

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...



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.

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!

GATHERING TIME



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

EMMANUEL APP



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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

“Never Alone”

AS WE GATHER

It is not over. Easter is not over. Christ's mission is not over. Peace and pardon are not over. Even as we gather to commemorate the ascension of our Lord, nothing ends today. It is not as if Christ ascends to heaven and takes all His blessings with Him! This world remains forever marked by His grace and love. And now, reigning over all things, our ascended Lord intercedes for us at His Father's right hand. Christ remains present for us in His Word and Sacraments, and Christ's Body, the church, continues the joyful proclamation that Christ is risen, and indeed, He is coming again!

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: “Goodness of God”

I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

(Chorus)

All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With ev'ry breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God. (Chorus)

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You ev'rything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You ev'rything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. (Chorus)

I will sing of the goodness of God.

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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 CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (Psalm 141:1-2; Philippians 2:1-11)

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: O LORD, I call upon You; hasten to me!

People: Give ear to my voice when I call to You!

Leader: Let my prayer be counted as incense before You,

People: and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!

Leader: Blessed Lord God, King of the universe, You rule and reign over all things.

People: And yet, we arrogantly elevate ourselves above others and above You.

Leader: You sent Your Son, Jesus, as a model of humility, as a servant of all.

People: And yet, we neglect the needs of others and prioritize our interests above Yours.

Leader: Jesus became human like us in all respects.

People: And yet, we refuse to see others' struggles, withholding our affection and sympathy.

Leader: Christ offered Himself as our substitute, giving His very life for us.

People: And yet, we stubbornly and selfishly hoard our gifts from others and from You.

Leader: Now exalted above all things, it is at the name of Jesus that every knee should bow.

People: And yet, it's our heart's sinful condition to seek its own glory.

(Silence for reflection and confession)

Leader: We confess our sins:

People: Forgive our sins, O Lord. Make our ambitions model those of our Savior, Jesus, that our words and deeds might confess that He is Lord, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ, having all authority in heaven and on earth, has given Himself for you. Bearing the marks of His sacrifice in His own body, He has made a place for you in eternal glory, declaring your sins forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "In Christ Alone "

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

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

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

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

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(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized

with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

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 Dan Sheaffer

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

THE MINISTRY MINUTE

Karen Cultural Festival

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)"

When the enemy surrounds and my heart grows faint within,
When the darkness overwhelms and my fears are pressing in,

I will trust in You, O Lord, in the silence I will wait,
I will stand upon Your Word.

You're my solid rock and my salvation,
My steadfast hope that won't be shaken,
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.

You're my stronghold and my shield, in the midst of ev'ry threat,
Though the wicked never yield, they will vanish like a breath.
Yes, I know the outcome's sure, Satan's evil plans will fail,
In Your power I'm secure.

You're my solid rock and my salvation,
My steadfast hope that won't be shaken,
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.
You're my comfort when I feel forsaken,
My refuge and my sure foundation,
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.

This is love I can't explain, this is mercy unreserved,
Through Your sacrifice so great I have peace that's undeserved,
For the battle has been won, and I fear no shame or loss,
Now the sting of death is gone.

You're my solid rock and my salvation,
My steadfast hope that won't be shaken,
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.
You're my comfort when I feel forsaken,
My refuge and my sure foundation,
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.

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(Please stand, as you are able)
THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the Church, over which Christ is head, that God would give pastors and all church workers wisdom to hold fast to the message of repentance and the forgiveness of sins; and that He would open the ears of all who hear to rejoice in the fullness of Him who fills all in all, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For an increase of faith, knowledge and wisdom, that God would open our minds to understand the Scriptures and see Christ proclaimed throughout His Holy Word, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our homes, that God who established Jesus at His right hand would give Him as companion and consolation for those who live alone,

strengthen the love of husbands and wives, and bless parents and children as they gather around His Word, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the rulers, authorities, powers and dominions of this world, that mindful of Christ who reigns far above them, they might govern with wisdom and integrity, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those who despair of possessing forgiveness, that God would comfort them with the news that Christ is their High Priest forever, full of grace and life, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those who mourn, that our risen and ascended Lord would console them with the certainty of the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and 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 after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine 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 for 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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“Jesus”

There is a truth, older than the ages.
There is a promise of things yet to come.
There is One born for our salvation, Jesus.

There is a light, that overwhelms the darkness.
There is a kingdom that forever reigns.
There is freedom from the chains that bind us, Jesus, Jesus.

(Chorus)

Who walks on the waters, who speaks to the sea
Who stands in the fire beside me.
He roars like a lion, He bled as the Lamb.
He carries my healing in His hands, Jesus.

There is a name I call in times of trouble.
There is a song that comforts in the night.
There is a voice that calms the storm that rages.
He is Jesus, Jesus. (Chorus)

(Bridge)

Messiah, My Savior, there is power in Your name.
You're my rock and my Redeemer
There is power in Your name, in Your name.

You walk on the waters, You speak to the sea.
You stand in the fire beside me.
You roar like a lion, You bled as the Lamb.
You carry my healing in Your hands,
God, You walk on the waters, You speak to the sea.
You stand in the fire beside me.
You roar like a lion, You bled as the Lamb.
You carry my healing in Your hands, Jesus.

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THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: “Amen (Because He Lives)”

I believe in the Son. I believe in the Risen One.
I believe I overcome by the power of His blood.

Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives!
Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends,

because He lives!
I was dead in the grave. I was covered in sin and shame.
I heard mercy call my name. He rolled the stone away!

Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives!
Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone.
I know He holds my life, my future in His hands.

Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives!
Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends.
Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives!
Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends,
Because He lives; Because He lives.

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THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Num. 11:24-30; Ps. 25:1-15; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of the 42nd birthdays of Josh and Hellen Clenny, and of husband Robert Clenny, from Ilona Clenny and family; in loving memory of the birthday of Dolores Hurless, from her children Pam, Deb, and Lee; and in loving memory of Janet Pennell, from Michelle, Patrick, Ethan, and Isabel Madden.

USHERS/ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Lash and Catherine Peterson

COMMUNION: Tom McLaughlin

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 give thanks with Luke Starnes and Katie Paetz, as well as Nick Sorenson and Stephanie Cornyn, who were both united in marriage. 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 lives 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 Pam Carmichael (sister of Deb Percy), River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia

Williams, 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), Randi Gramling (cousin of Deb Percy), Stan Thompson, Deb Epperson, Faith Behling, Wayne McClure, LuAnn Reichhart (mom of Brent Reichhart), Cohen (grandson of Matt and Kim Benne), Michaela Procise, Melissa Henry (sister of Judy Huesner), Renee Bleke

- Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Nancy Wilkins (mother of Kristen Saurer), Nan Gotsch, Kathy Freimuth, Richard Cummins, Tim Didier, Lenore Perry
- 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, Peg Davis, 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), Tina Bennett, Dennis McFadden, Laura Herrick (Caroline Eber's niece), Art Klausmeier, 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
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - Ken and Laura Ehle
 - Robert and Megan Ehlerding, Callum
 - Jim Eifrid
 - Cathy Elkins
 - Jake and Audrey Elkins, Tyler and Tripp
 - James and Connie Elliott, Jacob
 - Taylor and Aly Ellis, Sawyer
 - Becki Elonzae
 - Marlene and Frederick Elrod
- 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 2026:
 Callaghan Miller Austin Hayward Calvin Chess Michael Flanagan
 Sean Flanagan Morgan Flanagan Mordecai Austin Theodore Vachon
 Emerson Ross Esther Burns Cameron Etzler

The Teaching of the Church

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

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

CLASS	LOCATION
Little Flock (Birth - Age 3)	School Room A5 (Extended Care)
4-5 Year Olds	School Room A3
K-1 st Grade	School Room A1
2 nd -3 rd Grade	School Room B3
4 th -5 th Grade	School Room B5
6 th -7 th Grade	School Room D2
8 th Grade	School Room D3 (Art/Science)
High School	Loft
Abiding in the Vine	Brandt Hall
Genesis	Sanctuary

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Clay & Iron Devotion	Brandt Hall	Monday	6:30 a.m.
LifeLight: Luke	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	3:30 p.m.
LifeLight: Luke	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	5:30 p.m.
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 a.m.
Women's Bible Study	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays	8:30 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
@917 (Ages 25-45)	Ebenezer Hall	Thursdays	7:00 p.m.
This Is Most Certainly Brew	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 a.m.

The News of the Church

L.A.M.B. - The Karen Cultural Festival will be held at Southwest Luther Church (5120 Homestead Rd.) on May 30, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m., with festivities from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. The Karen people are a tribe under persecution by the Burmese (Myanmar) Army. There will be Karen traditional music, dances, refugee stories, Burmese/Thai food and more. A promotional video about Soe Moe and Taylor Aung (LAMB Medical Deaconess) will be shown. Food can be purchased on the date or now at the Southwest church office. A special ticket sale will be held at Emmanuel on May 17 in Ebenezer Hall. Funds raised from this event will go towards supporting the ministry of Rev. Soe Moe, the first Burmese Lutheran pastor in North America, and the Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB). LAMB will also give out a gift to anyone who signs up as a LAMB donor or prayer warrior. Please come and see a unique part of God’s Kingdom.

Last Chance: Lost and Found Table – Several unclaimed items are still being held on the table down the steps leading to Ebenezer. Please take a moment to check the table and retrieve any belongings that may be yours. Any items left on the table after this Sunday, May 13, will be donated.

Farewell to Mrs. Latin – Join us in wishing Mrs. Keri Latin – Assistant Principal at ESM’s Getz campus – a warm farewell on May 31 at St. Michael at the 10:00 a.m. service with light refreshments to follow. Mrs. Latin has devoted herself fully to ESM in the years she has served. She will be a blessing to Suburban Bethlehem and missed here!

The Story Continues - Congregational Survey: As part of Emmanuel’s 2026 planning process, we are inviting members and regular attendees to complete a short congregational survey. We are grateful for the many signs of health and growth in the congregation, and we want an honest snapshot of where we are today so we can steward our resources wisely and thrive in the future. You are welcome to skip any question you don’t feel equipped to answer. This survey is also one tool among several, alongside listening sessions and personal conversations. Thank you for helping us listen well as The Story Continues. You can access the survey by scanning the QR code.



You Are Invited to join a listening session to share your ideas as part of our visioning process, “The Story Continues”. Please sign up at the Connections Counter and pick up a list of the questions we’ll be discussing. We will meet in LL Ebenezer on Wednesday, May 20, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible School at Emmanuel – June 22-26, 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

VBS Volunteers - Many hands are needed to help make VBS a success - games, crafts, snacks, tribe leaders, song leaders, acting...there is a role for everyone. Please use this QR code to sign-up to volunteer during the week of VBS. You can also check out the display in Ebenezer Hall for more information.



UPDATED: VBS Donations - Many supplies are also needed to help make VBS a success. If you would like to contribute, please check out our Amazon wish list using this QR code.

VBS Registration - Registration for VBS is now open. You can register using this QR code. All kids age 3 (potty-trained) through 5th grade (23-24 school year) can register as participants. If you have any VBS questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to Liz Bejot - LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org.



*Thank you to those that donated newspaper. At this time, we have all we need and are no longer accepting additional papers. Thank you!

Lunch Bunch (60+) - Our next Lunch Bunch is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19. Our special guest speaker will be Maizy King, the Director of Wellness at Lutheran Life Villages Residential Living. She will share a practical presentation on wellness, exercise, and fall prevention where we will learn simple strategies to improve strength, balance, and confidence in everyday movement, a huge factor in helping you stay independent, and active. We will gather at 11:00 a.m. in LL Ebenezer Hall for fellowship, followed by lunch at 12:00 p.m. Reservations are required by calling the church office at 260.423.1369 or by signing up at the Connections Counter by Friday, May 15th. The lunch cost is \$10.00.

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$868,448	Anticipated Need Through May: \$1,005,619
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$165	Year to Date: \$4,871
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$35	Year to Date: \$1,635
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,648,402	Mortgage Balance: \$839,840	Total Cost* \$7,454,921
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*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, May 18

6:30 a.m. Clay & Iron Weekly Devotions
3:30 p.m. Lifelight
5:30 p.m. Lifelight
6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice
7:00 p.m. WC Neighborhood Association Meeting

Tuesday, May 19

11:00 a.m. Lunch Bunch
5:00 p.m. GriefShare
6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Wednesday, May 20

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion
10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Communion Service
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. ESM Graduation

Thursday, May 21

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
3:30 p.m. Food Pantry
7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

Friday, May 22

ESM Early Dismissal
ESM Last Day of School K-8

Saturday, May 23

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Sunday, May 24

8:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service



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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