

# Divine Service at 5:00



## 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



[emmanuel Lutheran.org](http://emmanuel Lutheran.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 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 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 GATHERING SONG: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Christ, by highest Heaven adored; Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb:  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Hail the Heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail, the son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, ris’n with healing in His wings.

Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

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(Please stand as able)

#### THE INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

#### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (Psalm 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 SHARING OF PEACE

#### THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "The King of Glory"

(Chorus)

The King of Glory comes, the nation rejoices;  
Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices.

Who is the King of Glory; how shall we call Him?

He is Emmanuel, the Promised of ages. (Chorus)

In all of Galilee, in city or village,

He goes among His people curing their illness. (Chorus)

Sing then of David's son, our Savior and Brother;

In all of Galilee was never another. (Chorus)

He gave His life for us, the Lamb of salvation,

He took upon Himself the sins of the nation. (Chorus)

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**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 HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25**

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.

## THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

Inside back cover of hymnal

### THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Holy Forever (Christmas)"

Held within a manger, the Son of God arrived,  
The one who would be called Emmanuel.  
The promise was delivered unto a virgin bride,  
The one who would be called Emmanuel.

Your name is the highest. Your name is the greatest.  
Your name stands above them all.  
All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions,  
Your name stands above them all.  
And the angels cry, "Holy." All creation cries, "Holy."  
You are lifted high, holy, holy forever.

In the humble town of David a Savior born today,  
The one who would be called Emmanuel.  
Behold the host of heaven with holy roar proclaim  
The one who would be called Emmanuel.  
The Messiah, our God is with us now.

(Chorus)

And the angels cry, "Holy." All creation cries, "Holy."  
You are lifted high, holy, holy forever.  
Hear Your people sing, "Holy," to the King of kings, "Holy."  
You will always be holy, holy forever.

Your name is the highest. Your name is the greatest.  
Your name stands above them all.  
All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions,  
Your name stands above them all. (Repeat)

(Chorus)

You will always be holy, holy forever and ever.  
You will always be holy. You will always be holy, holy, holy.  
You will always be holy forever.

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## THE SERMON

Pastor Dan Sheaffer

### THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please take the black binder at the end of each pew, and fill out the appropriate info. We encourage our members to greet our visitors after the service.

### THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Christmas Day"

Joy to the world on a night like no other.  
Emmanuel, God is with us.  
Beggars and kings, let us come and adore Him.  
Rest in His peace and bow before Him.

(Chorus)

Sing all you people! The Lord almighty reigns.  
Sing ev'ry creature of God! Come bless His name.  
For He is good, for He is good; He was born to conquer the grave.  
Light of the world, the reason for Christmas Day.

Stars we have seen over deserts and oceans.  
The darkness was deep, but never hopeless.  
Redemption came and His name is Jesus! (Chorus)

From the mountains, we will shout it out  
For the Lord, our God, almighty reigns.  
He is with us, He is with us now,  
For the Lord, our God, almighty reigns.  
From the mountains, we will shout it out  
For the Lord, our God, almighty reigns.  
He is with us, He is with us now,  
For the Lord, our God, almighty reigns. (Chorus two times)

Light of the world, the reason for Christmas Day.

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(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 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.

#### THE PROPER PREFACE

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

#### "SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)"

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Heavenly Hosts,

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Heavenly Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Blessed is he who comes,

Blessed is he who comes, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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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: Amen.

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 SONGS

"Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)"

Light of the World, Treasure of Heaven,

Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky.

Joy of the Father, reach through the darkness,

Shine across the earth, send the shadows to flights.

Light of the World, from the beginning

The tragedies of time were no match for Your love.

From great heights of glory, You saw my story.

God, You entered in and became one of us.

(Chorus)

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah.

Sing hallelujah for the things He has done!

Come and adore Him, bow down before Him.

Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World.

Light of the World, crown in a manger,

Born for the cross, to suffer, to save.

High King of Heaven, death is the poorer.

We are the richer by the price that He paid. (Chorus)

Light of the World soon will be coming.

With fire in His eyes, He will ransom His own.

Through clouds He will lead us straight into glory.

And there He shall reign forevermore. (Chorus)

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**"Waiting Here for You"**

If faith can move the mountains, let the mountains move.  
We come with expectations, waiting here for You, waiting here for You.

You're the Lord of all creation, and still You know my heart;  
The Author of salvation, You've loved us from the start.

(Chorus)

Waiting here for You, with our hands lifted high I praise.  
And it's You we adore, singing Alleluia.

You are ev'rything You've promised; Your faithfulness is true.  
We're desp'rate for Your presence; All we need is You. (Chorus)

We will wait for You, Lord, in step with You, Lord.

We will sing alleluia. Singing: Alleluia; Alleluia.

Singing Alleluia; Alleluia. (Chorus)

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THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "He Shall Reign Forevermore"

In the bleak midwinter; all creation groans  
For a world in darkness, frozen like a stone.  
Light is breaking in a stable for a throne.

(Chorus)

And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.  
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.  
Unto us a Child is born, the King of kings, the Lord of lords.  
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.

If I were a wise man, I would travel far.  
And if I were a shepherd, I would do my part.  
But poor as I am, I will give to Him my heart. (Chorus)

(Bridge)

Here within a manger lies the One who made the starry skies.  
This Baby born to sacrifice; Christ, the Messiah.  
Into our hopes, into our fears, the Savior of the world appears.  
The promise of eternal years; Christ, the Messiah.

He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.  
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.  
He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.  
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.  
Unto us a Child is born, the King of kings, the Lord of lords.  
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.  
He shall reign, He shall reign, He shall reign.

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## THE POSTLUDE

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.

USHERS: Kathy Lash and Catherine Peterson

COMMUNION: Tom McLaughlin

# The Prayers of the Church

## Prayer Requests

- Our congregation continues to care for one another through a faithful prayer ministry. Please pray for the following people this week:
  - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Pam Carmichael (sister of Deb Percy), Steve Herman, River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Colsen Gage (nephew of Annalissa Smith), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia Williams, Dick Reinking, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie Kidwell (mother of Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Deb Percy, Ed Braun, Norv McClure, Janine (friend of Lauryn Longworth), Gracelynn Anderson (granddaughter of Tim and Cindy Anderson), Lynn Williams (mother of Steve Williams), Randi Gramling (cousin of Deb Percy), Stan Thompson, Deb Epperson, Salem Lee Hilty, Faith Behling, 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 Krantz (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
  - 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	Quinn Brimmer	Parker Hall	Kirstin Lobozzo
Jordyn Christlieb	Devon Jewell	Izaiah Christlieb	Iyla Christlieb
Elyjun Christlieb	Amira Christlieb	Nevaeh Christlieb	Atreus Layman
Theodora Kendrick	Salem Lee Hilty	Austin Dillion	Nova Dillion
Daniel Schindler	Emmanuel Price	Lewis Adair	

# 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 Sheaffer), Galatians (taught by Pastor McFadden), and Lutheranism after Luther (taught by Pastor Rast). More details to come.

## The News of the Church

**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.

**Christmas Singalong at Emmanuel** - On Sunday, December 21, we will host a Christmas singalong prior to each worship service. Singing will begin 20 minutes before the bells ring for worship. Come early and sing loudly!

**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.

**Visual Faith — Gratitude & Prayer Journals** - Join us in the new year as we work on our 2026 Gratitude & Prayer Journals! Writing down one thing you're thankful for and one thing you're praying about each day can transform how you see God at work in your life. This event will be on Tuesday, January 6, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall. Bring a snack, invite a friend, and sign up at the Connections Counter or scan the QR code.



**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.

# The Stewardship of the Church

## EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

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

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

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

"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

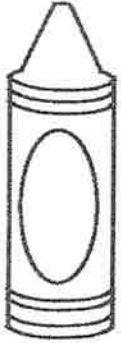
5:00 p.m. Divine Service w/ Communion

## Sunday, December 28

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

Draw a picture about the sermon



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

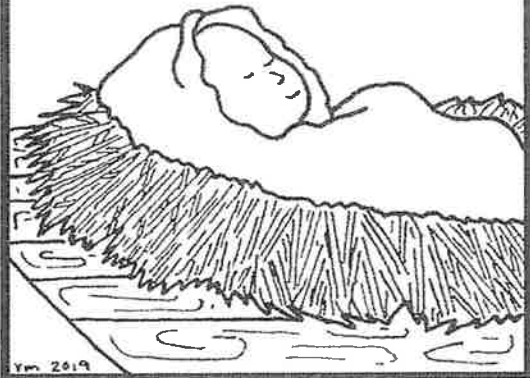
CALL HIS NAME

**JESUS**

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

from  
their  
**Sins.**

Matthew 1:21



## The Sacraments

Today we celebrated the Lord's Supper ...

Yes ☐ No ☐

Today we had a baptism ...

Yes ☐ No ☐

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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