Divine Worship 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!

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.

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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

"Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant"

AS WE GATHER
Outside of Christ, we are paralyzed with fear. Outside of Christ, we are under judgment. Outside of Christ, we will face the fullness of God's justice. But in Christ Jesus, God's wrath has been satisfied, and we have been freed to use the talents God has given us, and freed to be the people Christ died to create. And today, in Christ Jesus, the Master calls us, "good and faithful servants."

+THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE III AT 10:30 A.M. +

THE GATHERING TIME
During this time, we encourage our members to greet each other with God's peace and to warmly welcome visitors. Kindly turn off all cell phones and please sit toward the center of the pew so there is room for all who worship.

THE PRELUDE: "When Morning Gilds the Sky" Galyon, Held

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN: **"When Morning Gilds the Skies"** **Hymn 807**

THE PRESENTATION OF PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please stand as you are able)
THE INVOCATION
Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION
Leader: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

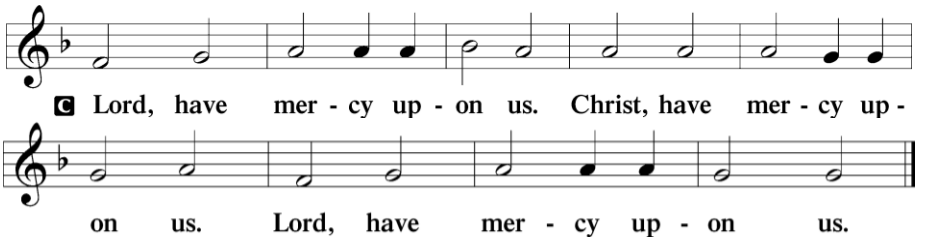
Leader: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Leader: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE KYRIE LSB, 186



THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS LSB, 187





THE COLLECT

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People:



Leader: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:



(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7–16

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared
a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. 8And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice— "I will
punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
9On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill
their master's house with violence and fraud. 10"On that day," declares the LORD, "a
cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash
from the hills. 11Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all
who weigh out silver are cut off. 12At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and
I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD
will not do good, nor will he do ill.' 13Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses
laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." 14The great day of
the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there. 15A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and
anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds
and thick darkness, 16a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have
anything written to you. 2For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord
will come like a thief in the night. 3While people are saying, "There is peace and
security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a
pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4But you are not in darkness, brothers, for
that day to surprise you like a thief. 5For you are all children of light, children of the
day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6So then let us not sleep, as others
do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7For those who sleep, sleep at night, and
those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8But since we belong to the day, let us be
sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of
salvation. 9For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our
Lord Jesus Christ, 10who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might
live with him. 11Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as
you are doing.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

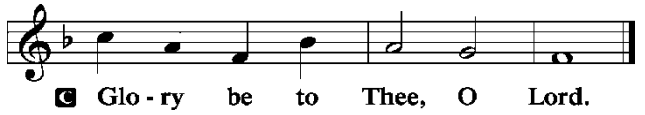
THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE



THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14–30

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 25th chapter.

People:



[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. 15To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 19Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' 21His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 22And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' 23His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 24He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? 27Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



THE NICENE CREED **(Spoken together)** Inside back cover of hymnal

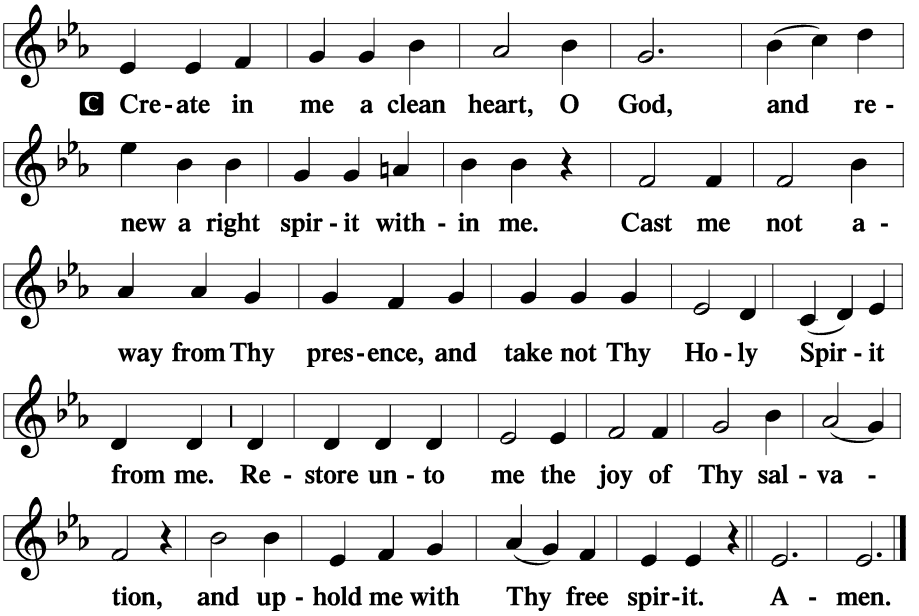
(Please be seated)

THE SERMON HYMN: **"Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"** **Hymn 534**

(Choir sings verse 3)

THE SERMON Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

(Please stand as you are able)
THE OFFERTORY LSB, 192



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: "Prayer to Jesus" G. Oldroyd

(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. Lord God, enter not into judgment with Your servants, for no one living is righteous before You. Have mercy on those haunted by guilt and shame, and faithfully convince them of Your grace and holiness for them in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach us to do Your will, for You are our God. Strengthen pastors to meditate on all You have done and proclaim Your Word in its truth and purity, that Your good Spirit may lead us on level ground, holy and righteous before You. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Father in heaven, You have made us children of the light. Bless our homes, and especially parents as they teach their children Your ways, that Your

people may walk as those armored in faith, love and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lord, our world is filled with violence, destruction, and death. Every day we see heartbreaking images of suffering that create anxiety and hopelessness. Help us to bring our despair to You, trusting in Your promise that You are in control and that in Your time You will deliver us from evil and, in Christ, restore this broken world. Lord in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Almighty God, give ear to our pleas on behalf of the afflicted. For Your name's sake, preserve their life and grant them healing according to Your will. In Your righteousness, strengthen their faith through all trials and bring their souls out of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of life, Your Son died for us so that, whether awake or asleep, we might live with Him. Receive our thanks for Your kindness to all who have died in the faith. Comfort those who mourn with the consolation that all who die in Christ live with Him forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of grace, preserve us from the temptation to consider You a hard and unmerciful master. Keep us mindful that You give us every good thing in abundance, most of all a place in Your household; for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

+ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +

THE PREFACE: **(Spoken responsively by the Congregation)** LSB, 194

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

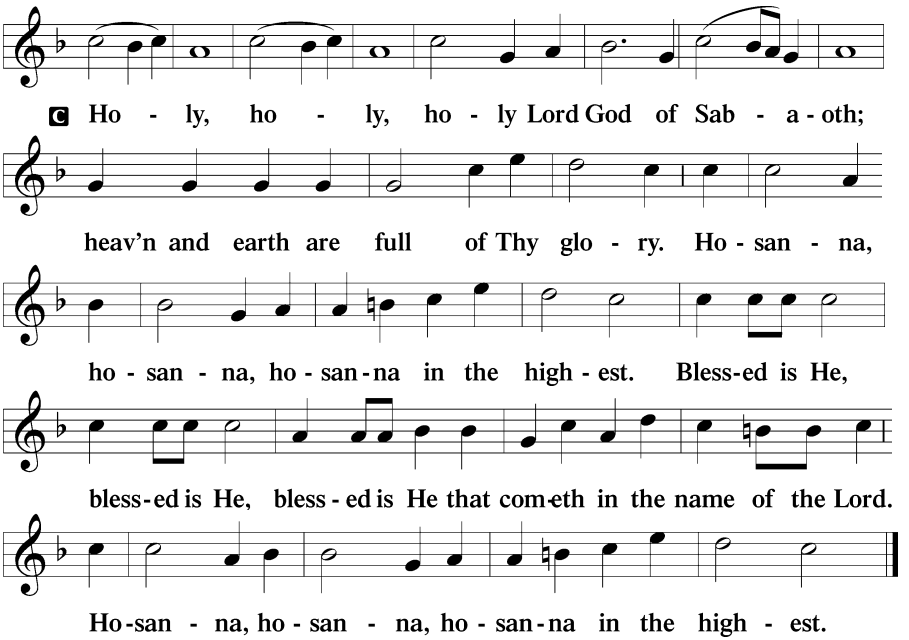
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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: (Sung by the congregation) LSB, 195



THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken together)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

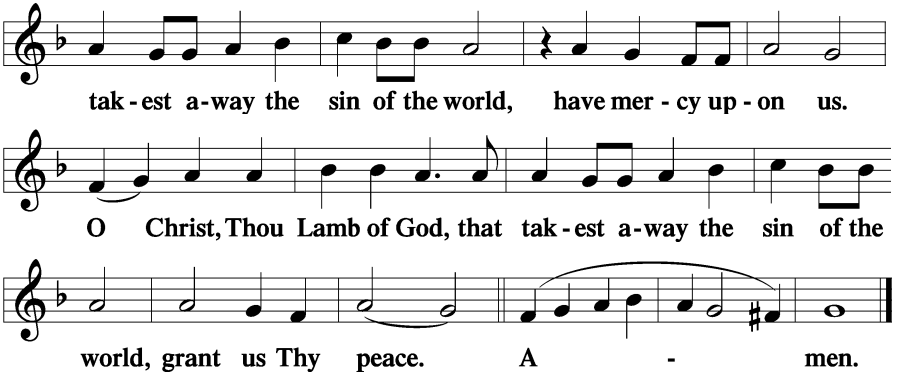
Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People:



THE AGNUS DEI: (Sung by the congregation) LSB, 198





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

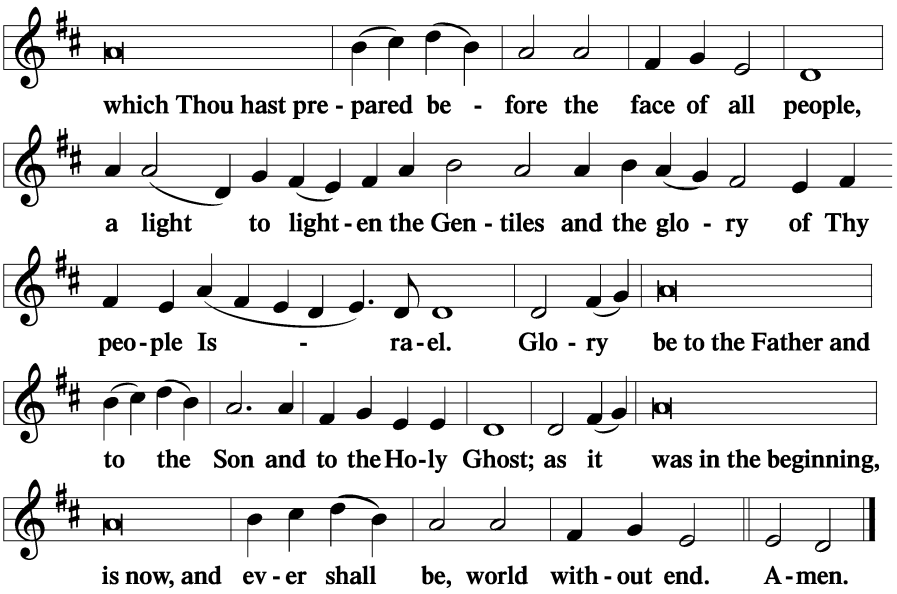
THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"	Hymn 508
"I Love to Tell the Story"	arr. Gilpin
"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"	Hymn 627
"Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way"	Hymn 857

(Please stand, as you are able)
THE DISMISSAL

THE POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (Sung by the congregation) LSB, 199





THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT LSB, 200

Leader: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

People:



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:



THE SALUTATION, BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION LSB, 201

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People:



Leader: Bless we the Lord.

People:



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:



THE CLOSING HYMN: "Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing" Hymn 691

THE POSTLUDE: "Trumpet Tune" Martin

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Ezek. 34:11–16, 20–24; Ps. 95:1–7a; 1 Cor. 15:20–28; Matt. 25:31–46

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ed and Margaret Tennison and Don Hille from Lana Hille; in celebration of the birthday of Ashlee (Davis) Middendorf from her mom and dad; and in loving memory of Andrew Martin and Tom Martin from Teresa Martin.

SERVING

Liturgist	Seminarian Caleb Swor
Organ	Myra Schmidt
Handbell Dir.	Cassie Didier
Flute	Anna Snodgrass
Acolyte	Grace Whetstone
Communion	Eric Bieberich, Brent Harring, Jeff Smith, Brent Ostermeyer
Altar Guild	Sandy Ely, Jodi Harwood, Bill and Jewell LaBrash, Aly Wedeven
Usher Crew 4	Thim Reed, Mike Shively, Ron Ahrens, Thomas Bay, Dave Behling, Troy Hockemeyer, Dick Shively, Steve Williams, David Wyss
Closer	Nick and Lauryn Longworth
Audio Engr.	Brian Snodgrass

The Prayers of the Church

Prayer Requests

- Our congregation continues to care for one another through a faithful prayer ministry. Please pray for the following people this week:
    - We give thanks with Rylie Schane and Grace Bieberich, who were married on Saturday. 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 strength, healing, peace and comfort for Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Alycia Williams, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie Kidwell (mother of Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Deb Percy, Norv McClure, Janine (friend of Lauryn Longworth), Gracelynn Anderson (granddaughter of Tim and Cindy Anderson), Stan Thompson, Deb Epperson, Faith Behling, LuAnn Reichhart (mom of Brent Reichhart), Renee Bleke, Mark Wasson (brother of Cheri Maxwell), Laura Herrick (Caroline Eber's niece), Kevin Hoffman, Jeff Springer, Jodie Karrick, Jen Harless, Matt Bennett (Ty Bennett's brother), William Kieser (godson of Caleb and Hannah Swor), Gene Brunow, Barb Compton (aunt of Sandy Behling)
- Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Linda Barnes, Caroline Eber, Renee Bleke, Mary Gynn, Bob Dietrich, Pam Bryan, Edna Heckber, Bob Klausmeier, Jen Harless, Karen Wyss, Ed Davis
- Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Karen Burtch (sister-in-law of Lori Richey), Amy Krontz (daughter-in-law of David and Karen Wyss), Mary Grosjean, Sherry (friend of Barb and Gary Lesh), Ed and Barb Hambrock, Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith), Dennis McFadden, Roger Kuehnert, John Jennings (friend of Dave and Tammy Bair), Bruce Williams, Rob Roehm, Ann Schwartz, Hazel Krenzke (Brian and Anna Snodgrass's niece), Robert Burmeister (Hannah Swor's dad), Roxanne Moore, Jenny Nehrenz (niece of Charlene Hess), Rick Bair (brother of Dave and Tammy Bair), Gary Thompson (father of Carly Bennett), Carol McGuigan (mother of Kevin McGuigan), Linda Raatz, Jeff Dunham (brother-in-law of Scott and Christi Everson), Doug Bennett (father of Ty Bennett), Sean Breininger, Herb Schumm, Karen Bickhart (daughter of Barry Doege), Tara Bustos (sister of Sean Breininger), Jeff Bennett (father of Faith Harless), Carol Yeoman (friend of Dave and Joni Scheppele), Amy (daughter of Bruce and Linda Novak), Mark Schmotzer (father of Jacob Schmotzer), Tyrone Woods (friend of Chris Smith), Beverly Fox (Christi Everson's mom), Judy Kalb

- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
  - Jacob Kruckeberg
  - Stan and Lila Kruckeberg
  - Weston Kruckeberg
  - Scott Krueckeberg
  - Tom Krueckeberg, Andrew
  - Wanda Krueckeberg
  - Eric Krull
  - Heather Krull
  - Linda Krumwiede, Scott and Mark
  - Dennis Kruse

- Please pray for the missions supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
  - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf – Ponce, Puerto Rico
  - Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)
  - Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
  - Heidi Wilkinson – Ethiopia
  - The Lutheran Heritage Foundation
  - Luther Academy
  - Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM)
  - Lutherans For Life (LFL)
  - Lutheran Bible Translators

If you have a prayer request that you would like to make known to our Emmanuel family, please email me at taeggold@hotmail.com. If you would like to join the Emmanuel Prayer Chain, please email Marsha at marshasappenfield@comcast.net or call 260.616.0679.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism: Thank God for the baptisms so far in 2026:

Callaghan Miller	Austin Hayward	Calvin Chess	Michael Flanagan
Sean Flanagan	Morgan Flanagan	Mordecai Austin	Theodore Vachon
Emerson Ross	Esther Burns	Cameron Etzler	Niyanni Berry
Callum Dan	Natalie Sheafer	Jacob Wiehe	Shaylee Epperson
Willow Hoffman	Endsley Gabet	Hadley Brimmer	

The Teaching of the Church

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

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

CLASS	LOCATION
Little Flock (Birth – Age 3)	School Room A5 (Extended Care)
3-5 Year Olds	School Room A4
K-1st Grade	School Room A1
2nd-3rd Grade	School Room B3
4th-5th Grade	School Room B5
6th -7th Grade Confirmation	School Room D3
8th Grade Confirmation	Cafeteria
High School	Loft
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall
Ephesians	Sanctuary
Faith, Life, and Worship	LL Ebenezer

Weekday Bible Classes…

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Clay & Iron Devotion	Brandt Hall	Monday	6:30 a.m.
Monday Morning Moms	Loft	Monday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
Lifelight	Ebenezer	Monday	5:30 p.m.
Lifelight	Ebenezer	Tuesday	3:30 p.m.
David – The Anointed One	LL Ebenezer	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.
Women's Bible Study	Brandt Hall	Wednesday	8:45 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesday	10:00 a.m.
Friends in the Word	Loft	Thursday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
@917 Bible Class	Ebenezer Hall	Thursday	7:00 p.m.
This Is Most Certainly Brew	Brandt Hall	Friday	6:30 a.m.

The News of the Church

The Story Continues: A Renewed Vision for Emmanuel - After months of prayer, discussion, and planning, *The Story Continues: A Renewed Vision for Emmanuel* is ready to share. This renewed vision shifts our focus from buildings to ministry and mission as we look toward the next chapter of Emmanuel's story. Members are encouraged to review the vision plan and learn more at a Vision Forum on Sunday, November 15, at 12:00 p.m. in LL Ebenezer. Our annual **Congregational Voters' Assembly** will be held Sunday, November 22, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, where members will vote on the 2027 budget, elect congregational leaders, and consider approval of the vision plan. Please see the weekly newsletter for details, registration information, and access to the vision plan. As God continues to bless Emmanuel's ministry, we invite you to join us in celebrating His work and discerning the next chapter together. If you would like a paper copy of The Story Continues: A Renewed Vision for Ministry, please request one from the church office.

The Lutheran Witness Magazine - If you would like to subscribe to The Lutheran Witness for 2027, please fill out the form below, enclose it in an envelope along with your payment of $25, and return it to the church office by Tuesday, November 24. Please make your check payable to Emmanuel Church.

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Upcoming Events & Ministries

Visual Faith – Join us on Tuesday, December 1, 6:00–8:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall as we continue creating our 2027 Gratitude & Prayer Journals! Building on last month's workshop, we'll spend the evening getting creative, enjoying fellowship, and preparing our journals to help us grow in gratitude and prayer throughout the coming year. We'll also sprinkle in a little Christmas cheer! Missed last month's workshop? No problem! Everyone is welcome, whether you're continuing your journal or just getting started. All supplies are provided! Please sign up at the Connections Counter or use the QR Code. We look forward to a relaxing, creative evening together!

The Piecemakers thank all the ladies who sewed quilt tops for Lutheran World Relief. We delivered 88 quilts this year. If you are interested in sewing at home for us, call Jan Werth at 260.452.4769. We are also in need of ladies on Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to knot the quilts. Come join us!

Lunch Bunch - Members around 60 and over are invited to join us Tuesday, November 17. Following lunch, Pastor Eggold will share Emmanuel's new ministry vision, The Story Continues, and provide an overview of the planning process that will help guide our congregation's future mission and ministry. Join us in LL Ebenezer at 11:00 a.m. for fellowship and 12:00 p.m. for lunch. Reservations are required by Friday, November 13 by calling the church office at 260.423.1369 or signing up at the Connections Counter. Cost is $10 per person, payable that day.

Chili Cook-Off and Bingo Night! - Get ready for a night of food, fun, and friendly competition at Emmanuel's Chili Cook-Off and Bingo Night on Saturday, November 21, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in the gym! The evening begins with an hour of chili sampling, along with hot dogs, sides, and desserts, followed by Bingo for gift card prizes. Chili supper is $5 per person, and Bingo boards are $2 each or 3 for $5. This family-friendly event, sponsored by the Emmanuel Youth Group, supports the 2027 Servant Event to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. You can get involved by entering a chili in the competition using the QR code or donate a $10 gift card for Bingo prizes. Gift cards may be dropped off in the church office or at the Connections Counter on Sunday mornings.

Missions & Outreach

Diaper Donations - Please help LWM support Lutheran Social Services by donating diapers for families in need. Anyone in the congregation wishing to participate is invited to bring a package of diapers (sizes 4, 5, or 6) to the Emmanuel office by December 2. Your generosity will help provide an important resource to those served by Lutheran Social Services. Thank you so much for your support!

Christmas Giving Tree Update - Thank you for your amazing generosity! All of the Giving Tree tags have been selected, and we are grateful for the tremendous support shown by our Emmanuel family. If you would still like to contribute, cash donations are always welcome and will be used to provide additional food and paper products. Simply use the "Other" line on your offering envelope and mark it "Christmas Giving Tree." For those who took a tag, please return all unwrapped gifts with their tags securely attached by Monday, November 30, and consider joining us for our Wrapping Party on Friday, December 4, at 9:00 a.m. Thank you for helping make Christmas brighter for those in need!

Santa Shop for Washington Elementary School – Santa Shop offers students at Washington School the opportunity to "shop" for items that they can gift to family members for Christmas. The shop is seeking donations of $1 to $5 gift items, as well as gift bags in all sizes. Please bring your donation(s) to the church by Friday, December 4. To sign up to help wrap gifts (Monday, December 14 – Thursday, December 17), please contact Diane Witzenman at 260.249.1307. Thank you for your support, kindness and generosity to Washington Elementary School!

Belize Mission Trip: The Beginning of an Exciting Partnership! – From November 14 – 21, Bret and Bonnie Walker will represent Emmanuel on a mission trip to Belize, serving alongside the Belize Mission Society and fellow LCMS congregations from Florida and Colorado. The team will serve the community of Seine Bight through a variety of ministries, outreach efforts, and service projects. More than a week of service, this trip marks the first step toward what we hope will become an ongoing partnership with the Belize Mission Society, paving the way for future mission trips involving more members of our Emmanuel family. Following the trip, Bret and Bonnie will share their experiences and help us explore future opportunities. Please keep the Walkers and the people of Belize in your prayers as we seek new ways to be a caring family sharing God's love and forgiveness around the world!

King's Community Outreach Christmas Food Distribution – Once again, Emmanuel is partnering with Rev. Lewis King and King's Community Outreach to help provide Christmas meals for families in our community. Last year, Emmanuel generously donated more than 1,000 cans of green beans! This year, we hope to collect 1,000 cans of green beans and 500 boxes of instant mashed potatoes. These donations may be dropped off in Ebenezer Hall throughout November. Volunteers are also welcome to help with the food distribution on Saturday, December 19, at 9:30 a.m., at McMillen Park Community Center. Thank you for helping share Christ's love with our neighbors this Christmas season!

Washington School is in need of winter coats ,gloves, hats, and pants for both boys and girls, sizes of 5 to12. Thank you for your generosity!

Shepherd's Hand Blessing Bags - This Thanksgiving season, you can help provide a complete holiday meal for a local family in need through **The Shepherd's Hand Blessing Bags**. A donation of **$25** supplies a family of four with Thanksgiving meal essentials, including canned turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, cranberries, gravy, cornbread mix, and brownie mix. Your support is a simple way to share Christ's love and bring hope to families in our community. Scan the QR code to donate. Thank you for helping make Thanksgiving a blessing for others!

Wellspring's Child's Full Plate Initiative - For many local children, winter break means losing access to the breakfast and lunch they receive at school. Wellspring's Child's Full Plate initiative helps fill that gap by providing free boxes of nutritious, kid-friendly food that children can prepare themselves. Just $50 provides a box of food for one child, helping ensure they have meals throughout winter break. Please consider supporting this important ministry and helping make sure no child goes hungry this holiday season. Donations can be made online at Child's Full Plate or by mailing a check to Wellspring, 1316 Broadway, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

Community Connections

The Forgotten Stones Art Show and Fundraising Event - You are invited to a special evening supporting The Forgotten Stones on Friday, November 20, at WunderKammer Company, 3412 Fairfield Avenue, Fort Wayne. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The evening will feature live painting, poetry, photography, an interactive exhibit highlighting The Forgotten Stones and its future expansion plans, a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, and dessert. A cash bar will also be available. Tickets may be purchased at the Forgotten Stones website. For questions, contact Brandi Schorey at Brandi.Schorey@anthem.com.

Bridge 20/30 is a Christian group for adults in their 20s and 30s focused on building community, friendships, faith, and fellowship through social events, devotion, and activities throughout the Fort Wayne area. New participants are always welcome! The next event is on November 17: Thanks & Giving - Project 216 Service Project (3020 Congressional Parkway). Help pack meals to fight hunger, followed by fellowship at 2 Toms Brewing Company!

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: $2,030,115	Anticipated Need Through November: $2,199,305

DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: $360	Year to Date: $12,805

CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: $90	Year to Date: $4,667

IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received:	Mortgage Balance:	Total Cost*
$7,005,959	$455,770	$7,479,993

*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, November 16
6:30 a.m. Clay & Iron Weekly Devotion
5:30 p.m. Lifelight Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. WC Neighborhood Association Meeting

Tuesday, November 17
11:00 a.m. Lunch Bunch
3:30 p.m. Lifelight
5:00 p.m. Stephen Leaders
6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 18
6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion
9:30 a.m. ESM Preschool Chapel
10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Communion Service
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 19
Preschool Grandparent's Day
8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Piece Makers

3:30 p.m. Food Pantry
5:00 p.m. Junior Chorale Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

Friday, November 20
ESM Grandparent's Day
6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:15 a.m. Grandparent's Day Chapel
12:00 p.m. Grandparent's Day Chapel

Saturday, November 21
5:00 p.m. Divine Service
6:00 p.m. Chili Cook-Off/Bingo

Sunday, November 22
8:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service
12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting

Notes


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Talents to invest

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Building faith in the city

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

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

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

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

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

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

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