

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...



CHILDREN IN WORSHIP



We are so happy you are here!

We've got tot bags and children's bulletins that are located in the east and west rear entrances of the church. Also, check out our Visual Faith page in the back of the bulletin.

Please feel free to bring your kids up during the distribution of Holy Communion for a personal blessing.

The unstaffed Church Nursery is available for children three years of age and younger and is located in the lower level. If you need help finding it, please ask one of our ushers who will gladly guide you.

PRAYER REQUESTS



If you have a prayer request that you would like announced to the congregation, you will find a prayer request card on the tables located near each entrance into the sanctuary. Drop the completed card into one of the boxes located at each entrance, or simply hand it to an usher.

CONNECTIONS COUNTER



Visit the Connections Counter located in Ebenezer Hall. We've been expecting you and have a gift for our visitors. You can also pick up information on all we have to offer and sign up for events too!

SPECIAL NEEDS



We offer a hearing loop, large print bulletins and printed copies of today's sermon. If these would be helpful, please ask one of our ushers who would be delighted to assist you.

GATHERING TIME



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

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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

“Divine Detours”

AS WE GATHER

Sometimes in life, we are forced to travel trails we would never choose, and often these paths take us through pain and loss, suffering and sadness. These detours frustrate the most faithful among us, and yet these difficulties shouldn't surprise us. The Word of God is clear that struggle, pain, and loss are all part of the Christian life, just as they were for Christ Himself. And that's why today's text is so important, because in it, we learn that despite our doubts, and even through our suffering, God continues to work.

THE GATHERING TIME

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

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE OPENING SONG: “Joy Has Dawned”

Joy has dawned upon the world, Promised from creation.
God's salvation now unfurled, Hope for ev'ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above; Not with scenes of glory;
But a humble gift of love, Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky With the songs of angels.
As the mighty Prince of Life Shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place, Shaped the earth in darkness,
Cling now to a mother's breast, Vulnerable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, Gazing at the glory.
Gifts of men from distant lands Prophecy the story.
Gold a King is born today; Incense God is with us;
Myrrh His death will make a way; By His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam Son of heaven, Given as a ransom,
Reconciling God and man, Christ our mighty Champion.
What a Savior what a Friend, What a glorious mystery;
Once a babe in Bethlehem, Now the Lord of history.

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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(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 (Galatians 4:4; Isaiah 63:14)

Leader: O Lord God, we confess that although we usually prepare for, as Paul put it, "the fullness of time," that is not true in our personal lives.

People: Forgive our impatience for taking matters into our own hands, forgive our not trusting that You are in control of all things, and forgive our failing to acknowledge You above all else.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: We confess, O Lord, that unlike obedient Joseph, we have not always listened to Your commands and instructions.

People: Forgive our desire to be in control, forgive our avoiding difficult decisions, and forgive our thinking that we are able to arrange all things for our own benefit.

Leader: We confess, O Lord, that we have kept our faith to ourselves.

People: Forgive our seeking to be like everyone else, rather than trusting You.

Leader: Forgiveness has been won for you! The babe born in Bethlehem is the only-begotten Son of God and He is your Brother. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

(Please be seated)

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

Gentle Mary laid her child
Lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the Undefined,
To the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place,
Can He be the Savior?

Ask the saved of all the race
Who have found His favor.

Angels sang about His birth,
Wise Men sought and found Him;
Heaven's star shone brightly forth
Glory all around Him.
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight,
Heard the angels singing;
All the plains were lit that night,
All the hills were ringing.

Gentle Mary laid her child
Lowly in a manger;
He is still the Undefined
But no more a stranger.
Son of God of humble birth,
Beautiful the story;
Praise His name in all the earth;
Hail the King of glory!

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THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 63:7-14

I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became their Savior. ⁹In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. ¹⁰But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. ¹¹Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, ¹²who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, ¹³who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. ¹⁴Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13-23

When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." ¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more." ¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." ²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Spoken together)

Inside back cover of hymnal

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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

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

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in.
O holy Child of Bethlehem descend on us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Lutheran Service Book

THE SERMON

Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please take the black binder at the end of each pew, and fill out the appropriate info. We encourage our members to greet our visitors after the service.

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Silent Night"

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth

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(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 grace to rejoice in Christ's blessed incarnation; in thankfulness that, in the fullness of time, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem us and give us the adoption as His heirs; and to grant us a glad new year, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the Church, that all may embrace the Christ Child by Word and faith, and so be ready to depart whenever they are called, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For Christian families, that the Father would bless them with His promises; for parents, that they would be diligent and find delight in their work; for children, that by God's favor they would grow in strength and wisdom; and for widows, orphans and broken families, that God would comfort them with His mercy and give them joy in the redemption won for them in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the lonely, that they would be comforted with the sure and certain knowledge that God will never forsake them, and that within the household of faith they might find family, friends and loving companionship, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the sick and suffering, that according to God's gracious will, they would be healed; and for those who mourn, that God would fill their

hearts with the certain hope of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Lord God, heavenly Father, graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

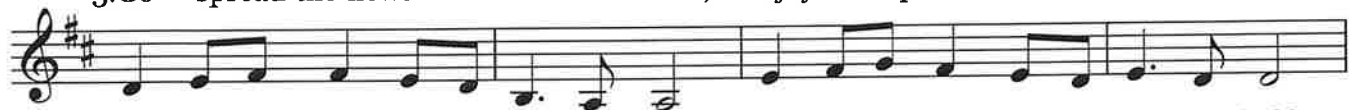
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken together)

THE BLESSING

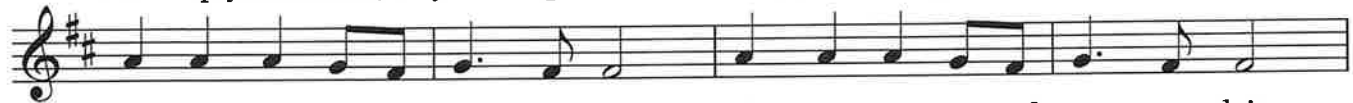
THE CLOSING SONG: "Sing We the Song of Emmanuel"



1. Sing we the song of Em-man-u-el; this the Christ who was long fore-told.
2. Come we to wel-come Em-man-u-el; King who came with no crown or throne.
3. Go spread the news of Em-man-u-el; joy and peace for the wea-ry heart.



Lo in the sha-dows of Beth-le-hem, prom-ise of dawn now our eyes be-hold.
Help-less He lay, the in-vin-ci-ble, Ma-ker of Ma-ry, now Ma-ry's son.
Lift up your heads, for your King has come; sing for the light ov-er-whelms the dark.



God most high in a man-ger laid; Lift your voi-ces and now pro-claim:
O what wis-dom to save us all, shep-herds, sa-ges, be-fore Him fall.
Glo-ry shi-n-ing for all the see, hope a-live, let the Gos-pel ring.



Great and glo-ri-ous, Love has come to us; Join now with the hosts of hea-
Grace and Ma-jes-ty, what hu-mi-li-ty; come on ben-ded knee, a-dore
God has made a way, He will have the praise; tell the world His Name is Je-

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Roehm, Ann Schwartz, Hazel Krenzke (Brian and Anna Snodgrass's niece), Robert Burmeister (Hannah Swor's dad), Roxanne Moore, Marsha Sappenfield, Jenny Nehrenz (niece of Charlene Hess), Rick Bair (brother of Dave and Tammy Bair)

- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - Ty and Cheryl Bennett, Tucker, Lindsay, Allison
 - Jeff and Sarah Bercot, Milla and Maeve
 - Russell Berg
 - Lois Berry
 - Chris Bible
 - Tasha Bible, Sam, Jacob, Benjamin and Adam
 - Dave and Sharon Bieberich
 - Eric and Karen Bieberich, Noah, Luke and Grace
 - Matthew and Stacy Bieberich, Mayce and Maddox
 - Michael Bieberich
- Please pray for the missions supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
 - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf – Ponce, Puerto Rico
 - Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)
 - Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
 - Heidi Wilkinson – Ethiopia
 - The Lutheran Heritage Foundation
 - Luther Academy
 - Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM)
 - Lutherans For Life (LFL)
 - Lutheran Bible Translators

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism: Thank God for the baptisms so far in 2025.

Dolores Harper	Parker Schultheis	Mason Gilliom	Atlas Arnold
Renae Smith	Rafael Alberto	Lois Altheide	Lincoln Griffin
Virginia Miller	Amelia Adair	Forrest Clarke	Brandon Cirilo
Charlotte Schmotzer	Lilyth Tittman	Anna Vandercar	William Vogt
Bennett Hoyle	Liam Hill	Rowen Lomont	Owen Light
Kollin Vanderford	Klaire Vanderford	Khloe Vanderford	Walter Vanderford
Wilma Vanderford	Vada Gillum	Valerie Miller	Gary Keller
Terry Buffington	Desirae Rider	Payton Caudill	Benjamin Rider
Alice Gynn	Quinn Brimmer	Parker Hall	Kirstin Lobo
Jordyn Christlieb	Devon Jewell	Izaiah Christlieb	Iyla Christlieb
Elyjun Christlieb	Amira Christlieb	Nevaeh Christlieb	Atreus Layman
Theodora Kendrick	Salem Lee Hilty	Austin Dillion	Nova Dillion
Daniel Schindler	Emmanuel Price	Lewis Adair	Hudson McCaig

THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 1 Kings 3:4-15; Ps. 119:97-104; Eph. 1:3-14; Luke 2:40-52

THE CHRISTMAS GREENS adorning the altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of the 10th anniversary of the passing of Don Beitz from his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

USHERS: Jan Hoffman and Laura Miller

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 Hudson Matthew McCaig on the occasion of his Baptism. We ask God to strengthen Hudson as he grows and to bless his parents, James and Kayla (Konow), and his sponsors, John and Madalene Ripke and Logan Cochran, as they raise and nurture child's first name in his Baptismal faith.
 - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Pam Carmichael (sister of Deb Percy), Steve Herman, River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Carlton Grotian (father of Karla Neeld), Colsen Gage (nephew of Annalissa Smith), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia Williams, Dick Reinking, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie Kidwell (mother of Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Deb Percy, Ed Braun, Norv McClure, Janine (friend of Lauryn Longworth), Gracelynn Anderson (granddaughter of Tim and Cindy Anderson), Randi Gramling (cousin of Deb Percy), Stan Thompson, Deb Epperson, Salem Lee Hilty, Faith Behling, William Rush, Kathy Schweyer, Don Heckber, Wayne McClure, Mason Longworth, Chris Holmes (brother-in-law of Craig Dahlkamp)
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Jan Reche, Steve Mueller, Ivy Harkenrider, Anne Kelly, Wes Harless, Jan Hoffman
 - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Bonnie Havener (sister-in-law of George and Becki Elonzae), Karen Burtch (sister-in-law of Lori Richey), Amy Krantz (daughter-in-law of David and Karen Wyss), Mary Grosjean, Peg Davis, Ashley Edge (niece of Barb and Gary Lesh), Barb Hambrock, Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Shelly Koenig (friend of Matt & Amy Konow), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith), Tina Bennett, Dennis McFadden, Lisa Toth (Pepple), Laura Herrick (Caroline Eber's niece), Art Klausmeier, Roger Kuehnert, John Jennings (friend of Dave and Tammy Bair), Bruce Williams, Herb Schumm, Rob

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 and Bible Class 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. (Starting January 4)

CLASS	LOCATION
Little Flock (Birth - Age 3)	School Room A5 (Extended Care)
4-5 Year Olds	School Room A3
K-1 st Grade	School Room A1
2 nd -3 rd Grade	School Room B3
4 th -5 th Grade	School Room B5
6 th -7 th Grade	School Room D2
8 th Grade	School Room D3 (Art/Science)
High School	Loft
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall
Galatians	LL Ebenezer
Living Faithfully in a Fallen World	Sanctuary

Confirmation - Two Location Changes

- Grades 6/7 Confirmation will now be in school room D2.
- Grade 8 Confirmation will now be in school room D3 (Art/Science room).

Adult Bible Classes

- **Lutheran Christianity** (January 4-March 29; Teacher - Eggold, Sheaffer, Hille; Location - Brandt Hall) is a class designed to help build a solid foundation in the core teachings of the Church and is offered to anyone interested in learning more about the Lutheran Christian faith or brush up on what they had learned at another point in their faith journey.
- **Galatians** (January 4-March 22; Teacher - Dennis McFadden; Location - LL Ebenezer) Join us for a 12-week study of St. Paul's letter to the Galatians. This letter has been called the "Magna Carta of Christian liberty," for it maintains that only through the grace of God received through faith in Jesus Christ can a person escape the curse of sin and of the law and live a new life, not in bondage or license, but in a genuine freedom of mind and spirit through the power of God. Galatians was a favorite epistle of reformer Martin Luther who called it his "Katie" (Luther's wife!). Our class will involve my PowerPoint presentation, video clips, and discussion.

- **Living Faithfully in a Fallen World: Being Lutheran after Luther's Death** –(January 4 – February 8; Teacher – Pastor Larry Rast; Location – Sanctuary) We all know that Luther posted the 95 Theses in 1517—but what happened after that? This study will look at the latter part of Luther's life and then examine the enormous challenges the Lutheran church faced in the years following his death (1546) and when things finally (kind of) settled down in 1580. Over the weeks we will see how God keeps His promises to His church—even when His church struggles with the difficulties of living faithfully in a fallen world.

Monday Morning Moms - Hey, mama! Have you been looking for a group to connect with here at Emmanuel? We hope you'll join us every other Monday morning as we journey through the salvation story of the Old Testament using Chad Bird's book "Hitchhiking with the Prophets". Drop your kiddos off in the Lower Level of Ebenezer Hall with our amazing caregivers. Then, head upstairs to the Loft to enjoy fellowship, a cup of coffee, and study with other moms. The dates are: January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23, March 9 & 23, April 13 & 27, and May 11 from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact Liz Bejot - LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org.

The News of the Church

Missionaries Jeff and Gina Teeple Coming to Emmanuel - After serving Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont, Indiana, for many years, Rev. Jeff and Deaconess Gina Teeple are serving the Lord as missionaries in Germany. Jeff is a missionary pastor to Trinity Lutheran Church in Frankfurt. Trinity is an English-speaking congregation that serves expat families from around the world. As communications project manager, Gina works with the Eurasia communication specialist, missionaries and LCMS Communications to support projects in the region and facilitate communication to supporters and donors. Jeff and Gina will share more about their work and Pastor Teeple will serve as our Epiphany preacher on January 4 and 5.

2026 Contribution Envelopes are available to pick up in Ebenezer Hall. If you have your contributions taken out electronically, you will not have envelopes. However, if you would like to have them, please contact the church office.

CONSIDER ATTENDING iLead 2026 - iLead is a collaborative initiative of several local congregations working together to develop leaders in the church. iLead 2026 churches are Emmanuel, Holy Cross, Promise, St. Michael, St. Peter's, and Suburban Bethlehem. During January and February, there are three iLead presentations on the iLead 2026 theme "Discipleship Is Leadership Development." See the newsletter for the events calendar.

GAME ON is a group designed for those who like to play table games. We play a different game each month. The game for January is Rummikub - a take off of

Rummy but played with tiles. No experience is needed. Please join us for fellowship, fun, and food. GAME ON will meet Tuesday, January 6, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall. Please join us and bring a friend. There is a sign-up sheet at the Connections Counter. If you forget to sign up come anyway!

Visual Faith — Gratitude & Prayer Journals - Join us in the new year as we work on our 2026 Gratitude & Prayer Journals! Writing down one thing you're thankful for and one thing you're praying about each day can transform how you see God at work in your life. This event will be on Tuesday, January 6, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall. Bring a snack, invite a friend, and sign up at the Connections Counter or scan the QR code.



Volunteer for PALS - Peer Assisted Learning Strategies (PALS) is a ministry of Emmanuel that partners with Washington Elementary to support 2nd and 3rd graders. Each week for eight weeks, these students join us in Ebenezer Hall, where we share snacks, explore the love of Jesus, read, and play together. Your time and kindness can make a lasting impact. Join us in this rewarding ministry! Who can volunteer? Any adult, high school student, along with 7th and 8th graders are welcome to apply. Scan the QR code for more information and to apply.



Lunch Bunch (60+) - As we begin the New Year 2026, we are reaching out to all those in our church family who are around 60 or over to join us for Lunch Bunch. Fellowship starts at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 20th, in the LL Ebenezer Hall. Lunch is served at 12:00 p.m. followed by one of our favorite fun activities -- BINGO! Lunch reservations are required by calling the church office at 260.423.1369 or by signing up at the Connections Counter by Friday, January 16. The lunch cost is \$10.00 per person payable that day. Hoping to see many of you there to kick off the new year with a bang!

ESM 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 22 or February 17 for our Kindergarten Information and Enrollment session to get a clear picture of what ESM is all about. To learn more and register, please scan the QR code.



ESM Preschool Enrollment - As a parent, we understand that no one knows your child's unique needs better than you. Finding a school that will reinforce the values you are instilling at home is crucial. We invite you to join us on February 12 or 19 for our Preschool Information and Enrollment sessions to get a clear picture of what ESM is all about. To learn more and register, please scan the QR code.



ESM Seeks Student Support Specialist who will enhance academic success by supporting students through compassionate care and interventions. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis with a flexible start date as early as spring semester. Please contact Executive Assistant, Hannah Swor (hswor@esmeagles.com) for the application and with any questions.

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, December 29

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

Tuesday, December 30

6:00 p.m. Study the Psalms at Chapman's

Wednesday, December 31

7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship Service w/Communion

Thursday, January 1

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, January 2

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, January 3

5:00 p.m. Divine Service w/ Communion

Sunday, January 4

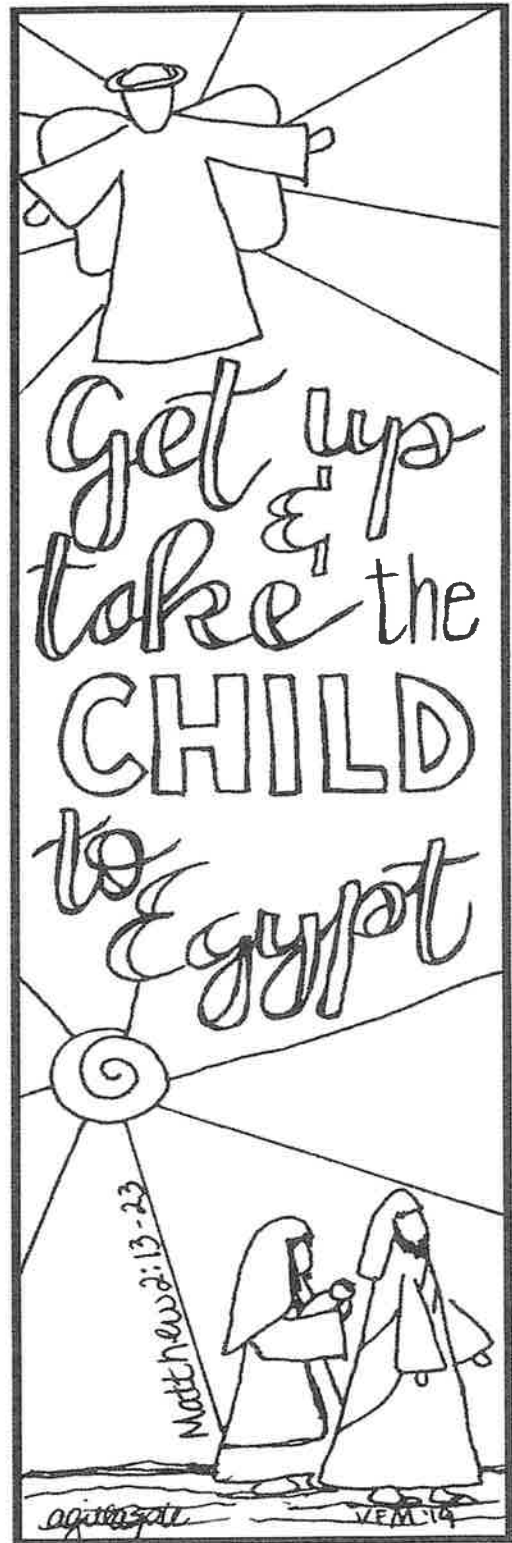
8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion



Sermon Notes



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EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Building faith in the city

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

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

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

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

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

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

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