

CONFIRMED IN
FAITH

Welcome to Worship

Here are a few things we'd like you to know...

Guests in Worship—Each week, we have the opportunity to welcome new people to our fellowship. While ushers have the important job of helping guests find seats and sharing information, we all play a role in embracing and welcoming guests to Emmanuel. Please look for new faces, extend a helping hand whenever possible, and encourage guests to visit the **Connections Counter** in Ebenezer Hall.

Children in Worship—The presence of children at Emmanuel is a great blessing and the worship service can be a wonderful opportunity to teach them about God's love. Please bring children forward during the distribution of Holy Communion for a personal blessing, and help them to participate in the responses and prayers throughout the service. Age appropriate **Children's Bulletins** are available on the tables located at the back of the church. **Tot Bags** are located in the east and west rear entrances of the church. If a child becomes restless or disruptive during the service, a **Church Nursery** for children three years of age and younger is located in the lower level hall just down the stairs near the northwest entrance to the church. If you need help finding the Church Nursery, please ask one of our ushers who will gladly guide you.

Prayer Requests—If you have a prayer concern that you would like included in the worship service, please ask an usher for a prayer request card. You may drop the completed card into one of the boxes located at the back of the sanctuary or hand it to an usher.

Special Needs—We offer a number of aids designed to enhance your worship experience including a **Hearing Loop**, **Large Print Bulletins** and **Printed Copies of Today's Sermon**. If any of these items would be helpful to you, please ask one of our ushers who would be delighted to assist you.

The Gathering Time—Each Sunday, after the early service and before Sunday School and Bible Classes begin, we congregate in Ebenezer Hall for The Gathering Time. During this time, members and guests have the opportunity for fellowship together, while enjoying a beverage and donut.

Emmanuel App—The Emmanuel App is a wonderful tool for ministry and will put access to worship resources, devotional helps, congregational information, video announcements, as well as our church calendar at your fingertips. The Emmanuel App can be accessed by going to your app store and searching for "Emmanuel Fort Wayne." Search results will show you the app which features our logo.

The mission of Emmanuel is the mission Christ gave His Church when He said, "go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20). If you are interested in finding out more about Emmanuel, you can contact Pastor Eggold at taeggold@hotmail.com, or Pastor Sheaffer at pastordan@emmanuelutheran.org, or call either of us at (260) 423-1369. We would love to talk with you.

“Confirmation”

AS WE GATHER

Today, twenty-five young men and women from our congregation will confirm the gifts God bestowed upon them in their Baptisms. In their own voices, they will make confession of their faith and pledge to “suffer all, even death rather than fall away from it.” This dramatic vow seems impossible in a world that is so opposed to Christ and yet, this bold confession, spoken from sinful mouths, is given credence by the same God who creates, redeems and brings life from death. By the power of the Holy Spirit, the impossible has become possible and we can take heart and confess our faith with confidence because He is our Good Shepherd who calls us by name.

+ THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE I 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: “A Litany of Praise”

Ashdown

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

(As the church bells sound, please stand and face the processional cross)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “Lift High the Cross”

Hymn 837

THE INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:8-9).

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

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

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,

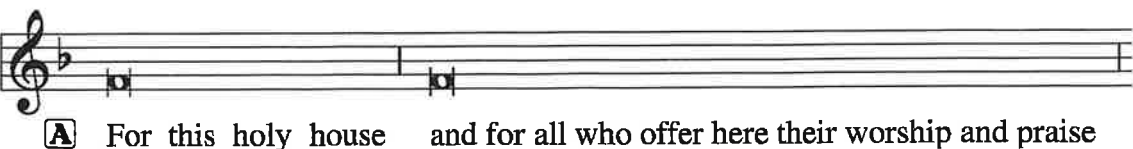
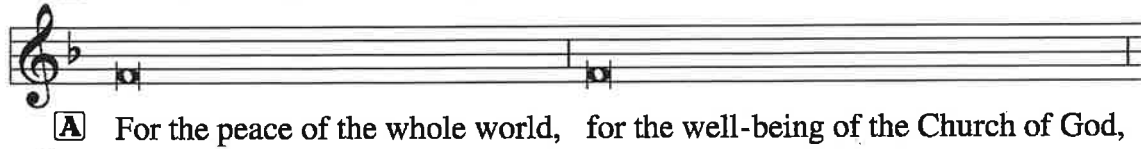
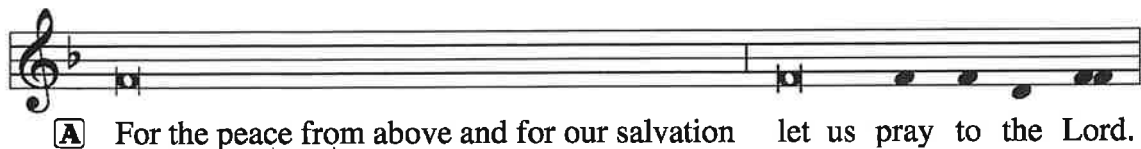
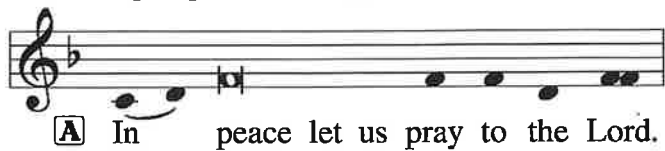
by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we 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. 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 responsively)

LSB, 152



let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: This Is the Feast

LSB, 155

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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: Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. ⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. ²And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. ⁵¹You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it." ⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷But they cried

out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," ⁸and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" ¹⁰Do you not

believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹²Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

Inside back cover of hymnal

(Please be seated)

THE SERMON HYMN: "The Church's One Foundation"

Hymn 644

THE SERMON

Pastor Dan Sheafer

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

During the offering, please take the binder, located at the end of each pew, and fill out the appropriate info. We encourage members to greet our visitors.

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: "Jesus is My Guide and Friend" by P. Bowman Choir
(Lyrics to the anthem are projected for your reflection during the Musical Offering)

+ THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION +

Pastor: Do you this day in the presence of God and of this Christian congregation, acknowledge the gifts that the Triune God bestowed upon you at your Baptism?

Confirmands: I do.

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and ways?

Confirmands: I renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways.

Pastor: What is your confession regarding the Triune God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Confirmands: 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: What do you believe concerning the Bible?

Confirmands: I believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, as holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. I also believe that the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church are a faithful and true explanation of God's Word.

Pastor: Do you intend with God's help to remain true to your confession of faith?

Confirmands: It is my intention, by God's grace, to continue steadfast in the confession of my faith in Jesus Christ and suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it. By the power of the Holy Spirit, I intend to continue to study God's Word, to frequently receive the Lord's Supper, to faithfully worship in the church, and to live a Christ-like life of love and service.

Pastor: Do you desire to be a communicant member of Emmanuel Lutheran Congregation?

Confirmands: I do so desire.

THE SOLEMN VOW OF THE PARENTS

Pastor: This promise that you have heard from the lips of your children needs your continued guidance and support. Therefore, I ask you, will you continue to guide and direct, support and encourage your child in word, in deed, and in example?

Parents: Yes, with the help of God.

THE SOLEMN VOW OF THE SPONSORS

Pastor: You were once chosen to serve as sponsors for these Confirmands when they were baptized. Through the years you have assisted the parents in bringing up their children in the Christian faith. We commend you for carrying out your responsibility. However, these young people need your continued support. Therefore, I ask you, will you continue to encourage, strengthen, and pray for these Confirmands that they may continue to grow in the Christian faith?

Sponsors: Yes, with the help of God.

THE SOLEMN VOW OF THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: The promises made by these children, parents, and sponsors, are difficult to fulfill. They need God's help and our prayers and

encouragement. Since the best encouragement is a good example, we all pray:

Congregation: Give us strength, O God, to set a good example for these Confirmands by using God's Word daily in our homes, worshipping regularly, and receiving Holy Communion frequently. Give us Your power to live a more Christ-like life. Amen.

THE BLESSING OF THE CONFIRMANDS

Pastor: We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Come forward now, receive the blessing of the Lord, and be welcomed into full communicant membership of Emmanuel Lutheran Congregation.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Evan Charles Richard Armstead

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. Psalm 139:14

Thomas J Bay

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. Psalm 46:10

Bryson Paul Berg

He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. Psalm 1:3

Samuel Jack Bible

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes. Romans 1:16

Caleb Ryan Bowland

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Naomi Geneva Bowland

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

Hannah Grace Bryan

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Caleb Mitchell Clapper

Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Isaac Henry Eggold

Truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there," and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you. Matthew 17:20

Ella Marie Faley

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Chloe Lynn Garay

Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Ruby Delilah Greider

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

Lucy Claire Habecker

I will lead the blind by a road they do not know, by paths they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I will do, and I will not forsake them. Isaiah 42:16

Sienna Katherine Kraft

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4

Quinn Morgan Lenwell

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7

Teaghan Leigh McGuire

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

Thomas Michael Milholland

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." Romans 1:17

Naomi Jane Pennekamp

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9

Kyra Ann Rodgers

God is our refuge and strength, and ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

Ian Joshua St. John

My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. John 10:27-28

Judah Benjamin Stellwagen

Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Oliver Joseph Stout

For by grace you have been saved through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

Stephan Alexander Taylor

Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Amaya Marie Tietz

But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:31

Jax Walker Witzigreuter

Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

(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. Heavenly Father, through the power of Christ's resurrection You adopt all who believe in Him. Receive us as Your newborn children and nourish our faith through the pure spiritual milk of Your Word, that we may dwell in Your presence forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord God, You have promised to build up Your Church to be a holy priesthood, that Your people might offer spiritual sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving acceptable to You. Bless Your Church, and bring all congregations together. Bless all pastors who proclaim Christ to us. Bless church workers and those preparing for full-time church vocations, that we may be supplied with faithful leaders and servants of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, build up the households of Your people, that Your holy children, begotten in Baptism, may grow in Your grace and share together in Your forgiveness and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy God, Your power brought all things into being and still preserves what You have made. Bless our president, the Congress of these United States, our governor, and all elected and appointed civil servants. Lead them to honor You and Your purpose, establishing order and justice, encouraging virtue, and protecting all life. Give them wisdom and moderation to lead for the well-being of the nation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Merciful heavenly Father, for the sake of Your dear Son, who has restored all things by His cross, grant healing, comfort, deliverance and peace to those in need. Bless the sick, the sorrowing, the anxious,

the fearful, the homebound, the homeless, the dying and all who have requested our prayers. At the last, give them entrance into Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Amen.

+ THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION +

THE PREFACE: (Spoken responsively by the Congregation)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

THE SANCTUS (Congregation sings)

LSB, 161

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

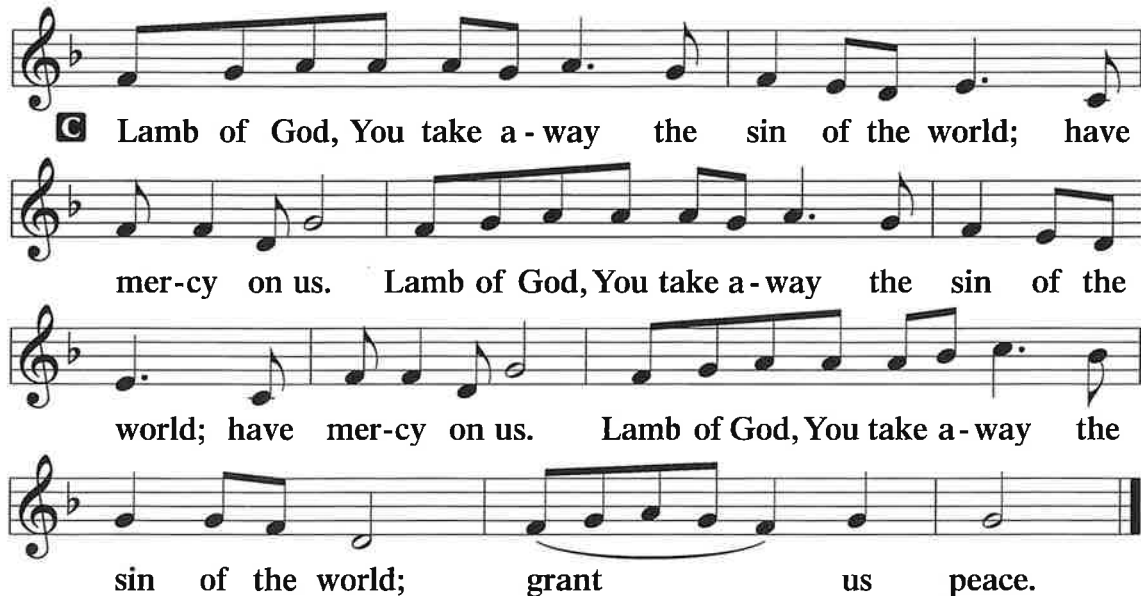
THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI (Congregation sings)

LSB, 163



☐ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (The confirmands will be served as a class and the congregation will be served by stations)

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

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Father, Son, And Holy Ghost"

"What Is This Bread"

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

"Shepherd of Tender Youth"

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

Choir

Hymn 629

Hymn 809

Hymn 864

Hymn 611

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE DISMISSAL

THE POST COMMUNION COLLECT

Leader: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

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: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

Hymn 922

THE POSTLUDE: "Toccata in G"

Eliot

THE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Acts 17:16-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar today were given in loving memory of Russell and Imogene Schweyer from their daughter, Kathy Schweyer; and in loving memory of her parents, Jerry and Sharon Snyder from Susie Schweyer.

SERVING

Liturgists

Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

Organist

Myra Schmidt

Processional

Henry, Lincoln and Owen Stout

Acolyte

Foster Armstead

Closer

Jim Wudy

Usher Crew 5

Steve Herman, Luke Bieberich, Jasper Downie, Andy

Communion	Freimuth, Isaiah Freimuth, Arlan Hogan, Dave Huffman,
Altar Guild	Larry Linnemeier, Rick Linnemeier, Brent Ostermeyer
	Dave Smith, George Lin, Dennis McFadden, Herb Schumm
	Barb Klaehn, Marcia Hines, Marsha Sappenfield, Susie
	Klausmeier, Ellen Buuck, Michele Wedeven
Audio Engineer	Chris Darby

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 Martha Jirah Williams on the occasion of her Baptism. We ask God to strengthen Martha as she grows and to bless her parents, Wesly and Beth (Ahlers) Williams and her sponsors, Billy and Britney Hofman, as they raise and nurture Martha in her Baptismal faith.
 - Pray for safe travels for the ESM 8th Graders and chaperones during their travels this week to Washington D.C.
 - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Cheryl Smith, Phyllis Tittman, Dick Reinking, Bertha Jackson (mother of Kris Tinsley), Joy (friend of Emmanuel Lutheran Church), Ellie Dahlkamp, Ed Braun, Alycia Merkler, Cheryl Huesner, Marcille Burtch, Dottie Coppolino (sister of Sherry Baker), Jerry Kanning, Ray Behling (Father of David Behling), Vickie Tufley (sister of Judy Huesner), Maury Springer, Taylor Hogan (son of Arlan and Robin Hogan), Curt Rees (brother-in-law of Sandra Nahrwold), David Merkler, Kristy Fitzgerald.
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Darlene Lankenau, Peg Buuck, Faith Harless, Carolyn Banta, Stan Payne, Kathy Schweyer, Carson Hall, Peg McFadden, Gillian Vachon, Troy Sargent.
 - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Ed Terry, Rob Howe, Tom Weick, Judi Brunow, Angela Osborn, Jamie McConnell, Beth Woodward, Tom Eggold, Lois Howe (aunt of Bob Frye), Jenny Hobby (sister of Chris Murphy), Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), and Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith).
- Join our staff in praying for the following members this week:
 - Ben and Laurie Stellwagen, Annabelle, Judah, Katya and Peter
 - Russ and Amy Stephens, Abbey, Alison, Ashley and Ryan
 - Brian Steup and Brandon
 - Dave and Melissa Stocking, Elyse
 - Lori Stockman, Shane and Trey

- Jim Stoll
- Bernie and Christy Stone, Alyx and Samantha
- Spencer and Lauren Storie
- Bryan and Melissa Stout, Henry, Lincoln, Oliver and Owen
- Cole and Emily Strader, Archer and Scout
- Please pray for the missions supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
 - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf - Ponce, Puerto Rico
 - Rev. Aaron Spratt - Alaska Mission for Christ
 - Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)
 - Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
 - The Lutheran Heritage Foundation
 - Luther Academy
 - Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM)
 - Lutherans For Life (LFL)
 - 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.

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

CLASS	LOCATION
Little Flock (Birth - Age 2)	Room 5 (Lower Level, School)
3-5 Year Olds	Room 6 (Lower Level, School)
K-1 st Grade	Room 7 (Lower Level, School)
2 nd -3 rd Grade	Room 4 (Lower Level, School)
4 th -5 th Grade	Room 3 (Lower Level, School)
6 th Grade Confirmation	D1 (Top Floor, School)
7 th Grade Confirmation	D2 (Top Floor, School)
8 th Grade Confirmation	Ebenezer, Lower Level
9 th -12 th Grade	The Loft

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

CLASS	LOCATION	DATES	INSTRUCTOR
Sunday School for Grown Ups	Mrs. Frerking's Rm (Top floor, School)	4-16-5/21	Pr. Mark Sheaffer
Life in Two Kingdoms: How God Take Care of Us	Sanctuary	4/16-5/21	Rev. Dr. MacKenzie
The Bible in 5 Hours	Mr. Staub's Rm (Top floor, School)	4/16-5/21	Rev. Dr. Tietz

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
FWYA (Ft. Wayne Young Adult) Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Sundays	6:00 pm
Women's Book Study	The Loft	Mondays	8:30 am
LifeLight – Gospel of Matthew	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	5:30 pm
Women's Book Study (Beth Williams 402-803-5303)	Ebenezer Hall	Tuesdays (1 st & 3 rd)	7:30 pm
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 am
Women's Bible Study on Luke	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays	8:45 am
Homeschool Religion Class	Choir Room	Wednesdays	9:00 am
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	10:00 am
Men's Lectionary Study	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 am

The News of the Church

Emmanuel Lunch Bunch - The next Lunch Bunch activity for those around 60 or over is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16. Our special guest will be Beth Boatright, a representative of the Allen County Public Library, who will update us on current programs and provide an overview of specific programs at this time. We gather for fellowship any time after 11:00 a.m. in the Lower Level of Ebenezer Hall. Lunch is served at noon at a cost of \$9.00, payable the day of the event. Deadline to sign up to attend is Friday, May 12. You can sign up for this event at the Connections Counter, or by calling the church office at 423-1369. Hope you can join us!

Calling Fort Wayne Poets and Performers - As part of our summer art festival, **BE NOT AFRAID, A Celebration of Faith**, Emmanuel Lutheran Church invites local poets and performers to submit a poem, short story, or dramatic reading to present in a Spoken Word Performance. These may be original or authored by someone else. In keeping with the festival's theme, presentations should reflect promises of hope and courage found throughout the Bible and in Christian tradition: *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God (Isaiah 41:10); I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20)*. Selections need not be specifically Christian, but should

express an assurance of courage and hope for a fearful world. Performances will be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes and will be presented from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 20, 2023.

Information and Submission Guidelines:

- Printed submissions plus key information—your name, title and author of submission, genre (poem, short story, dramatic reading), and performance time—must be submitted electronically by Sunday, July 9, to emmanuelspokenword23@gmail.com.
- Because of time constraints, performances will be limited to 3 minutes in length and one per person. A maximum of 15 submissions will be chosen.
- A jury of readers will review each entry on the basis of the quality of writing, how well it reflects the theme, and the length of performance time.
- Notification of acceptance for each entry will be provided by July 23, 2023.

For more information on Emmanuel's art festival, including this Spoken Word Performance, please check the home page of Emmanuel's website: <http://www.emmanuelutheran.org/> or our Facebook page: Emmanuel Lutheran Church - Building Faith in the City

Emmanuel's Visual Faith Ministry - You are invited to join us for our next Visual Faith Gathering on Saturday, May 20, 9:00 a.m.-Noon. Our project will be *Prayers For My...* where you will create a tool to help you pray for your spouse, children, grandchildren, teachers, students, friends, aunts, uncles, or anyone you would like to pray for. Your Visual Faith Team will supply all you need and some snacks too! We will meet in the gym so please use the Welcome Center door for entrance into the gym. Sign up at the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall by Sunday, May 14.

Calling Emmanuel Artists - You are invited to submit original work for a special juried art exhibition this summer. The exhibit, *Be Not Afraid*, will show work reflecting promises of hope and comfort that dispel fear. Promises found throughout the Bible and Christian tradition include:

- Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God (Isaiah 41:10).
- I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20).

Art need not be specifically ecclesiastical, but it should express an assurance of comfort and hope for a fearful world. Entries must be submitted in digital form by Sunday, July 9, to emmanuelartshow23@gmail.com. Entry forms are available at the Connection Counter, or by clicking the link in the weekly email. A jury of artists will review each piece on the basis of the art itself and how well it reflects the theme. Up to two works of art in any medium may be submitted, however, space limitations will determine the number and the size of accepted works. Notification of acceptance will be provided by July 22. Selected works will be included in the exhibit and, if the artist chooses, may be offered for sale.

Art will be displayed in Emmanuel's Ebenezer Hall from Sunday, August 6, through Sunday, September 10. Artists whose work is featured in the exhibit are invited to attend an opening reception from noon until 2:00 p.m. on August 6.

VBS with St. Michael's Lutheran Church - Due to the continued renovations at Emmanuel, we plan to join St. Michael's for their VBS on June 26 through June 30. Links to register your child and to sign up to help are available in the weekly email from the pastors.

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$662,887	Anticipated Need Thru April, 2023: \$639,095
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$202	Year to Date: \$5,821
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$140	Year to Date: \$2,505
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

Received: \$2,905,936	Projected Cost: \$6,966,818
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The Calendar of the Church

Monday, May 8

1:00 p.m. Caregivers' Support Group

5:00 p.m. LifeLight

7:00 p.m. West Central Board Meeting

7:00 p.m. Mission Task Force Meeting

Tuesday, May 9

5:00 p.m. Stephen Leaders

6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Wednesday, May 10

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
7:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting
8:30 a.m. ESM Chapel
8:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Home School Religion
9:00 a.m. Wednesday Playgroup
10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Grief Share
11:30 a.m. Communion Service
1:00 p.m. Grief Share
6:00 p.m. First Impressions Meeting

Thursday, May 11

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
8:45 a.m. New Construction Meeting
9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
11:00 a.m. EYG Grub and Gab at CLHS

Friday, May 12

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Lutherans For Life

Saturday, May 13

3:30 p.m. Praise Team
5:00 p.m. Divine Worship Service

Sunday, May 14

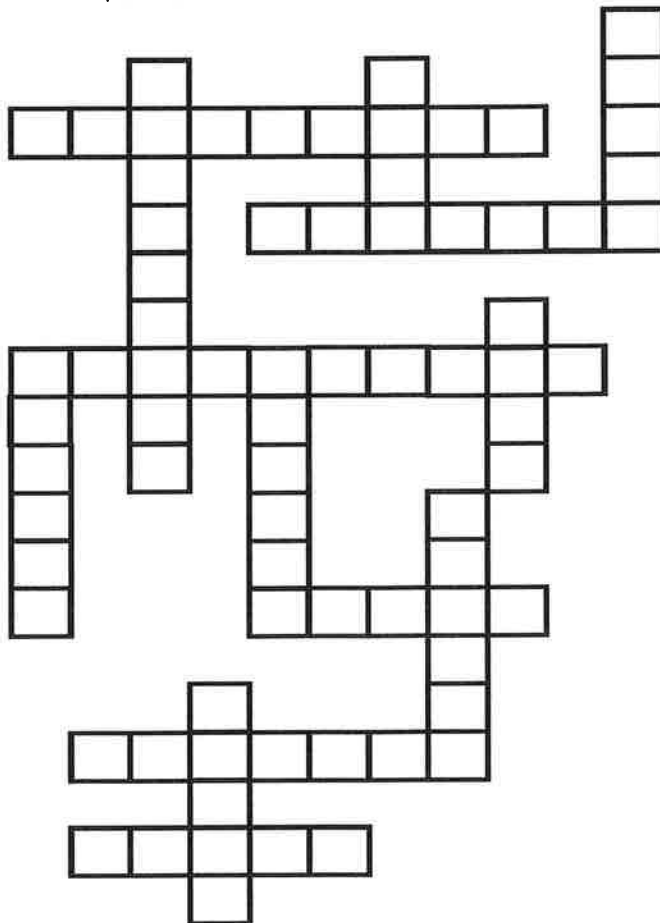
8:00 a.m. Divine Worship Service with Communion
9:00 a.m. Gathering Time in Ebenezer Hall
9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Divine Worship Service
6:00 p.m. FWYA Bible Study

What was my favorite part of church today?



How can I use this in my life?

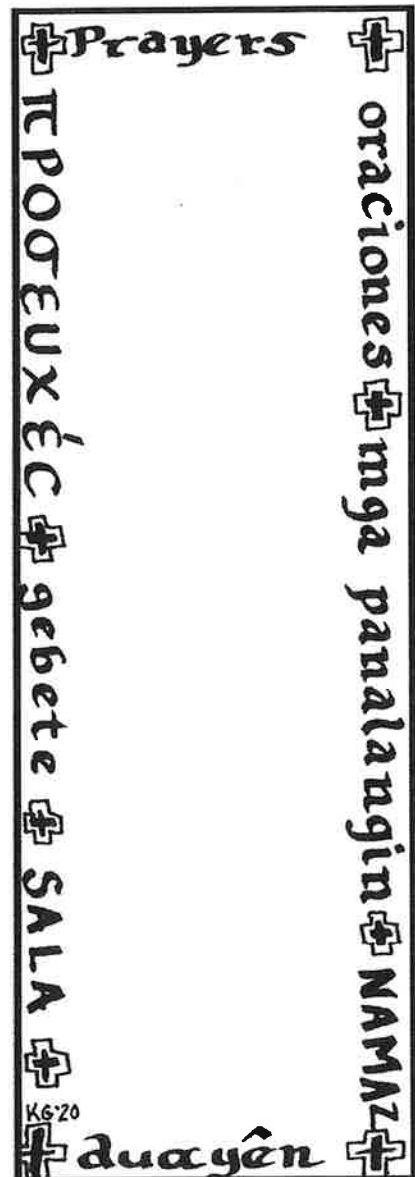
Fill-In Word puzzle



PRIESTHOOD
SALVATION
GLORIFIED
PREPARE
BELIEVE

PRAYER
FATHER
SPIRIT
GLORY
TRUTH

MERCY
STONE
WORD
LIFE



This Visual Faith resource is designed to help visual and tactile learners take worship into the week. You can find more Visual Faith resources at <https://www.visualfaithmin.org>.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Building faith in the city

We are a caring family of baptized Christians bound together in the forgiveness which God has provided all people through His Son.

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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Lift High the Cross

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Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till

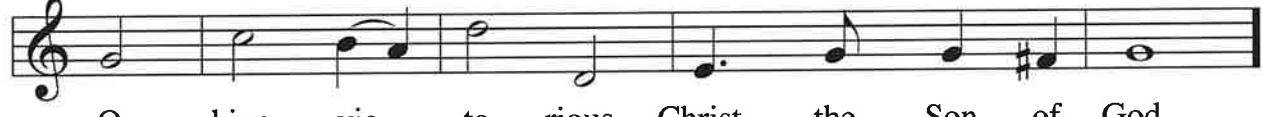


all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,
 2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,
 3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied
 4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,

Refrain



Our king vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 The hosts of God in con-qu'ring ranks com-bine.
 Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
 As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
 Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
 Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

The Church's One Foundation

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1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis-tressed,
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
 With God, the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won.
 O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
 Lord, save us by Your grace
 That we, like saints before us,
 May see You face to face.

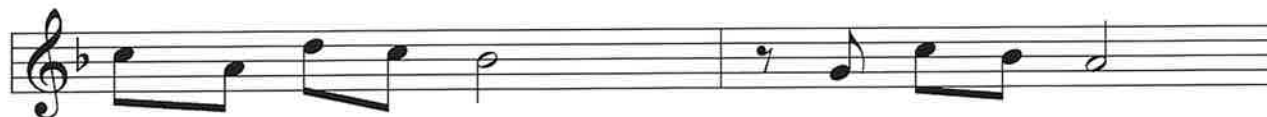
What Is This Bread

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1 What is this bread?
2 What is this wine?
3 So who am I,
4 Yet is God here?
5 Is this for me?

Christ's bod - y
The blood of
That I should
Oh, yes! By
I am for -



ris - en from the dead:
Je - sus shed for mine;
live and He should die
Word and prom - ise clear,
giv - en and set free!

This bread we break,
The cup of grace
Un - der the rod?
In mouth and soul
I do be - lieve



This life we take,
Brings His em - brace
My God, my God,
He makes us whole—
That I re - ceive

Was crushed to pay for our re -
Of life and love un - til I
Why have You not for - sak - en
Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
His ver - y bod - y and His



lease. O taste and see—
sing! O taste and see—
me? O taste and see—
meal. O taste and see—
blood. O taste and see—

the Lord is peace.
the Lord is King.
the Lord is free.
the Lord is real.
the Lord is good.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

Shepherd of Tender Youth

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1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in
 2 You are the ho - ly Lord, O all - sub -
 3 You are the great High Priest; You have pre -
 4 O ev - er be our guide, Our shep - herd,



love and truth Through de - vious ways; Christ, our tri -
 du - ing Word, Heal - er of strife. Your - self You
 pared the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our
 and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O



um - phant king, We come Your name to sing
 did a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace
 mor - tal pain None calls on You in vain;
 Christ of God, By Your en - dur - ing Word



And here our chil - dren bring To join Your praise.
 You so might save our race And give us life.
 Our plea do not dis - dain; Help from a - bove.
 Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.

5 So now, and till we die,
 Sound we Your praises high
 And joyful sing:
 Infants and all the throng,
 Who to the Church belong,
 Unite to swell the song
 To Christ, our king!

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Chief of Sinners Though I Be

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1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.

5 O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing 922



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.
 2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
 3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos-er to Me;
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy-ful and free. Here My
 I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.
 heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.
 Spir-it's pow-er filled you; Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.
 Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy-ful and free.
 Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.