

confirmation



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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RESTROOM

Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

“Confirmation”

AS WE GATHER

Today, twenty-one 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: “Lift High the Cross”

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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 \ast Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE KYRIE: (Congregation sings responsively)

LSB, 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

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, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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 10:34-48

Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." ⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

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: “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”
(Choir sings verses 2 & 4)

Hymn 594

THE SERMON

Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

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

Aaron Joseph Anderson

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Emmanuel Michael Anderson

I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5

Kristian Michael Beers

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

Leona Jo Dumford

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7

Victoria Katarzyna Frye

Rejoice not over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD will be a light to me. Micah 7:8

Rania S. Jaboori

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

Annalee Marie Kaiser

God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Psalm 46:5

Rebecca Ann Kiefer

For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I am the one who helps you." Isaiah 41:13

Paityn Jean Lackland

I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5

Aliyah Chazron Lovelace

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Haydenn Ashton Mitchell

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

Lucy Jean Moll

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

Addison Elaine Peterson

Let no one despise you for your youth, but set an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12

Claire Elizabeth Rich

“Do not let your adorning be external – the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear – but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious.” 1 Peter 3:3-4

Madelyn Eve Smith

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

Owen Daniel Smith

Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life. Revelation 2:10

Penny Sara Renee Starnes

“When 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.” Isaiah 43:2

Haley Nicole Terrell

Be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” Hebrews 13:5

Leah Deen Werth

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

Sophia Kay Whetstone

She is clothed in strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. Proverbs 31:25

Niko Marten Wudy

Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. Revelation 3:11

(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 all God's people that as branches of the vine, all sin and dead works would be pruned and cut off from them; and that drawing life from the Son, they would continually produce the fruits of faith and good works, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the Church on earth, that she would be protected from all false teaching and the spirit of the antichrist, and so always confess Christ and remain faithful to Him, our only true God, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all teachers and catechumens, that they would be guided in God's Word and ever increase in understanding, faith and love for Christ, the Lamb led to the slaughter in our place and risen from the dead, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our president and all in authority, that they may serve honorably and in accord with God's good order, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who bear the cross in suffering and affliction, that they would ever look to the Lord and so fix their hearts where true joy is found, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who come to God's feast of love, that they may worthily eat of Christ's body and blood, abiding in this love of God, and God in them, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Heavenly Father, You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Hear and answer our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, and Your saints shall bless You; 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 SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION +

THE PREFACE: (Spoken responsively by the Congregation)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

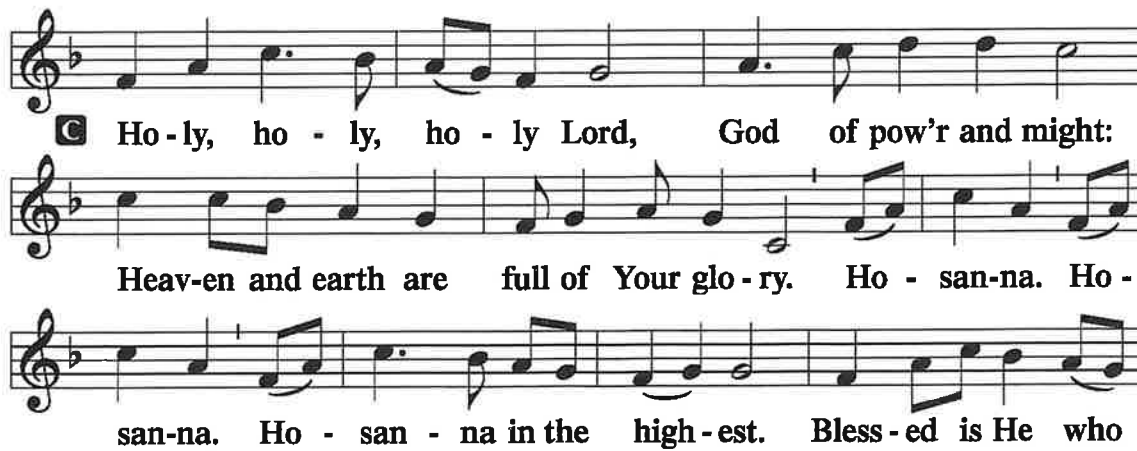
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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

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

THE SANCTUS (Congregation sings)

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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"	Choir
"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"	Hymn 637
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"	Hymn 770
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"	Hymn 686
"Christ Be My Leader"	Hymn 861

(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
(Choir sings verse 3)

THE POSTLUDE: "Joyful, Joyful" Costello

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Eph. 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

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; and in loving memory of Mary Willen, Mr. and Mrs, Otto C. Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis P. Willen from Chuck Willen and family.

SERVING

Liturgists	Pastor Dan Sheaffer
Organist	Myra Schmidt
Processional	Alex Beers, Owen Werth, Nick Starnes
Acolyte	Bobby Frye
Closer	Jim Wudy
Usher Crew 4	Thim Reed, Mike Shively, Ron Ahrens, Dave Behling, Christian Behling, Alden Greider, Troy Hockemeyer, Dick Shively, Rob Stroupe, David Wyss
Communion	Herb Schumm, Dan Smith, Drew Brown, Tim Burns
Altar Guild	Barb Klaehn, Marcia Hines, Marsha Sappenfield, Susie Klausmeier, 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 Judah William Bartkowiak on the occasion of his Baptism. We ask God to strengthen Judah as he grows and to bless his parents, Connor Bartkowiak and Amanda Lawson, and his sponsors, Alex Bartkowiak and Lisa Lawson, as they raise and nurture Judah in his Baptismal faith.
 - We give thanks with Kyle Thompson and Kylie Stapleton who were 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 life together and keep them always grounded in the faith that they may be a blessing to each other and to those around them.
 - Pray for the families of Jim Croxton, and of Jule Shively, as they mourn the passing of their loved ones. 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.
 - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Stan Payne, Marie Kanning, Larry Linnemeier, Janet Doege, Janet Yost, Keely Lowe, Steve Herman, River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Pat Yeiter, Jodie Karrick, Cheryl Parker, Gary Curtis, Parker Vachon, Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Colsen Gage (nephew of Annalissa Smith), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia Merkler, Deb Bryan (sister-in-law of Steve and Pam Bryan), Julie Harper, Dewey Senger, Dick Reinking, Ed

Braun, Dottie Coppolino (sister of Sherry Baker), Maury Springer, Curt Rees (brother-in-law of Sandra Nahrwold), David Merkler.

- Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Tim Imler, Angie Dean, Donna Cotter, Leah Nichols, Cindy Sakowicz, Susie Klausmeier, Mike Huesner, Sharon Springer, Elaine Ahrens.
- Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Betty Flenery (sister-in-law to Eric Richardson), Mary Grossjean, Gretchen Schilb, Jolene Rider, Gavin Wedeven, Peg Davis, Ashley Edge (niece of Barb and Gary Lesh), Barb Hambrock, Jeannine Felabom and Ruth Walters (friends of Janet Bircheff), Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Rod Teeple (cousin of Ruth Anne Teeple), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Jamie McConnell, Shelly Koenig (friend of Matt & Amy Konow), Karen Bickhardt (daughter of Janet Doege), Ronald Knepper (son of Janet Doege), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Angela Osborn, Beth Woodward, Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), and Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith).
- Join our staff in praying for the following members this week:
 - Mitch and Allison Green, Adrian, Francis, Sawyer and Skyler
 - Melissa Greener
 - Scott Greider, Alden, Avery, Emmett, Jude and Ruby
 - Zach and Becca Griffin
 - Terry and Karen Griffith
 - Mary Grosjean
 - Altermease Guy
 - Jeff Guy
 - Barry and Davonna Gynn, Conner
 - Mason and Kierstyn Gynn, Cooper and Jace
- 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
 - 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

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

CLASS	LOCATION	DATES	INSTRUCTOR
Sunday School for Grown Ups	School Rm C4	1/7-5/19	Pastor Mark Sheaffer
Lord, Teach Us to Pray	Brandt Hall	4/14-5/19	Wes Williams
"Clay & Iron: A Gathering for Men"	School Cafeteria	4/14-5/19	Discussion Based

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

CLASS	LOCATION
Little Flock (Birth - Age 2)	School Room A5 (Extended Care, Day)
3-5 Year Olds	School Room A3 (Miss Kanning's)
K-1 st Grade	School Room B3 (Mr. Eggold's)
2 nd -3 rd Grade	School Room B4 (Mrs. McCoy's)
4 th -5 th Grade	School Room B5 (Ms. Palmreuter's)
6 th -7 th Grade Confirmation	School Room A2 (Mrs. Malone's)
8 th Grade Confirmation	Ebenezer, Lower Level
High School	The Loft

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Women's Bible Study	The Loft	Every Other Monday	8:30 am
Mom's Bible Study	The Loft	Every Other Monday	8:30 am
LifeLight	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	5:30 pm
Bible Study & Fellowship (6:00pm fellowship, 7:00pm Bible Study)	Chapman's Brewing	Tuesdays	6:00 pm
Women's Bible Study	The Loft	1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays	7:30 pm
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 am
Women's Bible Study	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays	8:45 am
Pastor's Bible Study	Sanctuary	Wednesdays	10:00 am
@917 Bible Study (Ages 25-45)	Ebenezer Hall	Thursdays	7:00 pm
Men's Lectionary Study	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 am

The News of the Church

Job Opening at Emmanuel - Emmanuel is seeking an Administrative Assistant. Primary responsibilities will include the production of weekly service bulletins and other congregational publications, assisting with routine clerical work, and maintaining all church records. Applicants must be highly organized and professional, have experience with the liturgy of the Lutheran Church, be

flexible, and be able to multi-task in a busy office setting, Proficiency in Microsoft Office and a variety of other web applications is also required. Interested parties should email their resumes to Becki Elonzae in the church office at becki@emmanuelutheran.org. References are requested.

Vacation Bible School at Emmanuel - June 10-14, 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.



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. Sticking with the Nazareth theme, we will create a Marketplace in the Gym. We will set up booths for the kiddos to visit each day of VBS. Each booth will require a canopy tent. We need at least 10 of these canopy tents. We are happy to borrow (please label them with your name) or



have them donated.

VBS Registration - Registration for VBS will open Wednesday, May You can register using this QR code. All kiddos age 3 (potty-trained) through 5th grade (23-24 school year) are able to 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 or 260-615-6493.



GAME ON -TRIVIA FOR SENIORS - GAME ON is free and open to anyone. This month's game is Trivia for SENIORS. It is called SENIORS because all questions/answers will come from the decades of the 1940's, 50's, 60's, and 70's. This will be a team event. It is strictly for fun and fellowship with a little food added in. GAME ON will be held on Tuesday, May 7, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall. To help with organizing, please register at the Connections Counter or call Diane (Etzler) Campbell @ 260-466-1079 and leave a message. Join us and bring a friend!

Family Fun Night at Emmanuel - Join us for Family Fun Night at Emmanuel on Tuesday, May 7, 6:00 p.m., in the gym. Enjoy an evening of free entertainment for all ages featuring Brent Vernon, a singer, songwriter, and ventriloquist. Experience his energetic mix of music, stories, and puppetry with hope-filled messages and good, clean fun. Don't miss out! We hope to see you there!

Visual Faith Ministry invites you to join us on Tuesday, May 7, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. as we explore another Visual Faith practice of "Worship into the Week."

The “Worship into the Week” practice is a way of taking the message and scripture that you hear in our worship service and carrying that home in a way that you can continue reflecting on and responding to that message throughout the week. If you are looking for a way to focus yourself more during worship and help yourself to remember what you heard in worship, give this Visual Faith practice a try! Please sign up at the Connections Counter!

Lunch Bunch - All of our seniors are encouraged to join us for our next Lunch Bunch activity on Tuesday, May 21, when we welcome our member and speaker, Heidi Adair, representing Beers, Maller, Backs, and Salin Law Offices. She will address what’s new in Indiana elder law and answer any questions you may have as it relates to elder legal issues. Join us for fellowship beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the lower level of Ebenezer Hall, followed by a delicious lunch served at noon at a cost of \$9.00, payable that day. Heidi will speak immediately following lunch. Please stop by the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall on the weekends, visit the Welcome Center during the week, or call the church office at 423-1369 by Friday, May 17 to sign up for this event.

ESM Openings - ESM is thankful for all the faculty and staff serving every day, including the faithful work of some who are being called to begin new opportunities. In addition to Mrs. Staub accepting a Call to teach social studies at CLHS, three individuals are retiring from their current roles: Mrs. Kuker as Union Instructional Aide, Mrs. Stradling as School Nurse, and Mrs. Wudy as Union Librarian. Praise the Lord for the many ways they have served at ESM and for the good plans God has for them!

With those openings, as well as addressing other ways to best fulfill our mission, please see below for different opportunities to serve alongside the incredible team at ESM for the 2024-2025 year! Contact the school office at 260-422-6712 to learn more or explore next steps.

- Middle School Teacher (7th Grade ELA)
- Part-Time Preschool Assistants
- Part-Time Elementary Aide
- PE Teacher/Athletic Director
- School Nurse
- Union Librarian

CLHS Sermon Report Forms - In case your Concordia High School student forgets to bring a “Growth in Worship” sermon report to church, we have extras at the Connections Counter.

Now Enrolling for 2024-25 School Year - Emmanuel—St. Michael School, in partnership with our congregations and families, is raising up the next generation of students who know the love of Christ and are prepared to serve Him in their families and communities. ESM is now accepting applications for

Preschool-8th grade. Schedule a visit today! Contact Erin Clark, Director of Admissions | 260-422-6712 | eclark@esmeagles.com | www.esmeagles.com.

Fine Arts Camp at St. Michael Lutheran Church - Drawing? Cooking? Singing? Bells? Creative Writing? Drama? Sewing? Painting? Fiber Arts? Murals? YES! All of this and more is part of St. Michael's first ever, all day Fine Arts Camp, June 24-28. FAC is open to students who have completed Kindergarten through Grade 8. Camp hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with before and after care availability. Registration deadline has been extended to MAY 20. If you are a HS teen looking for volunteer hours this summer and love to be creative, the teen crew at Fine Arts Camp is the place for you! Find out more and register at <https://stmfw.org/fineartscamp>.

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$679,248	Anticipated Need Thru May, 2024: \$850,996
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$200	Year to Date: \$4,079
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$85	Year to Date: \$2,273
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$4,732,418	Projected Cost: \$7,269,751
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The Calendar of the Church

Monday, May 6

- 3:30 p.m. LifeLight Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. LifeLight Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

Tuesday, May 7

- 10:00 a.m. Shively Visitation
- 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Jule Shively
- 1:00 p.m. GAME ON
- 6:00 p.m. Visual Faith
- 6:00 p.m. Family Fun Night
- 6:00 p.m. Fellowship and Bible Study at Chapman's Brewery
- 7:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, May 8

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

Thursday, May 9

- 8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
- 9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
- 1:00 p.m. LWML Service Project and Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Study

Friday, May 10

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Croxton Visitation
- 11:00 a.m. Funeral Service for Jim Croxton

Saturday, May 11

- 2:00 p.m. Wedding of Amy Anderson to Gerald Villagomes
- 3:30 p.m. Praise Team
- 5:00 p.m. Divine Worship Service

Sunday, May 12

- 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 Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Worship Service

Find Words from the Scripture Readings

H F J Z E O B P F D
B U C U A U S Y C H
E B H X B R O E O E
D M I N E I P M M Y
L A L O L G L G M V
E R D R I B A A A I
M V R L V M F R N C
O E E D E C A C D T
S L N R S V V M M O
N O V E R C O M E R
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R Q Z M O D T P S V
U P Z B P C I B M Q
B M Z E J E S O E I
C C Z R T Z M R O M
L O V E M S O N G C
W L Z D S Z H L Z W

COMMANDMENTS	CHILDREN	POWER
REMEMBERED	OVERCOME	BORN
BURDENSOM	JUBILANT	SONG
FAVORITISM	BELIEVES	LOVE
MARVELOUS	VICTORY	

The Sacraments

Today we celebrated the Lord's Supper ...

Yes No

Today we had a baptism ...

Yes No

GOD
anointed
JESUS
OF
Nazareth
with the
HOLY
SPIRIT
and with
POWER

ACTS 10:38

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.

Church Staff

Thomas A. Eggold, Senior Pastor
Dan Sheafer, Associate Pastor
Lana Hille, Dir. of Congregational Care
Sarah Pennekamp, Dir. of Discipleship
& Youth Ministry
Liz Bejot, Dir. of Children's Ministry
Arthur Klausmeier, Pastor Emeritus
Gene Brunow, Pastoral Assistant
Dan Dahling, Pastoral Assistant
Dan May, Pastoral Assistant
Dennis McFadden, Pastoral Assistant
Herb Schumm, Pastoral Assistant

Mark Sheafer, Pastoral Assistant
Ryan Tietz, Pastoral Assistant
Craig Dahlkamp, Worship Director
Myra Schmidt, Lead Organist
Dick Shively, Business Manager
Becki Elonzae, Office Manager
Randy Thompson, Maintenance Supervisor
Jennifer Tweedy, Secretary
Ezekiel Grabau, Seminary Fieldworker
RuthAnn Langness, Deaconess Fieldworker
Ryan Nichols, Seminary Fieldworker

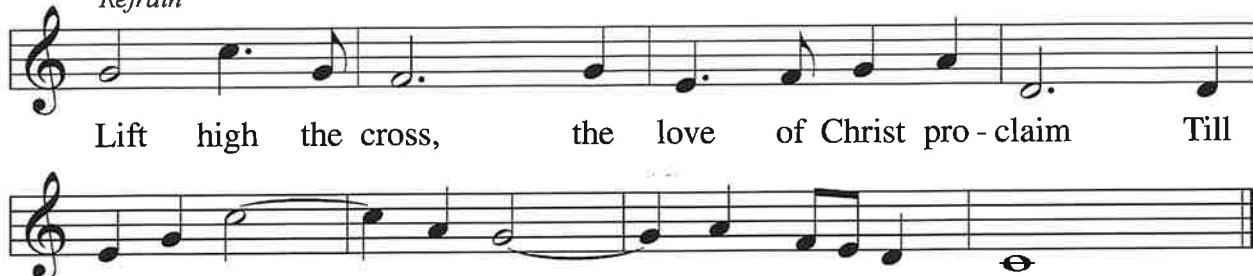
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Lift High the Cross

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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-phat 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

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!

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord 637



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

770



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 686



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

Christ Be My Leader

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1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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.