

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, or Pastor Sheafer at pastordan@emmanuelutheran.org, or call either of us at (260) 423-1369. We would love to talk with you.

Inevitable Conflict, Eternal Joy”

AS WE GATHER

Today’s Epistle continues the list of heroes of faith begun last week. But the other Readings provide the context. At the time of the Old Testament Reading, false prophets were telling people that nothing was wrong, although God had not commanded them to teach about anything. In the Gospel, Jesus points out that acting on one’s faith inevitably leads to conflict, even within families. Only by faith are we able to look beyond the current, inevitable conflict to the joy that awaits all who follow Jesus. For the eternal joy before Him, He endured the pain. Through Christ’s action on the cross, our lives are framed by faith assured of eternal life and primed for action in the trials of this present life.

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: “His Mercy Is More”

(Chorus)

Praise the Lord; His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many His mercy is more. (Chorus)

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor.
Our sins they are many His mercy is more. (Chorus)

What riches of kindness He lavished on us?
His blood was the payment His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
Our sins they are many His mercy is more. (Repeat)

Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

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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 (Hebrews. 12:1-2)

Leader: Let us confess our sins, recognizing the forgiveness we receive because of our Lord's sacrifice in our place.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

Leader: Gracious heavenly Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Leader: People of God, "we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses," all of whom struggled in their day, none of them perfect, but all of whom looked forward in hope. Because our Lord Jesus, "for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, . . . is seated at the right hand of the throne of God," we can be confident that He fulfilled all God's promises and has made His total, gracious forgiveness available to us. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!

THE SHARING OF PEACE

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "In the Secret"

In the secret, in the quiet place, in the stillness You are there.
In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait only for You,
'Cause I want to know You more.

(Chorus)

I want to know You. I want to hear Your voice.

I want to know You more! I want to touch You.
I want to see Your face. I want to know You more!

I am reaching for the highest goal, that I might receive the prize.
Pressing onward, pushin' every hindrance aside, out of my way,
'Cause I want to know You more. (Chorus)

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THE FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:16-29

Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the Lord, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.' ¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the Lord to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? ¹⁹Behold, the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. ²⁰The anger of the Lord will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. ²¹I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. ²²But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. ²³Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. ²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his

parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. ²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. ¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

[Jesus said:] "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." ⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming.' And so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Spoken together)

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THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;

This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save;
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine! Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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THE SERMON

Pastor Dan Sheafer

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "When Peace Like a River"

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way; When sorrows, like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

(Chorus)

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

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate And hath shed His own blood for my soul. (Chorus)

He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
O my soul! (Chorus)

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; Even so it is well with my soul. (Chorus)

Lutheran Service Book. Arrangement by Craig Dahlkamp

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the spirit of Jeremiah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and Moses, that in days of division our hearts would be strengthened to confess in word and deed the glory of God's name, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the power of the Holy Spirit to overshadow the servants of God, that they may build up the Church of God on the eternal foundation of His Holy Word, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For parents, that they may bring up their children to resist temptation and endure all for the sake of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our nation and all those in authority, that our Lord God Almighty would behold them in His mercy and replenish them by His grace; that all who receive the sword would bear it according to His Word, always inclining to His will and walking in His way; and that we might lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the sick, that God would grant healing to their bodies, strength to the weak, endurance to bear up under trial, patience to await His deliverance and peace at the last, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For hearts that prize our Baptism and the communion of the saints above all other relations in this world, even as we pray and strive for the salvation of those we know and love, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us, that we who share with them the feast of heaven would also follow their way through death to eternal life, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Hear us, most merciful Father, in these our humble requests, which we offer unto You in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken together)

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THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "You Never Let Go"

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
Your perfect love is casting out fear;
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life,
I won't turn back, I know You are near.
And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me; And if my God is with me,
Whom shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

(Chorus)

Oh no, You never let go, through the calm and through the storm.
Oh no, You never let go, in ev'ry high and ev'ry low.
Oh no, You never let go. Lord, You never let go of me.

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on,
A glorious light beyond all compare;
And there will be an end to these troubles. But until that day comes,
We'll live to know You here on the earth.
And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me; And if my God is with me,
Whom shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear? (Chorus)

Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on.
And there will be an end to these troubles. But until that day comes,
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You. (Repeat, then sing chorus)

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THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Is. 66:18-23; Psalm 50:1-15; Heb. 12:4-29; Luke 13:22-30

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in honor of the Emmanuel staff from the Steve Bryan family; and in loving memory of Beverly Payne, Willis, Evangeline and Edna Rump and Paul and Vera Payne from Stan Payne and family; and in loving memory of Craig Waikel from his Emmanuel family; and in loving memory of the August 15th birthday of Beverly Linnemeier from David.

THE MUSIC LEADERS: Emmanuel Praise Team

THE USHERS: Mike and Cathy Paff

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 David Bell, 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, wisdom, endurance, peace and comfort for Sharon Bell, Alycia Merkler, Carol Salge, Maury Springer, Phyllis Urbine, Patrick Agerton, Harry Brown (father-in-law of Kristina Brown), Lori Richey, Ron Bear, Dick Reinking, Taylor Hogan (son of Arlan Hogan), Audrey (niece of Gary Curtis), Curt Reese (brother-in-law of Sandra Nahrwold), David Merkler, Jennifer Bergman, Sue Maxson, Kristy Fitzgerald, Mary English (friend of Sharon Bell), Rich Roy (friend of Ron and Elaine Ahrens), Kelly Richards.
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Mitch Platt, Kathy Schweyer, 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:
 - Lindasue Landis
 - Dawn Languell
 - Gene and Susan Languell
 - Larry and Valerie Lankenau
 - Tim and Darlene Lankenau
 - Adam and Cori Lash, Teagan and Nixon
 - Michael Lash, Reagan
 - Rob Lash, Hunter
 - Steve and Kathy Lash
 - Karl and Sarah Lash, Winnie and Joel
- 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. If you would like to join the Emmanuel Prayer Chain, please email Marsha Sappenfield at marshasappenfield@comcast.net.

The Teaching of the Church

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

CLASS	LOCATION	DATES	INSTRUCTOR
Selected Psalms	Ebenezer Hall	8/7 – 8/28	Pr. Brunow

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	9:00 am
Women's Book Study (Beth Williams 402-803-5303)	Ebenezer Hall	Tuesdays (1 st & 3 rd)	8:00 pm
Men's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 am
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	10:00 am
Men's Bible Study	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 am

The News of the Church

Consider a Prayer Shawl for Your College Student – Emmanuel's Prayer Shawl Ministry has shawls available year-round for you to take (for free!) for yourself or to give to a loved one who is in extra need of prayers. You can find the shawls outside the sanctuary doors leading into Ebenezer Hall. This is a great gift to send with or to mail to those students who are headed off to college to remind them that they are in your prayers and that they are loved by their Emmanuel family!

Back to School at Emmanuel—St. Michael – ESM welcomed students back to school on Wednesday, August 10, with the theme "Go Make Disciples." We are reminded in this year's theme verse from Matthew 28 that God is always sending His church into the world with a message of love and forgiveness for all people. What a wonderful message to focus on and share with the ESM community in the coming year! As we begin our 61st school year as Interparish ministry, we

are thankful for the partnership in ministry with Emmanuel Lutheran Church and St. Michael Lutheran Church to provide excellence in education for the approximately 400 students enrolled in preschool-8th grade. Together, we are raising up the next generation of students who are prepared for their future callings, confident in who they are in Christ, and how they are called to serve. To God be the glory!



Stephen Ministry – On Tuesday, September 20, we will begin 50 hours of training in Stephen Ministry. The purpose of our class is to equip men and women to be more effective caregivers and servants in the kingdom of God. For more information about Stephen Ministry, contact Lana Hille at 417-5639.

Cookies for Visitors - Each weekend we plan for guests and visitors at Emmanuel. Our Connections Counter serves as a central location for making conversation, sharing information, and providing a warm welcome. When first-time guests come to the Counter, we provide a small box of cookies. If you enjoy baking and would like to be part of this ministry of hospitality, please sign up using the link provided in the weekly email from the pastors, or by visiting the Connections Counter.

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.

Emmanuel's 37th Annual Golf Outing is Less than a Month Away! To register for the outing, go to Emmanuel's website at www.emmanuel Lutheran.org. Once there, scroll down to "Upcoming Events". Click on the arrow to the right until you come to the golf outing. Click on it and you will be taken to the registration form. You can also register by calling Becki at the church office at 423-1369, or email her at becki@emmanuel Lutheran.org. Payment to play can be made online by credit card, or you can pay the day of by cash or check. This year's outing is being held on **Saturday, August 27**, at the Eel River Golf Course in Churubusco. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with a Shotgun Start at 8:00 a.m. Cost is \$75 per golfer. Emmanuel's Golf Outing serves as the sole source to The Heidbrink Scholarship fund which offers financial assistance to our graduating students

who are pursuing careers in church work, and to provide need-based grants to our students wishing to attend Concordia Lutheran High School. If you don't play golf, but would like to support the cause, you can use the "other" line on your contribution envelope and mark it "golf outing", or you can donate through Emmanuel's website at the address above. Thank you for your support.

ESM School Renovation Begins! Renovation of our Union Street school building has begun. This exciting project will renovate, update, and prepare our building for generations to come. This year will be filled with opportunities to be flexible and this will begin with a change in our Jackson Street parking lot. The south side of the Jackson Street parking lot will be closed 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.

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.

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Year to Date: \$1,070,292	Anticipated Need Thru August: \$1,167,968
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Last Week: \$492	Year to Date: \$11,397
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CUP OF KINDNESS

Last Week: \$60	Year to Date: \$4,616
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Received: \$1,887,212	Goal: \$5,000,000	Pledged: \$2,992,172
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The Calendar of the Church

Monday, August 15

7:00 p.m. West Central Neighborhood Association Meeting

7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting at St. Michael

Wednesday, August 17

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

8:30 a.m. ESM Chapel

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

11:30 a.m. Mid-Week Communion Service

Thursday, August 18

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys

9:00 a.m. Piece Makers

3:30 p.m. Food Pantry

6:30 p.m. ESM All School Back to School Night at Getz Rd. Campus

Friday, August 19

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

Saturday, August 20

3:30 p.m. Praise Team

5:00 p.m. Divine Worship Service with Communion

Sunday, August 21

8:00 a.m. Divine Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Divine Worship Service with Communion

6:00 p.m. FWYA Bible Study

Building Faith in the Family

God's Word for This Week

Read Hebrews 11:17-12:3. Faith trusts even without sight of what God has promised in His Word. Faith is a gift to us from God, and is active in love and steadfast under persecution. The Christian life is an endurance race, run with remembrance of the saints who have already finished. In our reading, we are reminded of Abraham, who heard God's call to offer his son [Genesis 22]. Abraham had reason to debate whether God's words should be understood literally or with interpretation, because they conflicted not only with human reason, but also with the chief article of faith about the promised Seed, Christ, who was to be born of Isaac. Nevertheless, Abraham honored God and believed in His promises [Hebrews 11:17-19]. We, too, are simply to believe with all humility and obedience in our Creator and Redeemer's words and command. Most of all, we are to look to Jesus, His cross, and His resurrection. In Him, our race is already won (*adapted from Book of Concord, Formula, Solid Declaration, Article VII, 46 and from TLSB, 2124*).

Activities for Building Faith

List some of the cloud of witnesses to the faith who surround you.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, save me from my sin which clings so closely, and give me endurance to do Your will. Amen.

Unscramble Words from the Scripture Readings

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HCIDL

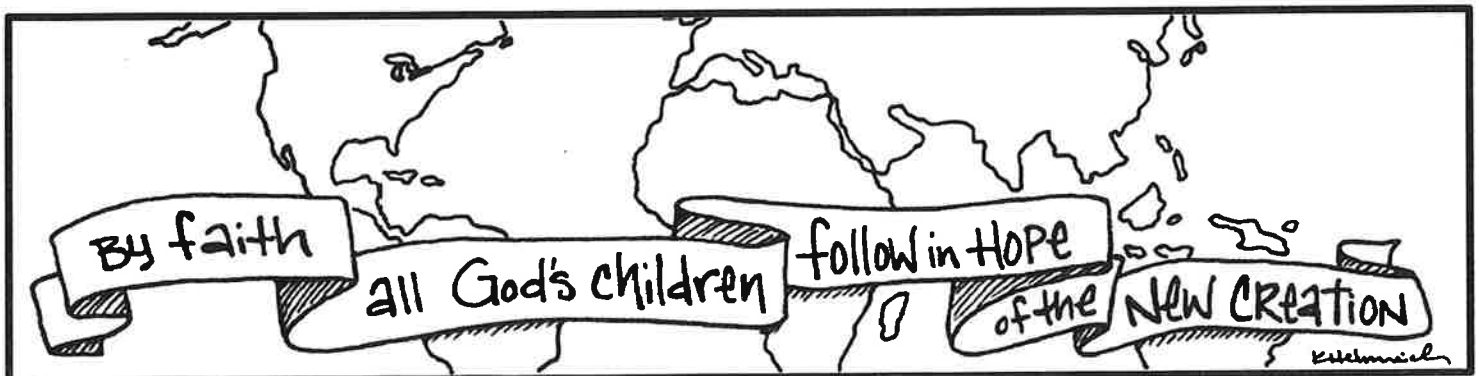
RNOEHT

REUUTF

HOSIWPR

WRARDE

Answers: blessed, child, throne,
future, worship, reward



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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