

# 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...

**Guests in Worship**—Each week, we have the opportunity to welcome new people to our fellowship. While ushers have the important job of helping guests find seats and sharing information, we all play a role in embracing and welcoming guests to Emmanuel. Please look for new faces, extend a helping hand whenever possible, and encourage guests to visit the **Connections Counter** in Ebenezer Hall.

**Children in Worship**—The presence of children at Emmanuel is a great blessing and the worship service can be a wonderful opportunity to teach them about God's love. Please bring children forward during the distribution of Holy Communion for a personal blessing, and help them to participate in the responses and prayers throughout the service. Age appropriate **Children's Bulletins** are available on the tables located at the back of the church. **Tot Bags** are located in the east and west rear entrances of the church. If a child becomes restless or disruptive during the service, a **Church Nursery** for children three years of age and younger is located in the lower level hall just down the stairs near the northwest entrance to the church. If you need help finding the Church Nursery, please ask one of our ushers who will gladly guide you.

**Prayer Requests**—If you have a prayer concern that you would like included in the worship service, please ask an usher for a prayer request card. You may drop the completed card into one of the boxes located at the back of the sanctuary or hand it to an usher.

**Special Needs**—We offer a number of aids designed to enhance your worship experience including a **Hearing Loop**, **Large Print Bulletins** and **Printed Copies of Today's Sermon**. If any of these items would be helpful to you, please ask one of our ushers who would be delighted to assist you.

**The Gathering Time**—Each Sunday, after the early service and before Sunday School and Bible Classes begin, we congregate in Ebenezer Hall for The Gathering Time. During this time, members and guests have the opportunity for fellowship together, while enjoying a beverage and donut.

**Emmanuel App**—The Emmanuel App is a wonderful tool for ministry and will put access to worship resources, devotional helps, congregational information, video announcements, as well as our church calendar at your fingertips. The Emmanuel App can be accessed by going to your app store and searching for "Emmanuel Fort Wayne." Search results will show you the app which features our logo.

The mission of Emmanuel is the mission Christ gave His Church when He said, "go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20). If you are interested in finding out more about Emmanuel, you can contact Pastor Eggold at [taeggold@hotmail.com](mailto:taeggold@hotmail.com), or Pastor Sheafer at [pastordan@emmanuelutheran.org](mailto:pastordan@emmanuelutheran.org), or call either of us at (260) 423-1369. We would love to talk with you.

## “Not So Many Choices”

### AS WE GATHER

Often in our lives, we are privileged to have many choices. Sometimes too many! Today in our readings about following God, the choices become much fewer and much weightier! The cost of discipleship is no joke! A disciple of Jesus will bear his own cross and follow the Lord through death into life. And at times this journey puts disciples at odds with their own family and puts their own lives at risk. Discipleship is costly because it crucifies the old man with all that he has, in order to raise up the new man in Christ. That way of the cross is impossible, except that Christ Jesus has already paid the cost. Today, God's Word gives us the assurance that because our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has chosen to take our suffering and death into Himself by His cross, all who are baptized into His saving death are given the power of faith to love God and pursue His ways.

### THE GATHERING TIME

During the Gathering Time, we encourage our members to greet each other 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 GATHERING SONG: “House of the Lord”

We worship the God who was. We worship the God who is.  
We worship the God who evermore will be.  
He opened the prison doors. He parted the raging sea.  
Our God, He holds the victory.

(Chorus)

There's joy in the house of the Lord.  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today.  
And we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise.  
There's joy in the house of the Lord.  
Our God is surely in this place.  
And we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise.

We sing to the God who heals. We sing to the God who saves.  
We sing to the God who always makes a way.  
'Cause He hung upon that cross then He rose up from that grave.  
My God's still rolling stones away. (Chorus)

We were the beggars. Now we're royalty.  
We were the pris'ners. Now we're running free.  
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace.  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise.  
'Cause we were the beggars. Now we're royalty.  
We were the pris'ners. Now we're running free.  
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace.  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise. (Chorus two times)

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#### 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 124:8; Isaiah 2:3, 5)

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,

People: that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths.

Leader: Since God graciously calls all people to come to Him to receive His love and life through repentance of sin and faith in His gift of forgiveness, let us confess our sin, take refuge in His mercy, and seek His grace for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: Most merciful God,

People: we come before You at Your gracious invitation. We repent of our sins in thought, word, and deed, both what we have done against Your Law and what we have failed to do in faithfulness to Your Law. We have not loved You with our whole being. We have failed to love our neighbors. We plead through the deliverance of Your Son's suffering and death, forgive us our sins, and give us the will to choose life in His name. Amen.

Leader: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus 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. You are free. Choose life!

People: Amen.

#### THE SHARING OF PEACE

#### THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Who You Say I Am"

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?

I was lost but He brought me in. Oh, His love for me! Oh, His love for me!

(Chorus)

Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

Free at last, He has ransomed me; His grace runs deep.  
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, He died for me.

Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes, I am.  
In my Father's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am.  
You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.  
I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am.  
You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.  
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(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our beloved fellow worker <sup>2</sup>and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, <sup>6</sup>and I pray that the sharing of your faith may

become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup>For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. <sup>8</sup>Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, <sup>9</sup>yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup>I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup>I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup>I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. <sup>15</sup>For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. <sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-35

Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. <sup>34</sup>“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup>It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

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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.

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Jesus Messiah"

He became sin, who knew no sin that we might become His righteousness  
He humbled himself and carried the cross.  
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

(Chorus)

Jesus Messiah, name above all names, blessed redeemer, Emmanuel.  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven;  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine, broken and poured out all for love.  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.  
Love so amazing, love so amazing. (Chorus)

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You;  
All the glory to You, God, the light of the world. (Chorus)

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all. The Lord of all. The Lord of all.

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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.



## THE MUSICAL OFFERING: "Build My Life"

Worthy of every song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You

Jesus, the name above every other name  
Jesus, the only One who could ever save  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You. Oh, we live for You

(Chorus)

Holy, there is no one like You  
There is none beside You, open up my eyes in wonder  
Show me who You are and fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone, and I will not be shaken  
I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone, and I will not be shaken (Chorus two times)

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**Leader:** All praise, honor, and worship be to You, O God our Father, for by Your Law You have revealed to the world Your salvation from all sin and death and given to all new hearts and renewed minds through the repentance of our sins and faith in Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Help us to follow in His way to joyfully choose His life by means of His truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Grant that Your glorious Word and will of divine Law and Gospel be preached to the conversion, life, and joy of all throughout the world. Give all who preach, minister, and serve in Your Holy Church boldness and clarity of mind and spirit to rightfully proclaim Your whole Law and Your glorious Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** By Your Word and Spirit cause all who hear to have true repentance of their sins and true faith to grow in love toward You and their neighbors, and to purposely choose Your way of life daily in all their ways and deeds. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Guide our nation and our elected leaders in the ways of justice, peace, and the promotion of lives pleasing to You. Preserve and bless all who serve in the armed forces of our nation as well as those who work to



preserve peace, safety, and health in our community. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Comfort and bring healing to all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity. Give strength and the will to persevere to all who suffer any persecution for the faith. Help all to whom death draws near with the peace of a confident faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** With reverence and affection we remember before You, O Lord, all who have gone before us with the sign of faith. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. 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 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. By His own sacrifice on a cross as the pure and holy victim who bore our sins and the sin of the world, He has opened the door to Your kingdom for all who put their trust in Him. 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

## 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

### "It Is Well"

Grander earth has quaked before, moved by the sound of His voice.  
Seas that are shaken and stirred can be calmed and broken for my regard.

Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You.  
Through it all, through it all it is well.  
Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You, and it is well with me.

Far be it for me to not believe, even when my eyes can't see.  
And this mountain that's in front of me will be thrown into the midst of the sea.

Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You.  
Through it all, through it all it is well.  
Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You, and it is well, it is well.

So let go, my soul, and trust in Him. The waves and wind still know His Name.  
So let go, my soul, and trust in Him. The waves and wind still know His Name.

It is well with my soul. It is well with my soul. It is well, with my soul.  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You, and it is well with me.

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## “Take My Life, and Let It Be”

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,

Take my voice and let me sing always only for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.  
Take my silver, and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use every power as You choose.

(Chorus)

Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it's all for Thee.

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

Take myself, and I will be, ever, only, all for Thee. (Chorus two times)

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee:  
Take myself, and I will be, ever, only, all for Thee.

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THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: “I Will Follow”

Where You go, I'll go. Where You stay, I'll stay.  
When You move, I'll move. I will follow.

All Your ways are good. All Your ways are sure.  
I will trust in You alone. Higher than my sight,  
High above my life, I will trust in You alone.

(Chorus)

Where You go, I'll go. Where You stay, I'll stay.  
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.  
Whom You love, I'll love. How You serve, I'll serve.  
If this life I lose, I will follow You.

Light into the world, Light unto my life,  
I will live for You alone.

You're the One I seek, Knowing I will find  
All I need in You alone, In You alone. (Chorus)

In You, there's life everlasting.  
In You, there's freedom for my soul.  
In You, there's joy, unending joy, and I will follow. (Chorus two times)

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THE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Ezek. 34:11-24; Ps. 119:169-176; 1 Tim. 1:5-17;  
Luke 15:1-10

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in celebration of the September 2 Baptismal birthday of Jacob Igney from his mom; and in loving memory of Vern and Esther Miller and Linda Rowlett from their families; and in loving memory of Ray and Joan Rita Anderson from their family.

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Gary Meredith  
USHER AND ALTAR GUILD: Laura Miller, Jan Hoffman

## 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 Eric Kurtz, 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 Kathy Schweyer, Vickie Tufley (sister of Judy Huesner), Carol Salge, Maury Springer, Phyllis Urbine, Patrick Agerton, Harry Brown (father-in-law of Kristina Brown), Dick Reinking, Taylor Hogan (son of Arlan and Robin Hogan), Audrey (niece of Gary Curtis), Curt Reese (brother-in-law of Sandra Nahrwold), David Merkler, Jennifer Bergman, Sue Maxson, Kristy Fitzgerald, Mary English, Rich Roy (friend of Ron and Elaine Ahrens), Kelly Richards.
  - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Mitch Platt, Steve Mueller, Ethan Perkins, Bruce Novak.
  - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Lois Howe (aunt of Bob Frye), Peg Davis, Jenny Hobby (sister of Chris Murphy), Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Carolyn Robison (sister of Sandy Reavis and Patty Rouse), Richard Vargas (brother-in-law of Kris Tinsley), and Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith).

- Join our staff in praying for the following members this week:
  - Jacob and Mindy Lester, Colten, Jordan and Taylor
  - Jason Lester
  - Stephen Lewis
  - Heather Leyva, Evan
  - Sandra Libby
  - Josh Lickey, Gabriel
  - Aaron and Liz Light, Adaline and Sawyer
  - Barry and Jean Light
  - Harriet Lim, Janelle and Jessica
  - Justin and Cassondra Lim
  
- Please pray for the missions and missionaries currently supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
  - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf - Ponce, Puerto Rico
  - Rev. Aaron Spratt - Alaska Mission for Christ
  - 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)

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).

## 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
James: Apostle of Faith	Sanctuary	9/11-11/20	Pr. McFadden
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall	9/11-11/27	Eggold, Sheafer, Hille
Conversations in Parenting	School Rm 103 (Middle Level)	9/11-10/23	Cross Connections Counselors

Sunday School for Grown-ups	School Rm 102 (Middle Level)	9/11-11/20	Pr. Mark Sheaffer
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### Sunday School Classes 9:15 - 10:15 A.M.

CLASS	LOCATION
Me Too (Birth - Age 2)	Room 7 (Lower Level, School)
3-5 Year Olds	Room 6 (Lower Level, School)
K-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Room 105 (Middle Level, School)
3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Room 104 (Middle Level, School)
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	Room 202 (Third Floor, School)
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	Room 4 (Lower Level, School)
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	Ebenezer, Lower Level
9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	The Loft

### Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
FWYA (Ft. Wayne Young Adult) Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Sundays	6:00 pm
Women's Book Study	The Loft	Mondays	8:30 am
LifeLight - Gospel of Matthew	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays (Beg. 9/12)	5:30 pm
Women's Book Study (Beth Williams 402-803-5303)	Ebenezer Hall	Tuesdays (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	8:00 pm
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 am
Women's Bible Study on Luke	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays (Beg 9/21)	8:45 am
Homeschool Religion Class	Choir Room	Wednesdays	9:00 am
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	10:00 am
Men's Lectionary Study	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 am

## The News of the Church

Fall Education Season Starting Soon! On Sunday, September 11, we will begin a new Christian Education season. Sunday School for children from birth to grade 5, Confirmation classes for grades 6, 7, and 8, and High School Youth and Adult Bible classes, all from 9:15-10:15 a.m.

**Emmanuel Lutheran's Senior Ministry** - Our ministry to those who are around 60 or over includes a monthly lunch with fellowship, food and a community speaker. This is a great opportunity to meet Emmanuel members in an informal setting, enjoy a meal with others and learn something new about Fort Wayne or a topic of interest to seniors. We encourage you to attend Lunch Bunch by calling church or stopping by the Connections Counter to sign up. Reservations are required. Check out the Lunch Bunch announcement in the bulletin or

Pastor's newsletter for details about each month's event.

**Emmanuel's Over 60 Lunch Bunch** will resume Tuesday, September 20, with fellowship beginning at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch at noon, served by our favorite cook Tammy. Following lunch our guest speaker will be Abby Gena representing the Alzheimer's Association. Please call in your reservation to the Welcome Center receptionist by Friday, September 16, or signup at the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall after a worship service. The meal cost is \$9.00 payable the day of the lunch in the Lower Level of Ebenezer Hall. Hope to see you for fun and fellowship!

**Wednesday Playgroup** - Gather with Emmanuel parents, toddlers, babies, and preschoolers at local playgrounds on Wednesday mornings from 9:00-11:00 a.m. We will play, make friends, and encourage one another as Christian parents. Bring friends! For the month of September (7, 14, 21, 28), we will plan to meet at Buckner Park. If it's raining, bring a toy to share and we will meet in the Emmanuel Church Loft instead. Text Laurie Stellwagen at 812-219-8423 to join the text group or ask questions.

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church's Middle School Youth Group** would like to invite your 6th, 7th, and 8th graders and their families to our kick-off family gathering on Sunday, September 25, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Japanese Pagoda Pavilion at Swinney Park. There will be games, snacks, fun and fellowship! All families attending are asked to bring a snack or dessert to share. Drinks will be provided. Please RVSP to Meghann Whetstone (260-403-3363), Ashlee Middendorf (414-640-2092), or Thomas Moll (260-487-1150) by September 21. Please RSVP with your name and the number of attendees. We look forward to seeing you!

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

**Lutherans For Life Hosts Guest Speaker** - The next LFL meeting will take place Friday, September 9, at 9:30 a.m. in Ebenezer Hall. The event will feature speaker, Angela Moellering from Lutheran Social Services who will present the ECHO program. ECHO Case Managers work with teen parents one-on-one in their homes and schools to assist them with goal setting, financial planning, parental coaching, resource referrals, and helping the young parents reduce barriers to graduate high school as they tackle the challenges of pregnancy and parenting. All are welcome to attend!

**The Washington School Project READS Program** will begin again Wednesday, September 28, at Washington School. This is a one-on-one opportunity for volunteers to help the children improve their reading skills. It takes place at the school every Wednesday, from 3-4:00 p.m. If you are interested in this program,



email Nicole Phillippe (Project READS Volunteer Coordinator) at: [nicole.phillippe@fwliteraryalliance.org](mailto:nicole.phillippe@fwliteraryalliance.org). Include in your email that you are a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and are specifically volunteering for the Project READS program at Washington Elementary School. If you have any questions, contact Diane Witzenman at 260-249-1307.

**ESM School Renovation Banner** - We thank God for the men and women who are working on the renovation of our school. Please continue to pray for their safety. If you'd like to add your name to the banner encouraging our workers, please see the church office for a permanent marker.

**Please Note:** The south side of the Jackson Street parking lot will be closed for the duration of the project in order to provide a staging area for contractors who will be working on the school. On Sunday mornings, additional parking will be available at Washington School or in the public parking lot on the corner of Wilt and Van Buren. Thank you for your patience as we move forward with this important project.

**Stephen Ministers Are "The After People"** - They are there:

...after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.

...after the funeral, when everyone leaves and emotions come crashing in on you.

...after the relationship falls apart.

...after the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."

...after the nursing home director says, "Welcome to your new home."

...after the last child drives away and the house suddenly seems empty.

...after the gavel falls, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.

...after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you dreamed possible.

...after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.

...after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

For more information about training classes that begin September 20, contact Lana Hille at 417-5639.

**Resource Library Books** - Several of the books from the "People's Bible Commentary" series are missing from Emmanuel's Resource Library. If you borrow books from our third-floor library, please check to see if you have any of the following titles: Genesis, Leviticus, 1 & 2 Samuel, Matthew, Galatians, Ephesians, 1 & 2 Timothy, and Titus. If you are no longer using these for a Bible study, please return them to the church office. Thank you!

**Stars and Promises Christmas Concert at Emmanuel** - On Thursday, December 22, at 7:00 p.m., Emmanuel will welcome guitarist Peter Mayer and his band to our very own sanctuary for a special Christmas concert entitled, "Stars and Promises." Tickets for this unique performance may be purchased through Eventbrite. You can find the link and a discount code in the weekly email from the pastors, or you can contact the church office if you require additional assistance.

**Communion Services on Wednesdays** - We continue to offer a special service of Holy Communion on Wednesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. For these services, social distancing recommendations will be followed, and there will be no singing.

**Job Opportunity at CLHS** - Concordia Lutheran High School seeks a qualified candidate to serve as a Cafeteria Assistant. This position is part-time (10-15 hours per week possible) and a Concordia tuition discount is available to those who qualify. This position will prepare and assemble entrees, fruits, vegetables, sandwiches, desserts, and other assigned foods for distribution as needed; help to clean equipment; and operate the cash register at the students' lunch/breakfast time. To view the full position description and responsibilities, and to apply, please visit [www.clhscadets.com/employment](http://www.clhscadets.com/employment). Only applications with all materials, including the completed application, will be considered.

**Part-Time Custodian Needed** - Emmaus Lutheran Church, School & Preschool, 8626 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, is looking for a daytime custodian to work every Thursday and Friday and every other Wednesday from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. If you know of somebody who might be interested please have them call Mrs. Olsen at 459-7722 for more information.

## The Stewardship of the Church

### EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Year to Date: \$1,181,608	Anticipated Need Thru September: \$1,324,446
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### DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Last Week: \$432	Year to Date: \$12,197
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### CUP OF KINDNESS

Last Week: \$50	Year to Date: \$4,951
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### IN ALL GENERATIONS

Received: \$1,919,668	Goal: \$5,000,000	Pledged: \$2,992,172
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# The Calendar of the Church

## Monday, September 5

LABOR DAY - CHURCH OFFICE AND SCHOOL CLOSED

## Wednesday, September 7

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. ESM Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion
- 9:00 a.m. Playgroup
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Mid-Week Communion Service

## Thursday, September 8

- 8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
- 9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
- 1:00 p.m. LWML Service Project
- 2:00 p.m. LWML Bible Study

## Friday, September 9

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Lutherans For Life

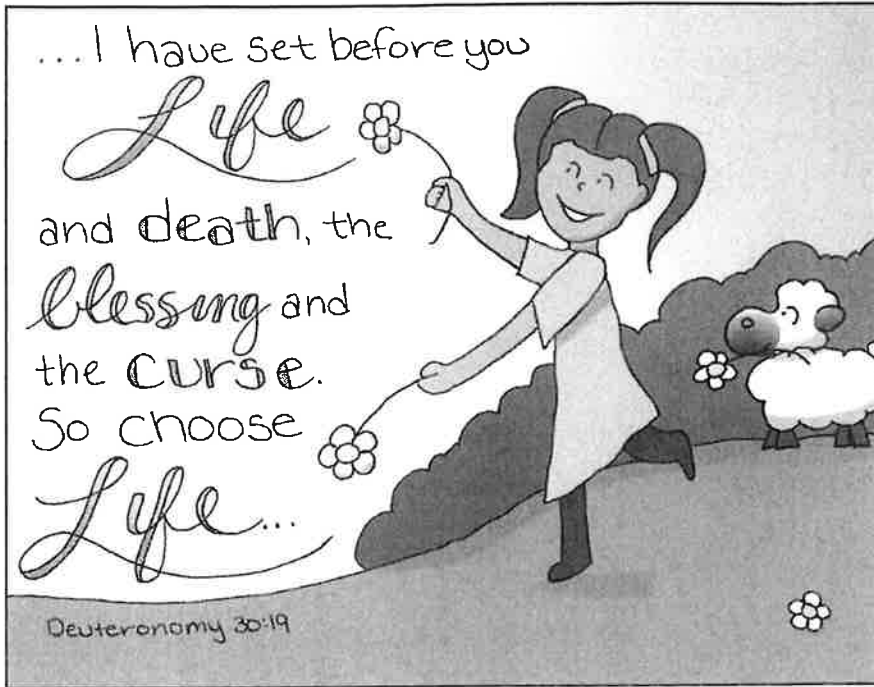
## Saturday, September 10

- 3:30 p.m. Praise Team
- 5:00 p.m. Divine Worship Service

## Sunday, September 11

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Worship Service with Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. FWYA Bible Study

# Building Faith in the Family



**God's Word for This Week**  
Read Deuteronomy 30:15-20. After 40 years of wilderness wandering as a consequence of their unbelief, Moses now implores the people to choose the life that God has given them. Today, as we consider the meaning of this story in our own lives we need to see Israel's story as our own. We need to be reminded that in spite of our weakness and rejection of God, and in the wilderness of our own disobedience and unbelief, God has come to us and He has chosen us. He has called us

out of darkness and into His marvelous light. He has spoken to us by His Word. He has washed us in the waters of Baptism. He has fed us with His Body and strengthened us with His Blood. And He has promised us a home. In Christ, that is our salvation story.

## Activities for Building Faith

In his farewell speech to the people of Israel, Moses sets two choices in front of God's people. Make two lists of the words and images used to describe the way of life and the way of death Moses declared in Deuteronomy 30:15-20. Talk about the specific ways your own lives are reflected in these two very different lists and then use these lists to guide your prayers of repentance and praise.

## Prayer

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.  
(Collect for Proper 18).

# 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.

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