

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



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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

“Saints Now and Then”

AS WE GATHER

When we think about “saints,” we typically think of “really good people.” But as we gather for All Saints’ Day, we are reminded that all who are baptized are “saints” because they are God’s people. When we are baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus, we become God’s children and saints. We are saints now because of our Baptism. We will continue to be saints when Jesus comes back because God’s call does not change. “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are” (1 John 3:1).

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 GATHERING SONG: “Children of God”

Praise to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our God and our King;
To Him we will sing. In His great mercy He has given us life;
Now we can be called the children of God.
Great is the love that the Father has given us;
He has delivered us, He has delivered us!

(Chorus)

Children of God, sing your song, and rejoice
For the love that he has given us all.
Children of God, by the blood of his Son, we have been redeemed,
And we can be called children of God, children of God.

The mystery is revealed to the universe;
The Father above has proven His love.
Now we are free from the judgment that we deserve,
So we are called children of God.
Great is the love that the Father has given us;
He has delivered us, He has delivered us! (Chorus)

We are the saints, we are the children, we’ve been redeemed,
We’ve been forgiven; we are the sons and daughters of our God.
(Repeat, then sing chorus)

**We are the saints, we are the children, we've been redeemed,
We've been forgiven; we are the sons and daughters of our God.**

(Repeat twice)

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(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 OPENING SENTENCES (John 11:25-26; Job 19:25-27; Rom. 14:7-8; Rev. 14:13)

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die.

People: For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

Leader: For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

People: And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (1 John 3:1)

Leader: Beloved of God, we rejoice to be numbered with the saints. In confidence, let us come before our gracious Lord to confess our sins and to receive His gracious absolution.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: Almighty God,

People: We repent of our sins—the inherited sinfulness that is our original condition and our manifold sins in thought and in word and in deed. In Your mercy, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, that we may serve You as Your redeemed people, now and forever.

Leader: Because of the sacrifice of His beloved Son for the sins of all people, God has promised His forgiveness. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May you ever live as the saints with a bright and glorious future that you are in Christ Jesus.

People: Amen.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
What holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

(Chorus)

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ (Chorus)

Unto the grave what shall we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore (Chorus)

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(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?"¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are

the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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: "How Great is Our God"

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice.

(Chorus)

How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see,
How great, how great is our God.

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. (Chorus)

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing (Chorus)

Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.

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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.

+RECOGNITION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED+

“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD”

2024-2025 Church Year

Sylvia Alfeld	October 31, 2024
Ruth Marie Hackett	December 10, 2024
Kenneth John Schaab	December 12, 2024
Leonard Buuck	December 22, 2024
Cynda Clark	January 12, 2025
Maxine Knipstein	January 27, 2025
Susanne Pedigo	January 29, 2025
Jolene Rider	February 2, 2025
Donna Keefer	February 2, 2025
Joseph Woodward	February 14, 2025
Richard Koscher	February 22, 2025
Marjorie Rodemeyer	March 18, 2025
Harold E. Hurst	March 19, 2025
Robert Layman	March 22, 2025
Martha Bendel	March 25, 2025
William Schelm	March 25, 2025
James W. Moore	April 9, 2025
Vicki Layman	April 17, 2025
Janet Pennell	May 15, 2025
Kile Pence	May 15, 2025



Ronald Lunz	May 24, 2025
Jerry Ripke	June 12, 2025
Charles Gollnick	June 18, 2025
Edward Herman	July 3, 2025
Dennis Paul Buesching	July 16, 2025
Terri Lahmeyer	July 24, 2025
Susan Ann Scheeler	July 28, 2025
Gretchen Jo Schilb	July 30, 2025
Mary Lou Rose	July 31, 2025
Sandy Bickhart	October 18, 2025
Rocky Smith	October 18, 2025
Vernene Miller	October 21, 2025
Lis McPheeters	October 26, 2025

"We were buried therefore with Him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His" (Romans 6:4-5).

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: "I Will Rise"

There's a peace I've come to know though my heart and flesh may fail.

There's an anchor for my soul. I can say, "it is well."

Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed.

The victory is won, He is risen from the dead.

(Chorus)

And I will rise when He calls my name,

No more sorrow, no more pain. I will rise on eagles' wings.

Before my God fall on my knees and rise. I will rise.

There's a day that's drawing near when this darkness breaks to light.

And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes.

Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed.

The victory is won, He is risen from the dead. (Chorus)

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb!"

And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb!"

(Repeat, then sing chorus)

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(Please stand as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For our fellow saints of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For Your Body, the Christian Church on earth, that we see in our service the coming of Your kingdom into our world, and that our love for others would reflect the love our Savior has shown to all, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all the families of our congregation, that in seeing the poor, the hungry, the oppressed, and the grieving, we see You in them, and welcome the opportunity to bless others as You have first blessed us, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all in authority over us, especially those who work to bring peace and justice, that God would supply them with His blessing; that they may be inclined to His will and walk according to His commandments; and that He would grant wisdom to our citizens and courage and competence to our leaders, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For those who are sick, suffering, or recovering from illness or injury, that the Lord would be their rock and fortress in their distress, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all those who grieve the death of those they love, that their hearts be filled with Your peace and their eyes of faith behold You until the day of our reunion at the throne of the Lamb, when we shall see You face-to-face, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

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.**

Leader: It is good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, our Maker and King, for You sent Your Son to be the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. In the communion of all Your saints, we are gathered into the Body of Your Son. You purify Your children in the waters of Baptism and robe us with the righteousness of Christ. You bless and encourage us by the faith of the saints who have gone before us so that as we run this race, we may finish it and receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and 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

"Come to the Fountain"

All who are weak, all who are weary
Come to the rock, come to the fountain.
All who have sailed on the rivers of heartache
Come to the sea, come on, be set free.

(Chorus)

If you lead me, Lord, I will follow,
Where You lead me Lord I will go.
Come and heal me Lord, I will follow,
Where You lead me Lord I will go.
I will go. I will go.

All who are weak, all who are weary
Come to the rock, come to the fountain
All who have climbed on the mountains of heartache
Reach to the stars, come on, give your life. (Chorus)

All who are weak, all who are weary
All who are tired, all who are thirsty
All who have failed, all who have broken,
Come to the rock, come to the fountain. (Chorus)

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"Beautiful Savior"

Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer, than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be Thine!

Lutheran Service Book

THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "King of Glory" (Solo)

I stand at the cross, 'cause without it I'm lost, and I believe.
I'm healed by Your blood, saved by Your love and You shelter me.
It's amazing the power You hold.
I give you my heart and my soul.

(Chorus)

King of Glory, You are holy. Take my hands;
Take my feet. Take my voice as I sing.
Lord of Heaven, hallelujah!
Precious Jesus, hallelujah!

Imagine the day when our faith is replaced with a glorious sight.
With angels in chorus as You stand before us in perfect light,
We will join in the anthem of praise.
With every breath we will say: (Chorus)

You lived and You died to bring us new life,
Sweet salvation, clothed in majesty,
God of ev'ry deed. (Chorus)

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THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Ex. 3:1-15; Ps. 148; 2 Thess. 2:1-8, 13-17; Luke 20:27-40

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar today were given in loving memory of Cody Reuille, from Mike and Wanda Reuille; and in loving memory of Walter and Donna Dornseif and Alex and Mary Sakowicz, from Cindy and Jack Sakowicz, Aaron, Stacey, Bryan, Tierney and Ashtyn Augenstein, and Jack, Melissa, Olivia and Audrey Sakowicz.

USHERS: Dale and Pat Bultemeier

COMMUNION: Gary Meredith

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
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Jenny Scheiderer, Dave Bieberich, Cathy Paff, Jan Reche, Justin Arkkelin, Elizabeth Johnston, Kathy Lash, Jan Werth, Jan Rathge, Steve Mueller, Myra Schmidt, Sandy Behling
 - 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

- Prayers for PALS – PALS is a program in which Emmanuel members partner with Washington School students to build relationships and strengthen reading skills in a Christian environment. This week we ask for continued prayers for our volunteers and Washington students.
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - Janet Yost
 - Millicent Young
 - Bev Zonker
 - Mike and Marsha Zumbraegel, Michael and David
 - Chas and Cheryl Zurbrugg, Weston
 - Nathan and Rebekah Zurbrugg
 - Eric and Leslie Adair, Emily and Alec
 - Jack and Lindsey Adair, Arthur
 - Jon and Heidi Adair
 - Mark and Jennifer Adair, Zach, Max, Daniel and Allison
- Please pray for the missions supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
 - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf – Ponce, Puerto Rico
 - Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)
 - Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
 - Heidi Wilkinson – Ethiopia
 - The Lutheran Heritage Foundation
 - Luther Academy
 - Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM)
 - Lutherans For Life (LFL)
 - Lutheran Bible Translators

If you have a prayer request that you would like to make known to our Emmanuel family, please email me at taeggold@hotmail.com. If you would like to join the Emmanuel Prayer Chain, please email Marsha Sappenfield at marshasappenfield@comcast.net or call 260-616-0679.

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

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 School and Bible Class 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

CLASS	LOCATION
Little Flock (Birth – Age 3)	School Room A5 (Extended Care)
4-5 Year Olds	School Room A3
K-1 st Grade	School Room A1
2 nd -3 rd Grade	School Room B3
4 th -5 th Grade	School Room B5
6 th -7 th Grade	School Room D3
8 th Grade	LL Ebenezer
High School	Loft
"The Kingdom of God is Coming"	Cafeteria
"I Believe"	Brandt Hall

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Monday Morning Moms	Loft	Monday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
LifeLight: Luke	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	3:30 p.m.
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Study the Psalms	Chapman's	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 a.m.
Women's Bible Study	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays	8:30 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
Friends in the Word	Loft	Thursday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
Bible Study & Fellowship	Chapman's	Thursdays	6:00 p.m.
@917 (Ages 25-45)	Ebenezer Hall	Thursdays	7:00 p.m.
This Is Most Certainly Brew	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday Bible Classes (November 2 - December 14; 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.)

"The Kingdom of God is Coming: Vivid Messages of Hope in the Prophets" –

The Old Testament prophets proclaim Christ's coming in powerful yet often strange ways. In this time of Advent, we will explore and revel in some of these images from Isaiah, Zephaniah, Daniel, Ezekiel, and Zechariah as we look forward to celebrating Christ coming both as the baby in Bethlehem and also at the end of the age." (Pastor Tietz, Cafeteria)

"I Believe: History and Theology of the Ecumenical Creeds" - Going back to the days of Moses and the Israelites, God's people have had summaries of faith. Another name for these summaries of faith is a creed. Still today, the Church

proclaims its beliefs through creeds. In our worship services at Emmanuel, we make use of three creeds: the Apostles', Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds. Join us as we take a deeper look into these creeds. (Pastor Mark Sheaffer, Brandt Hall)

The News of the Church

2026 Stewardship Commitment - On October 25 and 26, Stewardship Commitment cards were distributed in our worship services with the instructions to return the commitment cards during November. If you didn't receive a 2026 commitment card on October 25-26, you can pick one up from the Connections Counter.

Feeding the Hungry with King's Global Outreach - Each December, Pastor Lewis King of King's Global Outreach leads a food drive to help underserved families on the southeast side of Fort Wayne. This event will take place on Saturday, December 20, and Emmanuel will join several area congregations to provide a Christmas meal through King's Global Outreach. Our contribution to the meal is green beans, and **we have committed to providing 1,200 cans of green beans for the food baskets.** Throughout November, we will be gathering green beans in Ebenezer Hall so that they can be delivered to King's Global Outreach for preparation in early December. Thanks for considering this opportunity to provide food for Christmas.

GAME ON features EUCHRE - Please join us for a friendly game of Euchre on November 4th in Ebenezer Hall from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. It's free and you don't need a partner. Sign up at the Connections Desk or call Diane at 260.466.1079.

Visual Faith Ministries - Join us Tuesday, November 4, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., as we prepare our hearts for the season of Advent. Visual Faith invites you to pause and center your heart on Christ. We'll be creating Advent Devotional Journals that connect with Emmanuel's Advent devotions, "Coming Home for Christmas," from 1517. No experience is needed—all supplies and guidance are provided. Sign up at the Connections Counter or by using the QR Code.



Friendsgiving Dinner - Ladies, gather for Friendsgiving Dinner in gratitude and celebration of the blessing of friendship on Wednesday, November 5, at 6:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall. A variety of soups will be served, and you're invited to bring a side or dessert to share.

Hospital Visits - Did you know that due to HIPAA laws, hospitals no longer contact churches to inform them that a congregant is hospitalized? If you or a loved one is hospitalized and would like a visit from an Emmanuel pastor, please contact the church office to let us know the name of the hospital and a room number. It is also helpful if you give the hospital permission to share your room number with the public, so that we can stay up-to-date on when you or your

loved one is discharged. It is Emmanuel's practice to visit our hospitalized members regularly. Thank you for helping us provide this spiritual care!

Emmanuel's LWM/LWML – Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 6 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Lower Level Ebenezer. Our Bible Study will be "Hold on to His Promises When Overloaded" and our service projects will be the "Towel Project" (building hygiene packs for Cross Borders) and signing Thanksgiving cards for the homebound of Emmanuel. We hope to see you there!

Veterans Appreciation Reception – This Veterans Day, Emmanuel's Life Team wish to honor our veterans with a luncheon November 11th, 11:30 a.m. in LL Ebenezer. The event will feature an unforgettable video interview with a Marine who survived seven years as a POW in Vietnam, plus live dulcimer music by Beverly Williams. Guests of the veteran are welcome! Please RSVP by November 9 to Carolyn Beitz at 260.433.7188.

Chili Cook-Off and Bingo Night will be on Saturday, November 15, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in the gym! The evening begins with an hour of chili sampling, plus hot dogs, sides, and desserts, followed by Bingo for gift card prizes. This family-friendly event is sponsored by the Emmanuel Youth Group, with proceeds supporting the Servant Event to Pikeville, KY. Get involved by entering a chili in the competition or by donating a \$10 gift card for Bingo prizes.



Lunch Bunch (60+) will be on Tuesday, November 18, 2025. Our special guest speaker will be Joel Sauer representing the West Central Neighborhood Association who will give us an update on what's happening in the neighborhood. Please stop by the Connections Counter in to sign up for this event or call the church office at 260.423.1369 no later than Friday, November 14th. We hope to see you there!

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$1,830,483	Anticipated Need Thru November, 2025: \$1,967,648
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$345	Year to Date: \$12,111
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$30	Year to Date: \$3,732
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,097,684	Mortgage Balance: \$1,342,790	Total Cost* \$7,424,176
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*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, November 3

- 8:30 a.m. Monday Morning Moms
- 3:30 p.m. LifeLight Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. LifeLight Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

Tuesday, November 4

- 1:00 p.m. Game On
- 4:30 p.m. Mission Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Training
- 6:00 p.m. Study the Psalms at Chapman's Brewery
- 6:00 p.m. Visual Faith

Wednesday, November 5

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. ESM Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion
- 9:15 a.m. Preschool Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Communion Service
- 3:30 p.m. PALS
- 6:00 p.m. First Impressions
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 6

- 8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
- 8:30 a.m. Friends in the Word - Women's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
- 1:00 p.m. LWML Service Project and Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study and Fellowship at Chapman's Brewery
- 7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

Friday, November 7

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. ESM Joint Chapel at Union

Saturday, November 8

- 10:00 a.m. Conversations on Race

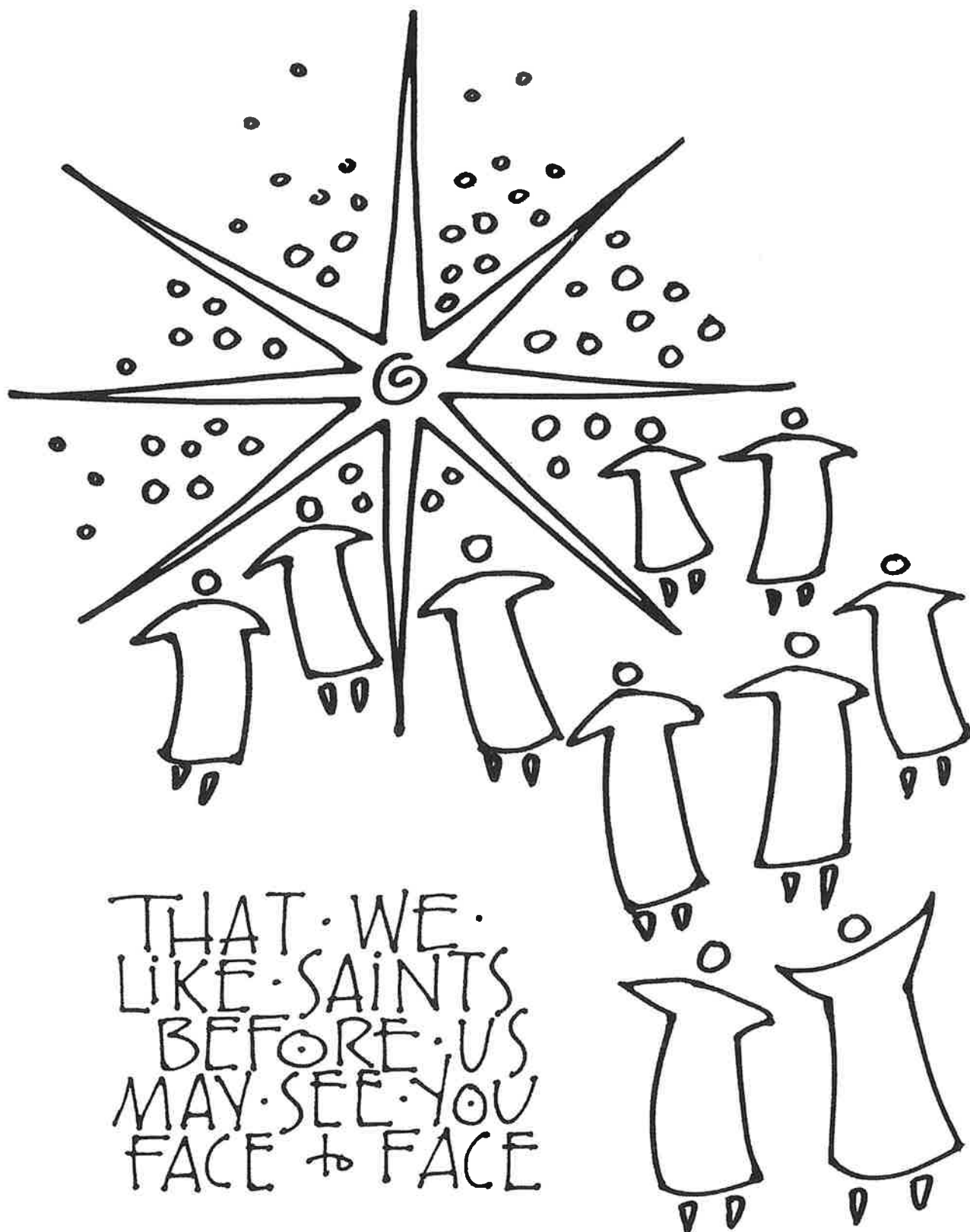
5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Sunday, November 9

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

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service



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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