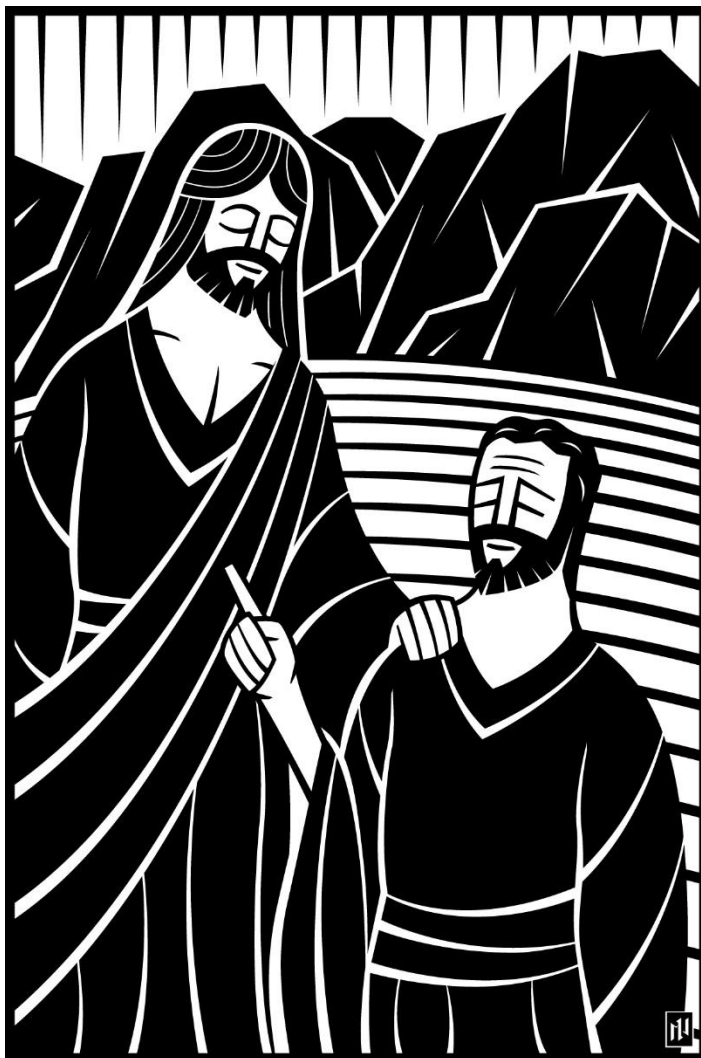


Divine Worship at 8:00



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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



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.

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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

“Built on the Rock”

AS WE GATHER

Christianity is not about what is in your heart, it's about what's in God's! To put it another way, we don't look to ourselves for salvation; we look to Christ. In Christ, we see the heart of God, and, “upon this rock,” Jesus told Peter, “I will build my church and the gates of hell will not overcome it!” Today, you are blessed because the Father in heaven has revealed this gift to you and you can rejoice in the Rock of your salvation.

+ 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: “Partita on ‘Built on the Rock’”

arr. W. Wold

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”
(Please stand for verse 3)

Hymn 803

THE PRESENTATION OF PRAYER REQUESTS

THE INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (LSB 728; 761; 575/576)

Leader: That we may rest on Jesus and His unchanging grace, let us with repentant hearts confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!

People: **Heavenly Father, Your Word tells us that we all have sinned and fall short of Your glory. By what we have done and by what we have failed**

to do, we have lived shaky lives that falter when we do not stand firm in You.

Leader: Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee!

People: Lord Jesus, have mercy upon us. You are the rock of ages in whom we find protection and deliverance.

Leader: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand!

People: Holy Spirit, enable us to trust the promises of Your Word, confident in the forgiveness of sins found in Christ Jesus, our solid rock. Amen.

Leader: Upon this your confession, I am blessed to proclaim the certainty of God's saving grace to all of you! In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, our rock and fortress, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, 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: Isaiah 51:1-6

"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. ³For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴"Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 11:33-12:8

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴"For who has known the mind of

the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" ³⁵"Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" ³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. ¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the

third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE SERMON HYMN: “Built on the Rock”

Hymn 645

THE SERMON

Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

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: “‘Alleluia’ from Cantata 142”

J. S. Bach

THE MINISTRY MINUTE

ESM

(Please stand as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Almighty God, from You and through You and to You are all things. You have built Your Church on the confession of the Gospel and have promised that the gates of hell will not overcome it. To Your Church throughout the world grant the faith and courage to confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord God Almighty, You transform Your Church by the Holy Spirit so that she does not conform to the world. Draw forth from Your people their proclamation of thanksgiving, that they may tell of all Your wondrous deeds. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, care for all families, children, single adults and youth, that they might steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal. Grant an increase in wisdom and grace to all who teach and learn. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord God, grant that all nations and leaders might act for peace; promote godliness; and protect all who live under violence, oppression, injustice and fear, that all people might extol You. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, care for all victims of disaster, for those stricken by illness or infirmity, for the aged and infirm, for the grieving and for those near death. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: From You and through You and to You are all things! To You, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, be glory now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

+ THE SERVICE 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 to the Lord.**

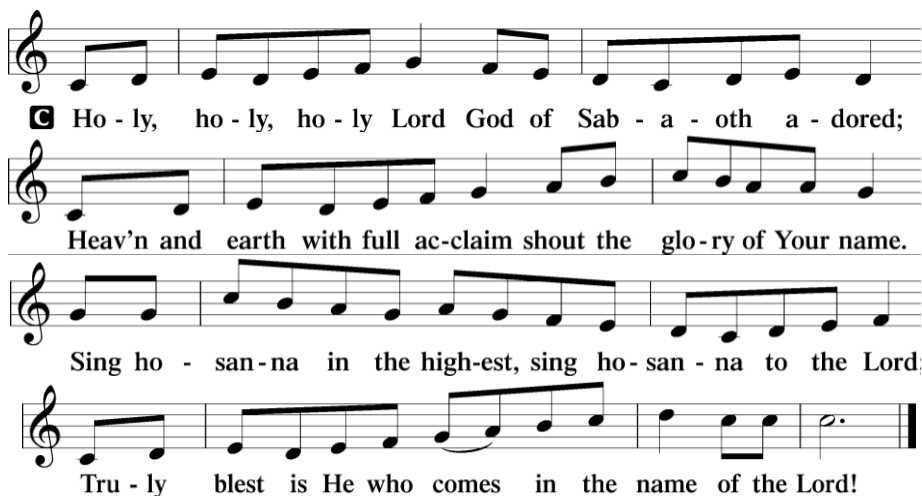
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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

Leader: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we look to You and listen to You, O giver of righteousness, for You have built our lives upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as our cornerstone. Looking to the rock from which we have been hewn, along with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

THE SANCTUS (Congregation sings)

LSB, 208



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord.
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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 always.

People: Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI (Congregation sings)

LSB, 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(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 having that medical need. Individually packaged gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please ask the Communion Assistant if you have this dietary need.

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS
 "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds"
 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Hymn 867
 Hymn 649
 Hymn 783

(Please stand, as you are able)
 THE DISMISSAL

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (Sung by the congregation)

LSB, 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, The God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 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: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Hymn 525

THE POSTLUDE: “Toccata and Epilogue”

arr. W. Wold

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Jer. 15:15–21; Ps. 26; Rom. 12:9–21; Matt. 16:21–28

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in celebration of eternal life in Christ Jesus of husband Steven and dear friend Eric Kurtz, is lovingly remembered by Ruth Anne Teeple; in loving memory of our son Damon from Ron and Jackie Springer; and in honor of the 58th Wedding Anniversary of Dexter and Connie Hoyer.

SERVING

Liturgist

Pastor Dan Sheaffer

Organ

Matt Johnston

Acolyte

Lily Bruce

Altar Guild

Beth Igney, Cathy Elkins, Jan Fisher, Faith Harless, Diane Witzenman

Opener

Eric and Michelle Hoffman

Usher Crew 2

Jim Braun, Mike Huesner, Jason Kaiser, Fred Peterson, Dave Scheppele, Nick Terrell, Joshua, Simeon, and Isaiah Vandercar, John Wright, Daniel Wunderlich

Communion

Ryan Tietz, Jon Adair, Zach Chess, Josh Eggold

Audio Engineer

Craig Dahlkamp

The Prayers of the Church

Prayer Requests

- Our congregation continues to care for one another through a faithful prayer ministry. Please pray for the following people this week:
 - We pray for Shaylee Marie Epperson on the occasion of her Baptism. We ask God to strengthen Shaylee as she grows and to bless her parents Brandon and Staci (Parmenter) Epperson, and her sponsors Josh and Ashley Peterson, as they raise and nurture Shaylee in her Baptismal faith.

- Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Carlton Grotirian (father of Karla Neeld), Alycia Williams, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie Kidwell (mother of Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Deb Percy, Norv McClure, Janine (friend of Lauryn Longworth), Gracelynn Anderson (granddaughter of Tim and Cindy Anderson), Stan Thompson, Deb Epperson, Faith Behling, LuAnn Reichhart (mom of Brent Reichhart), Renee Bleke, Mark Wasson (brother of Cheri Maxwell), Laura Herrick (Caroline Eber's niece), Kevin Hoffman, Jeff Springer, Jodie Karrick
- Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Sally Schilf, Linda Barnes, Bennett Hoyle, Ethan Perkins, Janet Toepfer, Jan Hoffman, Logan Ryan
- Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Karen Burtch (sister-in-law of Lori Richey), Amy Krontz (daughter-in-law of David and Karen Wyss), Mary Grosjean, Sherry (friend of Barb and Gary Lesh), Ed and Barb Hambrock, Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith), Dennis McFadden, Art Klausmeier, Roger Kuehnert, John Jennings (friend of Dave and Tammy Bair), Bruce Williams, Rob Roehm, Ann Schwartz, Hazel Krenzke (Brian and Anna Snodgrass's niece), Robert Burmeister (Hannah Swor's dad), Roxanne Moore, Jenny Nehrenz (niece of Charlene Hess), Rick Bair (brother of Dave and Tammy Bair), Gary Thompson (father of Carly Bennett), Carol McGuigan (mother of Kevin McGuigan), Linda Raatz, Jeff Dunham (brother-in-law of Scott and Christi Everson), Doug Bennett (father of Ty Bennett), Sean Breininger, Herb Schumm, Karen Bickhart (daughter of Barry Doege), Tara Bustos (sister of Sean Breininger), Jeff Bennett (father of Faith Harless), Carol Yeoman (friend of Dave and Joni Scheppele), Vanita Engelbrecht (mother of Amy Rast), Amy (daughter of Bruce and Linda Novak), Mark Schmotzer (father of Jacob Schmotzer)
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - Mark and Sarah Heine, Luke, Matthew, Ben, and Audrey
 - Troy and Brenda Heisler, Hannah
 - Dawn and Mike Hendershot, Morgan, Marley, and Macy
 - Alyssa Henline
 - Joel and Nicole Henline, Makayla and Brady
 - Cora Henry, Lucas, Kyle, and Audrey
 - Mark and Trina Herber, Sophia and Andrew
 - Ruth Ann Hernandez
 - Brad Hess
 - Dave and Charlene Hess
- Please pray for the missions supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
 - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf – Ponce, Puerto Rico
 - Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)

- Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
- Heidi Wilkinson – Ethiopia
- The Lutheran Heritage Foundation
- Luther Academy
- Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM)
- Lutherans For Life (LFL)
- Lutheran Bible Translators

If you have a prayer request that you would like to make known to our Emmanuel family, please email me at taeggold@hotmail.com. If you would like to join the Emmanuel Prayer Chain, please email Marsha at marshasappenfield@comcast.net or call 260.616.0679.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism: Thank God for the baptisms so far in 2026:

Callaghan Miller	Austin Hayward	Calvin Chess	Michael Flanagan
Sean Flanagan	Morgan Flanagan	Mordecai Austin	Theodore Vachon
Emerson Ross	Esther Burns	Cameron Etzler	Niyanni Berry
Callum Dan	Natalie Sheaffer	Jacob Wiehe	Shaylee Epperson

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 Bible Class: Abiding in the Vine, Leader: Stephen Bornheimer
Location: Brandt Hall, Time: 9:15 -10:15 a.m.

Weekday Bible Classes...

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

Monday Morning Moms - Join us for fellowship and encouragement as we walk through the ups and downs of motherhood together. We'll spend time in God's Word, build meaningful friendships, and remind one another we're not alone. Come as you are—we'd love to have you! Book: Limping with God; Dates: September 14 & 28, October 12 & 26, November 9 & 30, and December 14. Time: 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Location: Loft; Free childcare available in LL Ebenezer.

LifeLight Bible Class (Day Change) - The class will be studying Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon. Times options this year are Mondays from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and Tuesdays from 3:30-5:00 p.m., starting on September 14 and 15.

Women's Bible Study - The 8:45 a.m. Wednesday Women's Bible Study will resume on September 23 in Brandt Hall with a study of the letters to the Galatians and the Corinthians.

The News of the Church

ESM Sunday at Emmanuel will be hosted this weekend at the 10:30 a.m. service, which will include the dedication of Emmanuel member Jennifer Barnes as Student Support Specialist. Grades K-8 are invited to sing. There will be an open house in the school and a small reception for fellowship during education hour. We pray God's blessings on the new school year!

Adult Choir - The Adult Choir is starting a brand new season and we'd love for YOU to be a part of it! We start weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, September 2 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. A schedule will be handed out along with other information regarding the year ahead. Contact Matt Johnston at 260.229.1387 with any questions, or the need for childcare. No auditions. No pressure. Just music, fellowship, and a whole lot of joy. Come sing with us!

ESM \$300,000 Match Challenge - The Getz Road campus of Emmanuel- St. Michael expansion is underway! This project will add a secure vestibule, music rooms, classrooms, a cafeteria, locker rooms, enhanced school safety, and new preschool programming. ESM has committed a \$300,000 matching gift to honor its partnership with St. Michael. We are asking our parents, grandparents, and alumni to match it! If we hit our goal by Christmas break, the entire school will celebrate with special treats! You can donate or learn more by scanning the Qr code. Thank you for your prayers and support as we invest in the next generation of Eagles!



Food Bank Needs - Thank you for your continued support of Emmanuel's Food Bank. We are grateful for both the foods and financial donations we receive. At this time, we are especially in need of adult incontinence products in medium, large, and extra-large sizes, for both men and women. We are also in need of canned meat and cereal. If you can donate any of these items, please bring them to the church office. Thank you!

Consider Volunteering with INASMUCH Ministry - For years, Broadway Christian Church's INASMUCH Ministry has been an arm of mercy in our West Central Neighborhood. Emmanuel has been working to build a partnership with INASMUCH, and their Executive Director, Mary Ann Mings, has approached us with a wonderful

opportunity to help with their Circles program in September. Circles cohorts meet weekly and are designed to mentor and walk the journey with someone in situational or generational poverty who could benefit from financial literacy and community building. Amazing things happen when the attendees receive these! Find out more about Circles at <https://inasmuchfw.org/partners/circles>. If you are interested, please contact Mary Ann Mings at mmings@gobroadway.org or talk with Pastor Eggold or Pastor Sheaffer.

Journey to Ethiopia Dessert Night - Join us on Thursday, August 27, from 6:30–7:30 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall for a special evening with missionary Heidi Wilkinson. Heidi will share a brief presentation about her past 10 months of ministry in Ethiopia and how you can be part of the journey as she prepares to return in September. All ages are welcome! Come hear about Heidi's work, enjoy dessert, and spend time in fellowship together. Please RSVP for this event by emailing Heidi at heidi.wilkinson@missionofchrist.org.

Join PALS! - Do you have a heart for connecting with kids? Are you patient, a good listener, and enjoy sharing the love of Jesus? If so, we'd love to have you join the next session of PALS! Peer Assisted Learning Strategies (PALS) is a ministry of Emmanuel that partners with Washington Elementary to support 2nd and 3rd graders. Each week for eight weeks, these students join us in Ebenezer Hall, where we share snacks, explore the love of Jesus, read, and play together. Your time and kindness can make a lasting impact. Join us in this rewarding ministry in Ebenezer Hall on September 9 for training, from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., and on September 16, 23, & 30; October 7, 14, & 21; and November 4 & 11, from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Who can volunteer? Any adult, high school student, along with 7th and 8th graders are welcome to apply. Click this link to apply and feel free to email Liz Bejot at LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org with any questions.

Learn About Destiny Rescue at Emmanuel - On August 30, Destiny Rescue will join us for our Mission Sunday. Destiny Rescue is a global organization dedicated to rescuing children from sexual exploitation and human trafficking and equipping them to stay free. Amy Johns serves as the Director of Strategic Partnerships at Destiny Rescue and recently traveled to Thailand and Cambodia to visit Destiny Rescue's frontline teams. Amy will share firsthand stories of both the heartbreaking realities children face and the incredible hope that rescue brings. During our Sunday School hour, Amy will explain the global crisis of child trafficking, share how God is working through Destiny Rescue, and offer practical ways we can partner in bringing freedom and restoration to vulnerable children. This Mission Sunday is being hosted by Emmanuel's Lutherans for Life and Mission Task Force groups and will be take place in the lower level of Ebenezer Hall. To learn more before Amy's visit, please visit DestinyRescue.org.

Visual Faith Workshop: Whispers to God - Join us on Tuesday, September 1, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and be ready to create! Participants of all ages and skill levels will make an envelope journal—a special place to tuck away written prayers and

“whispers” to God. Sign up at the Connections Counter. We look forward to creating and praying with you!

Emmanuel Women's Retreat - Registration is now open for the 2026 Emmanuel Women's Retreat! Join us October 10-11 at the Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park for a weekend of encouragement, fellowship, and time in God's Word. Our featured speaker is deaconess, author, and licensed clinical social worker, Heidi Goehmann. Learn more about Heidi and find details on lodging, costs, and meal options by picking up a retreat brochure at the Connections Counter. Register by using the QR code above.



Men's Ministry Breakfast at Emmanuel - All men are invited to Emmanuel's Built to Build Men's Ministry Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 19, in LL Ebenezer Hall. Pastor Eggold will serve as our speaker as we explore how we are built by God to build up others in the callings He has given us. Through breakfast, conversation, and a practical presentation, we will consider what it means for Christian men to provide, protect, lead, and serve faithfully while first being strengthened by Christ through His Word, worship, prayer, and Christian fellowship. The doors open at 7:45 a.m., and we'll wrap up by 10:00 a.m. Come enjoy breakfast, connect with other men, and consider how God is calling you to build up the people He has placed in your life.

Help with Washington School Supplies - Washington School sits just a few hundred feet from the front door of our church. They are our neighbors in the purest sense of that word. Washington School also reports one of the highest rates of free and reduced lunch participation in the entire Fort Wayne Community School system. For more than a decade, Emmanuel has extended care to the children and families of Washington by providing their school supplies. On Thursday, July 30, Outreach Deacon, Tina Bruce, delivered the school supplies we purchased for the students of Washington Elementary School. As the school year begins, please pray for the faculty and families of Washington School, and if you'd like to donate to help fund our school supplies project, you can do so by using your offering envelope and indicating the amount of your donation on the "other" line of the envelope.

Summer Bible Study for Women will meet for the last time from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on August 25 in LL Ebenezer at Emmanuel. We hope to see you there!

Bridge 20/30 is a Christian group for adults in their 20s and 30s focused on building community, friendships, faith, and fellowship through social events, devotion, and activities throughout the Fort Wayne area. New participants are always welcome! The next event is on August 25 at 7:00 p.m. - Anchor Devotion Night with Brian Loesel at The Garden (3308 N. Anthony Blvd.).

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$1,444,025	Anticipated Need Through August: \$1,587,456
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$130	Year to Date: \$9,816
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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: \$3,302
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,953,445	Mortgage Balance: \$495,820	Total Cost* \$7,472,268
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*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, August 24

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

5:30 p.m. LifeLight Book Review

Tuesday, August 25

7:00 p.m. Summer in the Word

Wednesday, August 26

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

8:30 a.m. ESM Chapel

9:30 a.m. ESM Preschool Chapel

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

11:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, August 27

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys

9:00 a.m. Piece Makers

3:00 p.m. Food Bank

6:00 p.m. Journey to Ethiopia – with Heidi Wilkinson

7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

Friday, August 28

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

5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, August 29

2:00 p.m. Campbell/Kammeyer

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

Sunday, August 30

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:15 a.m. Mission Presentation

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

Notes



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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803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!

2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,

△ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.
Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di-vine:



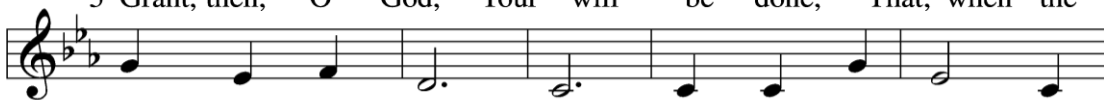
Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine!

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645 Built on the Rock



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how
 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



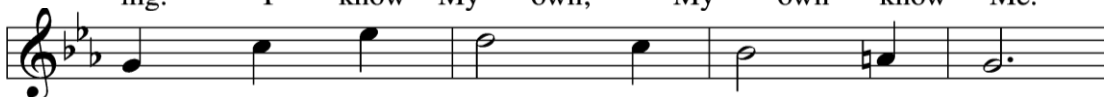
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



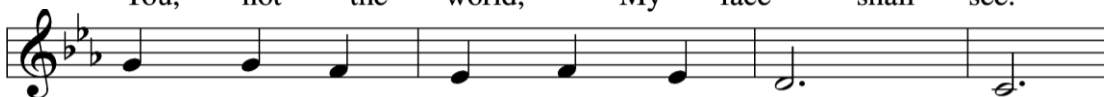
ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Choos - es to live with us in love,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
 You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

867 Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds



1 Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds Which God per -
 2 So make to them His glo - ries known, His works of
 3 Our sons and daugh - ters we shall tell And they a -
 4 O teach them with all dil - i - gence The truths of
 5 To learn that in our God a - lone Their hope se -



formed of old, Which in our youn - ger
 pow'r and grace; And we'll con - vey His
 gain to theirs That gen - er - a - tions
 God's own Word, To place in Him their
 cure - ly stands, That they may nev - er



days we saw, And which our par - ents told.
 won - ders down Through ev - 'ry ris - ing race.
 yet un - born May teach them to their heirs.
 con - fi - dence, To fear and trust their Lord,
 doubt His love But walk in His com - mands.

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649 Blest Be the Tie That Binds



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer bit - ter pain;
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.
And per - fect love and friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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783 Take My Life and Let It Be



- 1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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525 Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
 Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
 Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
 Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
 down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
 Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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