

Divine Service at 8:00



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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



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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RESTROOM

Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

“Connected to Christ”

AS WE GATHER

Christ is the true vine, and His disciples are the branches, vitally connected to Him and spontaneously bearing fruit under His purifying care. Christians must love one another as friends, not regard one another as enemies. By grace, God has dwelt among us in His Son and has joined us together in a fellowship of self-giving love (*The Lutheran Study Bible, pg. 1813*).

+ 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 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: “Prelude and Fugue”

Bach

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN: “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Hymn 807

THE PRESENTATION OF PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy. Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: O almighty God, most merciful Father

People: I, a repentant sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. By nature, I am a sinful creature. In thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law.

For this I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life and bear fruit in keeping with true repentance.

Leader: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

People: Amen.

Leader: Do you believe the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness, but God's?

People: Yes.

Leader: As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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: Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place.²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah.²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot."³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning

with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: 1 John 4:1-11

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. ⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

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: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Hymn 700

THE SERMON

Pastor Dan Sheaffer

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

During the offering, please take the binder located at the end of each pew, and fill out the appropriate info. We encourage members to greet our visitors at the end of the service.

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: "Love Divine"

Prichard

THE MINISTRY MINUTE

Vacation Bible School

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the Church on earth, that she would be protected from all false teaching, and so always confess Christ come in the flesh, remaining faithful to Him, our only true God, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For God's people, that as branches of the vine, all sin and dead works would be pruned and cut off from them; and that drawing life from the Son, they would continually produce the fruits of faith and good works, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all those in need of Baptism, that nothing would prevent them from being welcomed into God's kingdom and given everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our president and all in authority, that they may serve honorably and in accord with God's good order, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who bear the cross in suffering and affliction, that they would ever look to the Lord and so fix their hearts where true joy is found, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Heavenly Father, You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Hear and answer our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ; for You live and reign with the Holy Spirit, ever one God, 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.

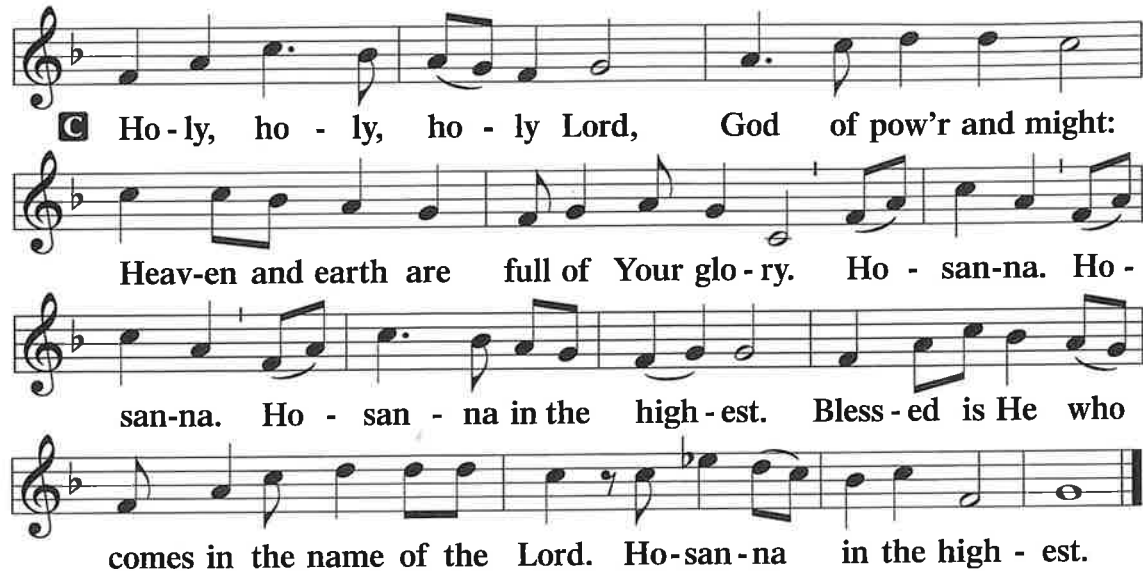
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly meet, 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 singing:

THE SANCTUS: (Sung by the congregation)

LSB, 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

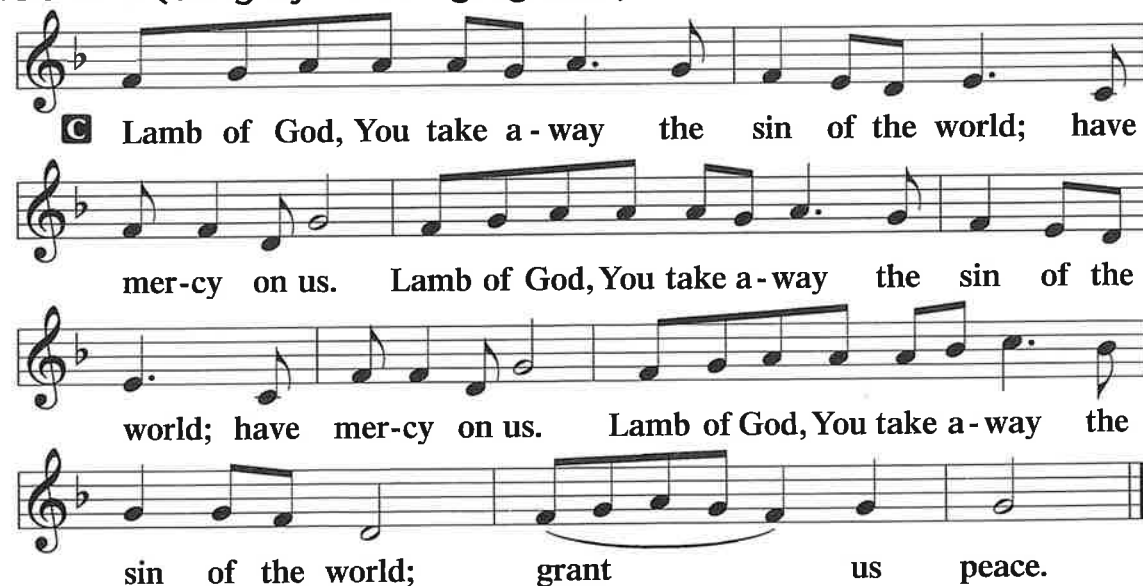
THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI: (Sung by the congregation)

LSB, 163



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(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

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"	Hymn 618
"Chief of Sinner Though I Be"	Hymn 611
"Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing"	Hymn 691

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE DISMISSAL

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: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" Hymn 465

THE POSTLUDE: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Parks

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 10:34-48; Ps. 98; 1 John 5:1-8; John 15:9-17

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Pauline Krudop from the Krudop family; and in loving memory of Tracey DeWayne Carter from his grandparents, Terry and Sandra Nahrwold.

SERVING

Liturgists	Pastor Thomas A. Eggold
Acolyte	Addison Peterson
Organ	Myra Schmidt
Altar Guild	Linda Shively, Tina Bruce, Victoria Hayward, Penny Miller, Kristine Miller, Harry and Donna Shook
Comm. Assistants	Greg Wasson, Jon Adair, Denny Buesching, Eric Hoffman
Opener	Eric and Michelle Hoffman
Usher Crew 3	Ed Davis, Chuck Karrick, Kevin Sark, Dave Bieberich, Matt Benne, Barry Gynn, Tom Matson
Audio Engineer	Mike Harvey

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 the family of Stacie Layman as they mourn the passing of their loved one. Ask God to comfort them in their grief, give them His peace, and assure them of the victory over death that is ours through Christ.
 - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Stan Payne, Marie Kanning, Larry Linnemeier, Janet Doege, Sharon Kammeyer, Janet Yost, Keely Lowe, Steve Herman, River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Pat Yeiter, Jim Croxton, Jodie Karrick, Cheryl Parker, Gary Curtis, Parker Vachon, Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Colsen Gage (nephew of Annalissa Smith), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia Merkler, Deb Bryan (sister-in-law of Steve and Pam Bryan), Julie Harper, Dewey Senger, Dick Reinking, Ed Braun, Dottie Coppolino (sister of Sherry Baker), Maury Springer, Curt Rees (brother-in-law of Sandra Nahrwold), David Merkler.
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Tim Imler, Angie Dean, Donna Cotter, Jule Shively, Leah Nichols, Cindy Sakowicz, Susie Klausmeier, Mike Huesner, Sharon Springer, Elaine Ahrens.
 - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Betty Flenery (sister-in-law to Eric Richardson), Mary Grossjean, Gretchen Schilb, Jolene Rider, Gavin Wedeven, Peg Davis, Ashley Edge (niece of Barb and Gary Lesh), Barb Hambrock, Jeannine Felabom and Ruth Walters (friends of Janet Bircheff), Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Rod Teeple (cousin of Ruth Anne Teeple), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Jamie McConnell, Shelly Koenig (friend of Matt & Amy Konow), Karen Bickhardt (daughter of

Janet Doege), Ronald Knepper (son of Janet Doege), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Angela Osborn, Beth Woodward, Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), and Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith).

- Join our staff in praying for the following members this week:
 - Chuck Gollnick
 - Rob and Stephanie Goodman, Clayton and Lauren
 - Nathan and Sara Goodman, Hudson
 - Jack Gossett
 - Jeff and Jessica Gotsch, Nicholas
 - Kyle and Carrie Graf, Aubrey, Colton and Leighton
 - Trophyce Gray
 - Cindy Greaf
 - Greg Greaf
 - Brad Green, Noah

- 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
 - 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.

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.

Adult Sunday Bible Classes 9:15 - 10:30 A.M.

CLASS	LOCATION	DATES	INSTRUCTOR
Sunday School for Grown Ups	School Rm C4	1/7-5/19	Pastor Mark Sheaffer
Lord, Teach Us to Pray	Brandt Hall	4/14-5/19	Wes Williams

"Clay & Iron: A Gathering for Men"	School Cafeteria	4/14-5/19	Discussion Based
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Sunday School Classes 9:15 - 10:15 A.M.

CLASS	LOCATION
Little Flock (Birth - Age 2)	School Room A5 (Extended Care, Day)
3-5 Year Olds	School Room A3 (Miss Kanning's)
K-1 st Grade	School Room B3 (Mr. Eggold's)
2 nd -3 rd Grade	School Room B4 (Mrs. McCoy's)
4 th -5 th Grade	School Room B5 (Ms. Palmreuter's)
6 th -7 th Grade Confirmation	School Room A2 (Mrs. Malone's)
8 th Grade Confirmation	Ebenezer, Lower Level
High School	The Loft

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Women's Bible Study	The Loft	Every Other Monday	8:30 am
Mom's Bible Study	The Loft	Every Other Monday	8:30 am
LifeLight	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	5:30 pm
Bible Study & Fellowship (6:00pm fellowship, 7:00pm Bible Study)	Chapman's Brewing	Tuesdays	6:00 pm
Women's Bible Study	The Loft	1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays	7:30 pm
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 am
Women's Bible Study	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays	8:45 am
Pastor's Bible Study	Sanctuary	Wednesdays	10:00 am
@917 Bible Study (Ages 25-45)	Ebenezer Hall	Thursdays	7:00 pm
Men's Lectionary Study	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 am

The News of the Church

Congregational Meeting - Please plan to attend our congregational meeting in the sanctuary following this weekend's 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, April 28.

Ladies of Emmanuel: Please come to our upcoming LWML meeting!

Date: Thursday, May 2 *Time:* 1:00-3:00 p.m. *Location:* Lower Ebenezer

What is LWML? Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) is an organization of women committed to supporting the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod (LCMS) mission through prayer, Bible study, and service. LWML women help make a difference in people's lives worldwide.

What to expect at the meeting:

- o A warm welcome and fellowship with other women of faith

- A service project benefiting Phil's Friends (a Christ-centered organization helping cancer patients). We will fill "port pillows" with fiber-fill. The pillows help to provide protection and comfort to cancer patients when wearing automotive seatbelts.
- We will assemble gifts to honor Emmanuel's 2024 young adult confirmands.
- Bible study led by Judy May: "Imitating Christ - Being Led by the Spirit"

GAME ON -TRIVIA FOR SENIORS - GAME ON is free and open to anyone. This month's game is Trivia for SENIORS. It is called SENIORS because all questions/answers will come from the decades of the 1940's, 50's, 60's, and 70's. This will be a team event. It is strictly for fun and fellowship with a little food added in. GAME ON will be held on Tuesday, May 7, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall. To help with organizing, please register at the Connections Counter or call Diane (Etzler) Campbell @ 260-466-1079 and leave a message. Join us and bring a friend!

Family Fun Night at Emmanuel - Join us for Family Fun Night at Emmanuel on Tuesday, May 7, 6:00 p.m., in the gym. Enjoy an evening of free entertainment for all ages featuring Brent Vernon, a singer, songwriter, and ventriloquist. Experience his energetic mix of music, stories, and puppetry with hope-filled messages and good, clean fun. Don't miss out! We hope to see you there!

Lunch Bunch - All of our seniors are encouraged to join us for our next Lunch Bunch activity on Tuesday, May 21, when we welcome our member and speaker, Heidi Adair, representing Beers, Maller, Backs, and Salin Law Offices. She will address what's new in Indiana elder law and answer any questions you may have as it relates to elder legal issues. Join us for fellowship beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the lower level of Ebenezer Hall, followed by a delicious lunch served at noon at a cost of \$9.00, payable that day. Heidi will speak immediately following lunch. Please stop by the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall on the weekends, visit the Welcome Center during the week, or call the church office at 423-1369 by Friday, May 17 to sign up for this event.

Bible Study at Chapman's Brewing - On Tuesday, April 23, Emmanuel member Scott Fergusson of Chapman's Brewing will host the first ever weekly Bible study at Chapman's Electric Works location. The evening will begin with food, drink, and fellowship from 6:00-7:00 p.m., followed by a Bible study led by Emmanuel member Rev. James Voorman from 7:00-8:00 p.m. This weekly event will take place in the private dining room at Chapman's and the first beverage is on Scott. This gathering is designed to be a Gospel outreach and is open to all!

Visual Faith Ministry invites you to join us on Tuesday, May 7, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. as we explore another Visual Faith practice of "Worship into the Week." Have you thought about how you can bring your worship into the week and not just on Sunday? The "Worship into the Week" practice is a way of taking the message and scripture that you hear in our worship service and

carrying that home in a way that you can continue reflecting on and responding to that message throughout the week. If you are looking for a way to focus yourself more during worship and help yourself to remember what you heard in worship, give this Visual Faith practice a try! "Worship into the Week" can be your OWN devotional plan for YOUR devotional life. Let the Word and Message settle deeply into your heart through weekly reflection. Please sign up at the Connections Counter! We hope to see you then!

ESM Openings - ESM is thankful for all the faculty and staff serving every day, including the faithful work of some who are being called to begin new opportunities. In addition to Mrs. Staub accepting a Call to teach social studies at CLHS, three individuals are retiring from their current roles: Mrs. Kuker as Union Instructional Aide, Mrs. Stradling as School Nurse, and Mrs. Wudy as Union Librarian. Praise the Lord for the many ways they have served at ESM and for the good plans God has for them!

With those openings, as well as addressing other ways to best fulfill our mission, please see below for different opportunities to serve alongside the incredible team at ESM for the 2024-2025 year! Contact the school office at 260-422-6712 to learn more or explore next steps.

- Middle School Teacher (7th Grade ELA)
- Part-Time Preschool Assistants
- Part-Time Elementary Aide
- PE Teacher/Athletic Director
- School Nurse
- Union Librarian

Confirmation Cards are available in the Card Ministry cabinet, located at the Ebenezer Hall entrance into church, next to the elevator. Cards are \$.50 each.

@917 is a group of men and women, typically between the ages 25-45, who regularly meet to study the readings for the upcoming weekend worship services. The study is led by Pastor Dan. This group has a hybrid meeting format on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Most of the group meets in person at Emmanuel in Ebenezer Hall and when some can't join in person we offer an online connection for the study. If you would like to learn more about the group, contact Pastor Dan: pastordan@emmanullutheran.org.

Emmanuel's Golf League begins May 15! The league will play at Brookwood Golf Course on Wednesday evenings. The scheduled starting tee time for the league is 5:30 p.m. Cost to play is \$25 / golfer (price includes cart). If you have questions about the league or want to play this year, please contact Fred Peterson at 260-437-2885.

"Created in His Image" Fine Arts Camp to be held at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2131 Getz Road, June 24-28, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Participants will choose from electives including drawing, chimes, creative writing, drama, dance,

sewing, fiber arts and more. To register for this camp, please take a flyer from Emmanuel's "Around the Town" bulletin board located across from Lana Hille's office. Deadline to register is May 1. This event is open to all youth who have completed kindergarten through 8th grade. Also, childcare will be available before and after camp! Email any questions you may have to fineartscamp@stmfw.org.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Volunteer Opportunities - Vacation Bible School (VBS) returns to Emmanuel from June 10-14, running from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We're currently in the planning stages and would greatly appreciate your assistance. If you'd like to lend a hand with VBS, please take a moment to complete the form provided via a link in the weekly email. Keep an eye out for upcoming announcements! VBS registration details and supply wish lists will be available soon. Stay tuned!

CLHS Sermon Report Forms - In case your Concordia High School student forgets to bring a "Growth in Worship" sermon report to church, we have extras at the Connections Counter.

Now Enrolling for 2024-25 School Year - Emmanuel—St. Michael School, in partnership with our congregations and families, is raising up the next generation of students who know the love of Christ and are prepared to serve Him in their families and communities. ESM is now accepting applications for Preschool-8th grade. Schedule a visit today! Contact Erin Clark, Director of Admissions | 260-422-6712 | eclark@esmeagles.com | www.esmeagles.com.

The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center 5K - The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center, located at 1231 S. Anthony Blvd., is an organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod that seeks opportunities to enhance health and wellness for community members in southeast Fort Wayne. On Saturday, May 4, you can help raise funds for this vital ministry by participating in the 4th annual 5K walk/run held in the neighborhood surrounding the center. Families are encouraged to attend and enjoy a fun, healthy activity together! If you are unable to participate in the race, you can support the ministry by sponsoring a race slot to benefit another participant or make a general donation. For more information, to register, visit the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall.

Camp Lutherhaven 2024 - Archery, hikes, boating, crafts, games, swimming, and many more activities are all a part of the summer experience at Camp. Come for one of our weekend camps, register for a week of youth or high school camp, or help Lutherhaven celebrate its 75th anniversary! For 75 years, Lutherhaven has been providing the setting and resources for people to grow in their relationship with others and - more importantly - in their relationship with God. Come see what camp is all about! Register online today at www.lutherhaven.org, or call 260-636-7101 for more information.

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$648,759	Anticipated Need Thru April, 2024: \$678,312
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$172	Year to Date: \$3,879
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$235	Year to Date: \$2,188
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$4,728,789	Projected Cost: \$7,269,751
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The Calendar of the Church

Monday, April 29

- 8:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study in the Loft
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the School Conf. Room
- 3:30 p.m. LifeLight Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. LifeLight Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

Tuesday, April 30

- 6:00 p.m. Fellowship and Bible Study at Chapman's Brewery

Wednesday, May 1

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Home School Religion
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, May 2

- 8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
- 9:00 a.m. Piece Makers

1:00 p.m. LWML Service Project and Bible Study
7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Study

Friday, May 3

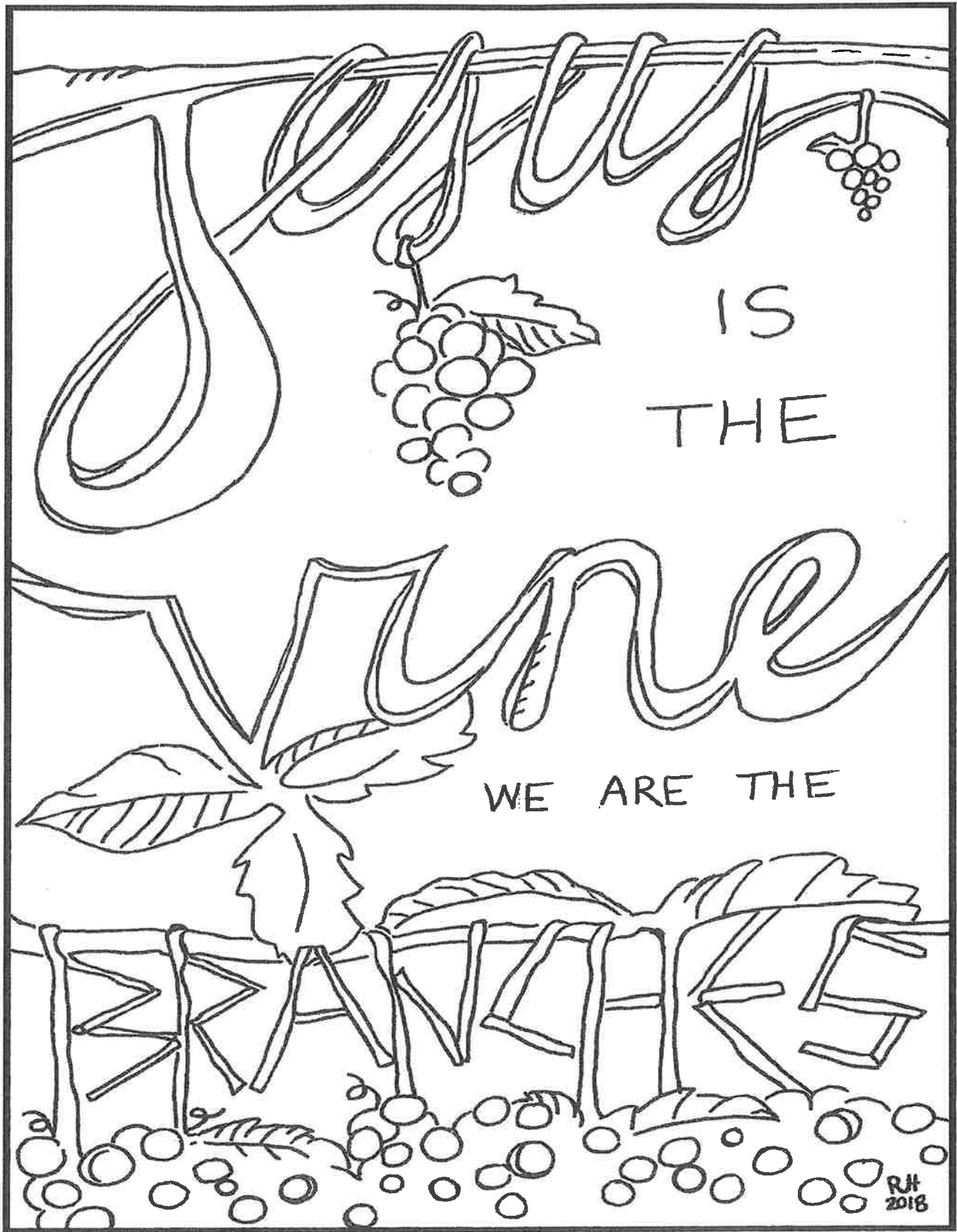
6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, May 4

2:00 p.m. Wedding of Kyle Thompson to Kylie Stapleton
3:30 p.m. Praise Team
5:00 p.m. Confirmation Witness Service

Sunday, May 5

8:00 a.m. Divine Worship Service
9:00 a.m. Gathering Time in Ebenezer Hall
9:15 a.m. Lutheran Christianity
10:30 a.m. Divine Worship Service with Confirmation and Communion



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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.

This family exists to announce this gift of forgiveness to individuals of all nations and cultures through the preaching of God's Word and the administration of the Sacraments. Emmanuel instructs young and old according to the confessional standard of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and reaches out through forgiving relationships, working to connect all members of the family through caring friendships.

Emmanuel serves as shepherds of the sheep; seekers of the lost; friends of sinners; and caregivers to the poor, lonely and broken-hearted. It is a family that cares for all people and reaches out to witness to the love and forgiveness found in Jesus Christ.

Emmanuel Worship Services are designed to share God's love and forgiveness through the ministry of Word and Sacrament. We offer a variety of worship styles and we encourage you to worship in the liturgical style that best meets your needs.

Saturday Evening Divine Service—This service offers a contemporary setting and is held on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning Divine Services—These services are held on Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. and feature worship in a traditional liturgical setting.

Church Staff

Thomas A. Eggold, Senior Pastor
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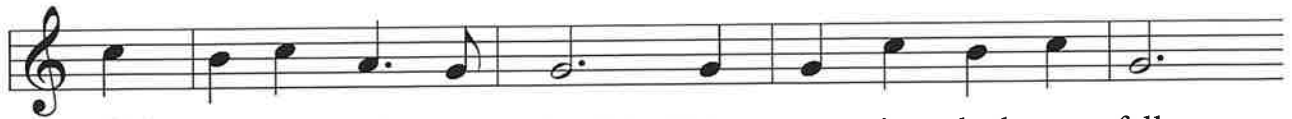
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When Morning Gilds the Skies

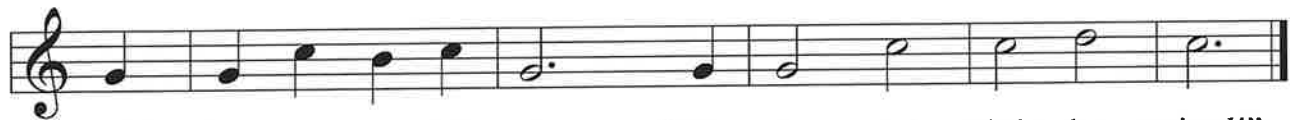
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1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:
3 No love-lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's ho - ly house of prayer
Than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" Let all the earth a - round
Sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



This rings my cur-few call: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
Hath none that can com-pare With "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
Ring joy - ous with the sound: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
 4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
 all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
 spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
 turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
 great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
 heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

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1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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Chief of Sinners Though I Be

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1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.

5 O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

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1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, May we rip - en
2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing Gifts the Giv - er
3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, May we grow till



and in - crease, Fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
har - vests cease; Till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



Rich in love and joy and peace.
Pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
Good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
Heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds 465



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 Δ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
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