

Divine Service at 5:00



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Worship

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Through the Valley to His House”

AS WE GATHER

On Good Shepherd Sunday, the familiar twenty-third Psalm echoes throughout our worship. Our Lord went through the valley of the shadow of death in our place, leading from death to eternal life. Until we get to eternity, we follow our Shepherd and confess our faith, even when death's shadows fall on us. It means vigilance against wolves attacking amid Christ's flock, as Paul warns. John, who ministered many years in Ephesus, may remember the inscription above the Gate of Mazeus in Ephesus (dedicated to “Caesar Augustus, son of the god”) as he tells us that Christ alone (not secular Caesars) is worthy of our worship. He is the victorious Lamb on His eternal throne. We can be confident that what we believe by faith we shall know by experience in the unending joy of the Father's house.

THE GATHERING TIME

During the Gathering Time, we encourage our members to greet each other with God's peace and to welcome visitors. 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: “Across the Lands”

You're the Word of God the Father, From before the world began;
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet Has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together By the power of Your voice:
Let the skies declare Your glory, Let the land and seas rejoice!

(Chorus)

You're the author of creation, You're the Lord of ev'ry man;
And Your cry of love rings out Across the lands,

Yet You left the gaze of angels, Came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven For the anguish of the cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry, With a word You stilled the sea.
Yet how silently You suffered That the guilty may go free. (Chorus)

With a shout You rose victorious, Wresting victory from the grave,
And ascended into heaven Leading captives in Your wake.

Now You stand before the Father Interceding for Your own. From each tribe and tongue and nation You are leading sinners home. (Chorus)

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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 (Psalm 23; Rev. 7)

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd;

People: I shall not want.

Leader: For the Lamb in the midst of the throne

People: will be their shepherd,

Leader: and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

People: And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

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

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Leader: Lord, our God,

People: we confess that we have strayed from hearing the voice of Your Son, our Shepherd, who went through death to eternal life for us. We have failed to trust in You fully. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us and renew in us faith and trust. Grant us to hear anew our Shepherd's voice and to follow wherever He leads, until we see Him with You in Your eternal house.

Leader: Fellow sheep within Christ's fold, our Lord Jesus was God's sacrificial Lamb and has gone through death, paying for the sins of all people, and He now reigns in eternity. Therefore, in His stead and by His command, 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: "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Hymn 711

THE FIRST READING: Acts 20:17-35

Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in

Asia,¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews;²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house,²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.²² And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there,²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me.²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.²⁵ And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again.²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you,²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.²⁸ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears.³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.³³ I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me.³⁵ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?"¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.¹⁵ Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the

throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Hymn 709

THE SERMON

Pastor Dennis McFadden

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: "When Peace Like a River"

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

(Chorus)

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

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control, That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. (Chorus)

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

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

Lutheran Service Book. Arrangement by Craig Dahlkamp

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people
in their various needs. We pray for those who do not listen to the voice
of the Good Shepherd, asking the Holy Spirit to give them opportunity
to come to faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all who lack the food, clothing, and shelter that they need
for life, asking our Father in heaven to meet their needs by using His
caring people, including our congregation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those falsely imprisoned or denied true justice, asking our
Lord to free them and open doors of opportunity for them, as He so
graciously has done for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all who are depressed in spirit or unsure of God's will for
them, asking the Holy Spirit to lift them up and guide them, that with
us they may rejoice to say: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths
of righteousness for His name's sake. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those who are facing sudden crises or long-term ills, and
for all who are grieving the loss of loved ones, asking our risen Lord to
lift their eyes to His eternal home. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for first responders and police at home and for armed forces deployed, asking our Father in heaven to guide and protect them, and for all who grow crops and tend herds that He would bless them with bountiful harvests. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Finally, we pray for ourselves and all who gather around Word and Sacrament, that the Holy Spirit would keep us firm in the faith so that we may joyfully profess:

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "I Stand Amazed"

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me a sinner condemned unclean

(Chorus)

How marvelous, How wonderful and my song shall ever be.
How marvelous, How wonderful is my Savior's love for me.

For me He was in the garden; He said, "not my will but Thine."
He had no tears for His own griefs, But He sweat drops of blood for mine.

Indeed, the angels beheld Him and came from the world of light
To comfort Him in the sorrow He bore for my soul that night. (Chorus)

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Cal'vry and suffered and died alone. (Chorus)

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see
'Twill be my joy thru the ages to sing of His love for me. (Chorus twice)

Arr. George Ogg/Craig Dahlkamp

THE POSTLUDE

THE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Acts 11:1-18; Ps. 148; Rev. 21:1-7; John 16:12-22

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mary Willen, Mr. and Mrs. Otto C. Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis P. Willen from Chuck Willen and family, and in loving memory of the birthday of Dolores Hurless from her children, Pam, Deb, and Lee.

THE MUSIC LEADERS: Emmanuel Praise Team

THE USHERS: Tammy Stauffer

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 strength, healing and comfort for Chris Alfeld (son of Sharon Alfeld), Deb Percy, Audrey (niece of Gary Curtis), Rhonda Irven, Curt Reese (brother-in-law of Sandra Nahrwold), David Merkler, Mary Louise Spice, Gary Dick (friend of Nadine Polley), Carolyn Hansen (mother-in-law of Danyiel Adams), Pam Matson, Jennifer Bergman, Craig Brigman, Sandy Reavis, Sue Maxson, and Kristy Fitzgerald.
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Kristen Labahn, Patty Rouse, Phyllis Urbine, Faith Harless.
 - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Peg Davis, Rich (friend of Ron and Elaine Ahrens), Rae Paff (brother of Mike Paff), Shellie (friend of Sandy Behling), Jenny Hobby (sister of Chris Murphy), Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Carolyn Robison (sister of Sandy Reavis and Patty Rouse), Richard Vargas (brother-in-law of Kris Tinsley), Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith), and Christie Wentland (sister-in-law of Aaron & Cara Wentland).
 - Pray for strength and peace for Mary English (friend of Sharon Bell).

- Join our staff in praying for the following members this week:
 - Ignacio and Jessica Hernandez, Carolina and Elena
 - Ruth Ann Hernandez
 - Dave and Charlene Hess
 - John Hess
 - Dave and Jennifer Heyn, David
 - Greg and Athena Hill, Kameron
 - Chuck and Carole Hill
 - Lana Hille
 - Jason and Michelle Hilty, Ava, Gage and Lucas
 - Liz Hincks, Madison and Taylor

- Please pray for the missions and missionaries currently supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
 - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Nuendorf - Ponce, Puerto Rico
 - Rev. Aaron Spratt - Alaska Mission for Christ
 - Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)
 - Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
 - The Lutheran Heritage Foundation
 - Luther Academy
 - Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM)
 - Lutherans For Life (LFL)

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

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.

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

CLASS	LOCATION	DATES	INSTRUCTOR
Unlocking the Bible	Ebenezer, LL	4/24-5/22	Pr. Eggold, Pr. Sheafer

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

CLASS	LOCATION
Me Too (Birth - Age 2)	Room 7 (Lower Level, School)
3-5 Year Olds	Room 6 (Lower Level, School)
K-2 nd Grade	Room 105 (Middle Level, School)
3 rd -5 th Grade	Room 104 (Middle Level, School)
6 th Grade Confirmation	Room 202 (Third Floor, School)
7 th Grade Confirmation	Room 4 (Lower Level, School)
8 th Grade Confirmation	Activity Center (Upper Level, School)
9 th -12 th Grade	The Loft

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Women's Book Study	The Loft	Mondays	9:00 am
LifeLight - Romans (Beg. 4/18)	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	5:30 pm
Women's Book Study (Beth Williams 402-803-5303)	Ebenezer Hall	Tuesdays (1 st & 3 rd)	8:00 pm
Men's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 am
Women's Bible Study - Jude	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays	8:30 am
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	10:00 am
Men's Bible Study	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 am

The News of the Church

Greeting Card Ministry - In the Welcome Center there is a beautiful cabinet that displays a variety of greeting cards and special occasion cards (Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Confirmation, and Graduation). Along with the special occasion cards, there are also birthday, get well, anniversary, marriage, thank you, praying for you cards, and more. These cards are beautiful with scripture included on each one. The best part is each card sells for only \$.50 each. Please consider stopping by the card display and see what is available for you.

Emmanuel-St. Michael Lutheran School is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Financial Manager. Working under the supervision of the school principal, the Financial Manager will see to the day-to-day financial procedures and transactions and ensure the accuracy and integrity of ESM's financial management system. Qualifications include but are not limited to a Bachelor's degree in Finance or Accounting, 5 - 10 years work experience, the ability to work and effectively communicate with administrators, staff, and families, and a good working knowledge of Excel, Word, and Power Point. Responsibilities include but are not limited to managing the day-to-day financial operations of the school (payroll, employee benefits, accounts payable, etc.), preparing and presenting monthly, quarterly and annual nonprofit financial reports, working with the Finance Committee to establish an annual budget, maintaining long-term trends and projections for the school's finances, processing scholarship application and facilitating meetings with families as required, ensuring compliance with accounting principles and regulatory requirements and other duties as required. For a complete job description and an employment application, please call the school office at 260-422-6712 or email Kathy Lash at klash@esmeagles.com.

Lutherans for Life will have their monthly meeting on Friday, May 13, beginning at 9:30 am in the Brandt Hall Meeting Room. Special speaker, Carol Terkula, a Deaconess from Lutheran Ministries, will talk on "Looking Up Is Your First Step

to Seeing Past Your Struggles.” Mental and behavioral health issues can be a silent battle, but there’s always hope on the horizon. Whether you want to raise awareness, reduce stigma, find help or assist others, it’s time to Look Up. All are invited to attend.

Cookies for the Connections Counter - Each weekend we plan for guests and visitors at Emmanuel. Our Connections Counter serves as a central location for making conversation, sharing information, and providing a warm welcome. When first-time guests come to the Counter, we provide a small box of cookies. If you enjoy baking and would like to be part of this ministry of hospitality, please visit the Connections Counter or call the church office to sign up to contribute cookies.

Our “Over Sixty” Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday, May 17 and will feature Bruce Novak, a historian, adjunct faculty at PFW and Emmanuel member. He will share a very engaging presentation on Civil War Trivia. Fellowship hour begins at 11:00 a.m. with lunch served at noon, followed by our featured speaker at 12:45 p.m. Please make reservations by Friday, May 13 at the Connections Counter or by calling the church office at 423-1369. The cost of the meal is \$9.00.

VBS Update & Opportunity - Due to the school renovation project this summer, Emmanuel will not hold VBS on our campus. Instead, Emmanuel will participate in St. Michael’s VBS program. We will resume our VBS program once the school renovations are complete. Emmanuel VBS participants and volunteers are encouraged to join in St. Michael’s VBS this year. Here are the details:

Theme: *Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God*

Dates and Time: July 25-29, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Culminating Service and Party: July 30 at 5:00 p.m.

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church

VBS Contact: Carrie Gould, 937.641.9744 / carrie.gould1137@yahoo.com

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

LCMS Aid to Ukraine - As the situation in Ukraine continues, the church prays and provides for those affected. If you desire to contribute financially to their needs, there are several ways to donate:

- Text LCMSUKRAINE to 41-444.
- Give online via LCMS Mission Advancement.
- Call the LCMS at 888-930-4438.
- Give online via Mission Central.
- Call Mission Central (Mapleton, Iowa) at 712-882-1029.

•By mail, make your check out to “The LCMS,” and write “Ukraine Relief” in the memo line. Mail to: The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861.

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL’S MINISTRIES

Year to Date: \$639,637	Anticipated Need Thru April: \$729,704
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Last Week: \$387	Year to Date: \$6,429
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CUP OF KINDNESS

Last Week: \$150	Year to Date: \$2,981
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Received: \$1,518,731	Goal: \$5,000,000	Pledged: \$2,991,172
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The Calendar of the Church

Monday, May 9

- 11:00 a.m. Caregivers’ Support Group
- 5:30 p.m. LifeLight
- 7:00 p.m. West Central Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Task Force Meeting

Monday, May 10

- 5:00 p.m. Stephen Leaders
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Wednesday, May 11

- 6:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study
- 7:30 a.m. Finance Committee
- 8:30 a.m. ESM School Chapel
- 8:45 a.m. Women’s Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion Class
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool Closing Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor’s Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Mid-Week Communion Service

Thursday, May 12

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys

9:00 a.m. Piece Makers

Friday, May 13

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

9:30 a.m. Lutherans For Life

Saturday, May 14

3:30 p.m. Praise Team

5:00 p.m. Divine Worship Service with Communion

Sunday, May 15

8:00 a.m. Divine Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Gathering Time in Ebenezer Hall

9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Classes & Youth Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Divine Worship Service with Communion

6:00 p.m. FWYA Bible Study



Building Faith in the Family

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand” (John 10:27-28).

Family Activity

Collect and display a flock of sheep (various stuffed lambs). How many have you collected? Jesus collects lambs. When Jesus talks about His sheep, He is talking about believers. We are His lambs.

The Main Thing

Jesus' coming as a Shepherd was an Old Testament prophecy. King David, who was also a shepherd, was inspired to share the words of Psalm 23, “The Lord is my shepherd.” Prophet Ezekiel told of a perfect Shepherd, “I [will] seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness” (Ezek. 34:12). Jesus comes as Shepherd. In John 10, Jesus says, “I am the good shepherd” (vs. 10, 14). Jesus is the Good Shepherd who not only provides for and protects His sheep, but “lays down his life for the sheep” (vs. 11). In the Old Testament, God's people were required to offer sacrifices of repentance and praise. Often the sacrifice included a lamb. Jesus, the Shepherd, took the place of the lamb and offered Himself to pay for the sins of the world. Only His sacrifice could make the payment for all sins and end forever the sacrifices of lambs. The Good Shepherd laid down His life for us. We were among the lost and wandering sheep. We seek to go our own way and away from our Shepherd. The Shepherd has called us in our Baptism and brought us into His flock. We continue to hear His voice in His Word. The Spirit leads us to hear His voice and follow Him. Our sheep “collections” sometimes grow worn or get forgotten, or we may think we outgrow collecting them. But Jesus never forgets us. He never looks to get rid of us. We never outgrow our need to be safely in Jesus' flock. We will be part of His “collection” forever. We also pray that other lambs will be found and held by the Good Shepherd.

All Things in Jesus' Name

Heavenly Father, we rejoice that in Jesus we have the perfect Shepherd. In Jesus, we also have the perfect Lamb who gave His life for the sheep. Thank You for the call of Your voice through the Gospel. Thank You for bringing us into Your flock. Keep and protect us with the flock of Your church forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

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