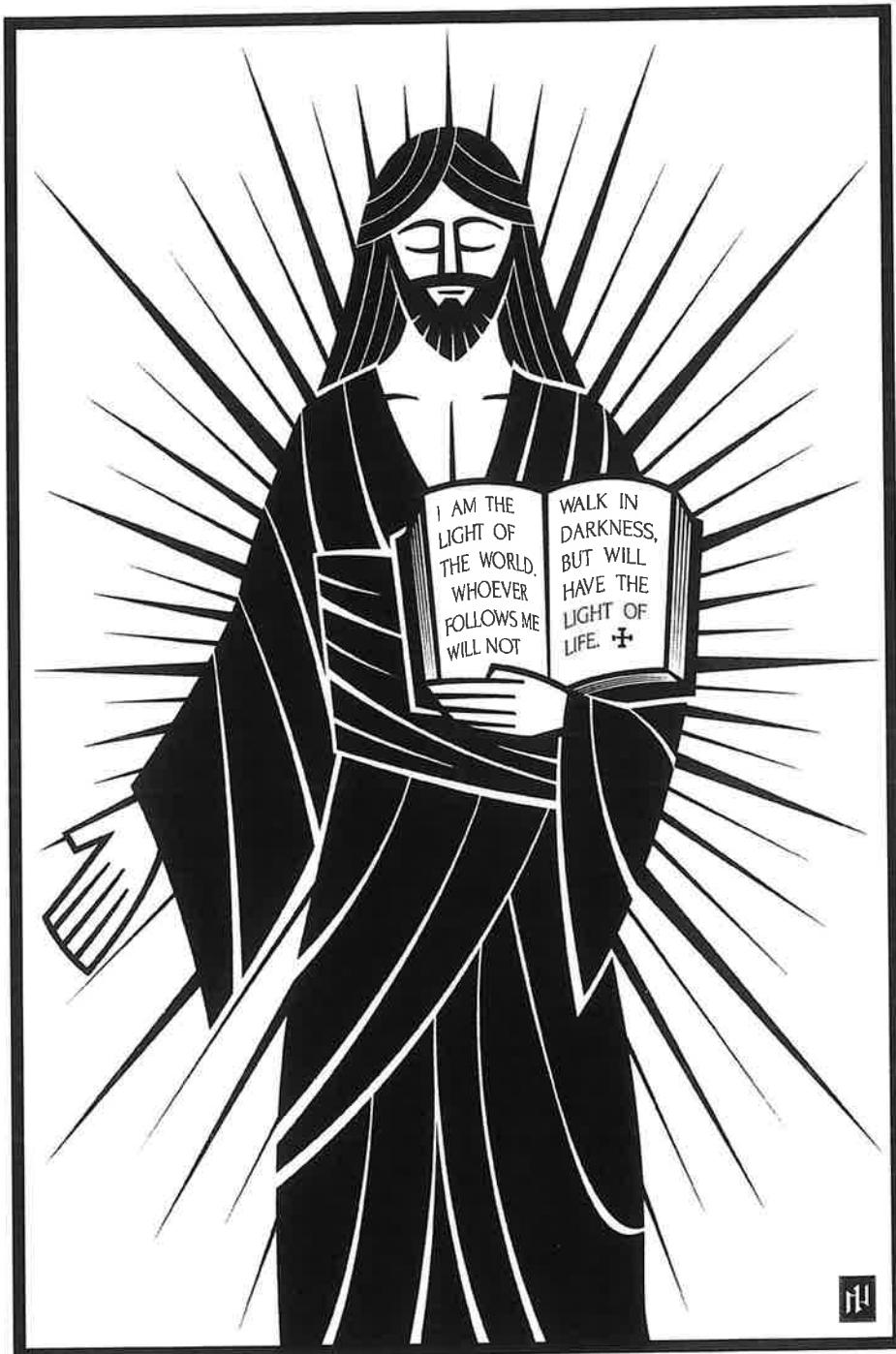


# Divine Service at 8:00



**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



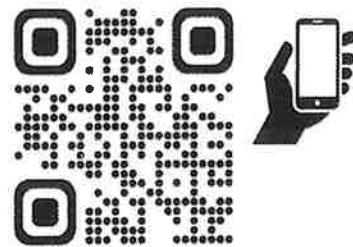
We offer a hearing loop, large print bulletins and printed copies of today's sermon. If these would be helpful, please ask one of our ushers who would be delighted to assist you.

## 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



[emmanuellutheran.org](http://emmanuellutheran.org)



Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.



The Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 25, 2026

## “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 AT 8:00 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: “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 (Matthew 28:19b; 18:20)

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✕ Son and of the Holy Spirit,

People: Amen.

THE OPENING SENTENCES (Psalm 43:4; Matthew 4:16)

Leader: I will go to the altar of God,

People: to God my exceeding joy.

Leader: The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light,

People: on them a light has dawned.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS & ABSOLUTION (Psalm 22:22)

Leader: Today Jesus Christ comes to you with an invitation, saying, “Repent” and “Follow Me.” Let us prepare to receive His Word, leave our sin behind, and follow Him in the power of His forgiveness.

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

Leader: Lord God,  
People: Open our ears to hear Your call of salvation and life. Enable us to hear the voice of Your Son, Christ our Lord, that His Word may move us to turn from our ways and our walk without You, and follow Him in faith, that we may learn and live in the light of Your love.

Leader: Lord Jesus, "I will tell of Your name to My brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You." Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to 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 PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also 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: Amen.

#### 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 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.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-25

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 NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

Inside back cover of hymnal

(Please be seated)

THE SERMON HYMN: "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

Hymn 839

THE SERMON

Pastor Dan Sheaffer

## 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 at the end of the service.

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: "I Love to Tell the Story"

Hobby

(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 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: (Sung by the congregation)

LSB, 161



C 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 (spoken together)

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

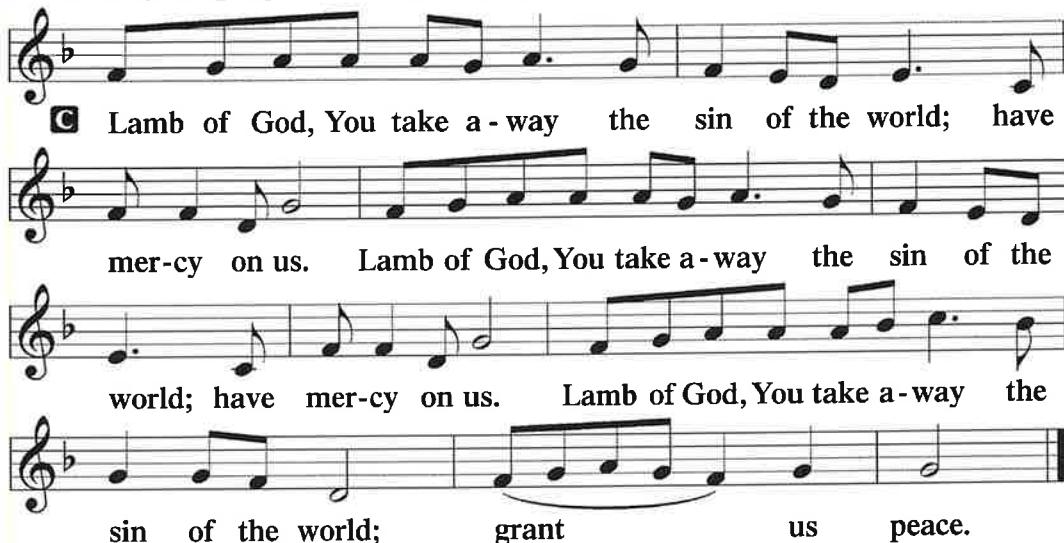
### THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

### THE AGNUS DEI: (Sung by the congregation)

LSB, 163



C 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 (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

"O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"

Hymn 856

"Come Follow Me,' the Savior Spake"

Hymn 688

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

Hymn 623

(Please stand, as you are able)

### THE DISMISSAL

## THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" Hymn 849

## THE POSTLUDE: "Old Hundreth"

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

<b>Liturgist</b>	Caleb Swor
<b>Acolyte</b>	Aelah Vandercar
<b>Organ</b>	Myra Schmidt
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Harry and Donna Shook, Stan Ketzler, Amy Kissinger, Laura Jackson
<b>Comm. Assistants</b>	Alex Kiefer, Nick Rich, Bill Reichhart, Jon Adair
<b>Opener</b>	Eric and Michelle Hoffman
<b>Usher Crew 3</b>	Ed Davis, Chuck Karrick, Dave Bieberich, Matt Benne, Barry Gynn, Kurt Kleinrichert, Tom Matson, Bill Pynchon, Mike Repp
<b>Audio Engineer</b>	Craig Dahlkamp

# 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.genesbrunnotes.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

### 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.
LifeLight: Luke	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	5:30 p.m.
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.

## The News of the Church

**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).



**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.

**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.

**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.

**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!

**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.



**Lunch Bunch (60+)** is on 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 will be \$10.00 per person.

**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. 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.



## 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:	Mortgage Balance:	Total Cost*
\$6,558,596	\$950,000	\$7,438,997

\*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?



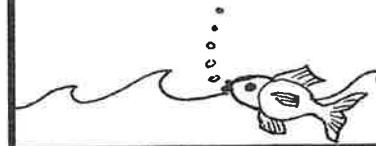
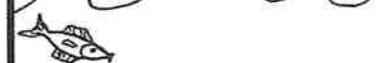
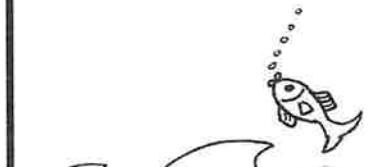
How can I use this in my life?

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.

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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

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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.

## 856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -  
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose  
3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And  
4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To  
5 O Christ, th'a - pos - tles' Lord, The mar - tyrs' strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:  
words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:  
broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:  
serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:  
cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To whom the saints be - long:



Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,  
In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow'r - ing Word. True  
Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And  
Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where  
Though gen - er - a - tions pass, Our trib - ute still we bring, Our



bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.  
teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.  
help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied.  
love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.  
hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our lives an of - fer - ing.

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## "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake 688

1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My  
 2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly  
 3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with  
 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your

way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,  
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;  
 love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,  
 soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,

O - obey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
 With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My  
 From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge

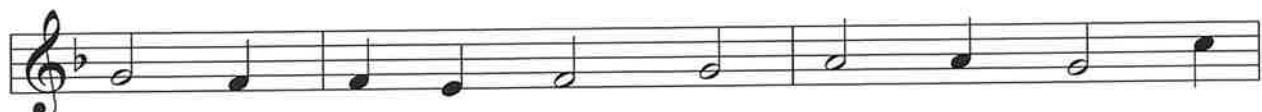
e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.  
 well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.  
 strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.  
 of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."

5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,  
    And take the cross appointed  
And, firmly clinging to His Word,  
    In suff'ring be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle's strain  
    The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

# Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray 623



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may  
2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y  
3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the  
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing  
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of  
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of  
gift of love re - told; All that You are we  
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -  
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.  
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.  
here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.  
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.  
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

# Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness 849



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

