

Divine Worship at 5:00



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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



SPECIAL NEEDS



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

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP



We are so happy you are here!

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

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS



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

CONNECTIONS COUNTER



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

GATHERING TIME



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

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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

“Trinity”

AS WE GATHER

God the Father remembers you in your helplessness and planned your rescue. God the Son visited you, plunging into the Jordan, drowning your sins in the floods of God’s wrath upon the cross, and rising to become your unshakable Rock. God the Holy Spirit hovered over your baptismal waters, delivering the Father’s grace and the Son’s victory directly to you, and He keeps you anchored still today. Therefore, you can sing with King David: “[The Lord] drew me out of many waters... and sets me on high places” (Ps 18:16, 33).

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 GATHERING SONG: “What an Awesome God”

God is great, give Him all the praise, Hallelujah, Name above all Names.
Fire in His eyes, healing in His veins, everywhere His glory on display.
Take a look at those stars, He can name them all.
Before His throne every knee falls.
The demons have to run, the angels have to praise,
Even the wind and waves obey.

(Chorus)

Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, pow’r and love. Our God is an awesome God.
Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, pow’r and love. Our God is an awesome God.

And even when I ran He didn’t run away.
He came and put death back in its place.
Friday on a cross, broken for my shame,
Sunday morning rose up from that grave.
Take a look at those scars on His hands and feet.
He saved our souls for eternity.
Worthy is the Lamb, glory to the King.
Oh let all the saints and the angels sing. (Chorus)

Eyes on the sky. There will be a day, He will come and wipe our tears away.
No more fear, no more pain, No more sorrow sin or shame.

The King is coming back again, a reign of love that will never end
For everything You've done and everything You do
And everything You are, I'll sing to You.

My God, You're an awesome God. You're great in all You do.
I'm made to worship You. My God, You're an awesome God. (Chorus)

Our God is an awesome God. Our God, what an awesome God..

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(Please stand as able)

THE INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

THE BAPTISM OF: Niyanni Zariyah Monet Berry

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Spoken together)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: Niyanni Zariyah Monet Berry,

People: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His kingdom.

Pastor: And you, Niyanni, the Lord bless you in all your ways from this time forth and even forevermore.

People: Amen.

THE BAPTISMAL RESPONSE: "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;

In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;

You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,

I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,

I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

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THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (Isaiah 6:3b, 1 John 4:13-14, Psalm 41:13)

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

People: **the whole earth is full of His glory!**

Leader: By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

People: **And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world.**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,

People: **from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.**

Leader: Beloved of God, let us confess together that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that daily we have sinned against our gracious God and deserve His punishment now and eternally. We have not fully nurtured and cared for the handiwork of God, the Creator. We have not given Jesus, our Savior, the full lordship of our lives. We have not fully followed the promptings and leading of the Holy Spirit. We have not always honored the strong name of the Trinity in thought, word, and deed.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: Almighty God,

People: **we repent of our sins and seek Your mercy. Be gracious to us and for the sake of Jesus, our Redeemer, grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may find the joy of absolution and, with hearts renewed by the Spirit, serve You in time and in eternity.**

Leader: 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: "Our God Saves"

In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son,

In the name of the Spirit, Lord, we come.

We're gathered together to lift up Your name,

To call on our Savior, to fall on Your grace.

In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son,

In the name of the Spirit, Lord, we come.

We're gathered together to lift up Your name,

To call on our Savior, to fall on Your grace.
Hear the joyful sound of our offering
As Your saints bow down, As Your people sing.
We will rise with You, lifted on Your wings, and the world will see that...
Our God saves, our God saves. There is hope in Your Name.

In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son,
In the name of the Spirit, Lord, we come.
We're gathered together to lift up Your name,
To call on our Savior, to fall on Your grace.

Hear the joyful sound of our offering
As Your saints bow down, As Your people sing.
We will rise with You, lifted on Your wings, and the world will see that...
Our God saves, our God saves. There is hope in Your Name.
Mourning turns to songs of praise;
Our God saves, our God saves, our God saves.

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(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1–2:4a

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so.⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so.¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.¹¹And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so.¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years,¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so.¹⁶And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth,¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.²⁰And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of

the heavens.”²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.²²And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so.²⁵And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.²⁶Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”²⁹And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.²And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Acts 2:14a, 22–36

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, ²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.²⁵For David says concerning him, “‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;’²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’²⁹“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne,³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the

Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “‘The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.’ ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE RESPONSE: “King of Kings”

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
‘Til from Heaven You came running, There was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfill the Law and Prophets, to a virgin came the Word.
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

(Chorus)

Praise the Father, praise the Son,

Praise the Spirit, three in one.

God of Glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross.
For even in Your suff’ring, You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died. (Chorus)

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath,
‘Til that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who’d come to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me. (Chorus)

Praise forever to the King of kings.

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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: "Glory Be"

There's a song that's on my lips from the moment that I rise
To the One who rescued me and brought me life.

Praise awaits You at the dawn, praise awaits You in the night.
With the heavens, I will sing and lift You high.

(Chorus)

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit; All glory to the One!
Glory to the Lord Almighty, Glory to the King Most High,
Glory be to God forever; All glory to the One!

Praise awaits You at the dawn, praise awaits You in the night.
With the heavens, I will sing and lift You high. (Chorus)

As it was and is and ever shall be, amen, amen!
As it was and is and ever shall be, amen, amen!
As it was and is and ever shall be, amen, amen!
As it was and is and ever shall be, amen! (Chorus)

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(Please stand, as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Almighty Father, as the Holy Spirit hovered over the face of the deep, You uttered Your Word and the world was created. In the waters of Holy Baptism, You have spoken our names and declared us righteous. You have drawn us to Jesus, the light of life, and saved us. Let His light now shine through us, that others may see our good works and give glory to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Gracious God, we thank You for Your abiding presence in all times of life, especially in our homes by Your Word. Protect our youth from all temptation and sin. Lead broken families to confess their wrongs to You and to each other, and then to forgive each other as in Christ You forgive them. Open the hearts of all husbands and wives, that their love for each other may never grow weary but deepen and grow through every joy and sorrow shared. Be with the elderly as they encounter the transitions of aging. Give them spiritual strength to cling to Your mercies, which are new every morning. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: In government and law, Father, You work to establish and preserve order, protecting the weak and fostering godly virtue. Bless our president; our governor; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Bless all who

defend us in the armed forces, aid us in the emergency and medical fields, or inform us. Hinder those who oppress any people with mistruth, violence or fear. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty Father, as You continue to uphold Your creation, be with us as we still suffer under the curse of sin. By Your will, grant healing to the sick, comfort to the lonely, relief to those whose hearts are heavy with grief, and aid to those who are in any need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Father, in the blessed Sacrament Your Son gives His body as the bread of heaven and His blood as the cup of salvation. Help us to receive this blessed Sacrament with faith and show forth the fruits of the Spirit in lives of faith, repentance and goodness. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of Your divine holiness, we worship You as You have revealed Yourself to us: one God in three persons of one substance, equal in majesty, the only true God. Grant that as You together are one, we also, who have been baptized and instructed in the triune name, may together as one faithfully eat and drink of Your Son's body and blood and worship You in spirit 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 (spoken together)

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

"This I Believe (The Creed)"

Our Father everlasting, the all creating One, God Almighty.

Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior.

(Chorus)

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son,

I believe in the Holy Spirit; Our God is Three in One.

I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again,

For I believe in the name of Jesus.

Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified, forgiveness is in You.

Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life, forever seated high. (Chorus)

I believe in You, I believe You rose again.

I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.

I believe in life eternal. I believe in the virgin birth.

I believe in the saints' communion and in Your holy Church.

I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again,

For I believe in the name of Jesus.

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son,

I believe in the Holy Spirit; our God is Three in One.

I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again,

For I believe in the name of Jesus.

For I believe in the name of Jesus.

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"All Creatures of Our God and King"

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice with us and sing:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise, Him! Alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise, Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in One.
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "I Believe"

I believe there is one salvation, one doorway that leads to life.

One redemption, one confession, I believe in the name of Jesus Christ.

I believe in the crucifixion. By His blood I have been set free.

I believe in the resurrection. Hallelujah, His life is death's defeat.

(Chorus)

All praise to God, the Father, all praise to Christ, the Son.

All praise to the Holy Spirit, our God has overcome.

The King who was and is and evermore will be.

In Jesus' mighty name, I believe.

I believe in the hope of heaven, He's preparing a place for me.

Far beyond what hearts imagine, ears have heard or eyes have seen.

I believe that day is coming, He's returning to claim His bride.

Light the altar, keep it burning, see the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion. (Chorus)

No, I'll never be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

How could I ever walk away from the One who saved my life?

No, I'll never be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

How could I ever walk away from the One who saved my life?

No, I'll never be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

How could I ever walk away from the One who saved my life? (Chorus two times)

In Jesus' mighty name I believe.

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THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Hosea 5:15-6:6; Ps. 119:65-72; Rom. 4:13-25; Matt. 9:9-13

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Eric Kurtz, Eunice and Art Kurtz and Arthur Kurtz III from Diane Kurtz; and in loving memory of my granddaughter Trinity Coulter from Deb Percy.

USHERS/ALTAR GUILD: Dave and Tammy Bair

COMMUNION: Steve Bredemeyer

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 give thanks with Autum Reed and Kevin Dillion, who will be united in marriage Sunday afternoon. We ask the Lord to bless their relationship with a love for each other that is based on His perfect love. Pray that He will guide their life together and keep them always grounded in the faith that they may be a blessing to each other and to those around them.
 - We pray for Niyanni Zariyah Monet Berry on the occasion of her Baptism. We ask God to strengthen Niyanni as she grows and to bless her mom, Joneise Mayfield, and her sponsors, Craig and Amber Lenwell, as they raise and nurture Niyanni in her Baptismal faith.
 - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Alycia Williams, 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), Stan Thompson, Deb Epperson, Faith Behling, Wayne McClure, LuAnn Reichhart (mom of Brent Reichhart), Melissa Henry (sister of Judy Huesner), Renee Bleke, Mark Wasson (brother of Cheri Maxwell)
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Kathy Freimuth, Richard Cummins, Lenore Perry
 - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Karen Burtch (sister-in-law of Lori Richey), Amy Krontz (daughter-in-law of David and Karen Wyss), Mary Grosjean, Peg Davis, Sherry (friend of Barb and Gary Lesh), Ed and Barb Hambrock, Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith), Tina Bennett, Dennis McFadden, Laura Herrick (Caroline Eber's niece), Art Klausmeier, Roger Kuehnert, John Jennings (friend of Dave and Tammy Bair), Bruce Williams, Rob Roehm, Ann Schwartz, Hazel Krenzke (Brian and Anna Snodgrass's niece), Robert Burmeister

(Hannah Swor's dad), Roxanne Moore, Jenny Nehrenz (niece of Charlene Hess), Rick Bair (brother of Dave and Tammy Bair), Gary Thompson (father of Carly Bennett), Carol McGuigan (mother of Kevin McGuigan), Amanda Cornyn-Bradford (daughter of Mike and Aprel Cornyn), Linda Raatz, Jeff Dunham (brother-in-law of Scott and Christi Everson), Doug Bennett (father of Ty Bennett), Sean Breininger, Herb Schumm

- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - Scott and Christi Everson
 - Steve Evertson
 - Chris and Meghan Faherty, Katelyn and Alex
 - Chris Fair
 - Sue Fair
 - Deryl and Debbie Fairchild, Simon, Lola, and Lawson
 - Judy Falbe
 - Marty and Kim Faley, Ella, Chris, and Cayden
 - Tim and Christa Falkenstern, Paige, Nathan, and Ashley
 - Scott and Sheryl Fergusson
- 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 2026:

Callaghan Miller	Austin Hayward	Calvin Chess	Michael Flanagan
Sean Flanagan	Morgan Flanagan	Mordecai Austin	Theodore Vachon
Emerson Ross	Esther Burns	Cameron Etzler	Niyanni Berry

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.

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Clay & Iron Devotion	Brandt Hall	Monday	6:30 a.m.
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
@917 (Ages 25-45)	Ebenezer Hall	Thursdays	7:00 p.m.
This Is Most Certainly Brew	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 a.m.

The News of the Church

Visual Faith – Join us for our next Visual Faith Workshop on Tuesday, June 2, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall. This month, we will focus on Around the Word, a tool that helps us slow down, set aside distractions, and listen to God through His Word. No artistic experience is necessary. Sign up at the connections counter or use the QR code. Come ready to listen, reflect, create, and spend time together in God's Word.



LWML - Our next Lutheran Women in Mission meeting will be on Thursday, June 4; 1:00-3:00 p.m. in LL Ebenezer. Our Bible Study will be led by Judy May and we will conclude with a service project. We hope to see you there!

Lutherans for Life – Our next meeting will on June 12, at 9:30 a.m. at Emmanuel. Our speaker is from Young Mothers of America.

First Impressions – Enjoy fellowship and get to know other women at our First Impressions social gatherings this summer! Here are our planned gatherings: Monday, June 8, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Oh Five Scoop Shop (1937 E. State Blvd.); Wednesday, July 1, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Melissa Stout's home (284 W. 100 S., Huntington); and Wednesday, August 5, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Vinland Reserve Winery (4494 Provision Parkway). We hope to see you there!

Summer Bible Study for Women - Looking for an evening women's Bible study this summer? Join us for 'Summer in the Word' - a welcoming space for fellowship, encouragement, and growth in God's Word. We'll gather in LL Ebenezer at Emmanuel from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on: June 2, 16, 30, July 14, 28 and August 11. Led by Liz Bejot and Sarah Pennekamp, this study will explore 'The Mighty and the

Mysterious', a study on the book of Colossians by Heidi Goehmann. The book can be purchased on Amazon. We would love to have you join us! Feel free to reach out to Liz (LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org) or Sarah (pennekamp6@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

The Story Continues - Congregational Survey: As part of Emmanuel's 2026 planning process, we are inviting members and regular attendees to complete a short congregational survey. We are grateful for the many signs of health and growth in the congregation, and we want an honest snapshot of where we are today so we can steward our resources wisely and thrive in the future. You are welcome to skip any question you don't feel equipped to answer. This survey is also one tool among several, alongside listening sessions and personal conversations. Thank you for helping us listen well as The Story Continues. You can access the survey by scanning the QR code.



Vacation Bible School at Emmanuel – June 22-26, 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

VBS Volunteers - Many hands are needed to help make VBS a success - games, crafts, snacks, tribe leaders, song leaders, acting...there is a role for everyone. Please use this QR code to sign-up to volunteer during the week of VBS. You can also check out the display in Ebenezer Hall for more information.



VBS Donations - Many supplies are also needed to help make VBS a success. If you would like to contribute, please check out our Amazon wish list using this QR code.

VBS Registration - Registration for VBS is now open. You can register using this QR code. All kids age 3 (potty-trained) through 5th grade (23-24 school year) can register as participants. If you have any VBS questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to Liz Bejot - LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org.



Bridge 20/30 is a Christian young adult group for adults in their 20s and 30s focused on building community, friendships, faith, and fellowship through social events, devotion nights, and activities throughout the Fort Wayne area. New participants are always welcome! The next event is on June 2, 7:00 p.m. - Game Night with Michael at Holy Cross Youth Center.

Athletic Booster Sponsors Needed - Support ESM Athletics by becoming an Athletic Booster sponsor! Local businesses are invited to partner with us in supporting student-athletes through equipment, uniforms, travel, and facility needs. A \$300 annual sponsorship includes your business logo displayed on gym banners throughout the year. Interested or want more information? Contact Kevin McGuigan at kmcguigan@esmeagles.com by July 31. Thank you for investing in our students and school community!

ESM is Hiring for the 2026-2027 School Year! Emmanuel-St. Michael is searching for qualified candidates to fill **part-time teacher aide positions** in both preschool and kindergarten for the 2026-2027 school year. A degree or certification in education and/or experience working with young children is preferred. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, a high school graduate, and an active member of their home church. Application forms are available in the school office. Completed forms, along with a resume, should be submitted to the school office to the attention of Mrs. Jennifer Ackmann, Assistant Principal-Preschool.

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$961,720	Anticipated Need Through May: \$1,005,619
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$215	Year to Date: \$6,281
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$30	Year to Date: \$1,775
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,652,296	Mortgage Balance: \$835,909	Total Cost* \$7,464,173
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*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, June 1

6:30 a.m. Clay & Iron Weekly Devotion

Tuesday, June 2

1:00 p.m. Game On

5:00 p.m. GriefShare

6:00 p.m. Visual Faith

7:00 p.m. Clay & Iron Men's Fellowship

7:00 pm. Summer in the Word Study

Wednesday, June 3

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

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

11:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, June 4

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys

9:00 a.m. Piece Makers

1:00 p.m. LWM Bible Study and Service Project

7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

Friday, June 5

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

Saturday, June 6

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

Sunday, June 7

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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



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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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