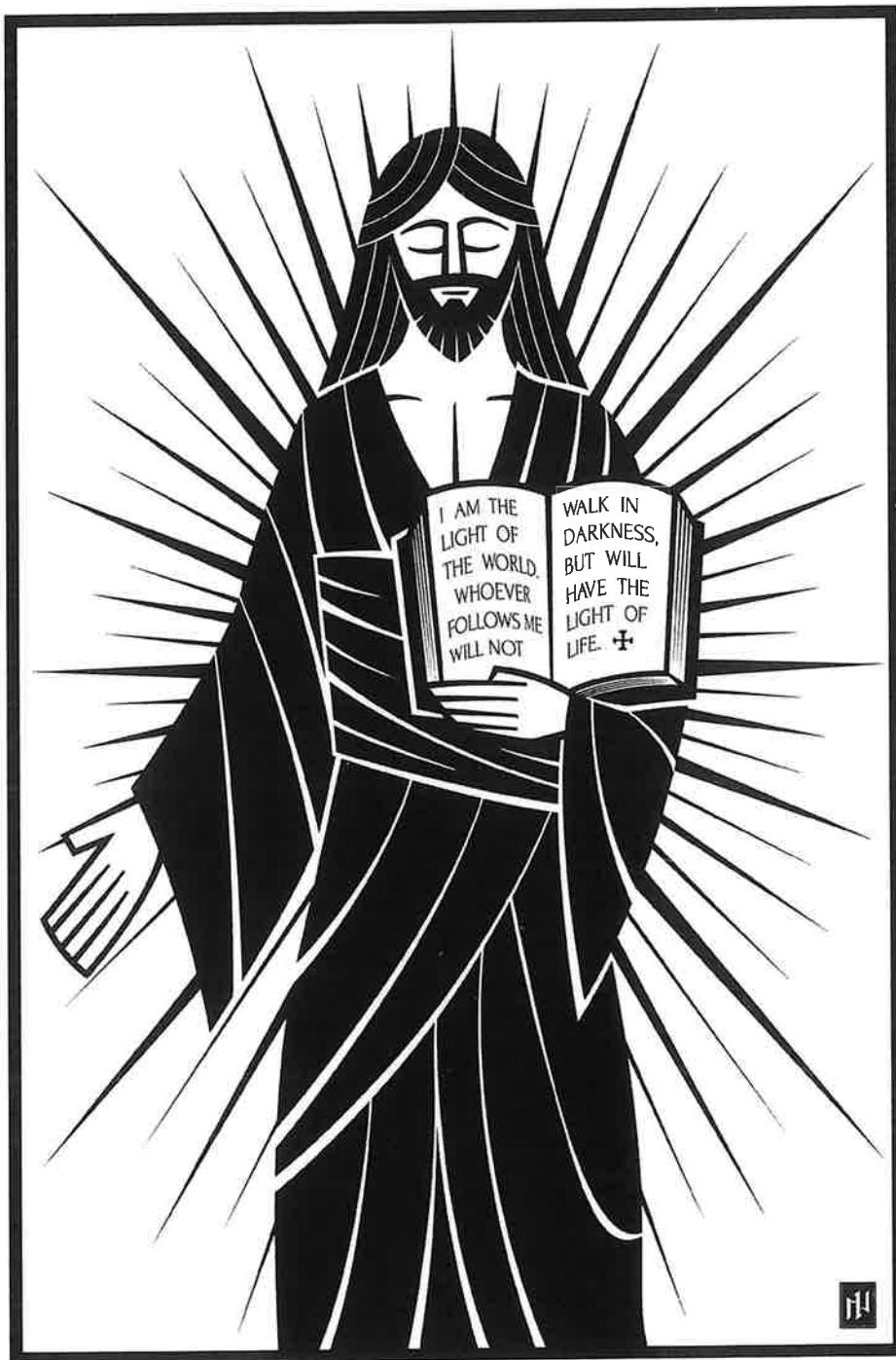


# Divine Service at 10:30



**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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



## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We are so happy you are here!



We've got tot bags and children's bulletins that are located in the east and west rear entrances of the church. Also, check out our Visual Faith page in the back of the bulletin.

Please feel free to bring your kids up during the distribution of Holy Communion for a personal blessing.

The unstaffed Church Nursery is available for children three years of age and younger and is located in the lower level. If you need help finding it, please ask one of our ushers who will gladly guide you.

## PRAYER REQUESTS



If you have a prayer request that you would like announced to the congregation, you will find a prayer request card on the tables located near each entrance into the sanctuary. Drop the completed card into one of the boxes located at each entrance, or simply hand it to an usher.

## CONNECTIONS COUNTER

Visit the Connections Counter located in Ebenezer Hall. We've been expecting you and have a gift for our visitors. You can also pick up information on all we have to offer and sign up for events too!



**BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY**

## SPECIAL NEEDS



We offer a hearing loop, large print bulletins and printed copies of today's sermon. If these would be helpful, please ask one of our ushers who would be delighted to assist you.

## GATHERING TIME



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

## EMMANUEL APP



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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.



# “Light Dawns on You”

## AS WE GATHER

The Epiphany season proclaims and celebrates the salvation of God coming into the world as a light shining in a dark place. Matthew quotes the prophet Isaiah predicting the dawning of that light into the darkness of unbelief, separation from God, sin, and “the shadow of death” (Matthew 4:16). That light was and is Jesus and His message: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (v. 17). This weekend, the light of Jesus and His message dawns on us.

## + 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 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: “Father, We Praise Thee”

Trapp

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN: “The People That in Darkness Sat”  
(Please stand for verse 6)

Hymn 412

THE PRESENTATION OF PRAYER REQUESTS

THE INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION 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 INTROIT

Psalm 22:27-31; antiphon: v. 22



I will tell of your name to my | brothers;\*  
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,\*  
and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore you.

For kingship belongs | to the LORD,\*  
and he rules over the | nations.

All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;\*  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one  
who could not keep him- | self alive.

Posterity shall | serve him;\*  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;  
they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet  
unborn,\*  
that he has | done it.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I will tell of your name to my | brothers;\*  
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you.

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 GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.  
**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:  
 We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.  
 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:  
 You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
 You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.  
 For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,  
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People:

**C** And al - so with you.

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:



(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Liz Bejot

THE SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.<sup>11</sup> For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers.<sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ."<sup>13</sup> Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?<sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,<sup>15</sup> so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name.<sup>16</sup> (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)<sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.<sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE CHORAL RESPONSE: "I Love to Tell the Story"

Choir

(Please stand as you are able)  
THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE

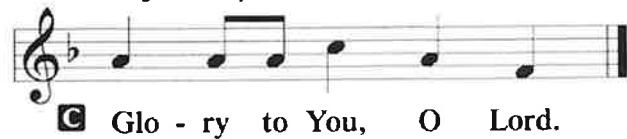


Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-25

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

People:

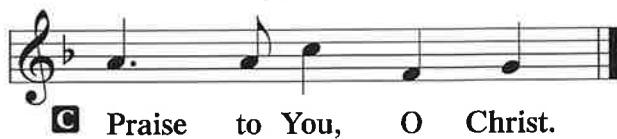


Glo-ry to You, O Lord.

When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. <sup>13</sup>And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup>“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— <sup>16</sup>the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” <sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>18</sup>While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. <sup>23</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. <sup>24</sup>So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. <sup>25</sup>And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (spoken together)

Inside back cover of hymnal

(Please be seated)

THE SERMON HYMN: "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"  
(Choir sings verse 3)

Hymn 839

THE SERMON

Pastor Dan Sheaffer

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Choir

THE INSTALLATION OF 2026 CHURCH LEADERS

(Please stand as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Lord of all nations, Your Son became flesh to enlighten a world darkened by sin with His grace. Visit us with His gifts of forgiveness and life, that our way may be glorious with His salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty Lord, Your Son's cross is folly to the world, but it is the source of repentance and forgiveness. Preserve the preaching of the cross in our midst, that from this life-giving tree we would continue to receive Your faith-preserving gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty God, You have called us to be united in the same mind and judgment in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Preserve us from divisions and quarreling, and fix our eyes on the Word of the cross. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son as the Savior of the world, that all the families of the nations might worship before You. Bless the families of this congregation with Your grace and protection, that they might remember You in both joy and trouble and worship before You forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy God, Your Son welcomed the sick, the afflicted and those oppressed by demons and healed them. Have mercy upon all whom we bring before you in prayer, and deliver them according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty God, the fame of Your Son spread everywhere as people witnessed His miracles and wonders. As He has wondrously saved us from sin and death, so open our mouths to speak of Him to all who will hear. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken together)

#### THE BENEDICTION

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People:   
C A - men.

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"      Hymn 849

THE POSTLUDE: "Old Hundredth"      Burkhardt

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Micah 6:1-8; Ps. 15, 1 Cor. 1:18-31; Matt. 5:1-12

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar today were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Hilda Wiehe from her family; and in loving memory of Jackie Springer and Helen Springer from Larry Springer and Shelly Springer.

#### SERVING

Liturgist	Brad Larson
Acolyte	Keodon Tucker
Organ	Myra Schmidt
Altar Guild	Harry and Donna Shook, Stan Ketzler, Amy Kissinger, Laura Jackson

Usher Crew 5	Jasper Downie, Arlan Hogan, Richie Cummins, Everett Cummins, Scott Everson, John Hoham, Dave Huffman, Ethan Kuhmichel, Caleb Layman, Brent Ostermeyer
Close	Scott Grieder
Audio	Ryan Springer

## The Prayers of the Church

### Prayer Requests

- Our congregation continues to care for one another through a faithful prayer ministry. Please pray for the following people this week:
  - Pray for the family of Dick Reinking, as they mourn the passing of their loved one. Ask God to comfort them in their grief, give them His peace, and assure them of the victory over death that is ours through Christ.
  - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Pam Carmichael (sister of Deb Percy), Steve Herman, River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Colsen Gage (nephew of Annalissa Smith), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia Williams, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie Kidwell (mother of Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Deb Percy, Ed Braun, Norv McClure, Janine (friend of Lauryn Longworth), Gracelynn Anderson (granddaughter of Tim and Cindy Anderson), Randi Gramling (cousin of Deb Percy), Stan Thompson, Deb Epperson, Salem Lee Hilty, Faith Behling, William Rush, Wayne McClure, LuAnn Reichhart (mom of Brent Reichhart), Cohen (grandson of Matt and Kim Benne), Lynn Auman (father of Kim Faley), Amanda Cornyn-Bradford (daughter of Mike and Aprel Cornyn), Michaela Procise (daughter of Renee Procise)
  - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Jan Reche, Anne Kelly, Wes Harless, Jim Layman, Bob Klausmeier, Jim Bennett, Amy Konow, Chuck Adams, Molly Keltsch, Larry Von Gunten, Dave Huffman
  - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Bonnie Havener (sister-in-law of George and Becki Elonzae), Karen Burtch (sister-in-law of Lori Richey), Amy Krontz (daughter-in-law of David and Karen Wyss), Mary Grosjean, Peg Davis, Ashley Edge (niece of Barb and Gary Lesh), Barb Hambrock, Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Shelly Koenig (friend of Matt & Amy Konow), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith), Tina Bennett, Dennis McFadden, Lisa Toth (Pepple), Laura Herrick (Caroline Eber's niece), Art Klausmeier, Roger Kuehnert, John Jennings (friend of Dave and Tammy Bair), Bruce Williams, Rob Roehm, Ann

Schwartz, Hazel Krenzke (Brian and Anna Snodgrass's niece), Robert Burmeister (Hannah Swor's dad), Roxanne Moore, Marsha Sappenfield, Jenny Nehrenz (niece of Charlene Hess), Rick Bair (brother of Dave and Tammy Bair), Gary Thompson (father of Carly Bennett)

- Prayers for PALS - PALS is a program in which Emmanuel members partner with Washington School students to build relationships and strengthen reading skills in a Christian environment. Each week we will pray for some of our Washington School PALS or helpers, and we encourage you to join us in the ministry. This week, we are praying for all our generous volunteers who help make this program happen.
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
  - Ed and Edna Braun Sr.
  - Deb Braun
  - Jim and Marge Braun
  - Charles Bredemeyer, Chloe
  - Jim and Angela Bredemeyer, Graham, Brent, Anissa and Alena
  - Steve and Sue Bredemeyer
  - CJ and Sara Brenner, Lily, Everly and Christopher
  - Marilyn Brenner
  - Nathan Bresler
  - Craig Brigman
- Please pray for the missions supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
  - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf - Ponce, Puerto Rico
  - Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)
  - Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
  - Heidi Wilkinson - Ethiopia
  - The Lutheran Heritage Foundation
  - Luther Academy
  - Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM)
  - Lutherans For Life (LFL)
  - Lutheran Bible Translators

If you have a prayer request that you would like to make known to our Emmanuel family, please email me at [taeggold@hotmail.com](mailto:taeggold@hotmail.com). If you would like to join the Emmanuel Prayer Chain, please email Marsha Sappenfield at [marshasappenfield@comcast.net](mailto: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 and Bible Class 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. (Starting January 4)

CLASS	LOCATION
Little Flock (Birth - Age 3)	School Room A5 (Extended Care)
4-5 Year Olds	School Room A3
K-1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	School Room A1
2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	School Room B3
4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	School Room B5
6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	School Room D2
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	School Room D3 (Art/Science)
High School	Loft
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall
Galatians	LL Ebenezer
Living Faithfully in a Fallen World	Sanctuary

## Adult Bible Classes

- **Lutheran Christianity** (January 4-March 29; Teachers - Eggold, Sheaffer, Hille; Location - Brandt Hall) is a class designed to help build a solid foundation in the core teachings of the Church and is offered to anyone interested in learning more about the Lutheran Christian faith or brush up on what they had learned at another point in their faith journey.
- **Galatians** (January 4-March 22; Teacher - Pastor Dennis McFadden; Location - LL Ebenezer) Join us for a 12-week study of St. Paul's letter to the Galatians. This letter has been called the "Magna Carta of Christian liberty," for it maintains that only through the grace of God received through faith in Jesus Christ can a person escape the curse of sin and of the law and live a new life, not in bondage or license, but in a genuine freedom of mind and spirit through the power of God.
- **Living Faithfully in a Fallen World: Being Lutheran after Luther's Death** (January 4 - February 8; Teacher - Pastor Larry Rast; Location - Sanctuary) We all know that Luther posted the 95 Theses in 1517—but what happened after that? This study will look at the latter part of Luther's life and then examine the enormous challenges the Lutheran church faced in the years following his death (1546) and when things finally (kind of) settled down in 1580. Over the weeks we will see how God keeps His promises to His church—even when His church struggles with the difficulties of living faithfully in a fallen world.

## Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Monday Morning Moms	Loft	Monday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
LifeLight: Luke	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	3:30 p.m.
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Study the Psalms	Chapman's	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 a.m.
Women's Bible Study	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays	8:30 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
Friends in the Word	Loft	Thursday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
Bible Study & Fellowship	Chapman's	Thursdays	6:00 p.m.
@917 (Ages 25-45)	Ebenezer Hall	Thursdays	7:00 p.m.
This Is Most Certainly Brew	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 a.m.

**Monday Morning Moms** - Hey, mama! We hope you'll join us every other Monday morning as we journey through the salvation story of the Old Testament using Chad Bird's book "Hitchhiking with the Prophets". Drop your kids off in LL Ebenezer with our amazing caregivers. Then, head upstairs to the Loft to enjoy fellowship, a cup of coffee, and study with other moms. The dates are: February 9 & 23, March 9 & 23, April 13 & 27, and May 11 from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Questions? Contact Liz Bejot - [LBejot@emmanuellutheran.org](mailto:LBejot@emmanuellutheran.org).

**Friends in the Word** meet every other Thursday morning, 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m., in the Loft. Here are the scheduled dates: January 29, February 12 and 26, March 12 and 26, April 16 and 30, and May 14. We hope to see you there!

## The News of the Church

**Emmanuel Food Pantry Drive** - For more than 17 years, Emmanuel's food bank has served families in our church and community, assisting an average of 40 families each month with food, personal hygiene items, and household supplies. The Food Pantry is open on the third Thursday of every month, from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. It is supported almost entirely by donations and volunteers and currently requires \$16,000 in monetary support each year. During February, we invite you to help support this ministry by donating non-expired food, hygiene, or cleaning items, or by making a designated monetary gift for the food pantry. Donations may be placed in the marked bins in Ebenezer Hall. Thank you for helping us care for our neighbors in need throughout the year.

**Middle School Youth is Back!** - All 6-8 graders are invited to our Middle School Youth gatherings! Our first event will be Sunday, January 25, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Georgetown Bowl. The cost is \$10 and includes two hours of bowling, pizza, pop, and shoe rental. Please scan the QR code to register for the event. If you have any questions, please reach out to Liz Bejot at [LBejot@emmanuellutheran.org](mailto:LBejot@emmanuellutheran.org).



**Lutherans for Life** – On January 25 at 12:00 p.m., join us with Fort Wayne Right to Life's March for Life at the Tin Caps Stadium.

**Visual Faith Workshop: Words from the Upper Room** – Join us on Tuesday, February 3, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall as we prepare our hearts for Lent. Together, we'll create a devotional featuring opportunities to scribe passages from the Gospel of John. All materials are provided—bring a friend and join us. Sign up at the Connections Counter or scan the QR Code.



**Euchre Night** - Calling all card players! Emmanuel's Senior High Youth Group (EYG) will host its annual Euchre Tournament on Saturday, February 21, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the lower level of Ebenezer Hall. The entry fee is \$10 per participant. Snacks and beverages will be provided, and all proceeds will help cover the cost of shipping care packages to Emmanuel's college students. Register with a partner or sign up individually and we'll pair you with someone when you arrive.



**Emmanuel Church Office Closed for February Conference** - From February 10-14, the staff members of Emmanuel will be attending the Best Practices in Ministry conference in Phoenix, Arizona. This is an unprecedented opportunity for professional development as our staff spends four days learning, worshipping, and growing together. Since it involves the majority of our staff, the church office will be closed from Tuesday, February 10, through Friday, February 14. If a special need for pastoral care arises during this time, you can still reach Pastor Eggold at 260.414.8691 or Pastor Sheaffer at 260.416.2590, and arrangements will be made to provide you with the pastoral assistance you need.

**iLead 2026** - iLead is a collaborative initiative of several local congregations working together to develop leaders in the church. iLead 2026 churches are Emmanuel, Holy Cross, Promise, St. Michael, St. Peter's, and Suburban Bethlehem. During January and February, there are three iLead presentations on the iLead 2026 theme "Discipleship Is Leadership Development." Our last event, will take place on February 7 at Emmanuel, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. This event is free to all participants, thanks to generous funding from The Lutheran Foundation. Please register by scanning the QR code.



**First Impressions** - Is the "sandwich generation" ready for dessert? Join us on Wednesday, February 4, 6:00–7:30 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall as Susan Imler shares insights on balancing career and caregiving. Homemade pie included!

**Trivia Night: Save the Date!** The EYG hosted Trivia Night will take place Saturday, March 21, 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Join Other Men in Christian Fellowship from April 9-12 at Lakeview Villages near Seymour, IN as we explore biblical perspectives on life issues. Dr. Donna Harrison (board-certified OB/GYN) and Rev. Dr. D. Richard Stuckwisch (Indiana District President, LCMS) will help us explore the topics of abortion, contraception, IVF, adoption, and defending life in every circumstance. In blessing, God's first mandate is that we "be fruitful and multiply." (Gen. 1:28) Contact [joshua@vandercar.net](mailto:joshua@vandercar.net) to discuss the event and scan the QR code for info and registration.



**Lunch Bunch (60+)** – The next Lunch Bunch is Tuesday, February 17. Our special guests will be from Fairhaven Funeral Home, as well as an elder law attorney. They look forward to sharing how to make necessary arrangements before you need them. They will offer information about preplanning protections and protecting your assets as well as address any questions you might have, helpful information even if you have already completed some preplanning. Lunch reservations are required by calling the church office at 260.423.1369 or by signing up at the Connections Counter by Friday, February 13th. The lunch cost is \$10.00 per person payable that day. We hope to see you there!

**ESM Kindergarten Enrollment** - With so many schools in the area to choose from, making the decision about where your child will begin their education is easier said than done. We invite you to join us on February 17 for our Kindergarten Information and Enrollment session to get a clear picture of what ESM is all about. To learn more and register, please scan the QR code.



**ESM Preschool Enrollment** - As a parent, we understand that no one knows your child's unique needs better than you. Finding a school that will reinforce the values you are instilling at home is crucial. We invite you to join us on February 12 or 19 for our Preschool Information and Enrollment sessions to get a clear picture of what ESM is all about. To learn more and register, please scan the QR code.



## The Stewardship of the Church

### EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$117,698	Anticipated Need Through January, 2026: \$201,962
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD  
Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$140	Year to Date: \$640
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CUP OF KINDNESS  
Distributed by Lutheran Social Services to local families who have crisis needs.

Last Week: \$160	Year to Date: \$335
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### IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,558,596	Mortgage Balance: \$950,000	Total Cost* \$7,438,997
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\*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

## The Calendar of the Church

### Monday, January 26

6:30 a.m. Iron & Clay Weekly Devotion  
8:30 a.m. Mom's Playdate  
3:30 p.m. Lifelight  
5:30 p.m. Lifelight  
6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice  
7:00 p.m. Church Council

### Tuesday, January 27

6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry  
6:00 p.m. Psalms at Chapman's

### Wednesday, January 28

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion  
9:15 a.m. Preschool Chapel  
10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study  
11:30 a.m. Communion Service  
3:30 p.m. PALS  
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, January 29

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys  
8:30 a.m. Friends in the Word  
9:00 a.m. Piece Makers  
6:00 p.m. Bible Study at Chapman's  
7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

**Friday, January 30**

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
9:15 a.m. Joint Chapel at Emmanuel

**Saturday, January 31**

5:00 p.m. Divine Service w/ Communion

**Sunday, February 1**

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

What was my favorite part of church today?



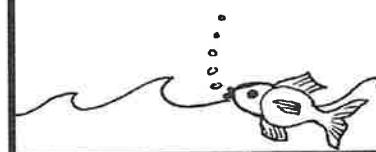
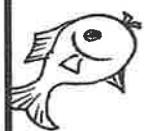
How can I use this in my life?

Songs we sang:



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Prayers



Who can you pray for this week?

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, Jesus.

This family exists to announce this gift of forgiveness to individuals of all nations and cultures through the preaching of God's Word and the administration of the Sacraments. Emmanuel instructs young and old according to the confessional standard of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and reaches out through forgiving relationships, working to connect all members of the family through caring friendships.

Emmanuel serves as shepherds of the sheep; seekers of the lost; friends of sinners; and caregivers to the poor, lonely and broken-hearted. It is a family that cares for all people and reaches out to witness to the love and forgiveness found in Jesus Christ.

**Emmanuel Worship Services** are designed to share God's love and forgiveness through the ministry of Word and Sacrament. We offer a variety of worship styles and we encourage you to worship in the liturgical style that best meets your needs.

**Saturday Evening Divine Service**—This service offers a contemporary setting and is held on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Morning Divine Services**—These services are held on Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. and feature worship in a traditional liturgical setting.

## Church Staff

Thomas A. Eggold, Senior Pastor

Dan Sheaffer, Associate Pastor

Matt Johnston, Dir. of Music Ministry

Lana Hille, Dir. of Congregational Care

Sarah Pennekamp, Dir. of Discipleship & Youth Ministry

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Jennifer Tweedy, Dir. of Admin. & Finance

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Dan May, Pastoral Assistant

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Mark Sheaffer, Pastoral Assistant

Ryan Tietz, Pastoral Assistant

Dan Dahling, Pastoral Assistant

Myra Schmidt, Organist

Dick Shively, Business Manager

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# The People That in Darkness Sat

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1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious  
 2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring  
 3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a  
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -

light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In  
 na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their  
 Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All  
 last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The

shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.  
 har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.  
 pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.  
 God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

- 5 His righteous government and pow'r  
 Shall over all extend;  
 On judgment and on justice based,  
 His reign shall have no end,  
 His reign shall have no end.
- 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,  
 And make us Thine alone,  
 Who with the Father ever art  
 And Holy Spirit, one,  
 And Holy Spirit, one.

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# O Christ, Our True and Only Light

839



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en  
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now  
 3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may  
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the  
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now  
 lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose  
 find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science  
 wan - d'lers to Your fold. U - nite all those who  
 won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.  
 in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.  
 sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.  
 walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,  
 You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

# Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness 849



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
 With the pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm-ing  
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou-sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.