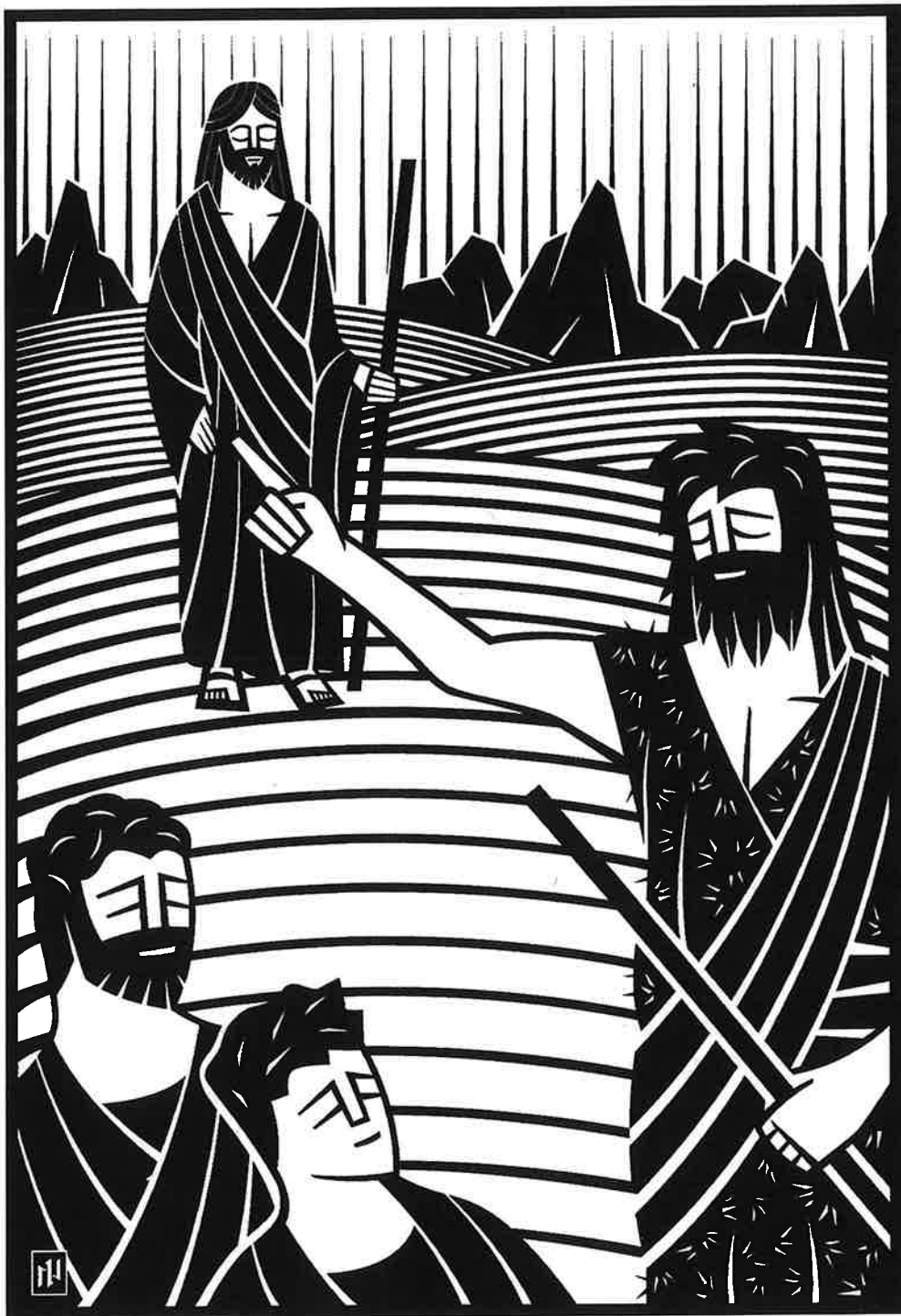


Divine Service at 5:00



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.

“Behold, the Lamb of God”

AS WE GATHER

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” With these words, John the Baptist identified Jesus with the language of sacrifice. Here, John pointed to Jesus as the One who takes away sin and this imagery was not lost on the Jewish crowds that had come to hear John preach. Their lives revolved around the sacrifice of lambs! From the daily sacrifices in the Temple, to the annual Passover ritual which recalled the blood of the lamb that had protected God’s people from the death of the firstborn in Egypt, the substitutionary death of a lamb meant that sin was taken away and the relationship between God and His people was restored. This was the work Jesus came to accomplish on the cross, and today, we receive what the Lamb of God has done for us.

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: “He Has Come for Us (God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen)”

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay.
Remember Christ, our Savior, was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan’s pow’r when we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.
O tidings of comfort and joy.

(Chorus)

He has come for us, this Jesus. He’s the Hope for all mankind.
He has come for us, the Messiah, born to give us life.

From God, our heav’nly Father, a blessed angel came.
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.
O tidings of comfort and joy. (Chorus)

All the angels sing, "Hallelujah! Jesus Christ is born!"
All the children sing, "Hallelujah! He is Christ the Lord!"

He has come for us, this Jesus. He's the Hope for all mankind.
He has come for us, the Messiah, born to give us life; born to give us life.

(Solo)

All the angels sing, "Hallelujah! Jesus Christ is born."

All the children sing, "Hallelujah! He is Christ the Lord!"

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THE INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

Leader: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Leader: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ 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: "Hymn of Joy"

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

(Chorus)

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel, Your love has come here to dwell.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and Heav'n reflect Thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise,
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee!
(Chorus, two times)

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life!

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THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name.² He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.³ And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God."⁵ And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—⁶ he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."⁷ Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ

Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42a

The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God." ³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

Inside back cover of hymnal

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Jesus, Messiah"

He became sin who knew no sin,
That we might become His righteousness.
He humbled Himself and carried the cross.
Love so amazing. Love so amazing.

(Chorus)

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names.
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven.
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine,
Broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, love so amazing. (Chorus)

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You.
All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world. (Chorus)

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

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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: "Christmas Day"

Joy to the world on a night like no other.
Emmanuel, God is with us.
Beggars and kings, let us come and adore Him.
Rest in His peace and bow before Him.

(Chorus)

Sing all you people! The Lord almighty reigns.
Sing ev'ry creature of God! Come bless His name.
For He is good, for He is good; He was born to conquer the grave.
Light of the world, the reason for Christmas Day.

Stars we have seen over deserts and oceans.
The darkness was deep, but never hopeless.
Redemption came and His name is Jesus! (Chorus)

From the mountains, we will shout it out
For the Lord, our God, almighty reigns.
He is with us, He is with us now,
For the Lord, our God, almighty reigns.
From the mountains, we will shout it out
For the Lord, our God, almighty reigns.

He is with us, He is with us now,
For the Lord, our God, almighty reigns. (Chorus, two times)

Light of the world, the reason for Christmas Day.

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THE MINISTRY MINUTE

PALS

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: That the Lord, our Rock and Redeemer, would sanctify the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts, that our prayers might reflect His gracious promises, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For faithfulness, that the Lord who formed His Son in Mary's womb to be a light for the nations would enlighten and strengthen us by His Word and Sacraments; and that we might reflect the light of Christ to those around us, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: That the Lord, who created the heavens and establishes day and night, would bless all teachers and students of the arts and sciences to see His creativity and glorify Him, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our households, that the Lord who watched over the tribes of Jacob would provide both daily bread and redemption in abundant measure to His people, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those in authority, that our Holy God would fortify them with courage and wisdom to govern justly and cultivate in them penitent hearts so that they would welcome their Redeemer with joy on the Last Day, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For healing and deliverance, that the Lamb of God would be merciful to all in need of His care, and grant them rescue and confidence in His grace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Grant that we who have celebrated the incarnation of our Lord may die to sin and rise to new life in Him, and that we may treasure up and ponder in our hearts the Christ announced by Your forerunner;

through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE PREFACE (Spoken responsively by the Congregation)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE

Leader: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

“SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)”

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Heavenly Hosts,

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Heavenly Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Blessed is he who comes,

Blessed is he who comes, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

"Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)"

Light of the World, Treasure of Heaven,
Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky.
Joy of the Father, reach through the darkness,
Shine across the earth, send the shadows to flights.

Light of the World, from the beginning
The tragedies of time were no match for Your love.
From great heights of glory, You saw my story.
God, You entered in and became one of us.

(Chorus)

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah.
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done!
Come and adore Him, bow down before Him.
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World.

Light of the World, crown in a manger,
Born for the cross, to suffer, to save.
High King of Heaven, death is the poorer.
We are the richer by the price that He paid. (Chorus)

Light of the World soon will be coming.
With fire in His eyes, He will ransom His own.
Through clouds He will lead us straight into glory.
And there He shall reign forevermore. (Chorus)

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"A Christmas Alleluia"

Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ the Savior of the world, He has come!
Alleluia, Alleluia! To the highest Name of all, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ the Savior of the world, He has come!
Alleluia, Alleluia! To the highest Name of all, Alleluia!

The heavens roar, the angels sing, "All glory to our God and King!"
O night divine forevermore, Alleluia!
The heavens roar, the angels sing, "All glory to our God and King!"
O night divine forevermore, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ the Savior of the world, He has come!
Alleluia, Alleluia! To the highest Name of all, Alleluia!
You're the highest Name of all, Alleluia!

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THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "He Shall Reign Forevermore"

In the bleak midwinter; all creation groans
For a world in darkness, frozen like a stone.
Light is breaking in a stable for a throne.

(Chorus)

And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.
Unto us a Child is born, the King of kings, the Lord of lords.
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.

If I were a wise man, I would travel far.
And if I were a shepherd, I would do my part.
But poor as I am, I will give to Him my heart. (Chorus)

Here within a manger lies the One who made the starry skies.
This Baby born to sacrifice; Christ, the Messiah.
Into our hopes, into our fears, the Savior of the world appears.
The promise of eternal years; Christ, the Messiah.

He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.
He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.

Unto us a Child is born, the King of kings, the Lord of lords.
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.
He shall reign, He shall reign, He shall reign.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Is. 9:1-4; Ps. 27:1-9; 1 Cor. 1:10-18; Matt. 4:12-25

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Williams and Mrs. Margorie Lemon from Cheryl Parker and family; and in loving memory of Mary Ann McClure from Norvin McClure and family.

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Aaron Light

USHER AND ALTAR GUILD: Mike and Cathy Paff

The Prayers of the Church

Prayer Requests

- Our congregation continues to care for one another through a faithful prayer ministry. Please pray for the following people this week:
 - Pray for the family of Mike Notter (brother-in-law of George and Becki Elonzae) 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 Ed Braun, Jacqueline Springer (wife of Larry), Bretchen Breininger (friend of Ruth Anne Teeple), Pastor Tim Elsner, Ron Bear, Margie Domenichelli, Robert Beall, Kathy Schwyer, Don Bartelt, Dottie Coppolino (sister of Sherry Baker), Jerry Kanning, Jacob Lichtstinn, Chuck Nelson, Betsy Gibson (daughter of Mary Kleinschmidt), Hannah Mast (daughter of Michael and Shirley Harvey), Ray Behling (Father of David Behling), Phyllis Tittman, Vickie Tufley (sister of Judy Huesner), Maury Springer, Patrick Agerton, Harry Brown (father-in-law of Kristina Brown), Taylor Hogan (son of Arlan and Robin Hogan), Curt Reese (brother-in-law of Sandra Nahrwold), David Merkler, Kristy Fitzgerald.
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Janel Byers, Allen Herbst, Faith Harless, Marty Renner, LindaSue Landis, Larry Lankenau, Edie Lesh, Noni Hoham, Doris Hoffman, Cynda Clark, Troy Sargent, Becky Nahrwold, Paul Parker, Gretchen Breininger (friend of Ruth Anne Teeple), David Nahrwold (father of Seth Nahrwold), Mitch Platt, Steve Mueller.
 - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Marty Imler, Judi Brunow, Angela Osborn, Jamie McConnell, Beth Woodward, Tom Eggold, Lois Howe (aunt of Bob Frye), Peg Davis, Jenny

Hobby (sister of Chris Murphy), Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Richard Vargas (brother-in-law of Kris Tinsley), and Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith).

- Join our staff in praying for the following members this week:
 - Ryan Rathge
 - John and Jan Reche
 - Austin Reed, Zayden
 - Thim and Julie Reed, Autumn and Harrison
 - Greg Rehberg
 - Bill and Penny Reichhart
 - Dick Reinking
 - Tim and Carol Reinking
 - Marty Renner
 - Gail Renz
- Please pray for the missions and missionaries currently supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
 - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf - Ponce, Puerto Rico
 - Rev. Aaron Spratt - Alaska Mission for Christ
 - Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)
 - Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
 - The Lutheran Heritage Foundation
 - Luther Academy
 - Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM)
 - Lutherans For Life (LFL)

If you have a prayer request that you would like to make known to our Emmanuel family, please email me at taeggold@hotmail.com. 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

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

CLASS	LOCATION
Little Flock (Birth - Age 2)	Room 7 (Lower Level, School)
3-5 Year Olds	Room 6 (Lower Level, School)
K-2 nd Grade	Room 105 (Middle Level, School)
3 rd -5 th Grade	Room 104 (Middle Level, School)
6 th Grade Confirmation	Room 102 (Middle Level, School)
7 th Grade Confirmation	Room 101 (Middle Level, School)

8 th Grade Confirmation	Ebenezer, Lower Level
9 th -12 th Grade	The Loft

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

CLASS	LOCATION	DATES	INSTRUCTOR
Handling the Word of Truth	Sanctuary	1/8	Pr. McFadden
Marriage Is...	Mr. Staub's Rm (Top floor, School)	1/8-2/12	Matt & Amy Konow, John & Sarah Martin
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall	1/8-3/26	Eggold, Sheaffer, Hille
Sunday School for Grown Ups	Mrs. Frerking's Rm (Top floor, School)	Begins 1/15	Pr. Mark Sheaffer
Feasts of the Old Testament	Mr. Staub's Rm (Top floor, School)	2/19-3/26	Jan Williams

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
FWYA (Ft. Wayne Young Adult) Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Sundays (Not on 1/1)	6:00 pm
Women's Book Study	The Loft	Mondays	8:30 am
LifeLight - Gospel of Matthew	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	5:30 pm
Women's Book Study (Beth Williams 402-803-5303)	Ebenezer Hall	Tuesdays (1 st & 3 rd)	7:30 pm
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 am
Women's Bible Study on Luke	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays	8:45 am
Homeschool Religion Class	Choir Room	Wednesdays	9:00 am
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	10:00 am
Men's Lectionary Study	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 am

The News of the Church

Are You Missing Your Favorite Travel Mug/Cup? If so, check out the table in Ebenezer Hall that has cups and bottles that have been left at church. Any cups that are left at the end of January will be donated.

New Emmanuel Bible Reading Plan - Are you looking for a way to read the Bible with greater consistency and regularity? Would it be helpful to have a way to engage the Bible for 10-15 minutes a day and also have it prepare you for Emmanuel's services on the weekend? This year, Emmanuel's app will feature a new plan that could help. This new Bible reading plan can be found by clicking the "Bible" icon at the bottom of the app's home screen. Then clicking the plan option on the bottom of the next screen. This new plan will run through the readings for the upcoming weekend two times in the week prior. Here's the weekly breakdown for the new plan:

- Monday: First Reading & Weekly Psalm
- Tuesday: Second Reading & Weekly Psalm
- Wednesday: Third Reading & Weekly Psalm
- Thursday: First Reading & Weekly Psalm
- Friday: Second Reading & Weekly Psalm
- Saturday: Third Reading & Weekly Psalm
- Sunday: Rest Day

This is another way for our church family to unite around God's Word in this new year! Give it a try!

PrayerWorks - Electric Works has already had a huge impact on our neighborhood and city. Along with the restaurants, shops, and businesses that will define this new development in the heart of West Central, there will also be a space dedicated to Jesus, and set aside for the purpose of praying for the city and world. PrayerWorks is now open. Emmanuel will be hosting PrayerWorks on Thursday, February 9. Watch our weekly email in the coming weeks for more information on how you can help.

Donate a Catechism - Liberian Children's Ministry is collecting catechisms to share with students and families throughout the Lutheran school system in Liberia. If you have an extra copy of *Luther's Small Catechism* (any edition) which you would be willing to donate, please drop it off at the church office or the Connections Counter.

LFL Baby Shower - On the weekend of January 28 and 29, your local Lutherans For Life team will celebrate NEW life by holding a baby shower to benefit the Fort Wayne Women's Care Center. Needed are slightly-used or new baby items, along with larger articles such as Pack and Play portable play yards (crib) which provide a safe place for baby to sleep. A gift as simple as a pack of diapers will be sent to Shepherd of the City, who hands out thousands of diapers each year to parents in dire need. Bring your donations to any of our three church services on January 28 and 29, and your Lutherans For Life team will most gratefully accept them on behalf of the little ones!

2023 Contribution Envelopes - Contribution envelope packets for 2023 are available to pick up in Ebenezer Hall until the end of January. Please check the alphabetized list provided on the table to find your envelope number. If you do not find a packet with your name, and you would like envelopes for 2023, please stop by or call the church office during the work week.

Emmanuel Lunch Bunch Announcement for January 2023 - The next Lunch Bunch activity for those around 60 or over is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2023, when our special guest will be our member, Stephanie Goodman, the Environmental Manager for Republic Services, who will provide us with helpful information pertaining to environmental management in our homes and businesses. 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. The cost is \$9.00. 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. Hope you can join us for this great opportunity to meet Emmanuel members in an informal setting, enjoy a meal with others, and learn something new about Fort Wayne on a topic of interest to seniors.

Kindergarten Enrollment - With so many schools in the area to choose from, making the decision about where your child will begin their education is easier said than done. We invite you to join us on January 18, or February 15, for our Kindergarten Information & Enrollment Session to get a clear picture of what ESM is all about. With a long history of academic achievement, Emmanuel - St. Michael Lutheran School exceeds the standard for excellence of education in northeast Indiana. However, at ESM we hope to provide even more. At ESM, our deep commitment to investing in the whole family while also providing excellent academics ensures that your child will be prepared for their future calling, confident in who they are in Christ, and have a sense of community as they grow. REGISTER at www.esmeagles.com/enrollment/kindergarten-open-house.

CLHS Sermon Report Forms - In case your Concordia High School student forgets to bring a "Growth in Worship" sermon report form to church, we have extras at the Connections Counter.

Communion Services on Wednesdays - We continue to offer a special service of Holy Communion on Wednesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. For these services, social distancing recommendations will be followed, and there will be no singing.

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Year to Date: \$56,252	Anticipated Need Thru January, 2023: \$161,894
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Last Week: \$207	Year to Date: \$614
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CUP OF KINDNESS

Last Week: \$51	Year to Date: \$226
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Received: \$2,492,341	Goal: \$5,000,000	Pledged: \$3,000,172
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The Calendar of the Church

Monday, January 16

ESM - No School

5:00 p.m. LifeLight

7:00 p.m. School Board at Emmanuel

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

Tuesday, January 17

11:00 a.m. Lunch Bunch

5:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

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

Wednesday, January 18

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

8:30 a.m. ESM School Chapel

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

9:00 a.m. Home School Religion

9:00 a.m. Wednesday Playgroup

9:30 a.m. Preschool Chapel

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

11:30 a.m. Communion Service

6:30 p.m. ESM Kindergarten Info and Enrollment Session

Thursday, January 19

ESM - One Hour Late Start

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys

9:00 a.m. Piece Makers

3:00 p.m. Food Pantry

Friday, January 20

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

Saturday, January 21

3:30 p.m. Praise Team

5:00 p.m. Divine Worship

Sunday, January 22

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

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Worship Service

6:00 p.m. FWYA Bible Study

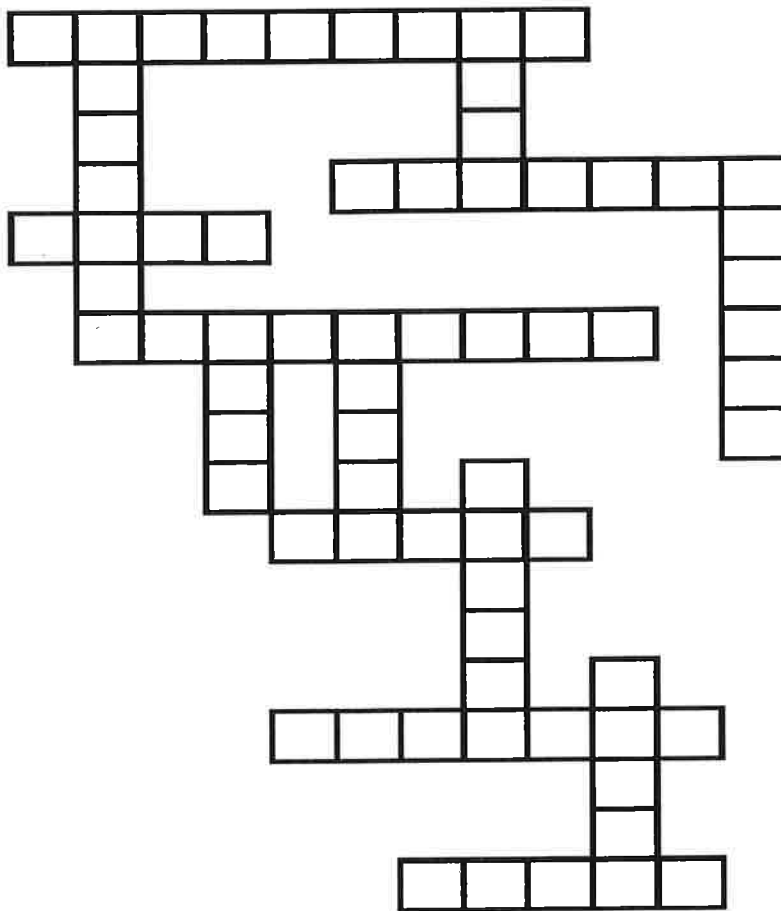
6:00 p.m. SNA

What was my favorite part of church today?

How can I use this in my life?



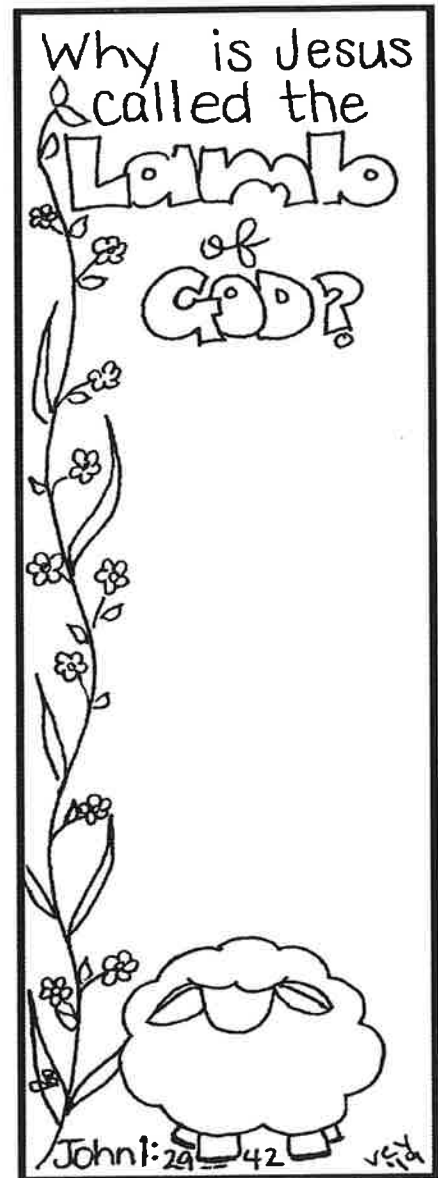
Fill-In Word puzzle



KNOWLEDGE
SALVATION
MESSIAH
WITNESS
NATIONS

SPIRIT
ARROW
TRIBES
SWORD
WATER

PEACE
GIFT
HOLY
LORD



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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