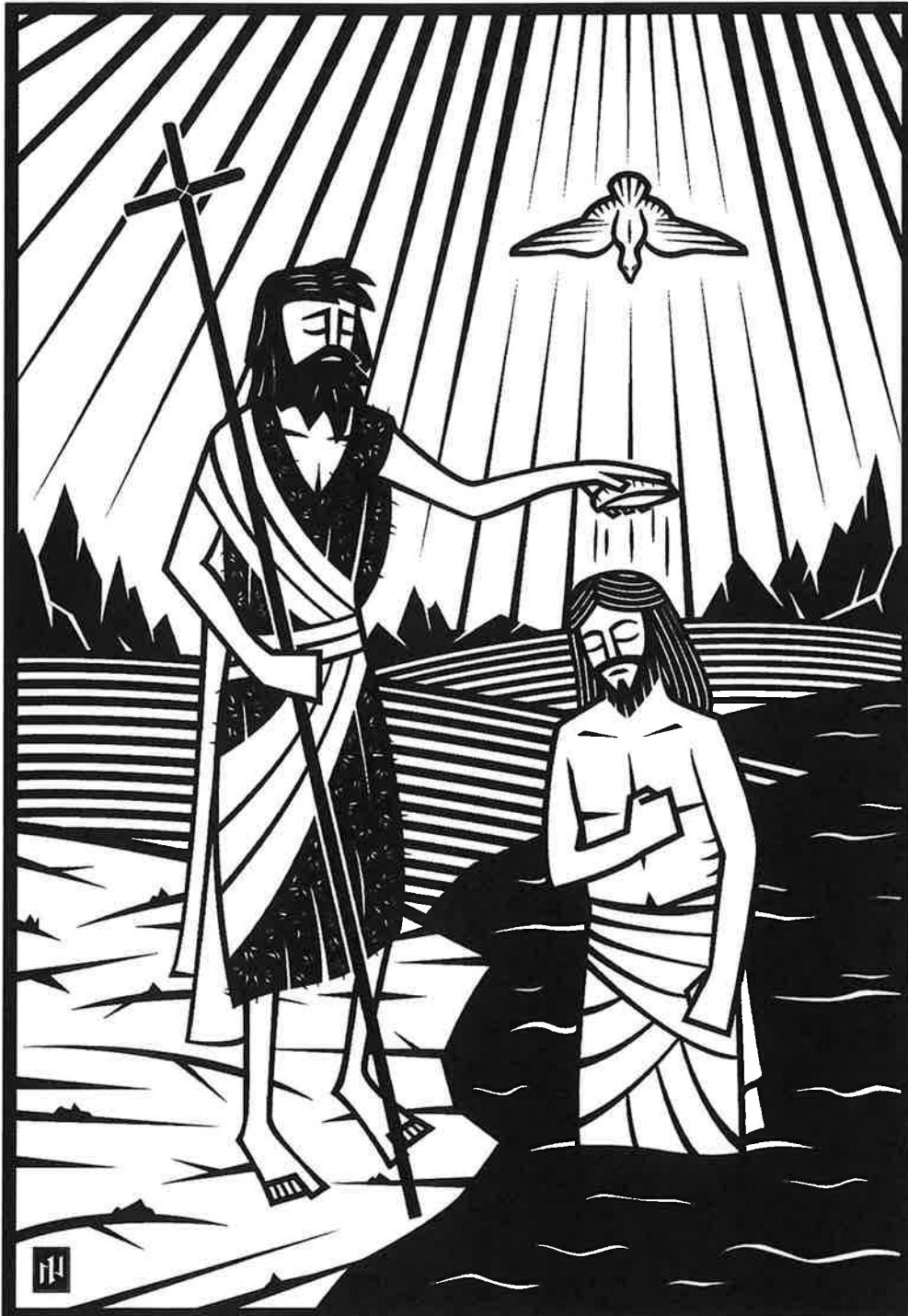


Divine Service at 10:30



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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Phone: 260/423-1369 Website: www.emmanuelutheran.org

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 to find seats and sharing information, we all play a role in embracing and welcoming guests to Emmanuel. Please look for new faces and extend a helping hand whenever possible. Also, 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. 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.

“Baptized into His Death”

AS WE GATHER

In Baptism, God joined us to the Cross of Jesus Christ where the punishment for our sin was dispersed and our sin died...and this death to sin changes us! Paul says, “We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So, you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.” These words tell us that, in Baptism, we have died with Christ, and in Christ, we have been and will be raised to life as a new person.

+ 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 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 PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN: “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

Hymn 594

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 BAPTISM OF: Alaska Grace Bohrer

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: Alaska Grace Bohrer

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, Alaska, the Lord bless you in all your ways from this time forth and even forevermore.

People: Amen.

THE BAPTISMAL HYMN: "See this Wonder in the Making"

Hymn 593

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 forgiveness of sins, 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 GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: (Congregation sings)



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

THE COLLECT

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are

mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. ⁵Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. ⁶I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Please stand as you are able)

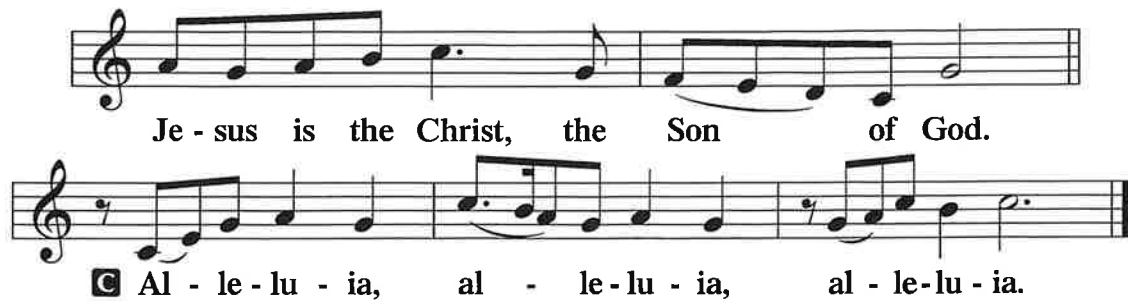
THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE



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



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



THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-22

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

THE SERMON HYMN: "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"
(Choir sings verses 3 and 5)

Hymn 405

(Please be seated)

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 OFFERING: "This Is My Beloved Son"

Choir

(Please stand as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Gracious and merciful God, as the heavens were opened at the Baptism of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, so You have opened the

very heavens to us as Your baptized people. Give to us the confidence of faith and the power of Your love that we may live as Your children even now amid the changes of this fallen world, ever rejoicing in Your constant mercy and grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant Your constant blessing upon Your whole Church. Give wisdom and confidence to all pastors and servants of Your Word and faithfulness and love to all Your people that Your truth may sound forth and prevail in our lives and through our service in the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Preserve our nation in the ways of righteousness and peace. Guide the leaders of all nations to pursue justice and peace. Guard and protect all who serve in the armed forces of our country and all who protect us in our land. Grant to all faithfulness in their service. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and help all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity. Have mercy on all to whom death draws near. Sustain and bless all who care for those who suffer. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 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: "In Christ Alone"



In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength my
 In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less
 There in the ground His bo-dy lay, Light of the world by dark-ness
 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in



song; This Cor-nerstone, this sol-id ground, firm through the fierc-est drought and
 babe! This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came to
 slain; Then, burst-ing forth in glo-rious day, up from the grave He rose_a
 me; From life's first cry to fi-nalbreath, Je-sus commands my des-ti



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings
 save. Till on that cross as Je-sus died, the wrath of God was sat-is
 gain! And as He stands in vic-to-ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er pluck me from His



cease. My Com-fort-er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I
 fied. For ev-'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I
 me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of
 hand; Till He re-turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll



stand.
 live.
 Christ.
 stand.

THE POSTLUDE

THE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Is. 62:1-5; 1 Cor. 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Elizabeth June Dennison and George and June Miller from family, and in loving memory of Merlyn Klaehn, William and Florence Klaehn from Mrs. Barbara Klaehn and family.

SERVING

Liturgist
 Organist

Pastor Dan Sheafer
 Jim Coe

Acolyte	Lucy Habecker
Altar Guild	Sharon Alfeld, Amy Kissinger, Carol Salge
Usher Crew 4	Thim Reed, Mike Shively, Ron Ahrens, Troy Hockemeyer, Dick Shively, Rob Stroupe, Owen Werth, David Wyss, Dave Behling
Closer	The Wentland Family
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 the family of Coralie Tiefel, 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.
 - We pray for Alaska Grace Bohrer on the occasion of her Baptism. We ask God to strengthen Alaska as she grows and to bless her parents, Troy and Courtney (Shell) Bohrer, and her sponsor, Mekayla Wheeler, as they raise and nurture Alaska in her Baptismal faith.
 - Pray for John Vaught and Jim Cotter whose mothers passed away. Ask God to comfort these families in their grief, give them His peace, and assure them of the victory over death that is ours through Christ.
 - Pray for strength, healing and comfort for Jennifer Bergman, Allen Herbst, Craig Brigman, Louise Bredemeyer, Grayson (grandson of Gary Curtis), Devin (friend of Sandy Behling), Cheri Maxwell, Sandy Reavis, Logan Ryan, Sue Maxson, Bob Fisher, Phyllis Tittman, Tom Wollman, Jerry Kanning and Kristy Fitzgerald.
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Greg Tackwell, Becca Bly, Kirsten Moravec, Anna Pennekamp, David Stauffer, Joe Woodward, Paisley Matson, Maxine Knipstein, Jan Karrick and Pam Matson.
 - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Carmen and Shellie (friends of Sandy Behling), Jenny Hobby (sister of Chris Murphy), Helen Meredith (sister of Jay Meredith), Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Carolyn Robison (sister of Sandy Reavis and Patty Rouse), Mary Chapman (wife of Charlie Chapman), Richard Vargas (brother-in-law of Kris Tinsley), Benjamin Galiher (grandson of Dan and Judy May), Carolyn Shelton, Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith), and Christie Wentland (sister-in-law of Aaron & Cara Wentland).
 - Pray for Sierra Dawson (granddaughter of Sandy Nahrwold) for peace and protection during her high-risk pregnancy

- Pray for strength and healing for Waylon Berghoff (great-nephew of Mark and Michelle Walters) and peace for his parents, Bradley and Jessica.
- Pray for strength and peace for Mary English (friend of Sharon Bell).
- Pray for all who struggle with the ongoing impact of the pandemic.
- Pray for all health care workers as they care for patients and residents.
- Join our staff in praying for the following members this week:
 - Lisa Curry
 - Gary Curtis
 - Derald and Alberta Dafforn
 - Lance Dafforn
 - Chris and Cierra Dagle, Reagan
 - Craig and Kris Dahlkamp, Caleb and Ellie
 - Dustin and Megan Daniels, Callaway, Camdyn and Caroline
 - Chris Darby
 - Rosa Lee Darnall
 - Cathy Davis
- Please pray for the missions and missionaries currently supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
 - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Nuendorf - 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
Gospel of Luke	Ebenezer Hall, LL	12/5-2/20	Rev. Tietz
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall	1/9-4/3	Various
Households of Faith	Choir Room	1/9-2/20	Rev. May

Sunday School Classes 9:15 - 10:15 A.M.

CLASS	LOCATION
Me Too (Birth - Age 2)	Room 7 (Lower Level, School)

3-5 Year Olds	Room 6 (Lower Level, School)
K-2 nd Grade	Room 105 (Middle Level, School)
3 rd -5 th Grade	Room 104 (Middle Level, School)
6 th Grade Confirmation	Room 202 (Third Floor, School)
7 th Grade Confirmation	Room 4 (Lower Level, School)
8 th Grade Confirmation	Activity Center (Upper Level, School)
9 th -12 th Grade	The Loft

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Women's Book Study	The Loft	Mondays	9:00 am
LifeLight (Resumes 1/10)	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	5:30 pm
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
Women's Bible Study on Acts	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays	8:30 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

Attention, Euchre Players! On Saturday, January 29 from 6-8:00 p.m., Emmanuel's Fort Wayne Young Adults group will host a euchre tournament in the gymnasium. Participants may enter individually or with a partner. Admission is \$10 per person. Money will be collected the night of the event and used to cover the cost of shipping care packages to Emmanuel's college students. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please sign up at the Connections Counter!

Over 60 Lunch Bunch - The January Over-60 Lunch Bunch gathering will take place Tuesday, January 18 and will feature Emmanuel members, Brent Haring, Director of Sales and Melissa Haring, Director of Video Productions for the Fort Wayne Tin Caps Baseball Team. They will share highlights from the 2021 season, and give updates on the upcoming 2022 season. Fellowship hour will begin at 11:00 a.m. with lunch served at noon, followed by our featured speakers at 12:45 p.m. Please make reservations by Friday, January 14, by signing up at the Connections Counter or by calling the church office at 423-1369. The meal cost is \$9.00 per person, payable on January 18.

ESM Principal Call Update - It is with great joy that we continue to pray for and with Dr. Benjamin Stellwagen as he considers the divine Call to serve as Principal at ESM. Ben was able to visit ESM over the Christmas break and meet with faculty, staff, and school leadership. He will return this coming week with his family. We look forward to welcoming his wife Laurie and children - Judah (7th grade), Annabelle (4th grade), Katya (Preschool) and Peter (1-year-old).

2022 Contribution Envelopes are available to pick up in Ebenezer Hall. If you have your contributions taken out electronically, you will not have envelopes. However, if you would like to have them, please see Becki in the church office. We also have contribution envelopes in the black "Friendship Folders" located in the church pews that you can use also. If you use the pew envelopes for your offering, please make sure to write your name on the front of the envelope. This information is needed in order to record your contribution to your giving record. Thank you for consideration.

ESM Kindergarten Info and 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 19 or February 16 for our Kindergarten Information and Enrollment session to get a clear picture of what ESM is all about. **LEARN MORE AND REGISTER** at www.esmeagles.com/enrollment/kindergarten-open-house.

ESM Preschool - 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 February 1 or February 3 for our Preschool Information and Enrollment sessions to get a clear picture of what ESM Preschool is all about. **LEARN MORE AND REGISTER** at www.esmeagles.com/earlychildhood/enrollment/early-childhood-open-house.

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Year to Date: \$16,365	Anticipated Need Thru January, 2022: \$137,471
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Last Week: \$410	Year to Date: \$410
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CUP OF KINDNESS

Last Week: \$175	Year to Date: \$175
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Pledged to Date: \$3,261,464	Campaign Goal: \$5,000,000
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The Calendar of the Church

Monday, January 10

- 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Caregiver's Support Group
- 5:30 p.m. LifeLight
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. West Central Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 11

- 5:00 p.m. Stephen Leaders
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Wednesday, January 12

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 7:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 8:30 a.m. School Chapel
- 8:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion Class
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Communion Service
- 6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, January 13

- 8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
- 9:00 a.m. Piece Makers

Friday, January 14

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

Saturday, January 15

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

Sunday, January 16

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Worship Service
- 9:00 a.m. Gathering Hour
- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Worship Service with Communion

Building Faith in the Family

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Jesus had a relative—maybe a distant cousin—by the name of John. (Remember how an angel told an old priest named Zechariah that he and his wife would have a miracle baby? That baby was John.) When he grew up, John went to live in the desert. He wanted to be alone and find out what God wanted him to do. God told him to preach. So John preached. Soon big crowds came to hear him. “God wants you to change your evil ways and turn to Him,” John told them. They listened, and lots of them believed him. John baptized them. He dipped them in the Jordan River to show how God washes away their sins and forgives them.

One day while John was preaching, a surprise person came to hear him. Find out who that person was and what surprising thing happened. Read Mark 1:4-11. Or watch a YouTube film: “The Story of Jesus’ Baptism”—<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88.IYcN2-FiQ>

Jesus didn’t need to be baptized and cleaned from sin because He never sinned. But He asked John to baptize Him because He loves us so much and wanted to be like us in every way—except sinning. Later, on the cross, Jesus paid for our sins and rose from the dead to show us the new life God promises us.



OUR BAPTISMS

When we are baptized, something amazing happens. We are washed clean, our sins are forgiven, and the Spirit of God comes to live inside us, to give us love and power. It's like we're born all over again—in God's family. And every day as we remember who we are (God's children), no matter how bad or angry or sad we've been, we know that God loves us and forgives us. After all, God's Son died to make us God's children. That is some miracle!

PICTURE REMINDERS (SYMBOLS) OF BAPTISM

Water reminds us of the water used in our Baptism—water to show how God is washing us clean from sin, water to remind us how God drowns the nasty parts of ourselves, water that reminds us to grow as new people in God's family.

A Dove reminds us that God's Holy Spirit comes to live in us to give us power and help us live as God's children. When Jesus was baptized, God's Holy Spirit appeared as a dove coming down from heaven.

A Cross reminds us of what Jesus did for us when He died to take away our sins and make us members of God's family.



OUR GODPARENTS (Sponsors) are to attend our Baptism if they can, pray for us, help teach us about God and how He wants us to live, and set examples of how to show love for God and for others. Here are some things *you* can do for your godparents.

- Talk about why your godparents were chosen and let them know the reasons.
- Pray for your godparents every night at bedtime.
- Send cards to your godparents, thanking them for all they've done, asking them how they are doing, and telling them about how you're doing.
- Do a new year's FaceTime or Zoom chat with your godparents and your family.

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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God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

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1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



treas - ures man - y? I have one worth
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -
 did re - lease me In a dear for -
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

See This Wonder in the Making

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1 See this won - der in the mak - ing: God Him -
2 Mir - a - cle each time it hap - pens As the
3 Far more ten - der than a moth - er, Far more
4 Here we bring a child of na - ture; Home we



self this child is tak - ing As a lamb safe in His
door to heav-en o - pens And the Fa - ther beams, "Be-
car - ing than a fa - ther, God, in - to Your arms we
take a newborn crea - ture, Now God's pre - cious son or



keep - ing, His to be, a - wake or sleep - ing.
lov - ed, Heir of gifts a king would cov - et!"
place *him/her/them*, With Your love and peace em - brace *him/her/them*.
daugh - ter, Born a - gain by Word and wa - ter.

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

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1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
 God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the
 tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
 voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
 Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.
 heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
 His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
 Anointed Christ in glorious sight
 As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
 To save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
 This man is Christ, our substitute!
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
 Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.