

Easter Sunday Worship



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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



SPECIAL NEEDS



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

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP



We are so happy you are here!

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

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS



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

CONNECTIONS COUNTER



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

GATHERING TIME



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

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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

“Alleluia! Christ Is Risen”

AS WE GATHER

“Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!” This ancient greeting sounds among us again today, for today the Church celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Christ has defeated sin, death, and the devil and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. On this Easter Day, we welcome you to come and be a part of God’s people who gather to remember and to rejoice in what Christ has done.

+ DIVINE SERVICE AT 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 A.M. +

THE GATHERING TIME

During the Gathering Time, we encourage our members to greet each other with God’s peace 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: “Christ lag in Todesbanden”
“Christ Is Arisen”
“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”
“Fantasia on ‘Alleluia Hymn’”

J. S. Bach
arr. Leupold
arr. Blersch
Del Borgo

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

(As the church bells sound, please stand and face the processional cross)

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: Remember how He told you that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise (Luke 24:6-7). The Lord is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Hymn 457

Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Amen.

THE INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Our Redeemer lives and has bought us back from sin, death, and the devil, so let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our creator and preserver, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are stained by sin from our very beginnings and we have sinned again and again in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves and have often turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for all our many sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us for Jesus' sake, and by the power of the Holy Spirit direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us victory over all that oppresses us and build Your kingdom among us here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Leader: In His boundless mercy, God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him for restoration and renewal. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. God keep you strong in the Holy Spirit and grant you a life on earth in which you live in baptismal grace and joyfully tell of His greatness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through 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: Jeremiah 31:1-6

"At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people." ²Thus says the LORD: "The people who survived the sword

great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE EASTER CREED: (Spoken together)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, who sent His Son, as my Savior to arise Easter morning;

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, died on Good Friday, rose again on Easter morning to free me from the curse of sin and the sting of death and the power of the devil;

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Easter, and by whose continuous work in my heart I am ever led to be steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the work of my Resurrected Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE SERMON HYMN: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" Hymn 465

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds In praise of love that still abounds:

Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!

Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift He brings, Therefore our heart with rapture sings:

Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Now still He comes to give us life

And by His presence stills all strife. Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(Choir) *O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above*

That we conquer through Your triumph; Grant grace sufficient for life's day

That by our lives we truly say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(Please stand, as you are able)

Adoring praises now we bring And with the heav'nly blessed sing:

"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father and our Lord,

To Spirit blest, most holy God, All the glory, never ending!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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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: "May Jesus Christ Be Praised"

arr. Bass

(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. O Lord God, heavenly Father, You gave Your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification. By Your Holy Spirit grant us newness of life that through the power of Christ's resurrection we may dwell with Him forever. Lord in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us perfectly to know Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that following His steps we may steadfastly walk in the way that leads to eternal life. Lord in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Heavenly Father, ruler of all things, Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, healed all manner of infirmities and cured all manner of diseases. Mercifully help Your servants in body and soul and, if it be Your will, free them from their sickness that, restored to health, they may bless Your holy Name. Lord in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Give us joy in Your Son's great victory feast as He shares it with us from this altar. In the eating of His true body and the drinking of His precious blood in faith, overcome our sin by His forgiveness and swallow up our death in His life, that we may be glad and rejoice in His salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

+ THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST +

THE PREFACE: (Spoken responsively by the Congregation)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

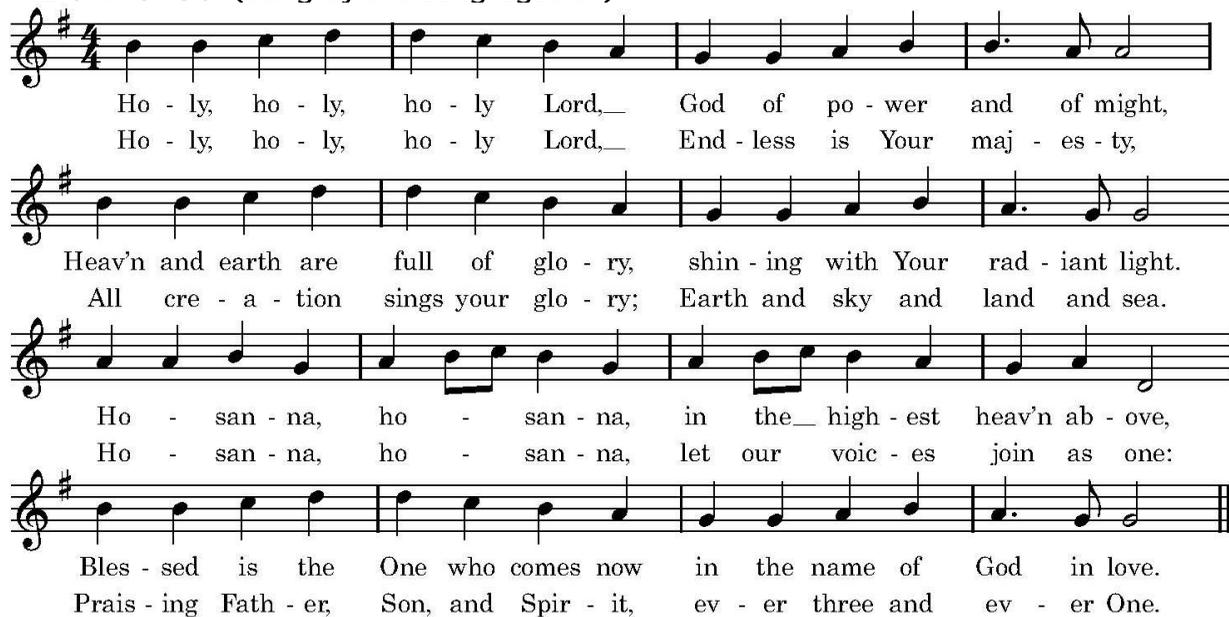
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: It is good and right so to do.

Leader: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS (Sung by the congregation)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and of might,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, End - less is Your maj - es - ty,
Heav'n and earth are full of glo - ry, shin - ing with Your rad - iant light.
All cre - a - tion sings your glo - ry; Earth and sky and land and sea.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, in the high - est heav'n ab - ove,
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, let our voic - es join as one:
Bles - sed is the One who comes now in the name of God in love.
Prais - ing Fath - er, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er One.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken together)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

THE AGNUS DEI: (Sung by the congregation)



Lamb of God, O Je - sus, Sav - ior, You the world's sin take a - way.

Lamb of God, O Je - sus, Sav ior, You the world's sin take_ a -
 - way. Mer - cy show_ us, mer - cy grant_ us, With Your
 grace_ our fears_ al - lay. Lamb of God,_ O Je - sus,
 Sav - - ior, Grant Your peace_ to us, 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

“O Love, How Deep”

Hymn 544

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, Beyond all thought and fantasy,
 That God, the Son of God, should take Our mortal form for mortals’ sake!

He sent no angel to our race, Of higher or of lower place,
 But wore the robe of human frame, And to this world Himself He came.

For us baptized, for us He bore His holy fast and hungered sore;
 For us temptation sharp He knew; For us the tempter overthrew.

For us He prayed; for us He taught; For us His daily works He wrought,
 By words and signs and actions thus Still seeking not Himself but us.

For us by wickedness betrayed, For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
 He bore the shameful cross and death; For us He gave His dying breath.

For us He rose from death again; For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

(Please remain seated)

All glory to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore Forever and forevermore.

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(7:00 a.m.) "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

arr. Elvey

"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

Hymn 490

Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! To Him the throne High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from Him shall sever.
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense; This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

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"Holy, Holy, Holy"

arr. Raney

"Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying"

Hymn 597

Water, blood, and Spirit crying, By their witness testifying
To the One whose death-defying, Life has come, with life for all.

In a wat'ry grave are buried, All our sins that Jesus carried;
Christ, the Ark of Life, has ferried, Us across death's raging flood.

*(Choir) Dark the way, yet Christ precedes us, Past the scowl of death He leads us;
Spreads a table where He feeds us, With His body and His blood.*

Though around us death is seething, God, His two-edged sword unsheathing,
By His Spirit life is breathing, Through the living, active Word.
Spirit, water, blood entreating, Working faith and its completing
In the One whose death-defeating Life has come, with life for all.

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"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Hymn 633

At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!

Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

(Women) Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

(Men) Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"
"For this feast our thanks we give; Through its gifts we ever live,
Thanks and praise forever sing Till we hear the heavens ring, "Alleluia!"

THE DISMISSAL

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 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 on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance on you and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" Hymn 461

I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my everliving head.

He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

*(Choir) He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.*

He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives! Amen.

THE POSTLUDE: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" arr. Weber

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 5:29-42; Ps. 148; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

THE FLOWERS on His altar were given to the glory of God by many members of Emmanuel this glorious Easter Day.

***Please leave unwanted bulletins on an usher table after service, to be used at the next service. Thank you!**

SERVING TODAY

Liturgist	Pastor Dan Sheaffer
Organist	Myra Schmidt
Choir Dir.	Matt Johnston
Handbell Dir.	Cassie Didier
Acolyte	(7:00) Lucas Hoffman (9:00) Carter Johnson (11:00) Bobby Frye
Opener	Rex Counterman
Closer	Jim Wudy
Ushers	(7:00) Crew 2 (9:00) Crews 3 & 4 (11:00) Crew 5
Processional	(7:00) The Bible Family (9:00) St. John Family (11:00) The Vanderford Family
Communion Assist.	(7:00) Mike Huesner, Tom Matson, Kevin McGuigan, Ryan Hoffman (9:00) Drew Brown, Jon Meyer, Dan Smith, Tim Burns (11:00) Phil Miller, Herb Schumm, George Lin, Jeff Smith
Altar Guild	Linda Shively, Tina Bruce, Victoria Hayward, Penny Miller, Kristine Miller, Harry and Donna Shook

Audio/Video (7:00) Mike Harvey, Tom Anderson
(9:00) Ryan Springer, Chris Fair
(11:00) Jim Wudy, Mike Milholland

Orchestra Michelle Hoffman, Rochelle Linnemeier, Anna Snodgrass, Brian Snodgrass, Maria Snodgrass, Craig Dahlkamp, Jeanine Tietz, Amaya Tietz, Jaeger Wedeven, Ilona Orban, William Stanley, Chris Minning, Rod Sroufe, Colleen Phillips, Micah Roddy, Carolyn Meyer, Jared Ragsdale, Chloe Didier, Brent Bejot

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), River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia Williams, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie Kidwell (mother of Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Deb Percy, Ed Braun, Norv McClure, Janine (friend of Lauryn Longworth), Gracelynn Anderson (granddaughter of Tim and Cindy Anderson), Randi Gramling (cousin of Deb Percy), Stan Thompson, Deb Epperson, Salem Lee Hilty, Faith Behling, William Rush, Wayne McClure, LuAnn Reichhart (mom of Brent Reichhart), Cohen (grandson of Matt and Kim Benne), Lynn Auman (father of Kim Faley), Michaela Procise, Melissa Henry (sister of Judy Huesner)
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Wes Harless, Larry Von Gunten, Catherine Peterson, Kathy Lash, Becki Elonzae, George Elonzae, Judy Huesner, Mary Smith, Kelsey Westrick, Nancy Wilkins (mother of Kristen Saurer), Nan Gotsch, Kathy Freimuth, Bill Warner
 - 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), 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), Tina Bennett, Dennis McFadden, Lisa Toth (Pepple), Laura Herrick (Caroline Eber's niece), Art Klausmeier, Roger Kuehnert, John Jennings (friend of Dave and Tammy Bair), Bruce Williams, Rob Roehm, Ann Schwartz, Hazel Krenzke (Brian and Anna Snodgrass's niece), Robert Burmeister (Hannah Swor's dad), Roxanne Moore, Marsha Sappenfield, Jenny Nehrenz (niece of Charlene Hess), Rick Bair (brother of Dave and Tammy Bair), Gary Thompson (father of Carly Bennett), Carol McGuigan (mother of Kevin McGuigan), Amanda Cornyn-Bradford (daughter of Mike and April Cornyn), Linda Raatz

- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - Marlin and Shirley Culy
 - Lori Cumnick, Maya
 - Richie and Ashley Cummins, Everett and Aurora
 - Richard Cummins Jr.
 - Ben and Jenni Cunningham
 - Lisa Curry
 - Jon and Megan Cushing, Evelyn and Frankie
 - Derald and Alberta Dafforn
 - Lance Dafforn
 - Chris and Cierra Dagle, Reagan and Lucas
- 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 Sappenfield 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

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.

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.

The News of the Church

Easter Flower Pick-Up – For those of you who do not pick up your flowers on Easter Sunday, you can do so on Tuesday, April 7. The church office will be closed on Monday, April 6.

Emmanuel's Greeting Card Cabinet has been restocked with a wide variety of greeting cards that sell for only \$0.50 each. The Cabinet is located on the landing that leads into church, next to the elevator. Easter cards are now available for your purchase. Your support of this ministry helps to keep the cards coming so that we can continue to offer them at \$0.50 each to you.

Help Prepare the Lord's Table – Altar Guild Ministry is a vital ministry that supports our weekend services that offer Holy Communion. You would serve for 1 month throughout the year alongside other members. No experience is needed as training and guidance will be provided. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve, and if you would like to become part of this ministry, or would like more information, call Becki in the church office or you can email her at becki@emmanuellutheran.org.

Save the Date: Pictorial Directory – It's time for a new Pictorial Directory! Dates for picture taking will be held on July 21-25 and July 28 – August 1. More information about the directory and how to register to have your picture taken will be coming soon.

Game On - The game for April is "Spring Trivia" and will be held in Ebenezer on Tuesday, April 7 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Please join us and bring a friend. You can register by signing up at the Connections Counter in Ebenezer.

Lutherans for Life will meet April 10th, 9:30 a.m. in Brandt Hall. Our speaker, Janet Smith, will speak on "The Power of Movement" A Secret Weapon for Aging Adults.

All Our Alleluias – The next Visual Faith Workshop is on April 7 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall, and we will bring back the Alleluias! "Alleluia" is not said during Lent as a small fast of praise—so that our Easter "Alleluia!" returns with fresh joy and full-throated celebration. We will be making a small praise book centered on "Alleluia!" All supplies provided. Grab a friend and sign up at the Connections Counter or with the QR code.



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

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

Shepherd's Hand Annual 5K Walk/Run -This 5K, on Saturday, May 2, starting at 9:00 a.m., is our only fundraiser of the year, and we are grateful for the opportunity to welcome families, congregations, and community members to walk or run together in our neighborhood. The Shepherd's Hand serves in the poorest zip code in the state of Indiana, and through this event we hope to raise \$20,000 to support our programs and ministry. All are welcome to walk, run, volunteer, or support through a donation. Scan the QR code for more info and to register.



The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$551,031	Anticipated Need Through April: \$803,696
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$260	Year to Date: \$3,699
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$10	Year to Date: \$1,035
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,622,742	Mortgage Balance: \$884,311	Total Cost* \$7,450,365
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*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, April 6

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

ESM SCHOOL CLOSED

3:30 p.m. Lifelight

5:30 p.m. Lifelight

Tuesday, April 7

1:00 p.m. Game On

4:30 p.m. Mission Meeting

5:00 p.m. GriefShare

6:00 p.m. Psalms at Chapman's Brewery

6:00 p.m. Visual Faith

Wednesday, April 8

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

7:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting

8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion

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

11:30 a.m. Communion Service

6:00 p.m. First Impressions

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 9

ESM 2 HOUR DELAY

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys

9:00 a.m. Piece Makers

12:00 p.m. ESM Joint Chapel

7:00 p.m. Bible Study at Chapman's

7:00 p.m. Clay & Iron Men's Fellowship

Friday, April 10

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

9:30 a.m. Lutherans for Life

Saturday, April 11

5:00 p.m. Divine Worship

Sunday, April 12

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

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service



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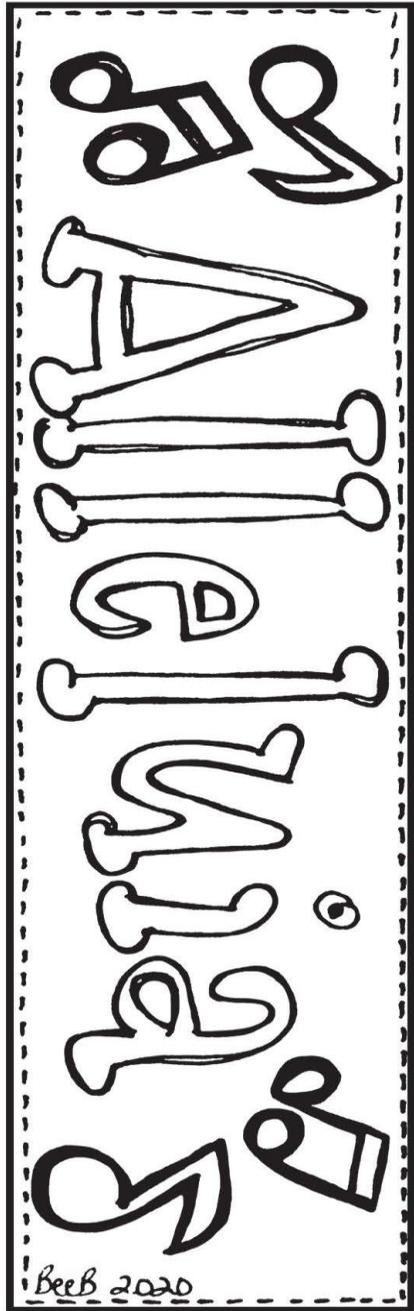
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EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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