

# Divine Worship at 8:00



## 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.

## EMMANUEL APP



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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

**BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY**

# "Now What?"

## AS WE GATHER

In the face of death, the question, "Now what?" cannot be answered by this world. No political platform can respond to this question. No "how to" morality can shed light on this mystery. No amount of material wealth, no intellectual ideal, no social theory, nothing the world speaks can cut through the pall of silence and answer the question that death asks. The Bible tells us that the wages of sin is death, and no one escapes this truth. Yet to this ultimate question, Jesus speaks: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." Today, this is God's promise to you.

## +THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE 8:00 A.M. +

### THE GATHERING TIME

During this 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 PRELUDE: "Partita on 'If Thou But Trust'"

Bohm

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN: "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

Hymn 435

THE PRESENTATION OF PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (Psalm 36:5, 7-9)

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,

People: Your faithfulness to the clouds.

Leader: How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

People: The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

Leader: They feast on the abundance of Your house,  
People: **and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.**

Leader: For with You is the fountain of life;  
People: **in Your light do we see light.**

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Humble yourselves before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection and confession)

Leader: Almighty God, merciful Father,  
People: **we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins—those of which we are not aware and those we know full well. We do not love You and other people as we ought. We are often careless with Your creation and heedless in choosing the proper priorities of our lives. Yet it is our intent to say and do that which honors You. For the sake of Jesus grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and may serve You in time and in eternity.**

Leader: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ✠ peace.

People: **Amen.**

#### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he

led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord." <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

Colin Creutz, reader

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**(Please stand, as you are able)**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 11:17-27, 38-53**

When Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup>So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." <sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." <sup>44</sup>The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." <sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, <sup>46</sup>but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. <sup>47</sup>So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. <sup>48</sup>If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." <sup>49</sup>But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. <sup>50</sup>Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." <sup>51</sup>He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, <sup>52</sup>and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. <sup>53</sup>So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

**Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)**

Inside back cover of hymnal

**(Please be seated)**

**THE SERMON HYMN: "Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious"**

**Hymn 548**

**THE SERMON**

Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

## THE OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## 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 OFFERING: "Pastoral for Clarinet and Organ"

Matthews

THE MINISTRY MINUTE

The Story Continues

(Please stand, as you are able)

### THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For faith in Jesus, the resurrection and the life, as we await His attention in our time of need; and that through His Spirit, He would give strength to our prayers, heal our weaknesses and restore all our losses, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the downtrodden, the faithless, the fearful and the outcast; and that the Lord would lay His hand on pastors to proclaim His Word, that all might live, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our homes and all who reside therein, that husbands and wives, brothers and sisters would rejoice to hear the promises of Christ, steadfastly believing them and ever living in their light, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those in authority over the lives of our people, that they would exercise this God-given duty humbly and in accord with His will, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those loved of the Lord who are ill and in need of His holy care, that He would make haste to help them, spare their lives and call them out of their graves on the Last Day, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all the baptized, that they would live according to the Spirit they have received, shunning the works of the flesh and living in the hope of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

## + THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +

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 up to the Lord.

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

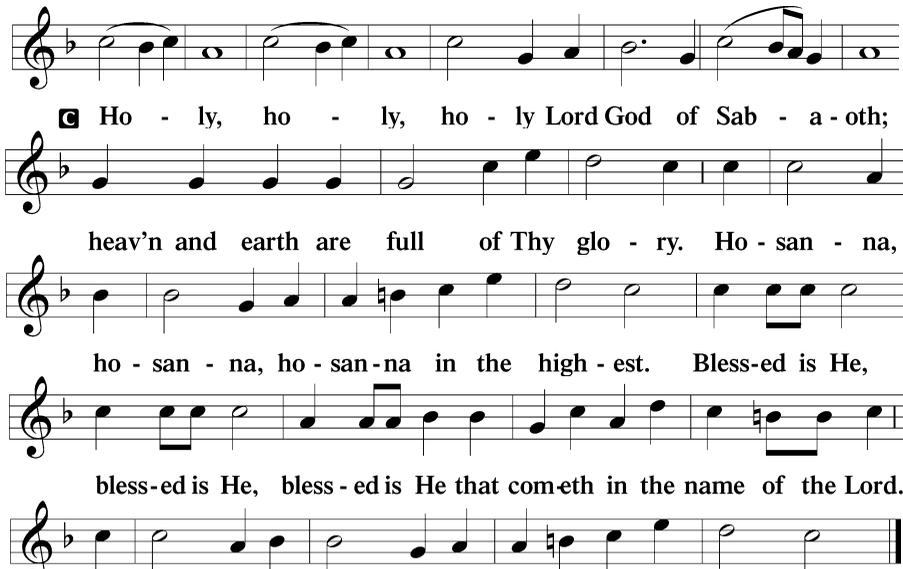
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### THE SANCTUS (Congregation sings)

LSB, 195



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken together)

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

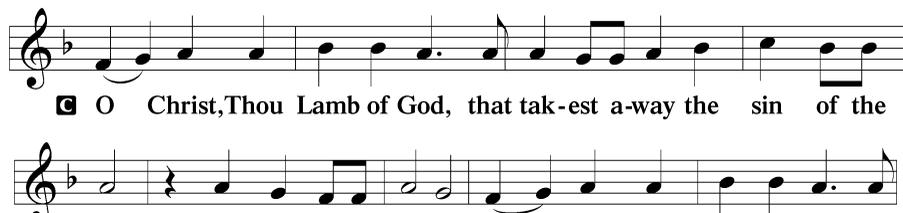
#### THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

### THE AGNUS DEI (Congregation sings)

LSB, 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

(Please be seated)

### 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 with that medical need. Individually packaged gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please ask the Communion Assistant if needed.

### THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

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| “If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee” | Hymn 750 |
| “My Song Is Love Unknown”                | Hymn 430 |
| “Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”       | Hymn 619 |

(Please stand, as you are able)

### THE DISMISSAL

### THE POST COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB, 166

Leader: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

## THE BENEDICTION

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Hymn 686

THE POSTLUDE: “Vexilla Regis”

Purvis

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Is. 50:4-9a; Ps. 118:19-29; Phil. 2:5-11; John 12:12-43

THE FLOWERS adorning the altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Oscar and Grace Kammeier and Denny Kammeier from Sandy Ely and family and in loving memory of Dealus and Bertha Lasley, with love from Ed, Darlene and Kaitlyn Judkins.

## SERVING

Liturgist	Seminarian Caleb Swor
Organ	Matt Johnston
Clarinet	Dan Healton
Acolyte	Colin Creutz
Altar Guild	Becki Elonzae, Sandy Behling, John and Donna Hofrichter, Judy Kalb
Opener	Eric and Michelle Hoffman
Communion	Alex Kiefer, Nick Rich, Bill Reichhart, Jon Adair
Usher Crew 3	Ed Davis, Chuck Karrick, Dave Bieberich, Matt Benne, Barry Gynn, Kurt Kleinrichert, Tom Matson, Bill Pynchon, Mike Repp
Audio Engineer	Mike Harvey

# 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:
  - Stephen Ministers - The following individuals will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers at the 10:30 a.m. service: Janet Fisher, Peggy Krueger, Chris Larimer, Becky Lutz, Roxanne Pratt, John Ripke, Chris Sauer, Sarah Schwantz, Cole Strater. Please pray that God would bless each of them as they begin this ministry.
  - We give thanks with Frank and Heather Dinius who were united in marriage. 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.

- Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Pam Carmichael (sister of Deb Percy), River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), 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), Randi Gramling (cousin of Deb Percy), Stan Thompson, Deb Epperson, Salem Lee Hilty, Faith Behling, William Rush, Wayne McClure, LuAnn Reichhart (mom of Brent Reichhart), Cohen (grandson of Matt and Kim Benne), Lynn Auman (father of Kim Faley), Michaela Procise, Melissa Henry (sister of Judy Huesner), Sandy Kolsek
- Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Wes Harless, Larry Von Gunten, Catherine Peterson, Kathy Lash, Becki Elonzae, Ruth Ann Hernandez, George Elonzae, Judy Huesner, Mary Smith, Kelsey Westrick, Nancy Wilkins (mother of Kristen Saurer), Nan Gotsch, Kathy Freimuth
- Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Bonnie Havener (sister-in-law of George and Becki Elonzae), Karen Burtch (sister-in-law of Lori Richey), Amy Krontz (daughter-in-law of David and Karen Wyss), Mary Grosjean, Peg Davis, Ashley Edge (niece of Barb and Gary Lesh), Barb Hambrock, Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Shelly Koenig (friend of Matt & Amy Konow), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith), Tina Bennett, Dennis McFadden, Lisa Toth (Pepple), Laura Herrick (Caroline Eber's niece), Art Klausmeier, Roger Kuehnert, John Jennings (friend of Dave and Tammy Bair), Bruce Williams, Rob Roehm, Ann Schwartz, Hazel Krenzke (Brian and Anna Snodgrass's niece), Robert Burmeister (Hannah Swor's dad), Roxanne Moore, Marsha Sappenfield, Jenny Nehrenz (niece of Charlene Hess), Rick Bair (brother of Dave and Tammy Bair), Gary Thompson (father of Carly Bennett), Carol McGuigan (mother of Kevin McGuigan), Amanda Cornyn-Bradford (daughter of Mike and Aprel Cornyn), Linda Raatz, Dave Schlie
- Prayers for PALS - PALS is a program in which Emmanuel members partner with Washington School students to build relationships and strengthen reading skills in a Christian environment. Each week we will pray for some of our Washington School PALS or helpers, and we encourage you to join us in the ministry. This week, we are praying for Brandon.
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
  - Joseph and Stephanie Coleman, Steven, Preston, and Alexandria
  - Donald and Joni Collins, David
  - Kevin and Barbara Comer, Emily, Jessica, and Elizabeth

- Nicole Conn
  - Elizabeth Conner
  - Gwen Cook
  - Roseann and Allen Coomer
  - Mike and Aprel Cornyn
  - Rachel Corwin
- 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](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.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism:** Thank God for the baptisms so far in 2026:  
 Callaghan Miller      Austin Hayward      Calvin Chess

## The Teaching of the Church

**Want Help Growing in the Word?** Regularly visit Pastor Brunow's website <http://www.genesbrunotes.com>. The website offers notes on each chapter of Scripture, Bible studies, tips for preparing for worship, and a weekly devotion based on the Gospel reading for the coming week. You can find these devotions under the "Sermon Notes Plus" option.

### Sunday School and Bible Class 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

CLASS	LOCATION
Little Flock (Birth - Age 3)	School Room A5 (Extended Care)
4-5 Year Olds	School Room A3
K-1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	School Room A1
2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	School Room B3
4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	School Room B5
6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	School Room D2
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	School Room D3 (Art/Science)
High School	Loft
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall

Galatians	LL Ebenezer
Genesis	Sanctuary

### Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Monday Morning Moms	Loft	Monday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
LifeLight: Luke	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	3:30 p.m.
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Study the Psalms	Chapman's	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 a.m.
Women's Bible Study	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays	8:30 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
Friends in the Word	Loft	Thursday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
Bible Study & Fellowship	Chapman's	Thursdays	6:00 p.m.
@917 (Ages 25-45)	Ebenezer Hall	Thursdays	7:00 p.m.
This Is Most Certainly Brew	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 a.m.

**Monday Morning Moms** - Hey, mama! We hope you'll join us every other Monday morning as we journey through the salvation story of the Old Testament using Chad Bird's book "Hitchhiking with the Prophets". Drop your kids off in LL Ebenezer with our amazing caregivers. Then, head upstairs to the Loft to enjoy fellowship, a cup of coffee, and study with other moms. The dates are: March 23, April 13 & 27, and May 11 from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Questions? Contact Liz Bejot - [LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org](mailto:LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org).

**Friends in the Word** meet every other Thursday morning, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m., in the Loft. Here are the scheduled dates: March 26, April 16 and 30, and May 14. We hope to see you there!

## The News of the Church

**Easter Egg Hunt** - Join us on Saturday, April 4, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in Emmanuel's Gym. Kids of all ages are invited to search for eggs, enjoy treats & crafts, and experience the Easter story. Bring your basket and a friend. No registration required. If you have any questions, contact Liz Bejot, Director of Children's Ministry. How You Can Help: Pick up a bag of empty eggs from Ebenezer Hall, fill them with treats, stickers, or small toys, and return them by Sunday, March 29. (Please make sure all candy is pre-packaged.) Prefer to purchase pre-filled eggs or have extra eggs at home to donate? That works too! Thank you for your support!

**Palm Sunday Palm Prep** - We would love your help getting ready for Palm Sunday! Join us on Saturday, March 28, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. In Ebenezer Hall as we prepare palm branches and create palm crosses for the weekend's services. Please note, this event is not intended for young children. If you plan to attend, please sign up by



scanning the QR code.

**Help Prepare the Lord's Table** – Altar Guild Ministry is a vital ministry that supports our weekend services that offer Holy Communion. You would serve for 1 month throughout the year alongside other members. This opportunity is open to women, men and married couples who would like to serve together. No experience is needed as training and guidance will be provided. We need members who attend the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve, and if you would like to become part of this ministry, or would like more information, call Becki in the church office or you can email her at [becki@emmanuelutheran.org](mailto:becki@emmanuelutheran.org). Thank you.

**Lunch Bunch Field Trip**- Our members around 60 or over are invited to join us for a field trip to Sweetwater for our next Emmanuel Lunch Bunch activity on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. We will meet by 9:45 a.m. in the Sweetwater front lobby which is located at 5501 Highway 30. We will enjoy a tour and a drum circle from 10:00-11:00 a.m., and we will eat lunch together following the tour. The lunch includes your choice of sandwich, chips, fruit, cookie and drink. The cost of our boxed lunch is \$15.00 and needs to be preordered by completing the Sweetwater Boxed Lunch Order Form available at the connections Counter or church office and turned into the church office along with your payment by Monday, April 6. Unfortunately, late orders cannot be accepted. The tour is handicap accessible and for those not using a wheelchair, there is some walking involved. We are hopeful that this opportunity to tour Sweetwater will be well received by our Lunch Bunch friends.

**Middle School Youth** - All 6 - 8 graders are invited to join us for Emmanuel's Middle School Youth event on March 22. We will be roller skating together at Roller Dome North (444 W. Coliseum Blvd.) from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Your registration includes two hours of skating, skate rental, and all-you-can-eat pizza. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Bejot at [LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org](mailto:LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org)

**GriefShare: 13-Week Grief Support Group** - GriefShare is a Christ-centered support group for adults grieving the loss of a family member or friend. We will be meeting Tuesdays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., March 31 - June 23 in Ebenezer Hall. Leading this group will be Kathy Eggold and Mary Harper. To register (so books can be ordered), contact Lana Hille at 260.417.5639 or [lanah@emmanuelutheran.org](mailto:lanah@emmanuelutheran.org).

**Food Pantry Thank You** - On behalf of both the volunteers and patrons of Emmanuel's Food Bank, thank you for your incredible generosity and support during our February food drive and for your continued support throughout the year. Your donations and resources make a meaningful difference for families in both our congregation and neighborhood. Your willingness to give reminds people that they are not alone and that their community truly cares about them.

**Washington Elementary** is asking for donations of pants and sweatpants, size 5-10. Please bring these to the church office. Thank you!

**Save the Date for Emmanuel's VBS** - Join us June 22-26, as we walk the streets of Rome! Explore the Underground Church, meet the Apostle Paul, and so much more! Mark your calendars and invite a friend! Interested in being a part of the planning team? It's forming NOW! Reach out to Liz Bejot for more information. [LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org](mailto:LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org)

**Call Extended** - ESM is blessed to share that we've extended a Call to Mrs. Sarah Haupt to serve as kindergarten teacher beginning next school year. Sarah is a graduate of Concordia Wisconsin with a degree in Early Childhood Education and a certificate in Adaptive Education. Please keep the Haupt family in your prayers as they consider serving with us at ESM.

**Bridge 20/30** is a young adult ministry for those in their 20s and 30s, offering Christ-centered community and fellowship at rotating locations around Fort Wayne. Our next meetup will be a Lenten Experience with Pastor Chad, on Tuesday, March 24, at 7:00 p.m. at The Greenhaus (3504 N. Anthony Blvd).

## The Stewardship of the Church

### EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$482,483	Anticipated Need Through March: \$625,714
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### DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$188	Year to Date: \$3,284
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### CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$110	Year to Date: \$995
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### IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,613,029	Mortgage Balance: \$884,311	Total Cost* \$7,450,365
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\*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

## The Calendar of the Church

### Monday, March 23

- 6:30 a.m. Iron and Clay Weekly Devotion
- 8:30 a.m. Monday Morning Moms
- 3:30 p.m. Lighthouse

5:30 p.m. Lifelight  
6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice  
7:00 p.m. Church Council

### **Tuesday, March 24**

6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry  
6:00 p.m. Psalms at Chapman's

### **Wednesday, March 25**

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion  
10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study  
11:30 a.m. Lenten Communion Service  
3:30 p.m. PALS  
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

### **Thursday, March 26**

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys  
8:30 a.m. Friends in the Word  
9:00 a.m. Piece Makers  
6:00 p.m. Bible Study at Chapman's  
7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

### **Friday, March 27**

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

### **Saturday, March 28**

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

### **Sunday, March 29**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Classes  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion

Find Words from the Scripture Readings



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RIGHTEOUS	PEACE	MIND
VALLEY	DEATH	LIFE
FRIEND	JESUS	WEEP
SPIRIT	FLESH	LAW

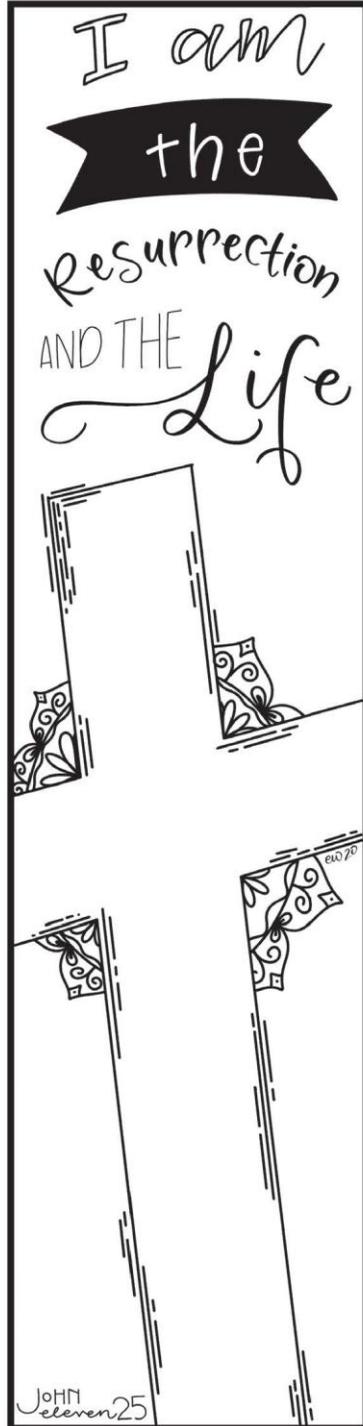
## The Sacraments

Today we celebrated the Lord's Supper ...

Yes  No

Today we had a baptism ...

Yes  No



# 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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