Divine Worship 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.

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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

"Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant"

AS WE GATHER
Outside of Christ, we are paralyzed with fear. Outside of Christ, we are under judgment. Outside of Christ, we will face the fullness of God's justice. But in Christ Jesus, God's wrath has been satisfied, and we have been freed to use the talents God has given us, and freed to be the people Christ died to create. And today, in Christ Jesus, the Master calls us, "good and faithful servants."

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: **"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"**
(Chorus)
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
O my soul; worship His holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy Name.

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. (Chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come,
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending;
Ten thousand years and then forevermore! (Chorus)

Worship Your holy Name,
Lord, I'll worship Your holy Name.
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(Please stand as able)
THE INVOCATION
Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

THE BAPTISM OF: Hadley Sue Brimmer

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Spoken together)
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: Hadley Sue Brimmer,
People: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His kingdom.

Pastor: And you, Hadley, the Lord bless you in all your ways from this time forth and even forevermore.
People: Amen.

THE BAPTISMAL RESPONSE: "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"
I am Jesus little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.
Lutheran Service Book

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION (Psalm 143:1)
Leader: Hear my prayer, O LORD;
People: give ear to my pleas for mercy!

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

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as children of the light. We have fallen into complacency, forgetting who You are and who we are. We have grown comfortable in habits that do not honor You. We have buried what You have given us rather than loving our neighbor with those gifts. We have become complacent in our thoughts, our words, and our actions. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Leader: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. God has not destined you for wrath but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "King of My Heart"
Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run,
The fountain I drink from; oh, He is my song.
Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide,
The ransom for my life; oh, He is my song.

(Chorus)
You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.
You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails,
The anchor in the waves; oh, He is my song.
Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins,
The echo of my day; oh, He is my song. (Chorus two times)

When the night is holding on to me, God is holding on.
When the night is holding on to me, God is holding on.
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(Please be seated)
THE FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7–16
Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. 8And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice— "I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. 9On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. 10"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. 11Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. 12At that time I will

search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' [13]Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." [14]The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. [15]A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, [16]a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

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

THE SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. [4]But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. [5]For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. [6]So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. [7]For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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

(Please stand, as you are able)
THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14–30
[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. [15]To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16]He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. [17]So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. [18]But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. [19]Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. [20]And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' [21]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' [22]And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' [23]His

master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' [24]He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, [25]so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26]But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? [27]Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. [28]So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. [29]For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. [30]And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE RESPONSE: "Living Hope"
How great the chasm that lay between us.
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.
Jesus, Christ, my living hope.

(Chorus)
Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken ev'ry chain.
There's salvation in Your name. Jesus Christ, my living hope.

(Repeat chorus)
Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me.
Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
Your buried body began to breathe.

Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me.
Jesus, Yours is the victory! (Chorus two times)

Jesus, Christ, my living hope. O God, You are my living hope.
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THE SERMON Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

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: "New Wine"
In the crushing, in the pressing You are making new wine.
In the soil I now surrender, You are breaking new ground.

So I yield to You and to Your careful hand.
When I trust You I don't need to understand.

Make me Your vessel, make me an offering.
Make me whatever You want me to be.
I came here with nothing, but all You have given me,
Jesus, bring new wine out of me.

In the crushing, in the pressing You are making new wine.
In the soil I now surrender, You are breaking new ground.
You are breaking new ground.

So, make me Your vessel, make me an offering.
Make me whatever You want me to be.
I came here with nothing, but all You have given me,
Jesus, bring new wine out of me.
Jesus, bring new wine out of me.
Jesus, bring new wine out of me.

'Cause where there is new wine there is new power.
There is new freedom and the kingdom is here.
I lay down my old flames to carry Your new fire today.
'Cause where there is new wine there is new power.
There is new freedom and the kingdom is here.
I lay down my old flames to carry Your new fire today.

So, make me Your vessel, make me an offering.
Make me whatever You want me to be.
God, I came here with nothing, but all You have given me.
Jesus, bring new wine out of me.
Jesus, bring new wine out of me.
Jesus, bring new wine out of me.
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(Please stand as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, enter not into judgment with Your servants, for no one living is righteous before You. Have mercy on those haunted by guilt and shame, and faithfully convince them of Your grace and holiness for them in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach us to do Your will, for You are our God. Strengthen pastors to meditate on all You have done and proclaim Your Word in its truth and purity, that Your good Spirit may lead us on level ground, holy and righteous before You. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Father in heaven, You have made us children of the light. Bless our homes, and especially parents as they teach their children Your ways, that Your people may walk as those armored in faith, love and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord, our world is filled with violence, destruction, and death. Every day we see heartbreaking images of suffering that create anxiety and hopelessness. Help us to bring our despair to You, trusting in Your promise that You are in control and that in Your time You will deliver us from evil and, in Christ, restore this broken world. Lord in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty God, give ear to our pleas on behalf of the afflicted. For Your name's sake, preserve their life and grant them healing according to Your will. In Your righteousness, strengthen their faith through all trials and bring their souls out of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: God of life, Your Son died for us so that, whether awake or asleep, we might live with Him. Receive our thanks for Your kindness to all who have died in the faith. Comfort those who mourn with the consolation that all who die in Christ live with Him forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: God of grace, preserve us from the temptation to consider You a hard and unmerciful master. Keep us mindful that You give us every good thing in abundance, most of all a place in Your household; for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and 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.

THE PROPER PREFACE
Leader: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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:

"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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You, and it is well with me.
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"Here's My Heart, Lord"
Here's my heart, Lord; here's my heart, Lord.
Here's my heart, Lord, speak what is true.

'Cause I am found, I am Yours; I am loved, I'm made pure.
I have life, I can breathe; I am healed, I am free. (Repeat from beginning)

'Cause You are strong, You are sure; You are life, You endure
You are good, always true; You are light breaking through.

Here's my heart, Lord; here's my heart, Lord.
Here's my heart, Lord, speak what is true.
Here's my life, Lord; here's my life, Lord.
Here's my life, Lord, speak what is true.
Speak what is true, speak what is true.

'Cause I am found, I am Yours; I am loved, I'm made pure.
I have life, I can breathe; I am healed, I am free.

‘Cause You are strong, You are sure; You are life, You endure
You are good, always true; You are light breaking through.

You are more than enough; You are here, You are love.
You are hope, You are grace; You’re all I have, You’re ev’rything.

Here’s my heart, Lord; here’s my heart, Lord.
Here’s my heart, Lord, speak what is true.
Here’s my life, Lord; here’s my life, Lord.
Here’s my life, Lord, speak what is true.
Speak what is true, speak what is true.
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THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: “As It Is in Heaven”
Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Come and let Your glory, come and let Your glory fall.
Our Father, Who art in Heaven, the rocks cry out Your fame,
So come and let Your glory, come and let Your glory fall.

I will sing, sing a new song; I will sing, sing a new song.
I will sing, sing a new song to the Lord.

(Chorus)
Let Your Kingdom come, let Your will be done
On earth, as it is in Heaven.
Ev'ry heart proclaim the mercy of Your name
On earth, as it is in Heaven.

God, give us, new ev'ry morning, mercy as daily bread;
In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus, we pray.
And lead us not to temptation, but deliver us with Your hand,
In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus, we pray. Father, we pray.

I will sing, sing a new song; I will sing, sing a new song.
I will sing, sing a new song to the Lord. (Chorus)

For the Kingdom is Yours, and the power is Yours,
and the glory forever, amen.
For the Kingdom is Yours, and the power is Yours,
and the glory forever, amen. (Chorus two times)
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THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Ezek. 34:11–16, 20–24; Ps. 95:1–7a; 1 Cor. 15:20–28; Matt. 25:31–46

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ed and Margaret Tennison and Don Hille from Lana Hille; in celebration of the birthday of Ashlee (Davis) Middendorf from her mom and dad; and in loving memory of Andrew Martin and Tom Martin from Teresa Martin.

USHERS/ALTAR GUILD: Dave and Tammy Bair; Kollin Vanderford and Khloe Vanderford

COMMUNION: Steve Bredemeyer

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:

    - We pray for Hadley Sue Brimmer on the occasion of her Baptism. We ask God to strengthen Hadley as she grows and to bless her parents, Derek and Alexa (McLaughlin) Brimmer and her sponsors, Tyler and Ashley Clark and Amy Jo Brimmer, as they raise and nurture Hadley in her Baptismal faith.

    - We give thanks with Rylie Schane and Grace Bieberich, who were married on Saturday. We ask the Lord to bless their relationship with a love for each other that is based on His perfect love. Pray that He will guide their life together and keep them always grounded in the faith that they may be a blessing to each other and to those around them.

    - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Alycia Williams, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie Kidwell (mother of Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Deb Percy, Norv McClure, Janine (friend of Lauryn Longworth), Gracelynn Anderson (granddaughter of Tim and Cindy Anderson), Stan Thompson, Deb Epperson, Faith Behling, LuAnn Reichhart (mom of Brent Reichhart), Renee Bleke, Mark Wasson (brother of Cheri Maxwell), Laura Herrick (Caroline Eber's niece), Kevin Hoffman, Jeff Springer, Jodie Karrick, Jen Harless, Matt Bennett (Ty Bennett's brother), William Kieser (godson of Caleb and Hannah Swor), Gene Brunow, Barb Compton (aunt of Sandy Behling)

    - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Linda Barnes, Caroline Eber, Renee Bleke, Mary Gynn, Bob Dietrich, Pam Bryan, Edna Heckber, Bob Klausmeier, Jen Harless, Karen Wyss, Ed Davis

    - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Karen Burtch (sister-in-law of Lori Richey), Amy Krontz (daughter-in-law of David and Karen Wyss), Mary Grosjean, Sherry (friend of Barb and Gary

Lesh), Ed and Barb Hambrock, Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith), Dennis McFadden, Roger Kuehnert, John Jennings (friend of Dave and Tammy Bair), Bruce Williams, Rob Roehm, Ann Schwartz, Hazel Krenzke (Brian and Anna Snodgrass's niece), Robert Burmeister (Hannah Swor's dad), Roxanne Moore, Jenny Nehrenz (niece of Charlene Hess), Rick Bair (brother of Dave and Tammy Bair), Gary Thompson (father of Carly Bennett), Carol McGuigan (mother of Kevin McGuigan), Linda Raatz, Jeff Dunham (brother-in-law of Scott and Christi Everson), Doug Bennett (father of Ty Bennett), Sean Breininger, Herb Schumm, Karen Bickhart (daughter of Barry Doege), Tara Bustos (sister of Sean Breininger), Jeff Bennett (father of Faith Harless), Carol Yeoman (friend of Dave and Joni Scheppele), Amy (daughter of Bruce and Linda Novak), Mark Schmotzer (father of Jacob Schmotzer), Tyrone Woods (friend of Chris Smith), Beverly Fox (Christi Everson's mom), Judy Kalb

- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
  - Jacob Kruckeberg
  - Stan and Lila Kruckeberg
  - Weston Kruckeberg
  - Scott Krueckeberg
  - Tom Krueckeberg, Andrew
  - Wanda Krueckeberg
  - Eric Krull
  - Heather Krull
  - Linda Krumwiede, Scott and Mark
  - Dennis Kruse

- 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 at marshasappenfield@comcast.net or call 260.616.0679.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism: Thank God for the baptisms so far in 2026:

Callaghan Miller	Austin Hayward	Calvin Chess	Michael Flanagan
Sean Flanagan	Morgan Flanagan	Mordecai Austin	Theodore Vachon
Emerson Ross	Esther Burns	Cameron Etzler	Niyanni Berry
Callum Dan	Natalie Sheafer	Jacob Wiehe	Shaylee Epperson
Willow Hoffman	Endsley Gabet	Hadley Brimmer	

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)
3-5 Year Olds	School Room A4
K-1st Grade	School Room A1
2nd-3rd Grade	School Room B3
4th-5th Grade	School Room B5
6th -7th Grade Confirmation	School Room D3
8th Grade Confirmation	Cafeteria
High School	Loft
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall
Ephesians	Sanctuary
Faith, Life, and Worship	LL Ebenezer

Weekday Bible Classes…

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Clay & Iron Devotion	Brandt Hall	Monday	6:30 a.m.
Monday Morning Moms	Loft	Monday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
Lifelight	Ebenezer	Monday	5:30 p.m.
Lifelight	Ebenezer	Tuesday	3:30 p.m.
David – The Anointed One	LL Ebenezer	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.
Women's Bible Study	Brandt Hall	Wednesday	8:45 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesday	10:00 a.m.
Friends in the Word	Loft	Thursday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
@917 Bible Class	Ebenezer Hall	Thursday	7:00 p.m.
This Is Most Certainly Brew	Brandt Hall	Friday	6:30 a.m.

The News of the Church

The Story Continues: A Renewed Vision for Emmanuel - After months of prayer, discussion, and planning, *The Story Continues: A Renewed Vision for Emmanuel* is ready to share. This renewed vision shifts our focus from buildings to ministry and mission as we look toward the next chapter of Emmanuel's story. Members are encouraged to review the vision plan and learn more at a Vision Forum on Sunday, November 15, at 12:00 p.m. in LL Ebenezer. Our annual **Congregational Voters' Assembly** will be held Sunday, November 22, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, where members will vote on the 2027 budget, elect congregational leaders, and consider approval of the vision plan. Please see the weekly newsletter for details, registration information, and access to the vision plan. As God continues to bless Emmanuel's ministry, we invite you to join us in celebrating His work and discerning the next chapter together. If you would like a paper copy of The Story Continues: A Renewed Vision for Ministry, please request one from the church office.

The Lutheran Witness Magazine - If you would like to subscribe to The Lutheran Witness for 2027, please fill out the form below, enclose it in an envelope along with your payment of $25, and return it to the church office by Tuesday, November 24. Please make your check payable to Emmanuel Church.

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Upcoming Events & Ministries

Visual Faith – Join us on Tuesday, December 1, 6:00–8:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall as we continue creating our 2027 Gratitude & Prayer Journals! Building on last month's workshop, we'll spend the evening getting creative, enjoying fellowship, and preparing our journals to help us grow in gratitude and prayer throughout the coming year. We'll also sprinkle in a little Christmas cheer! Missed last month's workshop? No problem! Everyone is welcome, whether you're continuing your journal or just getting started. All supplies are provided! Please sign up at the Connections Counter or use the QR Code. We look forward to a relaxing, creative evening together!

The Piecemakers thank all the ladies who sewed quilt tops for Lutheran World Relief. We delivered 88 quilts this year. If you are interested in sewing at home for us, call Jan Werth at 260.452.4769. We are also in need of ladies on Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to knot the quilts. Come join us!

Lunch Bunch – Members around 60 and over are invited to join us Tuesday, November 17. Following lunch, Pastor Eggold will share Emmanuel's new ministry vision, The Story Continues, and provide an overview of the planning process that will help guide our congregation's future mission and ministry. Join us in LL Ebenezer at 11:00 a.m. for fellowship and 12:00 p.m. for lunch. Reservations are required by Friday, November 13 by calling the church office at 260.423.1369 or signing up at the Connections Counter. Cost is $10 per person, payable that day.

Chili Cook-Off and Bingo Night! – Get ready for a night of food, fun, and friendly competition at Emmanuel's Chili Cook-Off and Bingo Night on Saturday, November 21, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in the gym! The evening begins with an hour of chili sampling, along with hot dogs, sides, and desserts, followed by Bingo for gift card prizes. Chili supper is $5 per person, and Bingo boards are $2 each or 3 for $5. This family-friendly event, sponsored by the Emmanuel Youth Group, supports the 2027 Servant Event to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. You can get involved by entering a chili in the competition using the QR code or donate a $10 gift card for Bingo prizes. Gift cards may be dropped off in the church office or at the Connections Counter on Sunday mornings.

Missions & Outreach

Diaper Donations – Please help LWM support Lutheran Social Services by donating diapers for families in need. Anyone in the congregation wishing to participate is invited to bring a package of diapers (sizes 4, 5, or 6) to the Emmanuel office by December 2. Your generosity will help provide an important resource to those served by Lutheran Social Services. Thank you so much for your support!

Christmas Giving Tree Update - Thank you for your amazing generosity! All of the Giving Tree tags have been selected, and we are grateful for the tremendous support shown by our Emmanuel family. If you would still like to contribute, cash donations are always welcome and will be used to provide additional food and paper products. Simply use the "Other" line on your offering envelope and mark it "Christmas Giving Tree." For those who took a tag, please return all unwrapped gifts with their tags securely attached by Monday, November 30, and consider joining us for our Wrapping Party on Friday, December 4, at 9:00 a.m. Thank you for helping make Christmas brighter for those in need!

Santa Shop for Washington Elementary School – Santa Shop offers students at Washington School the opportunity to "shop" for items that they can gift to family members for Christmas. The shop is seeking donations of $1 to $5 gift items, as well as gift bags in all sizes. Please bring your donation(s) to the church by Friday,

December 4. To sign up to help wrap gifts (Monday, December 14 – Thursday, December 17), please contact Diane Witzenman at 260.249.1307. Thank you for your support, kindness and generosity to Washington Elementary School!

Belize Mission Trip: The Beginning of an Exciting Partnership! – From November 14 – 21, Bret and Bonnie Walker will represent Emmanuel on a mission trip to Belize, serving alongside the Belize Mission Society and fellow LCMS congregations from Florida and Colorado. The team will serve the community of Seine Bight through a variety of ministries, outreach efforts, and service projects. More than a week of service, this trip marks the first step toward what we hope will become an ongoing partnership with the Belize Mission Society, paving the way for future mission trips involving more members of our Emmanuel family. Following the trip, Bret and Bonnie will share their experiences and help us explore future opportunities. Please keep the Walkers and the people of Belize in your prayers as we seek new ways to be a caring family sharing God's love and forgiveness around the world!

King's Community Outreach Christmas Food Distribution – Once again, Emmanuel is partnering with Rev. Lewis King and King's Community Outreach to help provide Christmas meals for families in our community. Last year, Emmanuel generously donated more than 1,000 cans of green beans! This year, we hope to collect 1,000 cans of green beans and 500 boxes of instant mashed potatoes. These donations may be dropped off in Ebenezer Hall throughout November. Volunteers are also welcome to help with the food distribution on Saturday, December 19, at 9:30 a.m., at McMillen Park Community Center. Thank you for helping share Christ's love with our neighbors this Christmas season!

Washington School is in need of winter coats ,gloves, hats, and pants for both boys and girls, sizes of 5 to12. Thank you for your generosity!

Wellspring's Child's Full Plate Initiative - For many local children, winter break means losing access to the breakfast and lunch they receive at school. Wellspring's Child's Full Plate initiative helps fill that gap by providing free boxes of nutritious, kid-friendly food that children can prepare themselves. Just $50 provides a box of food for one child, helping ensure they have meals throughout winter break. Please consider supporting this important ministry and helping make sure no child goes hungry this holiday season. Donations can be made online at Child's Full Plate or by mailing a check to Wellspring, 1316 Broadway, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

Shepherd's Hand Blessing Bags – This Thanksgiving season, you can help provide a complete holiday meal for a local family in need through **The Shepherd's Hand Blessing Bags**. A donation of **$25** supplies a family of four with Thanksgiving meal essentials, including canned turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, cranberries, gravy, cornbread mix, and brownie mix. Your support is a simple way to share Christ's love and bring hope to families in our community. Scan the QR code to donate. Thank you for helping make Thanksgiving a blessing for others!

Community Connections

The Forgotten Stones Art Show and Fundraising Event - You are invited to a special evening supporting The Forgotten Stones on Friday, November 20, at WunderKammer Company, 3412 Fairfield Avenue, Fort Wayne. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The evening will feature live painting, poetry, photography, an interactive exhibit highlighting The Forgotten Stones and its future expansion plans, a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, and dessert. A cash bar will also be available. Tickets may be purchased at the Forgotten Stones website. For questions, contact Brandi Schorey at Brandi.Schorey@anthem.com.

Bridge 20/30 is a Christian group for adults in their 20s and 30s focused on building community, friendships, faith, and fellowship through social events, devotion, and activities throughout the Fort Wayne area. New participants are always welcome! The next event is on November 17: Thanks & Giving - Project 216 Service Project (3020 Congressional Parkway). Help pack meals to fight hunger, followed by fellowship at 2 Toms Brewing Company!

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: $2,030,115	Anticipated Need Through November: $2,199,305

DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: $360	Year to Date: $12,805

CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: $90	Year to Date: $4,667

IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: $7,005,959	Mortgage Balance: $455,770	Total Cost* $7,479,993

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

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, November 16
6:30 a.m. Clay & Iron Weekly Devotion
5:30 p.m. Lifelight Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. WC Neighborhood Association Meeting

Tuesday, November 17
11:00 a.m. Lunch Bunch
3:30 p.m. Lifelight
5:00 p.m. Stephen Leaders
6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 18
6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion
9:30 a.m. ESM Preschool Chapel
10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Communion Service
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 19
Preschool Grandparent's Day
8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
3:30 p.m. Food Pantry
5:00 p.m. Junior Chorale Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

Friday, November 20
ESM Grandparent's Day
6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:15 a.m. Grandparent's Day Chapel
12:00 p.m. Grandparent's Day Chapel

Saturday, November 21
5:00 p.m. Divine Service
6:00 p.m. Chili Cook-Off/Bingo

Sunday, November 22
8:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service
12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting


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Talents to invest

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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