

# Divine Service at 10:30



## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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



## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP



We are so happy you are here!

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

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

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS



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

## CONNECTIONS COUNTER



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

## SPECIAL NEEDS



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

## GATHERING TIME



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

## EMMANUEL APP



[emmanuellutheran.org](http://emmanuellutheran.org)



Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

**BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY**

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 23, 2025

# “They Shall Be Mine”

## AS WE GATHER

“That’s mine!” is a phrase familiar to us often for selfish reasons. But this phrase is also familiar to our God. Where humans are motivated by selfishness, the Lord acts out of love. He claims you as His own because He loves you and He wants you to be with Him for eternity. You are His treasured possession! He will never leave you behind. When the Lord says, “You are Mine,” you have His pledge of enduring faithfulness, today and unto eternity!

## + THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE I AT 10:30 A.M. +

### THE GATHERING TIME

During the Gathering Time, we encourage our members to greet each other and to warmly welcome visitors into our fellowship. Kindly turn off all cellphones and please sit toward the center of the pew so there is room for all who worship.

### THE PRELUDE

### THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP: “Make a Joyful Noise”

ESM Grades K & 1

### THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Hymn 549

### 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.

(Please be seated)

### THE BAPTISM OF: Austin and Nova Dillion

### 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: Austin and Nova Dillion,

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

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

People: Amen.

THE BAPTISMAL RESPONSE: "Oh, Blest the House"

Hymn 862

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:8-9).

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Leader: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE KYRIE: (Congregation sings responsively)

LSB, 152

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

**C** A - men.

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

## THE COLLECT

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Malachi 3:13-18

"Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' <sup>14</sup>You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? <sup>15</sup>And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.'" <sup>16</sup>Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. <sup>17</sup>"They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. <sup>18</sup>Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Colossians 1:13-20

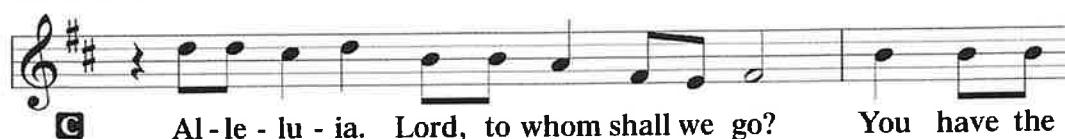
He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

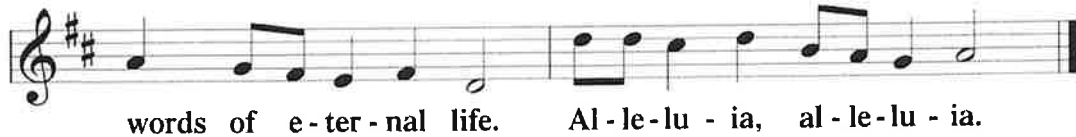
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE

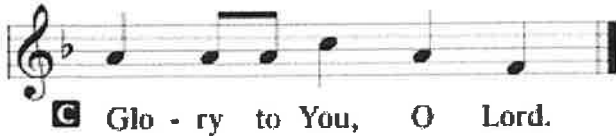




THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 23:27-43

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

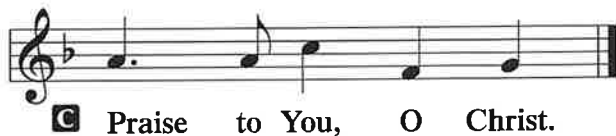
People:



And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. <sup>28</sup>But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' <sup>31</sup>For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" <sup>32</sup>Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



(Please be seated)

THE SERMON HYMN: "For Me to Live Is Jesus"

Hymn 742

THE SERMON

Pastor Dan Sheaffer

## 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 MINISTRY MINUTE

Advent at Emmanuel

(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: In thanksgiving for Christ, our King, who has made peace, delivered divine pardon, and redemption by the blood of His cross, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For this and all congregations, that Christ, her Head, would rule over her by the forgiveness of sins and hold all things together for our good, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all Christian homes, that the Father's treasured possessions spared through the death of His beloved Son would grow in the fear of the Lord, serve Him faithfully and walk undismayed by the prosperity of the wicked until all is revealed, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the inhabitants of the world, that they may stand in awe of Christ, who alone is King of kings and Lord of lords, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For good government and preservation of life in the midst of a fallen world, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the troubled, the sick and the dying, that our King would remember us not according to our sins, but according to His pardon spoken from the cross, and so deliver us from all evil, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: O Christ, our King, in Your blood the saints of all ages wash their robes and find entrance to paradise with You. Bring us also with them out of death and the grave and into resurrection and eternal life at the Last Day, when we will see You crowned with glory; for You are the Lamb who was slain and now lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken together)

### 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:



## THE CLOSING HYMN: "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

Hymn 516

### THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Is. 2:1-5; Ps. 122; Rom. 13:11-14; Matt. 24:36-44

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar today were given in loving memory and in thanksgiving for the time we had with our son and brother, Will Chin, from Betty and Willie Chin and Wanda and Mike Reuille; in loving memory of Steve Igney and Beverly Payne; and in honor of the 57th Wedding Anniversary of Ken and Jan Hoffman.

### SERVING

Acolyte

Sophia Herber

Organ

Noah Vancina

Altar Guild

Sandy Ely, Jodi Harwood, Bill and Jewell LaBrash, Aly Wedeven

Usher Crew 4

Thim Reed, Mike Shively, Ron Ahrens, Thomas Bay, Dave Behling, Christian Behling, Troy Hockemeyer, Hudson Kraft, Dick Shively, Steve Williams, David Wyss

Closer

Scott Grieder

Audio

Mike Milholland

# 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, peace and comfort for Pam Carmichael (sister of Deb Percy), Steve Herman, River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Colsen Gage (nephew of Annalissa Smith), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia

Williams, Dick Reinking, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie Kidwell (mother of Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Deb Percy, Ed Braun, Norv McClure, Janine (friend of Lauryn Longworth), Gracelynn Anderson (granddaughter of Tim and Cindy Anderson), Lynn Williams (mother of Steve Williams), Randi Gramling (cousin of Deb Percy), Stan Thompson, Deb Epperson, Salem Lee Hilty, Faith Behling

- Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Jan Reche, Jan Werth, Jan Rathge, Steve Mueller, Myra Schmidt,
- 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, Herb Schumm, 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)
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
  - Justin and Carrie Arkkelin, Teagan and Noah
  - Darrell Armstead
  - Phil and Hannah Arthur, William and Aven
  - Tammy Aschliman
  - Bob and Kelly Asher
  - Aaron and Stacey Augenstein, Tierney, Bryan and Ashtyn
  - Gloria and Warren Ault
  - Kevin and Hailey Austin
  - Dave and Tammy Bair
  - Samantha Baker
- 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 2025.

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

## 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 D3                 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade                  | LL Ebenezer                    |
| High School                            | Loft                           |
| "The Kingdom of God is Coming"         | Sanctuary                      |
| "I Believe"                            | Brandt Hall                    |

### 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.  |
| LifeLight: Luke             | Ebenezer Hall | Mondays                | 5:30 p.m.  |
| 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.  |

### Adult Sunday Bible Classes (November 2 - December 14; 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.)

**"The Kingdom of God Is Coming: Vivid Messages of Hope in the Prophets"** - The Old Testament prophets proclaim Christ's coming in powerful yet often strange ways. In this time of Advent, we will explore and revel in some of these images from Isaiah, Zephaniah, Daniel, Ezekiel, and Zechariah as we look forward to celebrating Christ coming both as the baby in Bethlehem and also at the end of the age." (Pastor Tietz, Sanctuary)

**"I Believe: History and Theology of the Ecumenical Creeds"** - Going back to the days of Moses and the Israelites, God's people have had summaries of faith. Another name for these summaries of faith is a creed. Still today, the Church proclaims its beliefs through creeds. In our worship services at Emmanuel, we make use of three creeds: the Apostles', Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds. Join us as we take a deeper look into these creeds. (Pastor Mark Sheaffer, Brandt Hall)

## The News of the Church

**Mission Sunday with Suzie and Tao** - Deaconess fieldworker Qian Su "Suzie" and her husband Tao will serve as our Mission Sunday speakers on Sunday, November 30, at 9:15 in the Sanctuary. Christians from Beijing, China, Suzie and Tao have an amazing story of how the Lord brought them to faith through the work of the Holy Spirit, led them to each other, and is preparing them to proclaim the Gospel through Concordia Theological Seminary here in Fort Wayne. Don't miss this unique opportunity to grow in your understanding of the Church and see how God continues to make disciples of all nations through His saving Gospel.

**Visual Faith Workshop** - Join us on Tuesday, December 2, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. for a special evening of creativity and fellowship in Ebenezer Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to put finishing touches on your Advent journal and begin crafting your 2026 gratitude and prayer journal. Whether you're a seasoned journaler or just beginning, you'll find inspiration and guidance in a relaxed, encouraging setting. Supplies will be furnished, so come ready to create and reflect as we journey through Advent and look forward to a new year of praising God. Please sign up at the Connections Counter or use the QR code. We look forward to seeing you there!



**2026 Contribution Envelopes** are available to pick up in Ebenezer Hall. They are stacked in alphabetical order. If you contribute electronically or with pew envelopes (found in the black “friendship folders”), you may not have an envelope packet assigned to you. If you would like an envelope packet, please call or see Jen Tweedy in the church office, or email her at [jennifer@emmanuelutheran.org](mailto:jennifer@emmanuelutheran.org).

**Beer and Hymns Christmas Singalong** - Join us on Sunday, December 21 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Chapman's for an afternoon of fellowship and singing with members from area LCMS congregations. All ages are welcome. Please bring a snack or potluck item to share.

**Emmanuel's LWM/LWML** - Our next meeting will be on Thursday, December 4 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Lower Level Ebenezer. Our Bible Study will be “Equipped” and our service projects will be for Lutheran Social Services. We will be collecting and collating disposable diapers to give to LSS for distribution to those in need. Please bring diapers to the church office by December 2.

**ESM's Vespers Service** is on Thursday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. for free, general admission. Earlier that day, we will have a rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. that will be open to the public, and you are all invited to attend! The morning open rehearsal and evening service will both be at Purdue University Fort Wayne in the Auer Performance Hall (Rhinehart Music Center). Please call the office with any questions. We look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior with you!

**Christmas Giving Tree** - A huge thank you for the tremendous response to our Christmas giving project this year. The tags were all taken this first weekend! Enjoy selecting gifts and gift cards for our families these next two weeks and bring them into church, unwrapped, with the tag by December 1. If you are able, we would love to have you join us on Friday, December 5 at 9:00 a.m. in the lower level of Ebenezer for our wrapping party.

**Donations Needed** - Washington Elementary is in need of clothing for their students. Their most desired items are sweatpants, underwear, socks, and pullover shirts in sizes 4/5 through 10/12. Please bring these items into the church office. Thank you for your consideration!

**The Lutheran Witness** - If you would like to subscribe to The Lutheran Witness, please fill out the form below, enclose it in an envelope along with your payment of \$25, and return it to the church office by Sunday, November 23. Please make your check payable to Emmanuel Church.

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**LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Santa Shop for Washington Elementary School** - Santa Shop offers students at Washington School the opportunity to "shop" for items that they can gift to family members for Christmas. The shop is seeking donations of \$1 to \$5 gift items, as well as all wrapping supplies. Please bring your donation(s) to the church by Friday, December 5. To sign up to help wrap gifts, please contact Diane Witzman at 260.249.1307. Thank you for your support, kindness and generosity for Washington Elementary School!

**Celebrating A Successful Capital Campaign with Peter Mayer** - The Lord has provided more than \$6 million of the \$7.4 million it cost us to renovate our Union Street school building. On December 15, we will celebrate this remarkable blessing with a special Christmas concert in our sanctuary by recording artist Peter Mayer. We'd like to make this unique experience available to anyone who contributed to the "In All Generations" campaign. If you would like to reserve a free ticket (\$39.50 value) for this special concert at no cost, please scan the QR code.



**Trinity Christmas Festival** - Join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Christmas Festival on Saturday November 29 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. We have a day of fun events. A craft fair, live music, food (Apple Pancake Roll Ups), a cookie walk, and Santa will join us from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Free admission. We look forward to seeing you! (Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1636 St. Mar's Ave. 46808)

Bridge 20/30 is a space for post-high school young adults (single or married) to connect, grow, and have fun in community with others who share similar values. On Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m., we will have Friendsgiving and a Gratitude Devotion! Bring a dish to share. (The Garden, 3308 N. Anthony Blvd.)

## The Stewardship of the Church

### EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

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| Year to Date: \$1,983,427 | Anticipated Need Thru November, 2025: \$1,967,648 |
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### DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

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| Last Week: \$405 | Year to Date: \$13,186 |
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### CUP OF KINDNESS

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

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| Last Week: \$170 | Year to Date: \$4,097 |
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### IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

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| "IAG" Total Received:<br>\$6,117,458 | Mortgage Balance:<br>\$1,342,790 | Total Cost*<br>\$7,424,176 |
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\*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

## The Calendar of the Church

### Monday, November 24

ESM E-LEARNING DAY

6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

### Tuesday, November 25

ESM E-LEARNING DAY

6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

6:00 p.m. Stephen Training

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

### Wednesday, November 26

ESM NO SCHOOL

11:30 a.m. Communion Service

**Thursday, November 27**

ESM NO SCHOOL

10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Divine Service

**Friday, November 28**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED & ESM NO SCHOOL

**Saturday, November 29**

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

**Sunday, November 30**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion

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

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



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

# EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

## Church Staff

Thomas A. Eggold, Senior Pastor  
Dan Sheafer, Associate Pastor  
Matt Johnston, Dir. of Music Ministry  
Lana Hille, Dir. of Congregational Care  
Sarah Pennekamp, Dir. of Discipleship  
& Youth Ministry  
Liz Bejot, Dir. of Children's Ministry  
Jennifer Tweedy, Dir. of Admin.  
& Finance  
Arthur Klausmeier, Pastor Emeritus  
Dan May, Pastoral Assistant  
Herb Schumm, Pastoral Assistant

Mark Sheafer, Pastoral Assistant  
Ryan Tietz, Pastoral Assistant  
Dan Dahling, Pastoral Assistant  
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Randy Thompson, Maintenance Supervisor  
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Caleb Swor, Seminary Fieldworker  
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# All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;  
 2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;  
 3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,  
 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da-vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,  
 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm-wood and the gall,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
 The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Go, spread your tro-phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.



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- 6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
 On this terrestrial ball  
 To Him all majesty ascribe  
 And crown Him Lord of all.  
 [To Him all majesty ascribe  
 And crown Him Lord of all.]
- 7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
 We at His feet may fall!  
 We'll join the everlasting song  
 And crown Him Lord of all.  
 [We'll join the everlasting song  
 And crown Him Lord of all.]

# Oh, Blest the House

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1 Oh, blest the house, what - e'er be - fall, Where Je - sus  
 2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in  
 3 Oh, blest the par - ents who give heed Un - to their  
 4 Oh, blest that house; it pros - pers well. In peace and  
 5 Then here will I and mine to - day A sol - emn



Christ is all in all! A home that is not whol - ly  
 hope and love a - bound; They trust their God and serve Him  
 chil - dren's fore - most need And wea - ry not of care or  
 joy the par - ents dwell, And in their chil - dren's lives is  
 prom - ise make and say: Though all the world for - sake His



His— How sad and poor and dark it is!  
 still And do in all His ho - ly will!  
 cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!  
 shown How rich - ly God can bless His own.  
 Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

# For Me to Live Is Jesus

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- 1 For me to live is Je - sus, To die is gain for me;  
2 For Christ, my Lord, my broth - er, I leave this world so dim  
3 My woes are near - ly o - ver, Though long and dark the road;  
4 Lord, when my pow'rs are fail - ing, My breath comes heav - i - ly,



So when my Sav - ior pleas - es, I meet death will - ing - ly.  
And glad - ly seek an - oth - er, Where I shall be with Him.  
My sin His mer - its cov - er, And I have peace with God.  
And words are un - a - vail - ing, O hear my sighs to Thee.

- 5 In my last hour, O grant me  
A slumber soft and still,  
No doubts to vex or haunt me,  
Safe anchored in Thy will;
- 6 And so to Thee still cleaving  
When death shall come to me,  
I fall asleep believing  
And wake in heav'n with Thee!

# Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

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1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch-men on the  
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, And all her heart with  
3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"  
joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym-bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel-come voic - es And at the thrill-ing  
For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in  
Of one pearl each shin-ing por - tal, Where, join-ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?  
truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.  
choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!  
Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,  
No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might

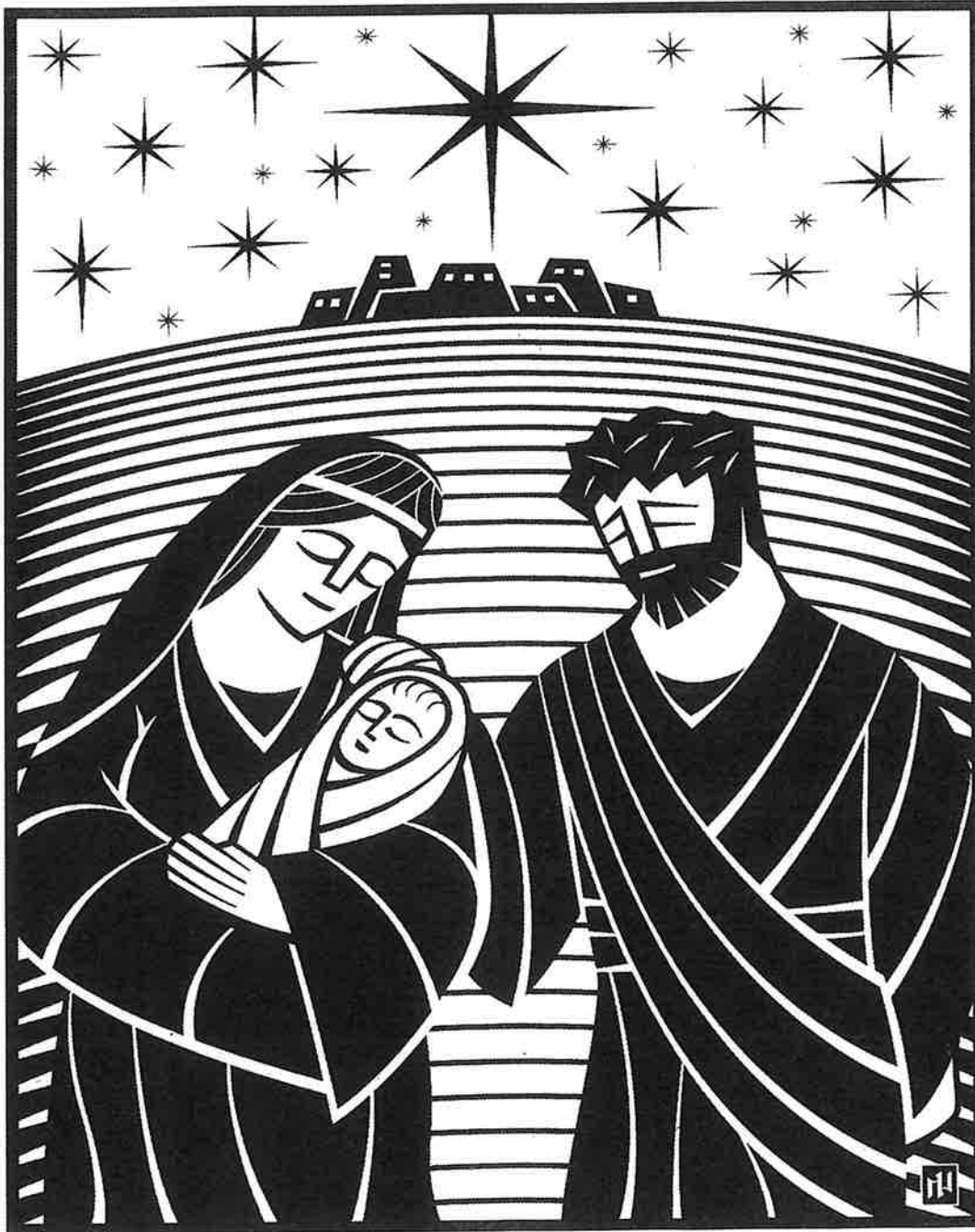


Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your-selves pre - pare  
Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall  
Of Thy glo - ry; There-fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride-groom, who is near."  
To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.  
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

# Advent at Emmanuel



# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

**Monday–Friday, December 1–19 at 7:30 a.m.**

Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary

**Wednesday, December 3, at 7 p.m.**

Advent Worship Service

**Wednesday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m.**

Advent Worship Service

**Thursday, December 11, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

ESM Christmas Vespers at the Auer Performance Hall, Purdue Fort Wayne

**Wednesday, December 17, at 7 p.m.**

Advent Worship Service with Special Music from our Handbell Choir

**Wednesday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m.**

Christmas Eve Family Worship Service  
Special Christmas Music

**Wednesday, December 24, at 7:00 p.m.**

Christmas Eve Worship Service  
Special Music with an Orchestra and Festival Choir

**Wednesday, December 24, at 11:00 p.m.**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service  
Celebration of Holy Communion  
Festival Choir, Handbells and Orchestra

**Thursday, December 25, at 10:00 a.m.**

Christmas Day Festival Service  
Celebration of Holy Communion with Festival Choir

**Wednesday, December 31, at 7:00 p.m.**

New Year's Eve Worship Service  
Celebration of Holy Communion

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Sunday, November 30, we begin a new church year with the penitential season of Advent.

We will celebrate God's greatest gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, in many unique ways. On Saturday, November 29, we will decorate the sanctuary beginning at 8:30 a.m., and all are invited to help. Throughout the Advent season, we will host many special opportunities for worship.

This year, our Advent preparations will feature an Advent daily devotional from 1517.org entitled, "Coming Home for Christmas." You can access this daily devotional through Emmanuel's website and app. If you would like a paper copy of "Coming Home for Christmas," please reach out to Becki in the Church Office. We will also be broadcasting a weekly Advent devotion for our families with Ms. Liz that can also be found on the website and app.

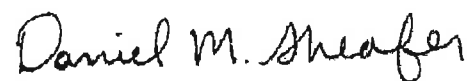
We will also be offering an opportunity for individual spiritual preparation by holding a Morning Prayer service on Mondays through Fridays at 7:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. This brief devotional service will provide us with time in God's Word and feature hymns, Scripture readings, and a time of spoken and silent prayer. Morning Prayer at Emmanuel will conclude around 7:45 a.m. The first day for Morning Prayer will be Monday, December 1.

On the next two pages, you will find a complete Advent and Christmas schedule listing of all of our special Advent and Christmas activities, including the Emmanuel-St. Michael School Christmas Vespers, which will be held on Thursday, December 11, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Auer Performance Hall, on the campus of Purdue University Fort Wayne, 2101 E Coliseum Blvd. May God bless you with His peace as together we prepare our hearts for the coming of His Son.

In Christ,



Pastor Thomas A. Eggold



Pastor Daniel M. Sheafer

# Advent Family Devotions



Join the Emmanuel community as we journey together through the season of Advent. This year, Pastor Eggold, Pastor Sheaffer, and Ms. Liz will lead us through the three weeks leading up to Christmas. Together with students from ESM and CLHS, they will model what family devotions can look like in your own home, whatever your setting may be.

Beginning the first Tuesday of Advent, weekly family devotions will be available on Emmanuel's website, app, and social media.

As we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth, may these devotions help us experience what it truly means to come home for Christmas – home to the love, peace, and presence of Jesus, our Emmanuel.