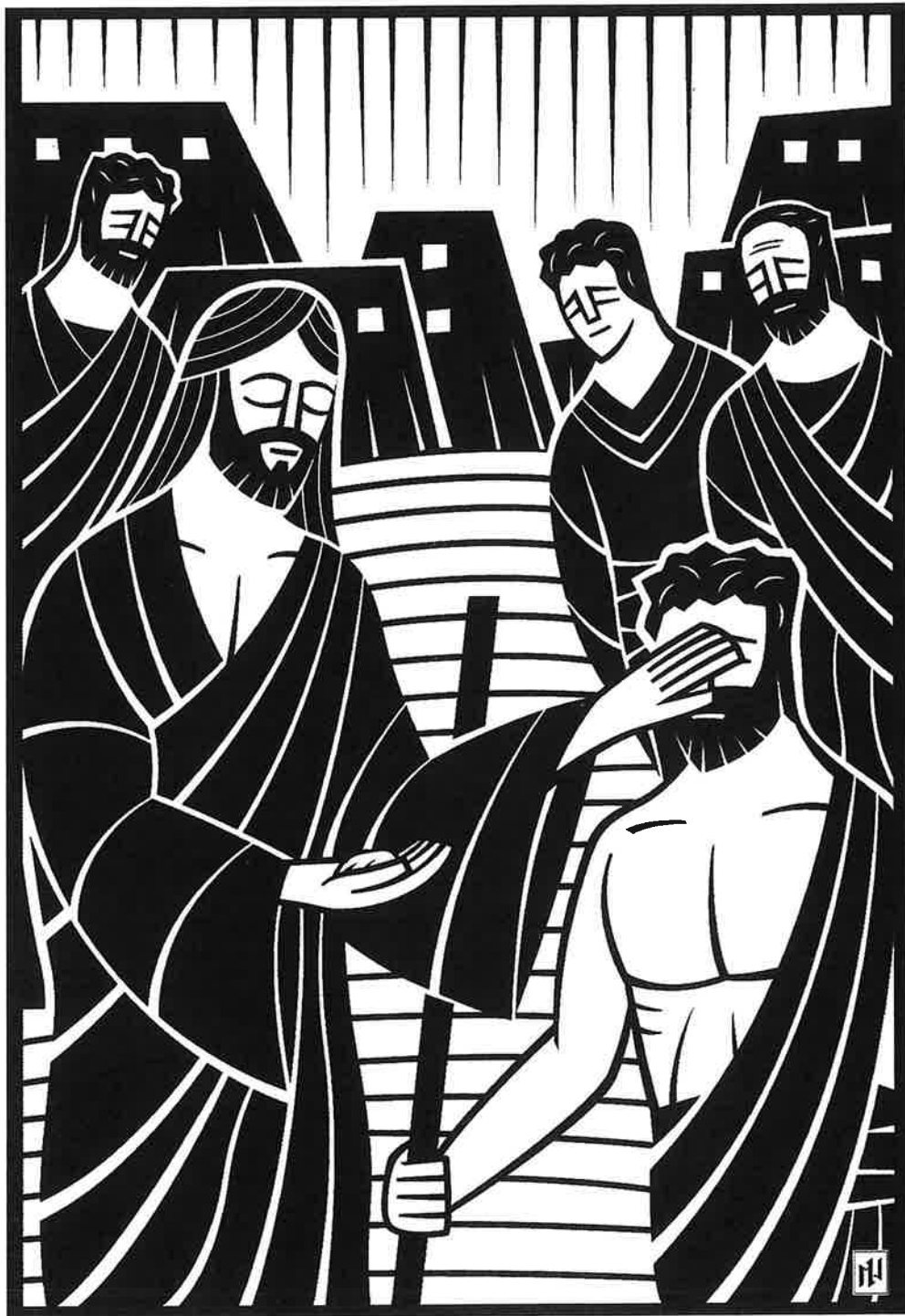


# Divine Service at 5:00



## 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](mailto:taeggold@hotmail.com), or Pastor Sheafer at [pastordan@emmanuelutheran.org](mailto:pastordan@emmanuelutheran.org), or call either of us at (260) 423-1369. We would love to talk with you.

# “The Works of God”

## AS WE GATHER

No matter how sick a person may be, Christ can heal him. No matter how far a person has fallen, Christ can pull him out. No matter how troubled, frightened, and afflicted a person may be, Christ can comfort him. Whatever condition a person is in, even if he thinks that he will die because of it, he can know that as certainly as God lives, God does not want the death of any sinner. And instead He says to us sinners, “You shall not perish; instead, you shall be saved” (Treasury of Daily Prayer, 212). Today, this is God’s promise to you.

## 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: “I Am Free”

Through You the blind will see, Through You the mute will sing  
Through You the dead will rise, Through You all hearts will praise.  
Through You the darkness flees, Through You my heart screams, “I Am Free.”

(Congregation Echoes)

I am free to run	<i>(I am free to run)</i>
I am free to dance	<i>(I am free to dance)</i>
I am free to live for You	<i>(I am free to live for You)</i>
I am free	<i>(I am free)</i>

(Repeat song once from the beginning)

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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: Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.

People: Give me understanding, that I may keep Your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Leader: Lead me in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it.

People: Behold, I long for Your precepts; in Your righteousness give me life!  
Let Your steadfast love come to me, O Lord, Your salvation according to Your promise.

Leader: Let us make confession of our sins to God, our gracious, heavenly Father.

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

Leader: Eternal God,

People: we confess that we all have sinned and need forgiveness. By nature, we are sinful from the very beginnings of our lives. Through our thoughts, words, and deeds, we continually sin against You. We have lived for ourselves in many ways, breaking Your commands that direct us not to lie, steal, or transgress Your holy will. We have walked in the darkness of bad choices and have left unfulfilled opportunities to do good and be blessings to others. O God, in Your mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness and indifference, that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments. Graciously forgive our sins and direct us in ways of compassion and love.

Leader: God promises to hear those who turn to Him with repentant hearts. Upon this your confession, 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: "Lord, I Need You"

Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.  
And without You, I fall apart. You're the One that guides my heart.

(Chorus)

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.  
My one Defense, my Righteousness, O God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.  
Where grace is found is where You are.  
And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.  
Where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. (Chorus)

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.  
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my Hope and Stay.

And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my Hope and Stay.  
(Chorus two times)

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

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**THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:14-21**

For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. <sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. <sup>16</sup>And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. <sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." <sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! <sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the Lord? <sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. <sup>21</sup>The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**THE SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14**

Ian St. John, reader

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39**

As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup>and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So

he went and washed and came back seeing. <sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." <sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. <sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

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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: "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound; that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now I'm found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear; and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

(Chorus)

My chains are gone, I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy rains,  
Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me; His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. (Chorus two times)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.  
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine,  
Will be forever mine, You are forever mine.

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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: "Our God"

Water You turned into wine, Opened the eyes of the blind.  
There's no one like You, None like You.

Into the darkness You shine, Out of the ashes we rise.  
There's no one like You, None like You.

(Chorus)

Our God is greater, Our God is stronger.  
God You are higher than any other.  
Our God is healer, Awesome in power our God, our God.

And if our God is for us, Then who could ever stop us?  
And if our God is with us, Then what could stand against?  
And if our God is for us, Then who could ever stop us?  
And if our God is with us, Then what could stand against?  
Then what could stand against? (Chorus)

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Great Physician, enlighten our eyes by Your blessed Gospel, and hide us in Your shelter in the day of trouble. Provide a home in Your Church for those cast out by this world, and unite them with us in the pure confession of Your name.  
Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Father, through Holy Baptism You have brought us into the light of Christ. Guide us always in Your ways and teach us to know Your will, that we would do what is good and right and true. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord God, those who wait for Your salvation have the promise that You will not forsake them. Lead those who wander in darkness, that they would find the way of righteousness and not be put to shame. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Gracious Father, You have promised that what we suffer does not condemn us, but instead displays Your glory. Sustain the afflicted in body or soul, that they would take heart, trust You for healing, and find You even in the midst of their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: O Lord, everyone who believes in Jesus as Lord will not be put to shame. Unite Your people in a right confession of Your Word, and free them from disagreement over Your truth. Bring us with penitent hearts to receive the great riches of Your Son's body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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

### “Way Maker”

You are here, moving in our midst; I worship You, I worship You.  
You are here, working in this place; I worship You, I worship You.  
You are here, moving in our midst; I worship You, I worship You.  
You are here, working in this place; I worship You, I worship You.

(Chorus)

You are Way Maker; Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,  
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

You are Way Maker; Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,  
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

You are here, touching ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You.  
You are here, healing ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You.  
You are here, turning lives around; I worship You, I worship You.  
You are here, mending ev'ry heart;  
I worship You, yeah, I worship You, Lord. (Chorus two times)

That is who You are. That is who You are.  
That is who You are. That is who You are. (Chorus)

Even when I don't see it, You're working.  
Even when I don't feel it, You're working.  
You never stop, You never stop working.  
You never stop, You never stop working. (Chorus)

That is who You are. That is who You are.  
That is who You are. That is who You are. (Chorus)

That is who You are. That is who You are.  
That is who You are. That is who You are.  
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### "Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)"

All these pieces, broken and scattered,  
In mercy gathered, mended and whole,  
Empty-handed but not forsaken, I've been set free! I've been set free!

(Chorus)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
Oh, I once was lost but now I am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.  
Oh, I can see You now. Oh, I can see the love in Your eyes;  
Laying Yourself down, raising up the broken to life.

You take our failure, You take our weakness.  
You set Your treasure in jars of clay.  
So, take this heart, Lord; I'll be Your vessel,  
The world to see Your life in me. (Chorus two times)

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THE DISMISSAL

## THE BLESSING

### THE CLOSING SONG: "This Is Amazing Grace"

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?  
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

(Chorus)

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,  
That you would take my place, that you would bear my cross.  
You laid down Your life that I would be set free.  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order,  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?  
The King of glory, the King of glory.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice,  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?  
The King of glory, the King above all kings. (Chorus)

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!  
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Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!  
Worthy, worthy, worthy! (Chorus)

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Ez. 37:1-14; Ps. 130; Rom. 8:1-11; John 11:1-53

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Bob and Lucile Beery, Tom Beery, and David Beery from Beverly Zonker; and in loving memory of Stan Williams from Beverly Williams and family; and in loving memory of Oscar and Grace Kammeier, and Denny Kammeier from Sandy Ely and family.

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Eric Dirig

USHER AND ALTAR GUILD: 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:
  - Pray for the families of Doris Hoffman, Marty Imler, and Janet Fraters 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 Bertha Jackson (mother of Kris Tinsley), Joy (friend of Emmanuel Lutheran Church), Ellie Dahlkamp, Ed Braun, Doris Hoffman, Alycia Merkler, Allen Herbst, Cheryl Huesner, Marcille Burtch, Ed Braun, Dottie Coppolino (sister of Sherry Baker), Jerry Kanning, Ray Behling (Father of David Behling), Phyllis Tittman, Vickie Tufley (sister of Judy Huesner), 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: Carson Hall, Peg McFadden, Sonya Eggold, Lynn Frye, Stan Ketzler, Gillian Vachon, Faith Harless, Troy Sargent, Mitch Platt.
  - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Rob Howe, Tom Weick, Judi Brunow, Angela Osborn, Jamie McConnell, Beth Woodward, Tom Eggold, Lois Howe (aunt of Bob Frye), Jenny Hobby (sister of Chris Murphy), Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), and Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith).
- Join our staff in praying for the following members this week:
  - Josh and Jenny Scheumann, Dylan and Sidney
  - Ron and Sally Schimmoller
  - Brian Schinbeckler
  - Drew Schinbeckler
  - Daniel and Stephanie Schmidt, Brody and Madilyn
  - Jake and Dawn Schmidt
  - Lois Schmidt
  - Matt Schmidt
  - Myra Schmidt
  - Don and Carole Schoenefeld
- 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)
- 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](mailto:taeggold@hotmail.com). If you would like to join the Emmanuel Prayer Chain, please email Marsha Sappenfield at [marshasappenfield@comcast.net](mailto: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)	Room 5 (Lower Level, School)
3-5 Year Olds	Room 6 (Lower Level, School)
K-1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Room 7 (Lower Level, School)
2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Room 4 (Lower Level, School)
4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Room 3 (Lower Level, School)
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	D1 (Top Floor, School)
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	D2 (Top Floor, School)
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	Ebenezer, Lower Level
9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	The Loft

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

CLASS	LOCATION	DATES	INSTRUCTOR
Handling the Word of Truth	Sanctuary	1/8-4/2	Pr. McFadden
Feasts of the Old Testament	Mr. Staub's Rm (Top floor, School)	2/19-3/26	Jan Williams
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall	1/8-3/26	Eggold, Sheaffer, Hille
Sunday School for Grown Ups	Mrs. Frerking's Rm (Top floor, School)	3/26-5/21	Pr. Mark Sheaffer

## Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
FWYA (Ft. Wayne Young Adult) Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Sundays	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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	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

As Part of the Lenten Season, Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church Presents "Twelve Seats at the Table", a dramatic presentation inspired by da Vinci's "The Last Supper" painting that journeys to the upper room during the last Passover meal with Jesus and His disciples. This Lenten event takes place Sunday, March 26 at 4:00 p.m. at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, located at 6318 West California Road.

**Emmanuel Golf League** - You're invited to join Emmanuel's Golf League for 2023. This year, it will be a Wednesday weekly league for both men and women. The league begins Wednesday, April 12 at 5:30 p.m. at Brookwood Golf Course (10304 Bluffton Rd, 46809). The cost to ride and play nine holes is \$21. If you plan on playing or would like more details about the league please contact either of our two league coordinators, Fred Peterson (call/text at 260.437.2885) or Mike Huesner (call/text at 260.416.1380).

**Save the Date for Emmanuel's Easter Egg Hunt** to be held Saturday, April 8 from 10:00 a.m.-Noon. More information to come! If you are interested in helping to plan and run the Easter Egg Hunt, please contact Liz Bejot, Director of Children's Ministry, [LBejot@emmanuel Lutheran.org](mailto:LBejot@emmanuel Lutheran.org). We are also accepting donations of plastic eggs filled with candy. You can drop them off at the church office or at the Connections Counter.

**Join other men in Christian fellowship on April 13-16** at Lakeview Villages in Seymour, IN as Rev. Jonathan Fisk teaches us how to "Stop the White Noise" in our daily lives. You will come to understand the importance of praying the Psalms and why the Proverbs are a philosophy on which to build our lives. Get away and enjoy God's great creation, eat like a king at our hog roast, join in good-natured brotherly competition and much more. Visit

[www.mensgathering.us](http://www.mensgathering.us) for info and registration. Questions? Contact [joshua@vandercar.net](mailto:joshua@vandercar.net).

**Lunch Bunch** - The next Lunch Bunch activity for those around 60 or over is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21. Our special guest will be Marti Cooper with Indiana Donor Network who will share information and answer your questions about organ and tissue donation and transplantation. You are never too old to be a hero - learn how older adults are saving lives and providing healing for others every day. 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. 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!

**Easter Flowers** to help beautify our altar on Easter Sunday, April 9, are now being accepted. Order forms can be picked-up from the Connections Counter in Ebenezer. Payment, along with your order form, can be mailed or dropped off at the church office. Please make checks payable to Emmanuel Church. Your flower(s) will be available for pick-up after the 11:30 am Easter service. **Deadline date for ordering is Tuesday, March 14**

**Join Us for Trivia Night** - Emmanuel Youth Group will host Trivia Night on Saturday, March 25, 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Take part in a fun-filled evening of trivia, food, and fellowship! Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with pizza, snacks, and beverages. Game play will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. Prizes will be up for grabs throughout the evening. Gather a team of six to eight people and demonstrate your general knowledge skills or laugh trying. Cost is \$10 per participant. Contact Sarah Pennekamp at [pennekamp6@yahoo.com](mailto:pennekamp6@yahoo.com) if your business would like to be a round sponsor. Proceeds support the high school youth's summer servant event to Buffalo, New York. Reserve a table by visiting the Connections Counter!

**ESM Now Enrolling for 2023-24 School Year** - Emmanuel—St. Michael (ESM) Lutheran School, in partnership with our churches and families, is raising up the next generation of students who know the love of Christ and are prepared to serve Him in their families and communities. We are now accepting applications for Preschool-8th grade. Schedule a visit today! Contact Erin Clark, Director of Admissions | 260.422.6712 | [eclark@esmeagles.com](mailto:eclark@esmeagles.com) | [www.esmeagles.com](http://www.esmeagles.com).  
*Emmanuel—St. Michael Lutheran School | Education for Life. Faith for Eternity.*

**Emmanuel GriefShare** - GriefShare is a grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Our GriefShare group will begin meeting every week on Wednesdays, April 19-May 17 for five weeks, and then every other week for the next eight sessions, from May 31-September 6. All sessions will meet from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in Emmanuel's Loft. Each GriefShare session has three distinct elements: Video, Discussion, and

Study/Reflection. Each session is self-contained so you do not have to attend in sequence. You will have a workbook for personal study to write down things you've learned. There is no cost for the study materials, but we would like to know by April 4 if you are planning to attend so we can order enough materials. We welcome anyone who is grieving the death of a family member or friend. To sign up, visit the Connections Counter, or call the church office at 260-423-1369. If you would like more info, please call Kathy Eggold at 260-615-1189.

**Worship Resources for Families** - We have many ways to assist families as they worship together at Emmanuel, including a nursery in the lower level, children's bulletins at the back of the sanctuary, and tot bags that are filled with activities to keep your little ones engaged during the service. Tot bags are located at the back of the church near the side entrance doors. Please ask an usher, or another Emmanuel member if you need assistance locating any of these resources.

**Calling Emmanuel Artists** - You are invited to submit original work for a special juried art exhibition this summer. The exhibit, *Be Not Afraid*, will show work reflecting promises of hope and comfort that dispel fear. Promises found throughout the Bible and Christian tradition include:

- Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God (Isaiah 41:10).
- I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20).

Art need not be specifically ecclesiastical, but it should express an assurance of comfort and hope for a fearful world. Entries must be submitted in digital form by Sunday, July 9, to [emmanuelartshow23@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelartshow23@gmail.com). Entry forms are available at the Connection Counter, or by clicking the link in the weekly email. A jury of artists will review each piece on the basis of the art itself and how well it reflects the theme. Up to two works of art in any medium may be submitted, however, space limitations will determine the number and the size of accepted works. Notification of acceptance will be provided by July 22. Selected works will be included in the exhibit and, if the artist chooses, may be offered for sale. Art will be displayed in Emmanuel's Ebenezer Hall from Sunday, August 6, through Sunday, September 10. Artists whose work is featured in the exhibit are invited to attend an opening reception from noon until 2:00 p.m. on August 6.

**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.

#### **News from CLHS:**

- **Summer Camps at CLHS** - Registration is now open for Summer Camps and classes at Concordia Lutheran High School. Camps and classes are open to any area student. We have everything from sports to band and drama. There will also be computer camps for grades K-12 (2023-24 school year) and classes in a variety of subjects for grades 8-12 (2022-23 school year). Visit [www.clhscadets.com](http://www.clhscadets.com) to learn more and to register!



# The Stewardship of the Church

## EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$379,750	Anticipated Need Thru March, 2023: \$474,383
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## DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$282	Year to Date: \$3,617
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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: \$1,522
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## IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

Received: \$2,851,369	Goal: \$5,000,000	Pledged: \$3,000,412
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# The Calendar of the Church

## Monday, March 20

- 5:30 p.m. LifeLight
- 7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting @ Emmanuel
- 7:00 p.m. West Central Neighborhood Association Meeting

## Tuesday, March 21

- 11:00 a.m. Lunch Bunch
- 5:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 7:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

## Wednesday, March 22

- 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. Lenten Worship with Communion
- 3:30 p.m. PALS
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Service

**Thursday, March 23**

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys

9:00 a.m. Piece Makers

**Friday, March 24**

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

**Saturday, March 25**

3:30 p.m. Praise Team

5:00 p.m. Divine Worship

6:00 p.m. Trivia Night

**Sunday, March 26**

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 with Stephen Ministry Commissioning

6:00 p.m. FWYA Bible Study



# My Worship Notes

Today is: \_\_\_\_\_

The preacher is: \_\_\_\_\_

Today I ...

# Shine

\_\_\_ Brought a friend to church.

\_\_\_ Spent time in prayer.

\_\_\_ Said "hello" to two people.

Today's Bible Passages

# 1

# 2

# 3

Words I don't understand ...

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Questions I have about  
what was said ...

How many times did I hear these words? (make a tally mark)

Light	True	Arise	Awake
Shine	Discern	Darkness	Fruit

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

# EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Building faith in the city*

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Church Staff

**Thomas A. Eggold**, Senior Pastor  
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**Sarah Pennekamp**, Dir. of Discipleship  
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**Liz Bejot**, Dir. of Children's Ministry  
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**Myra Schmidt**, Lead Organist  
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