

Divine Service at 5:00



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Worship

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

Guests in Worship—Each week, we have the opportunity to welcome new people to our fellowship. While ushers have the important job of helping guests find seats and sharing information, we all play a role in embracing and welcoming guests to Emmanuel. Please look for new faces, extend a helping hand whenever possible, and encourage guests to visit the **Connections Counter** in Ebenezer Hall.

Children in Worship—The presence of children at Emmanuel is a great blessing and the worship service can be a wonderful opportunity to teach them about God's love. Please bring children forward during the distribution of Holy Communion for a personal blessing, and help them to participate in the responses and prayers throughout the service. Age appropriate **Children's Bulletins** are available on the tables located at the back of the church. **Tot Bags** are located in the east and west rear entrances of the church. If a child becomes restless or disruptive during the service, a **Church Nursery** for children three years of age and younger is located in the lower level hall just down the stairs near the northwest entrance to the church. If you need help finding the Church Nursery, please ask one of our ushers who will gladly guide you.

Prayer Requests—If you have a prayer concern that you would like included in the worship service, please ask an usher for a prayer request card. You may drop the completed card into one of the boxes located at the back of the sanctuary or hand it to an usher.

Special Needs—We offer a number of aids designed to enhance your worship experience including a **Hearing Loop**, **Large Print Bulletins** and **Printed Copies of Today's Sermon**. If any of these items would be helpful to you, please ask one of our ushers who would be delighted to assist you.

The Gathering Time—Each Sunday, after the early service and before Sunday School and Bible Classes begin, we congregate in Ebenezer Hall for The Gathering Time. During this time, members and guests have the opportunity for fellowship together, while enjoying a beverage and donut.

Emmanuel App—The Emmanuel App is a wonderful tool for ministry and will put access to worship resources, devotional helps, congregational information, video announcements, as well as our church calendar at your fingertips. The Emmanuel App can be accessed by going to your app store and searching for "Emmanuel Fort Wayne." Search results will show you the app which features our logo.

The mission of Emmanuel is the mission Christ gave His Church when He said, "go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20). If you are interested in finding out more about Emmanuel, you can contact Pastor Eggold at taeggold@hotmail.com, or Pastor Sheafer at pastordan@emmanuelutheran.org, or call either of us at (260) 423-1369. We would love to talk with you.

“The Merciful Master”

AS WE GATHER

Today’s reading from Matthew 18 is often referred to as “the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant.” While that title certainly describes the action in the story, the real focus of this parable is not on the sin of the servant, but on mercy of the Master. The unthinkable forgiveness of the Master is shocking and yet that is exactly how God has dealt with us. Just as the sinful servant’s impossible debt is cancelled, our sins have been washed away and we are now free to forgive one another with the same grace that we ourselves have received from the merciful Master.

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 GATHERING SONG: “How Great Is Our God”

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice.

(Chorus)

How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see,
How great, how great is our God.

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. (Chorus)

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing (Chorus)

THE INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-5, 8)

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

People: sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds! . . .

People: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name."

Leader: Come and see what God has done:

People: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples;

People: let the sound of His praise be heard.

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

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: Most merciful God,

People: we admit and confess our sinfulness. We know well that we are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we have done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your faithful servants. We have been unforgiving and loveless and careless in the stewardship of Your creation. We deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us forgiveness of all our sins and guide us into renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.

Leader: God is indeed gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. By the command of my Lord Jesus Christ and as His called and ordained servant, 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

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"

"Forgive our sins as we forgive," You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But You alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can Your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light Your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to You!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread Your peace.

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THE FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. ²³Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE' CREED (Spoken together)

Inside back cover of hymnal
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am His and He is mine.

Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heavens above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me - wondrous thought! Found me when I sought him not.

Only Jesus can impart balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiven, Joy that lifts the soul to heaven,
Faith and hope to walk with God in the way that Enoch trod.

Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life safe with Him from earthly strife.

O my Savior, Help afford by Your spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward Heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply while I live and when I die.

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THE SERMON

Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

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: "When Peace Like a River"

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

(Chorus)

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

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,

Let this blest assurance control, That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. (Chorus)

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

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

Lutheran Service Book. Arrangement by Craig Dahlkamp

THE MINISTRY MINUTE

Mental Wellness

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for the Church, that God's people live confidently, and joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Grant that humility and mutual service be the hallmarks of our lives together. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the nations of the world, that the presence of Christ be experienced everywhere around the globe and that the Gospel may have free course in every land. We bless You for the dedicated service of missionaries and deployed church workers in so many places around the globe. Grant that their service may meet with success and be filled with joy. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for our families and for those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship. Grant that we be always ready to listen to others and to grant our forgiveness when it is needed. As we live in community together, grant that we never take others for granted but rather that we encourage the labors in which we work together to the glory of God. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut in, those who are grieving at this time, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill, and all those whose needs are known and not known to us. Grant that we bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places, even when that service requires devotion and sacrifice on our part. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. We thank You for the times when forgiveness, offered by others, has blessed and sustained us. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant's way throughout our lives until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.

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

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 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

"Communion"

(Chorus)

This is the body and this is the blood
Broken and poured out for all of us.
And in this communion, we share in His love.
This is the body and this is the blood.

Well, I will remember ev'rything Lord,
That You've done for me.
I won't take for granted the sacrifice that set me free.
I hunger and thirst for You, Lord.
Come fill me today. (Chorus)

We hunger and thirst for Your love.
And Your righteousness.
We long for Your presence here, Lord.
Be with us again. (Chorus)

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“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save;
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine! Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—here in the power of Christ I’ll stand!

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THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.
In My love’s baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing – You are My own.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son’s store; Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, closer to Me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here My Spirit’s power filled you; here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace;
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children, I will keep you and give you peace.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Is. 55:6-9; Ps. 27:1-9; Phil. 1:12-14, 19-30; Matt. 20:1-16

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in honor of the 23rd Wedding Anniversary of David and Vikki Birdwell; and in honor of the 23rd Wedding Anniversary of Mike and Judy Huesner; and in honor of the 76th Wedding Anniversary of Willie and Betty Chin.

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Aaron Light
USHERS: Kathy Lash, Catherine Peterson

The Prayers of the Church

Prayer Requests

- Our congregation continues to care for one another through a faithful prayer ministry. Please pray for the following people this week:
 - We pray for Luke Charles Altheide on the occasion of his Baptism. We ask God to strengthen Luke as he grows and to bless his parents, Nathaniel and Lauren (Johnson) Altheide, and his sponsors, Cameron and Alicyn Truemper, as they raise and nurture Luke in his Baptismal faith.
 - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Janine Wiard (friend of Lauryn Longworth), Marlin Culy, Alycia Merkler, Rachel and Josh (family of Sarah Schwantz), Lauren Hoffmann, Deb Bryan (sister-in-law of Steve and Pam Bryan), Julie Harper, Dewey Senger, Margie Domenichelli, Carly Robbins (friend of the Brown family), Jeanie Noffsinger (aunt of Becki Elonzae), Cheryl Smith, Phyllis Tittman, Dick Reinking, Ed Braun, Dottie Coppolino (sister of Sherry Baker), Jerry Kanning, Maury Springer, Taylor Hogan (son of Arlan and Robin Hogan), Curt Rees (brother-in-law of Sandra Nahrwold), David Merkler, Kristy Fitzgerald.
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Dave Nahrwold (father of Seth Nahrwold), Kathy Schweyer, Cathi Counterman, Jenny Scheiderer.
 - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Rod Teeple (cousing of Ruth Anne Teeple), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris

Murphy), Sue Doepner, Jamie McConnell, Shelly Koenig (friend of Matt & Amy Konow), Karen Bickhardt (daughter of Janet Doege), Ronald Knepper (son of Janet Doege), Ed Terry, Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Angela Osborn, Jamie McConnell, Beth Woodward, Lois Howe (aunt of Bob Frye), Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), and Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith).

- Prayers for PALS: On September 13, we began another session of our PALS program in which Emmanuel members partner with Washington School students to build relationships and strengthen reading skills in a Christian environment. Each week we will pray for some of our Washington School PALS by name and we encourage you to join us in the ministry. This week, we are praying for Adriana and Malik.
- Join our staff in praying for the following members this week:
 - Jamie Anderson
 - Jason and Denise Anderson Lauren and Liam
 - Jonathan and Brittany Anderson, Brooklynn and Hannah
 - Matthew and Sydney Anderson, Evelynne
 - Mike and Media Anderson, Cilicia and Emmanuel
 - Nicholas Anderson
 - Nick Anderson
 - Tim and Cindy Anderson
 - Tom and Michele Anderson
 - Nick and Ashly Annis, Riley
- Please pray for the missions supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
 - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf - Ponce, Puerto Rico
 - Rev. Aaron Spratt - Alaska Mission for Christ
 - Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)
 - Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
 - The Lutheran Heritage Foundation
 - Luther Academy
 - Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM)
 - Lutherans For Life (LFL)
 - Lutheran Bible Translators

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

The Teaching of the Church

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

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

CLASS	LOCATION
Little Flock (Birth - Age 2)	School Room C2 (Mrs. Madden's)
3-5 Year Olds	School Room C1 (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 (Mrs. Palmreuter's)
6 th -7 th Grade Confirmation	School Cafeteria
8 th Grade Confirmation	Ebenezer, Lower Level
High School	The Loft

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

CLASS	LOCATION	DATES	INSTRUCTOR
Exodus	School Rm B2	Begins 9/10	Wes Williams
Large Catechism	School Rm C3	Begins 9/10	Pastor McFadden
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall	Begins 9/10	Eggold, Sheaffer, Hille
Sunday School for Grown Ups	School Rm C4	Begins 9/10	Pastor Mark Sheaffer

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
LifeLight - Psalms	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	5:30 pm
Women's Bible Study	The Loft	Every Other Monday	8:30 am
Mom's Bible Study	The Loft	Every Other Monday	8:30 am
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 on the Book of John	The Loft	Wednesdays	8:45 am
Pastor's Bible Study	Sanctuary	Wednesdays	10:00 am
Christian Approach to End of Life (Beg. 9/20)	The Loft	Every other Wednesday	11:30 am
Men's Lectionary Study	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 am

The News of the Church

GAME ON...IS ON: Game On will meet on the first Tuesday of each month in Ebenezer Hall from 1-3 pm. Game on is open to anyone who likes to play games. There is no charge, only food, fun and fellowship. The game for October is Bingo. Everyone knows how to play BINGO, so come and join us. The game changes each month. For November, the game will be Penny Drop. It is a fast moving, roll of the dice game. Please join us and bring a friend. They don't have to be a member of Emmanuel. Sign up at the Connections Desk or text/call Diane Campbell @260-466-1079. This is to help us in our planning for food. See you on October 3, @ 1:00.

Lutherans For Life Events - Everyone is invited to join the Lutherans For Life in these upcoming events:

- Last year 354 babies from Northeast Indiana lost their lives to abortion. On Sunday, October 1 at 2:00 p.m., we will remember these babies at the Catholic Cemetery on 3500 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne.
- Participate in a respectful, peaceful, and quiet time of prayer on Tuesday, October 3, between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. in front of Planned Parenthood on 2930 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne.
- Dr. Ben Carson is the keynote speaker at the Northeast Indiana fall banquet on October 9. Cost is \$50 per person, doors open 5:30 p.m., dinner begins at 6:30pm. Purchase your tickets before October 4. For full details and registration, call 260-471-1849.

New Bible Study - A Christian Approach to the End of Life - This seven session Bible Study will provide a Christian approach to the end of life and is written through the eyes of Walter Wangerin, Jr., a noted Lutheran pastor, author, and Valparaiso University professor. The class will be held in the LOFT beginning September 20 from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., and will be led by Kathy Eggold. The class will meet every other Wednesday through December 13. Schedules are available at the Connections Counter. This study is for those dealing with a serious illness, those walking along-side a loved one with a serious diagnosis and the Christian who wants to know more about what the Bible says about our mortality.

Senior Lunch Bunch Resumes This Month - The next Lunch Bunch activity for those around 60 or over is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19. Our special guest will be Angie Miller who will introduce us to the benefits of moving more as we age and the benefits of chair yoga. We gather for fellowship any time after 11:00 a.m. in the Lower Level of Ebenezer Hall. Lunch is served at noon by our favorite cook Tammy at a cost of \$9.00, payable that day in the Lower Level of Ebenezer Hall. You are encouraged to stop by the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall to sign up for this event, or call the church office at 423-1369. Deadline to register for the meal is Friday, September 15. Hope you can join us!

Junior High Picnic - We invite all 6th-8th grade students and their families to join us as we kick off this year's middle school youth group. Meet us downtown at Promenade Park on Sunday, September 17, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. for fun and fellowship. Light snacks will be provided. We ask that a parent or adult be present to chaperone their children as the park is large, located on the river front, and we want the event to be a safe experience for all. For more information, contact Tommy Moll (260-487-1150).

Concordia Lutheran High School has an immediate opening for a part-time Culinary Arts Teacher. The position is three days a week, 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. See full details at clhscadets.com/about/employment. Please forward this information on to anyone who might be interested.

Attention Seniors - Take time to stop by the Senior Information Fair at Turnstone (3320 North Clinton) on Thursday, September 21 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The event is free and offers health screenings; flu, pneumonia, and shingles vaccines; pharmacist consults; exhibits; speakers; educational materials; and more. Don't miss this opportunity.

Adding a New Helper for Weekend Worship - Beginning on September 9 and 10, we will be welcoming a security officer who will be on our campus during worship services and Sunday school. Please look for the women and men God will provide to keep us safe and secure as we worship and learn, and thank them for their presence at Emmanuel.

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.

LLL Virtual Event - Come learn about your own gifts and about the collective power gifts can bring to a community when they're truly understood, activated, and celebrated. Everyone is a gift, everyone has gifts, everyone is called, and everyone can grow! Celebrate with us at the Fall 2023 LLL Virtual Event on Wednesday, September 20 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. The featured presentation will focus on the resources available in the *Gifted For More* Church Campaign developed in partnership with the Barna Group and Lutheran Hour Ministries research on *Gifted for More*. Register today! Complete the registration form online at <https://www.lhm.org/III2023/>. All those that register for the event will receive the link to LiveStream by email from Lutheran Hour Ministries. Registration deadline is Monday, September 18.

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$1,331,418	Anticipated Need Thru September, 2023: \$1,430,275
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$157	Year to Date: \$12,083
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$75	Year to Date: \$4,812
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

Received: \$3,545,069	Projected Cost: \$6,966,818
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The Calendar of the Church

Monday, September 18

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

5:30 p.m. LifeLight

6:00 p.m. HandBells Practice

7:00 p.m. ESM School Board Meeting at St. Michael

7:00 p.m. West Central Neighborhood Association Meeting

Tuesday, September 19

11:00 a.m. Lunch Bunch

7:00 p.m. Women's Retreat Planning Meeting

7:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, September 20

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

8:30 a.m. ESM Chapel

8:45 a.m. Home School Religion

8:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study

9:30 a.m. Preschool Chapel

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

11:30 a.m. Christian Approach to End of Life Class

11:30 a.m. Communion Service
1:30 a.m. LLV Communion Service
3:30 p.m. PALS

Thursday, September 21

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
3:30 p.m. Food Pantry

Friday, September 22

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

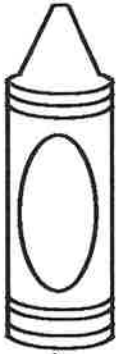
Saturday, September 23

2:00 p.m. David Wyss and Karen Keele Wedding
3:30 p.m. Praise Team
5:00 p.m. Divine Worship Service

Sunday, September 23

8:00 a.m. Divine Worship Service with Communion
9:00 a.m. Gathering Time in Ebenezer
9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Divine Worship Service

Draw a picture about the sermon



WHETHER
WE LIVE
Or
WHETHER
WE DIE,
WE ARE
THE LORD'S
♥
ROMANS 14:8

The Sacraments

Today we celebrated the Lord's Supper ...

Yes No

Today we had a baptism ...

Yes No



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

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Building faith in the city

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

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

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

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

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

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

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