

Divine Service at 10:30



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



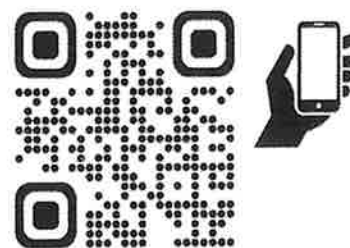
We offer a hearing loop, large print bulletins and printed copies of today's sermon. If these would be helpful, please ask one of our ushers who would be delighted to assist you.

GATHERING TIME



Join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship on Sunday mornings, after the early service and before Sunday school and Bible classes begin.

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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

“Who Is the King of Glory?”

AS WE GATHER

A question like this begs the answer, “Jesus!” That is absolutely correct; He is the King of glory. But our Bible readings this weekend encourage us to dig deeper into this question. Yes, Jesus is the King of glory, but He demonstrates this in a variety of ways. Jesus, the King of glory, is Emmanuel, the promised of ages! Through creation, His incarnation, and His redemptive work, Jesus shows us the majesty, meekness and mercy He shares with us as our King of glory.

+ THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE IV AT 10:30 A.M. +

THE GATHERING TIME

During the Gathering Time, we encourage our members to greet each other with God’s peace and to welcome visitors. Kindly turn off all cellphones and please sit toward the center of the pew so there is room for all who worship.

THE PRELUDE

“Oh, How Joyfully”

Oh, how joyfully, Oh, how merrily,
Christmas comes with its grace divine!
Grace again is beaming, Christ the world redeeming,
Hail, ye Christians, hail the joyous Christmas time.

Oh, how joyfully, Oh, how merrily,
Christmas comes with its peace divine!
Peace on earth is reigning, Christ our peace regaining,
Hail, ye Christians, hail the joyous Christmas time!

Oh, how joyfully, Oh, how merrily,
Christmas comes with its life divine!
Angels high in glory, Chant the Christmas story:
Hail, ye Christians, hail the joyous Christmas time!

“O Tannenbaum”

(Ensemble sings vs. 1 in German, then congregation sings verse 1 in English)

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! Thou tree most fair and lovely!
The sight of thee at Christmas-tide, Spreads hope and gladness far and wide.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! Thou tree most fair and lovely.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! Thou hast a wondrous message:
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! Thou hast a wondrous message:
Thou dost proclaim the Savior’s birth, Goodwill to men and peace on earth.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! Thou hast a wondrous message.

"The First Noel"

The first Noel, the Angels did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay.
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r, when we were gone astray;

(Chorus)

O, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy!

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks afeeding in tempest, storm, and wind.
And went to Bethlehem straitway, the Son of God to find. (Chorus)

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Good Christ-ian men, re-joyce With heart and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Je-sus Christ is born to-day;
Ox and ass be-fore Him bow; And He is in the man-ger now.
Christ is born to-day! Christ is born to-day!

Good Christian men, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of end-less bliss: Joy! Joy! Je-sus Christ was born for this!
He has op-ened the heav-en-ly door, And man is blest for-ev-er-more.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christ-ian men, re-joyce, With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace!
Je-sus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all, To gain His ev-er-last-ing hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

"I Am So Glad When Christmas Comes"

I am so glad when Christmas comes, The night of Jesus' birth,
When Beth'lems star shone as the sun And angels sang with mirth.

The little child of Bethlehem, The King of heav'nly grace,
Came down from his exalted throne To save our fallen race.

He's now returned to heav'n above, God's Son he is alway;
He ne'er forgets his little ones But hears them when they pray.

I too would sing my Savior's praise, My joy, my crown, my Lord;
For he has made me his own child By Water and the Word.

I love this previous Christmas eve And my dear Savior mild,
And I shall not forget the truth: He loves me as his child.

I am so glad when Christmas comes: Let anthems fill the air!
He opens wide for every child His paradise so fair.

"O Holy Night"

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining;
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope – the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,
And in his name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;
Let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever!
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!

"Away in a Manger"

Hymn 365

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Hymn 388

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THE ANGELS' CANDLE

Leader: The fourth candle on our Advent wreath reminds us of the angels who announced the Savior's birth. Their song of joy rings across the centuries to fill the darkness of every heart with the light of glory and love. We pray:

People: Lord of hosts, for the ministry of angels we give You thanks. Fill the dark night of a fallen world with the angels' good news of great joy. Bless us to pierce the silence of our routine with songs of resounding praise. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE OPENING HYMN: "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising"

Hymn 375

THE PRESENTATION OF PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please stand as you are able)

THE INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

People: who made heaven and earth (Psalm 124:8).

Leader: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared (Psalm 130:3-4).

Leader: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner (Luke 18:13).

(Silence for reflection and confession)

Leader: Almighty God,

People: have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Leader: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE KYRIE: (Congregation sings)

LSB, 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

THE COLLECT

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, ²for he has founded it up on the seas* and established it upon the rivers. ³Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? ⁴He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. ⁵He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. ⁶Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. ⁷Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ⁸Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ¹⁰Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Isaiah 7:10-17

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹"Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." ¹²But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." ¹³And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)
THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 1st chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:²³ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife,²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

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(Please be seated)

THE SERMON HYMN: "The King of Glory"



The King of Glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es;



O - pen the gates be - fore Him, lift up your voic - es.



1. Who is the King of Glo - ry; how shall we call Him?
2. In all of Gal - i - lee, in ci - ty or vil - lage,
3. Sing then of Da - vid's son, our Sav - ior and Broth - er;
4. He gave His life for us, the Lamb of sal - va - tion,
5. He con - quered sin and death, He tru - ly has ris - en,

To Refrain



He is Em - man - u - el, the Prom - ised of a - ges.
He goes a - mong His peo - ple cur - ing their ill - ness.
In all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.
He took up - on Him - self the sins of the na - tion.
And He will share with us His heav - en - ly vis - ion.

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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 OFFERING: "Angels Advent Carol"

Choir

(Please stand as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Lord, You have taught us to pray and encouraged us to open our hearts to You on behalf of ourselves and all those in need. Hear us now as we come to You in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: You have set in place the times and the seasons, O Lord, and reveal in them the salvation promised to us in Your Son. Give us faith that we

may ask for no sign except Christ, whose death and resurrection fulfill all the promises of Your Word and vindicate the prophets who spoke that Word by Your command. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: You have granted many gifts and skills to Your people, O Lord, that they may serve us when we are most weak and vulnerable. Be with the police who protect us, the firefighters who serve us, the medical professionals who relieve physical suffering and aid healing, and the counselors who assist those troubled in mind or heart. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: You are the giver of every good gift, O Lord, and You care for us in all our needs of body, mind and spirit. Give healing to the sick, relief to the suffering, peace to the dying and comfort to those who mourn. According to Your gracious will, sustain them all by Your grace, and give them patience and courage as they await the unfolding of Your healing grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: You have provided us many and rich resources to support this daily life and to use in the care of those in need, O Lord. Grant to us a generous heart, that we may give generously and cheerfully for the sake of Your work, Your Church and the poor. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: You know our weakness and how we struggle with temptation, O Lord. Give us discerning minds and steadfast hearts, that we may rejoice in the annual celebration of Your Son's birth. Keep us from being distracted from the gift of Your Son, and teach us to highly treasure the mystery of His incarnation and the fruits of His redemptive work. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy to provide us all things as we have need; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

People: Amen.

+ THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION +

THE PREFACE: (Spoken responsively by the Congregation)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

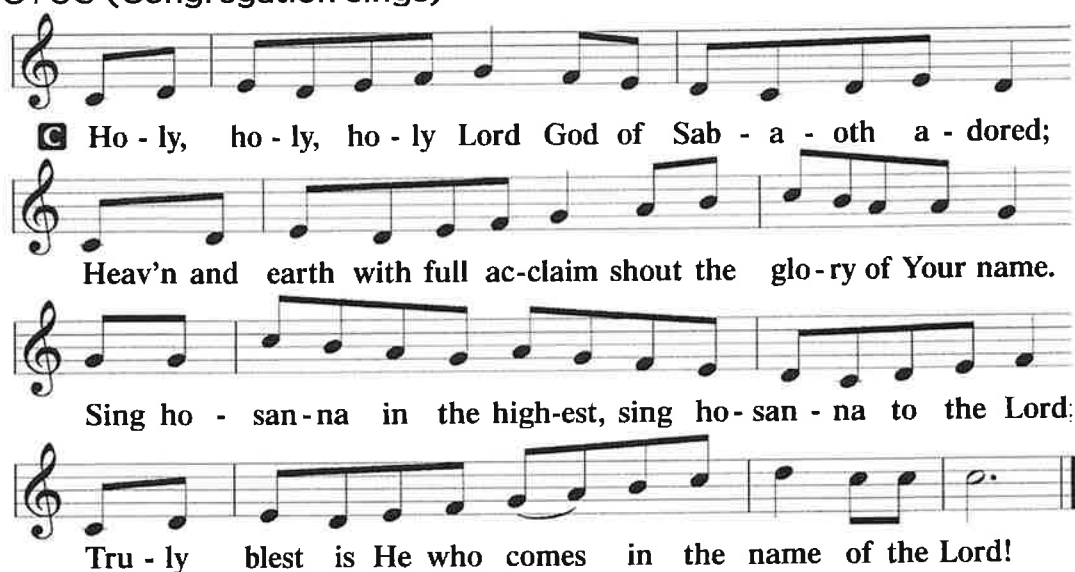
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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

THE SANCTUS (Congregation sings)

LSB, 208



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord:
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken together)

During the Lord's Prayer, the church bell tolls three times to encourage those outside the sanctuary to join with the church in corporate prayer.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

THE AGNUS DEI (Congregation sings)

LSB, 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God, Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (Served by stations)

When Jesus said, "This is My Body...This is My Blood," He really meant it. As Lutherans, we believe in the real bodily presence of Christ in the Sacrament, not merely in a figurative or symbolic sense. This means that Jesus' body and blood are actually present in the bread and wine received in Holy Communion. In this meal our faith is strengthened and forgiveness is assured. This gift is an act of God's love, which we don't deserve, cannot explain, and don't even fully understand. We humbly believe it. It is a request of our congregation that anyone who wishes to commune with us would share this faith. If you are not receiving the Lord's Supper today but desire a blessing, approach the Pastor with your arms crossed over your heart. The individual cups located in the center of each tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those having that medical need. Individually packaged gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please ask the Communion Assistant if you have this dietary need.

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

"Son of God, Which Christmas Is It?"

Choir

"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"

Hymn 336

"O Sing of Christ"

Hymn 362

"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"

Hymn 356

THE DISMISSAL

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (Sung by the congregation)

LSB, 211

1 O Lord, now let to Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in lead the the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"

Hymn 352

THE POSTLUDE: "Savior of the Nations, Come"

Manz

THE CHRISTMAS GREENS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Gerald Krouse, from his wife, Pat Krouse, and children, Amy and Russ Stephens, Angie and Dave Zimske, and the grandchildren.

SERVING

Organ	Myra Schmidt
Piano	Matt Johnston
Acolyte	Bobby Frye
Altar Guild	Tammy Bair, JoAnn Bender, LuAnn Bender, Tina Bruce
Communion	Drew Brown, Tim Burns, Troy Hockemeyer, Phil Jackson
Usher Crew 4	Thim Reed, Mike Shively, Ron Ahrens, Thomas Bay, Dave Behling, Christian Behling, Troy Hockemeyer, Hudson Kraft, Dick Shively, Steve Williams, David Wyss
Closer	Andy and Jennifer Barnes
Audio Engineer	Mike Milholland

The Prayers of the Church

Prayer Requests

- Our congregation continues to care for one another through a faithful prayer ministry. Please pray for the following people this week:
 - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Pam Carmichael (sister of Deb Percy), Steve Herman, River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Colsen Gage (nephew of Annalissa Smith), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia Williams, Dick Reinking, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie Kidwell (mother of Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Deb Percy, Ed Braun, Norv McClure, Janine (friend of Lauryn Longworth), Gracelynn Anderson (granddaughter of Tim and Cindy Anderson), Lynn Williams (mother of Steve Williams), Randi Gramling (cousin of Deb Percy), Stan Thompson, Deb Epperson, Salem Lee Hilty, Faith Behling, William Rush, Kathy Schwyer, Don Heckber, Wayne McClure, Mason Longworth, Chris Holmes (brother-in-law of Craig Dahlkamp)
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Jan Reche, Steve Mueller, Ivy Harkenrider, Anne Kelly, Wes Harless, Jan Hoffman
 - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Bonnie Havener (sister-in-law of George and Becki Elonzae), Karen Burtch (sister-in-law of Lori Richey), Amy Krontz (daughter-in-law of David and

Karen Wyss), Mary Grosjean, Peg Davis, Ashley Edge (niece of Barb and Gary Lesh), Barb Hambrock, Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Shelly Koenig (friend of Matt & Amy Konow), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith), Tina Bennett, Dennis McFadden, Lisa Toth (Pepple), Laura Herrick (Caroline Eber's niece), Art Klausmeier, Roger Kuehnert, John Jennings (friend of Dave and Tammy Bair), Bruce Williams, Herb Schumm, Rob Roehm, Ann Schwartz, Hazel Krenzke (Brian and Anna Snodgrass's niece), Robert Burmeister (Hannah Swor's dad), Roxanne Moore, Marsha Sappenfield, Jenny Nehrenz (niece of Charlene Hess), Rick Bair (brother of Dave and Tammy Bair)

- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - Brian Bell
 - Steve Bell, Niya and Kira
 - Jason and Tess Bell, JoJo
 - Dennis Bender
 - JoAnn Bender
 - LuAnn Bender
 - Susan Bengé
 - Matt and Kim Benne
 - Jim Bennett
 - Robert and Carly Bennett, Jacqueline
- Please pray for the missions supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
 - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf - Ponce, Puerto Rico
 - Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)
 - Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
 - Heidi Wilkinson - Ethiopia
 - The Lutheran Heritage Foundation
 - Luther Academy
 - Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM)
 - Lutherans For Life (LFL)
 - Lutheran Bible Translators

If you have a prayer request that you would like to make known to our Emmanuel family, please email me at taeggold@hotmail.com. 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	Salem Lee Hilty	Austin Dillion	Nova Dillion
Daniel Schindler	Emmanuel Price	Lewis Adair	

The Teaching of the Church

Want Help Growing in the Word? Regularly visit Pastor Brunow's website <http://www.genesbrunotes.com>. The website offers notes on each chapter of Scripture, Bible studies, tips for preparing for worship, and a weekly devotion based on the Gospel reading for the coming week. You can find these devotions under the "Sermon Notes Plus" option.

Sunday Morning Christian Education - Sunday School (birth - Grade 5), Confirmation (Grades 6-8), High School, and Adult Bible classes are on break until Sunday, January 4.. Sunday morning Adult Bible classes will feature three new classes: Lutheran Christianity (taught by Pastors Eggold and Sheaffer), Galatians (taught by Pastor McFadden), and Lutheranism after Luther (taught by Pastor Rast). More details to come.

The News of the Church

Beer and Hymns Christmas Singalong - Join us on Sunday, December 21 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Chapman's for an afternoon of fellowship and singing with members from area LCMS congregations. All ages are welcome. Please bring a snack or potluck item to share.

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

Caroling at LLV on Christmas Day - On Christmas Day, you are invited to join in singing carols to the residents and staff at Lutheran Life Villages, 6701 S. Anthony Blvd. We will gather in the lobby of the Village at South Anthony around 12:00 p.m. and share the joy of Christmas in song. This event will conclude around 1:00 p.m.

CONSIDER ATTENDING iLead 2026 - iLead is a collaborative initiative of several local congregations working together to develop leaders in the church.

iLead 2026 churches are Emmanuel, Holy Cross, Promise, St. Michael, St. Peter's, and Suburban Bethlehem. During January and February, there are three iLead presentations on the iLead 2026 theme "Discipleship Is Leadership Development." Here is the event calendar:

- Looking for the Kingdom with Ben Haupt on Saturday, January 10, at St. Michael Lutheran Church
- Words Create Worlds with Henry Graf on Saturday, January 24, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church
- A Panel Discussion on Discipleship and Leadership Development on Saturday, February 7, Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

All iLead 2026 sessions run from 8:30-10:00 a.m. and are free to all participants thanks to generous funding from The Lutheran Foundation.

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



ESM Seeks Student Support Specialist who will enhance academic success by supporting students through compassionate care and interventions. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis with a flexible start date as early as spring semester. Please contact Executive Assistant, Hannah Swor (hswor@esmeagles.com) for the application and with any questions.

ESM Kindergarten Enrollment - With so many schools in the area to choose from, making the decision about where your child will begin their education is easier said than done. We invite you to join us on January 22 or February 17 for our Kindergarten Information and Enrollment session to get a clear picture of what ESM is all about. To learn more and register, please scan the QR code.



ESM Preschool Enrollment - As a parent, we understand that no one knows your child's unique needs better than you. Finding a school that will reinforce the values you are instilling at home is crucial. We invite you to join us on February 12 or 19 for our Preschool Information and Enrollment sessions to get a clear picture of what ESM is all about. To learn more and register, please scan the QR code.



The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

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

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$150

Year to Date: \$14,166

CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$196

Year to Date: \$4,523

IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,243,566

Mortgage Balance: \$1,296,923

Total Cost* \$7,431,837

*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, December 22

6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

Tuesday, December 23

6:00 p.m. Study the Psalms at Chapman's

Wednesday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service

11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service w/ Communion

Thursday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service

Friday, December 26

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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

Saturday, December 27

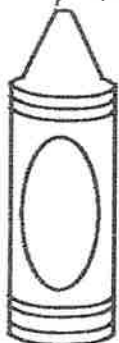
5:00 p.m. Divine Service w/ Communion

Sunday, December 28

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

Draw a picture about the sermon



The Sacraments

Today we celebrated the Lord's Supper ...

Yes ☐ No ☐

Today we had a baptism ...

Yes ☐ No ☐

She will
bear a
SON
and you shall

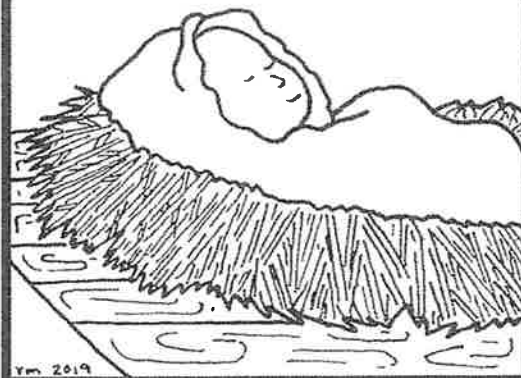
CALL HIS NAME

JESUS

for
HE
will
save
HIS
PEOPLE

from
their
Sins.

Matthew 1:21



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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Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

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1 Come, your hearts and voices rais - ing, Christ the
 2 Christ, from heav'n to us de - scend - ing And in
 3 Ja - cob's star in all its splen - dor Beams with
 4 From the bond - age that op - pressed us, From sin's



Lord with glad - ness prais - ing; Loud - ly sing His love a -
 love our race be - friend - ing; In our need His help ex -
 com - fort sweet and ten - der, Forc - ing Sa - tan to sur -
 fet - ters that pos - sessed us, From the grief that sore dis -



maz - ing, Wor - thy folk of Chris - ten - dom.
 tend - ing, Saved us from the wi - ly foe.
 ren - der, Break - ing all the pow'rs of hell.
 tressed us, We, the cap - tives, now are free.

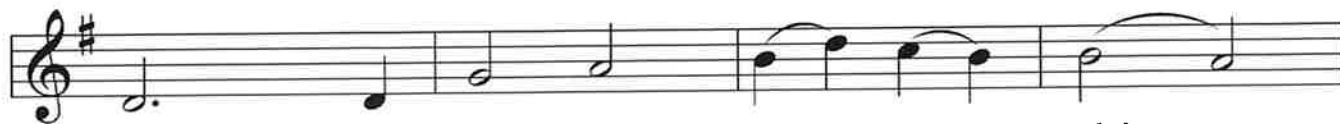
5 Oh, the joy beyond expressing
 When by faith we grasp this blessing,
 And to You we come confessing
 That Your love has set us free.

6 Gracious Child, we pray, O hear us,
 From Your lowly manger cheer us,
 Gently lead us and be near us
 Till we join Your choir above.

336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



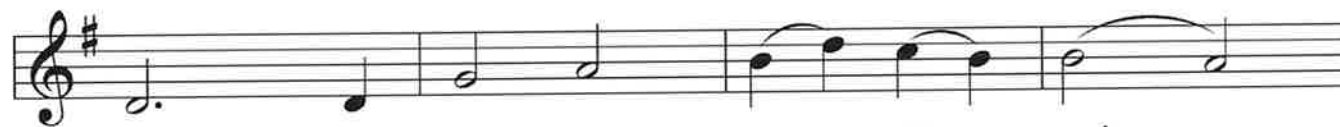
1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him
 3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,



Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;



Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



Swell the tri - umph of His train:
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

O Sing of Christ

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1 O sing of Christ, whose birth made known The kind-ness of the Lord,
2 What Ad-am lost, none could re - claim, And Par - a - dise was barred
3 He came to that which was His own, But He was not re - ceived;
4 Lord Je - sus Christ, You deigned to dwell A - mong us here on earth



E - ter - nal Word made flesh and bone So we could be re - stored.
Un - til the sec - ond Ad - am came To mend what sin had marred.
Yet still through Him God's glo - ry shone, And some His name be - lieved.
As God with us, Em - man - u - el, To bring this ho - ly birth.



Up - on our frail hu - man-i - ty God's fin - ger chose to trace
For when the time was full and right God sent His on - ly Son;
To these He gave the right to be The heirs of heav'n a - bove,
Though rich, You will - ing - ly be - came One with our pov - er - ty,



The full-ness of His de - i - ty, The i - con of His grace.
He came to us as life and light And our re - demp-tion won.
Born not of hu - man an - ces - try But born of God in love.
That we might share Your wealth and name For all e - ter - ni - ty!

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The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came 356



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
 All gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.
 In Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
 Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
 And Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!

Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

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1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly,
 2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'
 3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,
 4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of



kept His word And at last to us did send
 heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,
 Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—
 gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
 Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
 Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.
 Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

5 Bruise for me the serpent's head
 That, set free from doubt and dread,
 I may cling to You in faith,
 Safely kept through life and death.

6 Then when You will come again
 As the glorious king to reign,
 I with joy will see Your face,
 Freely ransomed by Your grace.