

# Divine Service at 8:00



## 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



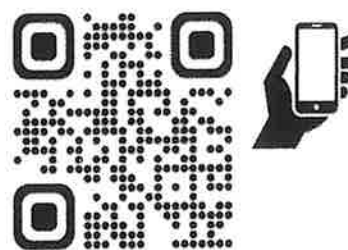
We offer a hearing loop, large print bulletins and printed copies of today's sermon. If these would be helpful, please ask one of our ushers who would be delighted to assist you.

## 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**

## “Who Is the King of Glory?”

### AS WE GATHER

A question like this begs the answer, “Jesus!” That is absolutely correct; He is the King of glory. But our Bible readings this weekend encourage us to dig deeper into this question. Yes, Jesus is the King of glory, but He demonstrates this in a variety of ways. Jesus, the King of glory, is Emmanuel, the promised of ages! Through creation, His incarnation, and His redemptive work, Jesus shows us the majesty, meekness and mercy He shares with us as our King of glory.

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

#### 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 PRELUDE

##### “Oh, How Joyfully”

Oh, how joyfully, Oh, how merrily,  
Christmas comes with its grace divine!  
Grace again is beaming, Christ the world redeeming,  
Hail, ye Christians, hail the joyous Christmas time.

Oh, how joyfully, Oh, how merrily,  
Christmas comes with its peace divine!  
Peace on earth is reigning, Christ our peace regaining,  
Hail, ye Christians, hail the joyous Christmas time!

Oh, how joyfully, Oh, how merrily,  
Christmas comes with its life divine!  
Angels high in glory, Chant the Christmas story:  
Hail, ye Christians, hail the joyous Christmas time!

##### “O Tannenbaum”

(Ensemble sings vs. 1 in German, then congregation sings verse 1 in English)

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! Thou tree most fair and lovely!  
The sight of thee at Christmas-tide, Spreads hope and gladness far and wide.  
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! Thou tree most fair and lovely.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! Thou hast a wondrous message:  
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! Thou hast a wondrous message:  
Thou dost proclaim the Savior’s birth, Goodwill to men and peace on earth.  
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! Thou hast a wondrous message.

**"The First Noel"**

The first Noel, the Angels did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,  
And with his blood mankind hath bought.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!

**"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"**

God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay.  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r, when we were gone astray;

(Chorus)

O, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy!

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,  
And left their flocks afeeding in tempest, storm, and wind.  
And went to Bethlehem straitway, the Son of God to find. (Chorus)

**"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"**

Good Christian Friends, rejoice With heart and soul, and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Jesus Christ is born today;  
Ox and ass before Him bow; And He is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian Friends, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened the heav-en-ly door, And man is blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian Friends, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all, To gain His everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

**"I Am So Glad When Christmas Comes"**

I am so glad when Christmas comes, The night of Jesus' birth,  
When Bethl'ems star shone as the sun And angels sang with mirth.

The little child of Bethlehem, The King of heav'nly grace,  
Came down from his exalted throne To save our fallen race.

He's now returned to heav'n above, God's Son he is alway;  
He ne'er forgets his little ones But hears them when they pray.

I too would sing my Savior's praise, My joy, my crown, my Lord;  
For he has made me his own child By Water and the Word.

I love this previous Christmas eve And my dear Savior mild,  
And I shall not forget the truth: He loves me as his child.

I am so glad when Christmas comes: Let anthems fill the air!  
He opens wide for every child His paradise so fair.

**"O Holy Night"**

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining;  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope – the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!  
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!  
O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Truly He taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and His gospel is peace.  
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,  
And in his name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;  
Let all within us praise His holy name.  
Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever!  
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!  
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!

**"Away in a Manger"**  
**"Go Tell It on the Mountain"**

Hymn 365  
Hymn 388

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THE ANGELS' CANDLE

Leader: The fourth candle on our Advent wreath reminds us of the angels who announced the Savior's birth. Their song of joy rings across the centuries to fill the darkness of every heart with the light of glory and love. We pray:

People: Lord of hosts, for the ministry of angels we give You thanks. Fill the dark night of a fallen world with the angels' good news of great joy. Bless us to pierce the silence of our routine with songs of resounding praise. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE OPENING HYMN: "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising"

Hymn 375

## 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: Lewis Sullivan Adair

### 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: Lewis Sullivan,

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

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

People: Amen.

### THE BAPTISMAL RESPONSE: "See the Wonder in the Making"

Hymn 593

### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (Psalm 130:7; Philippians 1:6)

Leader: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

People: and with Him is plentiful redemption.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: Holy and gracious God,

People: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

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.

**Leader:** He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**People:** Amen.

#### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; 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: Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, <sup>2</sup>for he has founded it up on the seas and established it upon the rivers. <sup>3</sup>Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup>He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. <sup>5</sup>He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. <sup>6</sup>Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. <sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. <sup>8</sup>Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! <sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. <sup>10</sup>Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

#### THE SECOND READING: Isaiah 7:10-17

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup>"Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." <sup>13</sup>And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. <sup>17</sup>The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's

house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.<sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.<sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.<sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”<sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup>“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).<sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife,<sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

## THE SERMON HYMN: "The King of Glory"



The King of Glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es;



O - pen the gates be - fore Him, lift up your voic - es.



1. Who is the King of Glo - ry; how shall we call Him?
2. In all of Gal - i - lee, in ci - ty or vil - lage,
3. Sing then of Da - vid's son, our Sav - ior and Broth - er;
4. He gave His life for us, the Lamb of sal - va - tion,
5. He con - quered sin and death, He tru - ly has ris - en,

*To Refrain*



He is Em - man - u - el, the Prom - ised of a - ges.  
He goes a - mong His peo - ple cur - ing their ill - ness.  
In all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.  
He took up - on Him - self the sins of the na - tion.  
And He will share with us His heav - en - ly vis - ion.

## THE SERMON

Pastor Dan Sheafer

## 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: "Manger Medley"

Hayes

(Please stand as you are able)

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Lord, You have taught us to pray and encouraged us to open our hearts to You on behalf of ourselves and all those in need. Hear us now as we come to You in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: You have set in place the times and the seasons, O Lord, and reveal in them the salvation promised to us in Your Son. Give us faith that we may ask for no sign except Christ, whose death and resurrection fulfill

all the promises of Your Word and vindicate the prophets who spoke that Word by Your command. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** You have granted many gifts and skills to Your people, O Lord, that they may serve us when we are most weak and vulnerable. Be with the police who protect us, the firefighters who serve us, the medical professionals who relieve physical suffering and aid healing, and the counselors who assist those troubled in mind or heart. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** You are the giver of every good gift, O Lord, and You care for us in all our needs of body, mind and spirit. Give healing to the sick, relief to the suffering, peace to the dying and comfort to those who mourn. According to Your gracious will, sustain them all by Your grace, and give them patience and courage as they await the unfolding of Your healing grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** You have provided us many and rich resources to support this daily life and to use in the care of those in need, O Lord. Grant to us a generous heart, that we may give generously and cheerfully for the sake of Your work, Your Church and the poor. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** You know our weakness and how we struggle with temptation, O Lord. Give us discerning minds and steadfast hearts, that we may rejoice in the annual celebration of Your Son's birth. Keep us from being distracted from the gift of Your Son, and teach us to highly treasure the mystery of His incarnation and the fruits of His redemptive work. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy to provide us all things as we have need; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

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

#### THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

**Leader:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

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

**People:** Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"

Hymn 352

THE POSTLUDE: "Savior of the Nations Come"

Manz

THE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Is. 63:7-14; Ps. 111; Gal., 4:4-7; Matt. 2:13-23

THE CHRISTMAS GREENS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Gerald Krouse, from his wife, Pat Krouse, and children, Amy and Russ Stephens, Angie and Dave Zimske, and the grandchildren.

#### SERVING

Organ	Myra Schmidt
Acolyte	Kennedy Paetz
Altar Guild	Tammy Bair, JoAnn Bender, LuAnn Bender, Tina Bruce
Opener	Tammy Bair
Usher Crew 2	Jim Braun, Mike Huesner, Jason Kaiser, Fred Peterson, Dave Scheppele, Nick Terrell, Joshua, Simeon, and Isaiah Vandercar, John Wright, Daniel Wunderlich
Audio Engineer	Chris Fair

## 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 Grotian (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, William Rush, Kathy Schwyer, Don Heckber, Wayne McClure, Mason Longworth, Chris Holmes (brother-in-law of Craig Dahlkamp)
  - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Jan Reche, Steve Mueller, Ivy Harkenrider, Anne Kelly, Wes Harless, Jan Hoffman
  - 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:
  - Brian Bell
  - Steve Bell, Niya and Kira
  - Jason and Tess Bell, JoJo, Sophie, Ellie and Josiah
  - Dennis Bender
  - JoAnn Bender
  - LuAnn Bender
  - Susan Bengé
  - Matt and Kim Benne
  - Jim Bennett
  - Robert and Carly Bennett, Jacqueline
- 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.

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  
Jordyn Christlieb  
Elyjun Christlieb  
Theodora Kendrick  
Daniel Schindler

Quinn Brimmer  
Devon Jewell  
Amira Christlieb  
Salem Lee Hilty  
Emmanuel Price

Parker Hall  
Izaiah Christlieb  
Nevaeh Christlieb  
Austin Dillion  
Lewis Adair

Kirstin Loboizzo  
Iyla Christlieb  
Atreus Layman  
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 Morning Christian Education** - Sunday School (birth - Grade 5), Confirmation (Grades 6-8), High School, and Adult Bible classes are on break until Sunday, January 4.. Sunday morning Adult Bible classes will feature three new classes: Lutheran Christianity (taught by Pastors Eggold and Sheafer), Galatians (taught by Pastor McFadden), and Lutheranism after Luther (taught by Pastor Rast). More details to come.

## The News of the Church

**Caroling at LLV on Christmas Day** - On Christmas Day, you are invited to join in singing carols to the residents and staff at Lutheran Life Villages, 6701 S. Anthony Blvd. We will gather in the lobby of the Village at South Anthony around 12:00 p.m. and share the joy of Christmas in song. This event will conclude around 1:00 p.m.

**ESM Seeks Student Support Specialist** who will enhance academic success by supporting students through compassionate care and interventions. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis with a flexible start date as early as spring semester. Please contact Executive Assistant, Hannah Swor ([hswor@esmeagles.com](mailto:hswor@esmeagles.com)) for the application and with any questions.

**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.

# The Stewardship of the Church

## EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$2,183,465	Anticipated Need Thru December, 2025: \$2,155,838
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## DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$150	Year to Date: \$14,166
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## CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$196	Year to Date: \$4,523
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## IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,243,566	Mortgage Balance: \$1,296,923	Total Cost* \$7,431,837
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\*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

# The Calendar of the Church

## Monday, December 22

6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

## Tuesday, December 23

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

## Wednesday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service

11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service w/ Communion

## Thursday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service

## Friday, December 26

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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

## Saturday, December 27

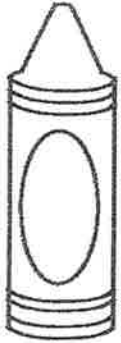
5:00 p.m. Divine Service w/ Communion

## Sunday, December 28

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

Draw a picture about the sermon



## The Sacraments

Today we celebrated the Lord's Supper ...

Yes ☐ No ☐

Today we had a baptism ...

Yes ☐ No ☐

She will  
bear a  
**SON**  
and you shall

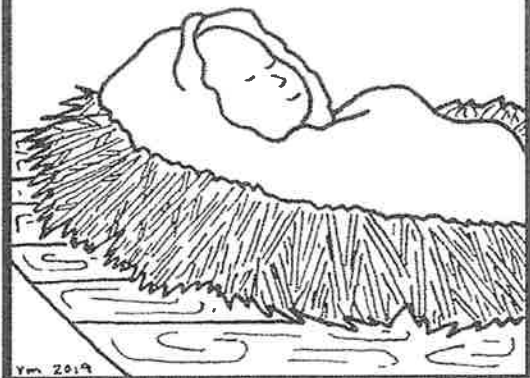
CALL HIS NAME

**JESUS**

for  
**HE**  
will  
save  
**HIS**  
PEOPLE

from  
their  
**Sins.**

Matthew 1:21



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

# EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Building faith in the city*

We are a caring family of baptized Christians bound together in the forgiveness which God has provided all people through His Son, 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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# Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

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1 Come, your hearts and voices rais - ing, Christ the  
 2 Christ, from heav'n to us de - scend - ing And in  
 3 Ja - cob's star in all its splen - dor Beams with  
 4 From the bond - age that op - pressed us, From sin's



Lord with glad - ness prais - ing; Loud - ly sing His love a -  
 love our race be - friend - ing; In our need His help ex -  
 com - fort sweet and ten - der, Forc - ing Sa - tan to sur -  
 fet - ters that pos - sessed us, From the grief that sore dis -



maz - ing, Wor - thy folk of Chris - ten - dom.  
 tend - ing, Saved us from the wi - ly foe.  
 ren - der, Break - ing all the pow'rs of hell.  
 tressed us, We, the cap - tives, now are free.

5 Oh, the joy beyond expressing  
 When by faith we grasp this blessing,  
 And to You we come confessing  
 That Your love has set us free.

6 Gracious Child, we pray, O hear us,  
 From Your lowly manger cheer us,  
 Gently lead us and be near us  
 Till we join Your choir above.

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# 593 See This Wonder in the Making



1 See this won - der in the mak - ing: God Him -  
 2 Mir - a - cle each time it hap - pens As the  
 3 Far more ten - der than a moth - er, Far more  
 4 Here we bring a child of na - ture; Home we



self this child is tak - ing As a lamb safe in His  
 door to heav-en o - pens And the Fa - ther beams, "Be-  
 car - ing than a fa - ther, God, in - to Your arms we  
 take a new-born crea - ture, Now God's pre - cious son or



keep - ing, His to be, a - wake or sleep - ing.  
 lov - ed, Heir of gifts a king would cov - et!"  
 place *him/her/them*, With Your love and peace em - brace *him/her/them*.  
 daugh - ter, Born a - gain by Word and wa - ter.

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# Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

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1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly,  
 2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'  
 3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,  
 4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of



kept His word And at last to us did send  
 heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,  
 Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—  
 gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.  
 Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.  
 Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.  
 Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

5 Bruise for me the serpent's head  
 That, set free from doubt and dread,  
 I may cling to You in faith,  
 Safely kept through life and death.

6 Then when You will come again  
 As the glorious king to reign,  
 I with joy will see Your face,  
 Freely ransomed by Your grace.