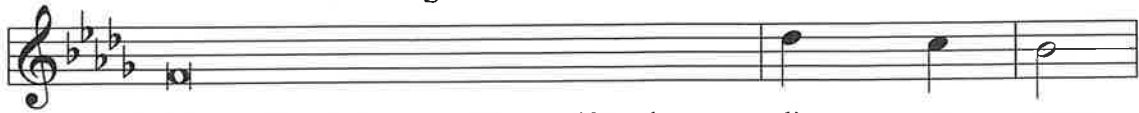
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
- 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
- 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



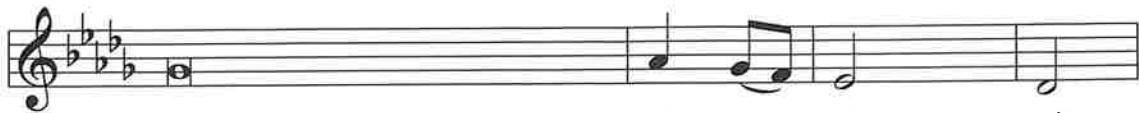
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
- 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
- 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
- 4 You are the king of glory, O — Christ;



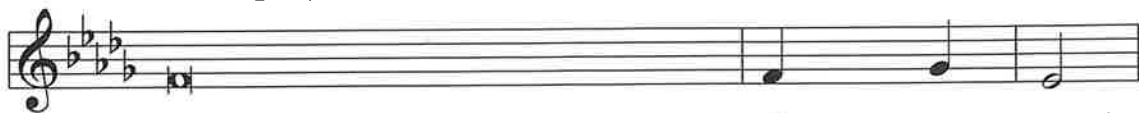
1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise— You.
 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
 6 You sit at the right hand of God



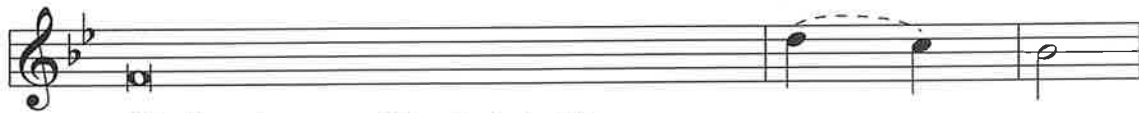
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
 6 We believe that You will come



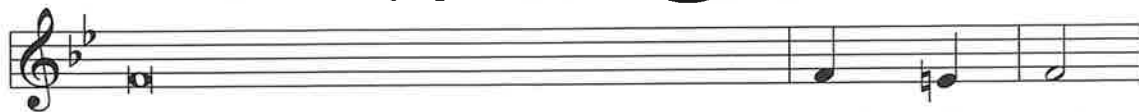
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
 6 to be— our— judge.



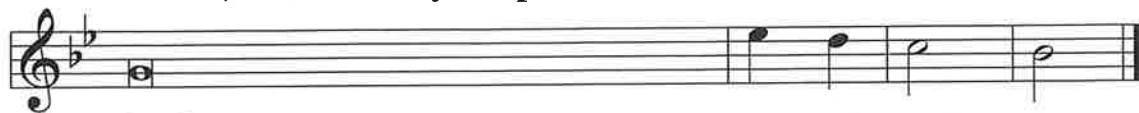
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out— sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
 8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
 9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on— us.



7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
 8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
 8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
 9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

(Please be seated)

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 at the end of the service.

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: "Love Divine"

Prichard

THE MINISTRY MINUTE

Vacation Bible School

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the Church on earth, that she would be protected from all false teaching, and so always confess Christ come in the flesh, remaining faithful to Him, our only true God, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For God's people, that as branches of the vine, all sin and dead works would be pruned and cut off from them; and that drawing life from the Son, they would continually produce the fruits of faith and good works, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all those in need of Baptism, that nothing would prevent them from being welcomed into God's kingdom and given everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our president and all in authority, that they may serve honorably and in accord with God's good order, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who bear the cross in suffering and affliction, that they would ever look to the Lord and so fix their hearts where true joy is found, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Heavenly Father, You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Hear and answer our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ; for You live and reign with the Holy Spirit, ever 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 BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People:



C Thanks be to God.

Leader: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

People:



C A - men.

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Hymn 465

THE POSTLUDE: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Parks

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 10:34-48; Ps. 98; 1 John 5:1-8; John 15:9-17

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Pauline Krudop from the Krudop family; and in loving memory of Tracey DeWayne Carter from his grandparents, Terry and Sandra Nahrwold.

SERVING

Liturgists

Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

Acolyte

Annie Kaiser

Organ

Myra Schmidt

Altar Guild

Linda Shively, Tina Bruce, Victoria Hayward, Penny Miller, Kristine Miller, Harry and Donna Shook

Closer

Scott Greider

Usher Crew 5

Luke Bieberich, Jasper Downie, Andy Freimuth, Isaiah Freimuth, Arlan Hogan, Dave Huffman, Larry Linnemeier, Rick Linnemeier, Brent Ostermeyer

Audio Engineer

Mike Milholland

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 the family of Stacie Layman 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 Stan Payne, Marie Kanning, Larry Linnemeier, Janet Doege, Sharon Kammeyer, Janet Yost, Keely Lowe, Steve Herman, River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Pat Yeiter, Jim Croxton, Jodie Karrick, Cheryl Parker, Gary Curtis, Parker Vachon, Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Colsen Gage (nephew of Annalissa Smith), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia Merkler, Deb Bryan (sister-in-law of Steve and Pam Bryan), Julie Harper, Dewey Senger, Dick Reinking, Ed Braun, Dottie Coppolino (sister of Sherry Baker), Maury Springer, Curt Rees (brother-in-law of Sandra Nahrwold), David Merkler.
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Tim Imler, Angie Dean, Donna Cotter, Jule Shively, Leah Nichols, Cindy Sakowicz, Susie Klausmeier, Mike Huesner, Sharon Springer, Elaine Ahrens.
 - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Betty Flenner (sister-in-law to Eric Richardson), Mary Grossjean, Gretchen Schilb, Jolene Rider, Gavin Wedeven, Peg Davis, Ashley Edge (niece of Barb and Gary Lesh), Barb Hambrock, Jeannine Felabom and Ruth Walters (friends of Janet Bircheff), Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Rod Teeple (cousin of Ruth Anne Teeple), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Jamie McConnell, Shelly Koenig (friend of Matt & Amy Konow), Karen Bickhardt (daughter of Janet Doege), Ronald Knepper (son of Janet Doege), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Angela Osborn, Beth Woodward, Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), and Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith).
- Join our staff in praying for the following members this week:
 - Chuck Gollnick
 - Rob and Stephanie Goodman, Clayton and Lauren
 - Nathan and Sara Goodman, Hudson
 - Jack Gossett
 - Jeff and Jessica Gotsch, Nicholas
 - Kyle and Carrie Graf, Aubrey, Colton and Leighton
 - Trophyce Gray
 - Cindy Greaf
 - Greg Greaf
 - Brad Green, Noah

- 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
 - 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.

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

CLASS	LOCATION	DATES	INSTRUCTOR
Sunday School for Grown Ups	School Rm C4	1/7-5/19	Pastor Mark Sheaffer
Lord, Teach Us to Pray	Brandt Hall	4/14-5/19	Wes Williams
"Clay & Iron: A Gathering for Men"	School Cafeteria	4/14-5/19	Discussion Based

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

CLASS	LOCATION
Little Flock (Birth - Age 2)	School Room A5 (Extended Care, Day)
3-5 Year Olds	School Room A3 (Miss Kanning's)
K-1 st Grade	School Room B3 (Mr. Eggold's)
2 nd -3 rd Grade	School Room B4 (Mrs. McCoy's)
4 th -5 th Grade	School Room B5 (Ms. Palmreuter's)
6 th -7 th Grade Confirmation	School Room A2 (Mrs. Malone's)
8 th Grade Confirmation	Ebenezer, Lower Level
High School	The Loft

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Women's Bible Study	The Loft	Every Other Monday	8:30 am
Mom's Bible Study	The Loft	Every Other Monday	8:30 am
LifeLight	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	5:30 pm
Bible Study & Fellowship (6:00pm fellowship, 7:00pm Bible Study)	Chapman's Brewing	Tuesdays	6:00 pm
Women's Bible Study	The Loft	1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays	7:30 pm
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 am
Women's Bible Study	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays	8:45 am
Pastor's Bible Study	Sanctuary	Wednesdays	10:00 am
@917 Bible Study (Ages 25-45)	Ebenezer Hall	Thursdays	7:00 pm
Men's Lectionary Study	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 am

The News of the Church

Congregational Meeting - Please plan to attend our congregational meeting in the sanctuary following this weekend's 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, April 28.

Ladies of Emmanuel: Please come to our upcoming LWML meeting!

Date: Thursday, May 2 *Time:* 1:00-3:00 p.m. *Location:* Lower Ebenezer

What is LWML? Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) is an organization of women committed to supporting the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod (LCMS) mission through prayer, Bible study, and service. LWML women help make a difference in people's lives worldwide.

What to expect at the meeting:

- A warm welcome and fellowship with other women of faith
- A service project benefiting Phil's Friends (a Christ-centered organization helping cancer patients). We will fill "port pillows" with fiber-fill. The pillows help to provide protection and comfort to cancer patients when wearing automotive seatbelts.
- We will assemble gifts to honor Emmanuel's 2024 young adult confirmands.
- Bible study led by Judy May: "Imitating Christ - Being Led by the Spirit"

GAME ON -TRIVIA FOR SENIORS - GAME ON is free and open to anyone. This month's game is Trivia for SENIORS. It is called SENIORS because all questions/answers will come from the decades of the 1940's, 50's, 60's, and 70's. This will be a team event. It is strictly for fun and fellowship with a little food added in. GAME ON will be held on Tuesday, May 7, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall. To help with organizing, please register at the Connections Counter or call Diane (Etzler) Campbell @ 260-466-1079 and leave a message. Join us and bring a friend!

Family Fun Night at Emmanuel - Join us for Family Fun Night at Emmanuel on Tuesday, May 7, 6:00 p.m., in the gym. Enjoy an evening of free entertainment

for all ages featuring Brent Vernon, a singer, songwriter, and ventriloquist. Experience his energetic mix of music, stories, and puppetry with hope-filled messages and good, clean fun. Don't miss out! We hope to see you there!

Lunch Bunch - All of our seniors are encouraged to join us for our next Lunch Bunch activity on Tuesday, May 21, when we welcome our member and speaker, Heidi Adair, representing Beers, Maller, Backs, and Salin Law Offices. She will address what's new in Indiana elder law and answer any questions you may have as it relates to elder legal issues. Join us for fellowship beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the lower level of Ebenezer Hall, followed by a delicious lunch served at noon at a cost of \$9.00, payable that day. Heidi will speak immediately following lunch. Please stop by the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall on the weekends, visit the Welcome Center during the week, or call the church office at 423-1369 by Friday, May 17 to sign up for this event.

Bible Study at Chapman's Brewing - On Tuesday, April 23, Emmanuel member Scott Fergusson of Chapman's Brewing will host the first ever weekly Bible study at Chapman's Electric Works location. The evening will begin with food, drink, and fellowship from 6:00-7:00 p.m., followed by a Bible study led by Emmanuel member Rev. James Voorman from 7:00-8:00 p.m. This weekly event will take place in the private dining room at Chapman's and the first beverage is on Scott. This gathering is designed to be a Gospel outreach and is open to all!

Visual Faith Ministry invites you to join us on Tuesday, May 7, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. as we explore another Visual Faith practice of "Worship into the Week." Have you thought about how you can bring your worship into the week and not just on Sunday? The "Worship into the Week" practice is a way of taking the message and scripture that you hear in our worship service and carrying that home in a way that you can continue reflecting on and responding to that message throughout the week. If you are looking for a way to focus yourself more during worship and help yourself to remember what you heard in worship, give this Visual Faith practice a try! "Worship into the Week" can be your OWN devotional plan for YOUR devotional life. Let the Word and Message settle deeply into your heart through weekly reflection. Please sign up at the Connections Counter! We hope to see you then!

ESM Openings - ESM is thankful for all the faculty and staff serving every day, including the faithful work of some who are being called to begin new opportunities. In addition to Mrs. Staub accepting a Call to teach social studies at CLHS, three individuals are retiring from their current roles: Mrs. Kuker as Union Instructional Aide, Mrs. Stradling as School Nurse, and Mrs. Wudy as Union Librarian. Praise the Lord for the many ways they have served at ESM and for the good plans God has for them!

With those openings, as well as addressing other ways to best fulfill our mission, please see below for different opportunities to serve alongside the incredible

team at ESM for the 2024-2025 year! Contact the school office at 260-422-6712 to learn more or explore next steps.

- Middle School Teacher (7th Grade ELA)
- Part-Time Preschool Assistants
- Part-Time Elementary Aide
- PE Teacher/Athletic Director
- School Nurse
- Union Librarian

Confirmation Cards are available in the Card Ministry cabinet, located at the Ebenezer Hall entrance into church, next to the elevator. Cards are \$.50 each.

@917 is a group of men and women, typically between the ages 25-45, who regularly meet to study the readings for the upcoming weekend worship services. The study is led by Pastor Dan. This group has a hybrid meeting format on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Most of the group meets in person at Emmanuel in Ebenezer Hall and when some can't join in person we offer an online connection for the study. If you would like to learn more about the group, contact Pastor Dan: pastordan@emmanullutheran.org.

Emmanuel's Golf League begins May 15! The league will play at Brookwood Golf Course on Wednesday evenings. The scheduled starting tee time for the league is 5:30 p.m. Cost to play is \$25 / golfer (price includes cart). If you have questions about the league or want to play this year, please contact Fred Peterson at 260-437-2885.

"Created in His Image" Fine Arts Camp to be held at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2131 Getz Road, June 24-28, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Participants will choose from electives including drawing, chimes, creative writing, drama, dance, sewing, fiber arts and more. To register for this camp, please take a flyer from Emmanuel's "Around the Town" bulletin board located across from Lana Hille's office. Deadline to register is May 1. This event is open to all youth who have completed kindergarten through 8th grade. Also, childcare will be available before and after camp! Email any questions you may have to fineartscamp@stmfw.org.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Volunteer Opportunities - Vacation Bible School (VBS) returns to Emmanuel from June 10-14, running from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We're currently in the planning stages and would greatly appreciate your assistance. If you'd like to lend a hand with VBS, please take a moment to complete the form provided via a link in the weekly email. Keep an eye out for upcoming announcements! VBS registration details and supply wish lists will be available soon. Stay tuned!

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.

Now Enrolling for 2024-25 School Year - Emmanuel—St. Michael School, in partnership with our congregations 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. ESM is 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.

The Shepherd’s Hand Community Outreach Center 5K - The Shepherd’s Hand Community Outreach Center, located at 1231 S. Anthony Blvd., is an organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod that seeks opportunities to enhance health and wellness for community members in southeast Fort Wayne. On Saturday, May 4, you can help raise funds for this vital ministry by participating in the 4th annual 5K walk/run held in the neighborhood surrounding the center. Families are encouraged to attend and enjoy a fun, healthy activity together! If you are unable to participate in the race, you can support the ministry by sponsoring a race slot to benefit another participant or make a general donation. For more information, to register, visit the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall.

Camp Lutherhaven 2024 - Archery, hikes, boating, crafts, games, swimming, and many more activities are all a part of the summer experience at Camp. Come for one of our weekend camps, register for a week of youth or high school camp, or help Lutherhaven celebrate its 75th anniversary! For 75 years, Lutherhaven has been providing the setting and resources for people to grow in their relationship with others and - more importantly - in their relationship with God. Come see what camp is all about! Register online today at www.lutherhaven.org, or call 260-636-7101 for more information.

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL’S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$648,759	Anticipated Need Thru April, 2024: \$678,312
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$172	Year to Date: \$3,879
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$235	Year to Date: \$2,188
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

“IAG” Total Received: \$4,728,789	Projected Cost: \$7,269,751
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The Calendar of the Church

Monday, April 29

- 8:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study in the Loft
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the School Conf. Room
- 3:30 p.m. LifeLight Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. LifeLight Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

Tuesday, April 30

- 6:00 p.m. Fellowship and Bible Study at Chapman's Brewery

Wednesday, May 1

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Home School Religion
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, May 2

- 8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
- 9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
- 1:00 p.m. LWML Service Project and Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Study

Friday, May 3

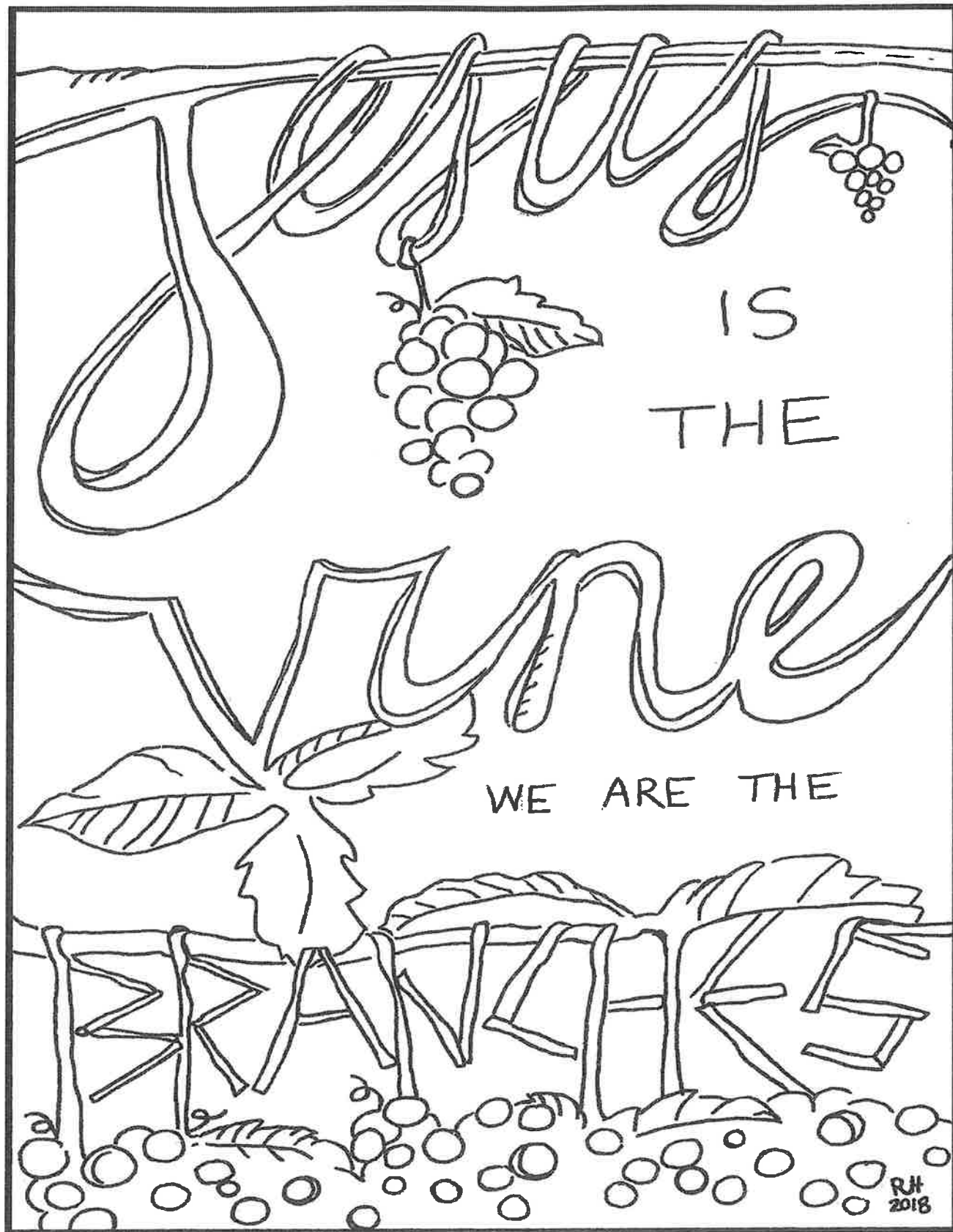
- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, May 4

- 2:00 p.m. Wedding of Kyle Thompson to Kylie Stapleton
- 3:30 p.m. Praise Team
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Witness Service

Sunday, May 5

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Worship Service
- 9:00 a.m. Gathering Time in Ebenezer Hall
- 9:15 a.m. Lutheran Christianity
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Worship Service with Confirmation and Communion



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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Lana Hille, Dir. of Congregational Care
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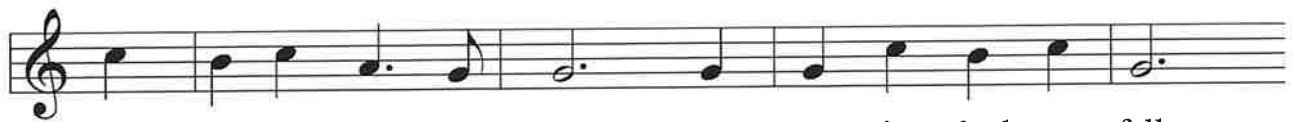
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When Morning Gilds the Skies

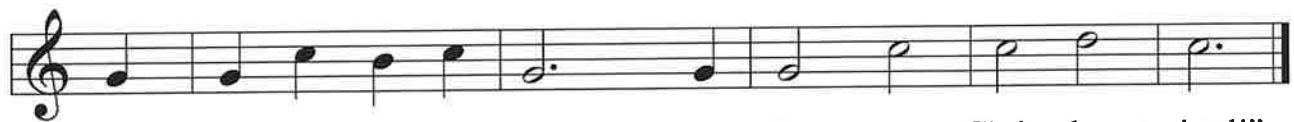
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1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's ho - ly house of prayer
Than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" Let all the earth a - round
Sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



This rings my cur - few call: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
Hath none that can com - pare With "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
Ring joy - ous with the sound: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds 465



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 Δ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!