

Divine Service at 5:00



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!

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.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

“Life’s Best Place”

AS WE GATHER

Shotgun! Growing up this was the phrase we’d use to claim the front passenger seat in the car. There was this unwritten rule that whoever spoke this phrase first won the right to sit up front. This simple game uncovers the deeper reality that all of us are looking to climb life’s ladder to the best place possible. Yet, our readings this weekend, especially the Gospel reading, reveal to us that life’s best place is truly with Jesus in all humility. Today and always, let us humbly walk with our Lord and Savior!

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 RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE GATHERING SONG: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not; Thy compassions, they fail not.
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

(Chorus)

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Chorus)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow--
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside! (Chorus)

(Please stand as able)

THE INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

THE OPENING SENTENCES (Psalm 149:1-4)

Leader: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,

People: His praise in the assembly of the godly!

Leader: Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

People: let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Leader: Let them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!

People: For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS & ABSOLUTION

Leader: It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on confession in Luther's catechism instructs us with these words: "Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven." Humble yourselves, then, before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

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

Leader: O almighty God,

People: merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all of my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

Leader: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

People: Amen.

Leader: Do you believe the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

People: Yes.

Leader: As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant 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 SHARING OF PEACE

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "How Great Is Our God"

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice.

(Chorus)

How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see,
How great, how great is our God.

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. (Chorus)

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing (Chorus)

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(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:2-10

It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. ³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. ⁴Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; ⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. ⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen ⁸do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? ⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, ¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-17

Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the

outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. ¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 14:1-14

One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶And they could not reply to these things. ⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." ¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save;
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine!
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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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 RESPONSE: "Create In Me a Clean Heart"

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
(Repeat)

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

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(Please stand, as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Heavenly Father, through the humiliation of Your Son, You have called us to a place at Your heavenly table. Teach us to treasure this place of honor and so to spurn the foolish honors of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Merciful Lord, Your Son has come to us who have offended Him, called us to repentance and offered us His forgiveness. Teach us to trust His love whenever we offend Him and to go to His house to be forgiven by those called to forgive in His name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: O Lord, You have established the family and the home to be a place where we learn, care, and extend Your love to one another. We come to You on behalf of Your people, asking that You would visit and bless our homes. Strengthen and restore our relationships through the healing power of forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Righteous judge, bless our nation and those who lead us in this land, and guide those who serve on behalf of this people. Watch over all nations, that justice and peace may reign. Grant courage to Christians to endure in faith in times of test, trial, and persecution. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Gracious God, we commend to You all who pass through difficult circumstances: the lonely and the persecuted, the imprisoned and the addicted, those suffering from mental distress, and those suffering from bodily affliction. Comfort them with Your promise that You will never leave or forsake them. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Divine Master, You prepare for us a heavenly feast this day. Grant us faith to cherish this banquet of forgiveness, life, and salvation and, being honored by a place at Your table, inspire us to spurn all the small and fleeting honors of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

People: **Amen.**

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.**

THE PROPER PREFACE

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 saying:

“SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)”

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Heavenly Hosts,

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Heavenly Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Blessed is he who comes,

Blessed is he who comes, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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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 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 SONGS

"What Is This Bread"

What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:

This bread we break This life we take,

Was crushed to pay for our release.

O taste and see—the Lord is peace.

What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;

The cup of grace Brings His embrace

Of life and love until I sing!

O taste and see—the Lord is King.

So who am I, That I should live and He should die

Under the rod? My God, my God,

Why have You not forsaken me?

O taste and see—the Lord is free.

Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,

In mouth and soul He makes us whole—

Christ, truly present in this meal.

O taste and see—the Lord is real.

Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!

I do believe That I receive

His very body and His blood.

O taste and see—the Lord is good.

Lutheran Service Book

“Communion”

(Chorus)

This is the body and this is the blood
Broken and poured out for all of us.
And in this communion, we share in His love.
This is the body and this is the blood.

Well, I will remember ev’rything Lord,
That You’ve done for me.
I won’t take for granted the sacrifice that set me free.
I hunger and thirst for You, Lord.
Come fill me today. (Chorus)

We hunger and thirst for Your love.
And Your righteousness.
We long for Your presence here, Lord.
Be with us again. (Chorus)

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THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: “Your Grace Is Enough”

Great is Your faithfulness, O God, You wrestle with the sinner’s heart.
You lead me by still waters and to mercy, and nothing can keep us apart.

So remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, O God.

(Chorus)

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice God. You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along.

So remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, O God. (Sing Chorus Twice)

So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise, Oh God. (Chorus)

Your Grace is enough, Heaven reaching down to us.
Your grace is enough for me.

God, I see Your grace is enough, I’m covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me.

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THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Deut. 30:15-20; Ps. 1; Phil. 1-21; Luke 14:25-35

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar today were given in celebration of eternal life in Christ Jesus. of husband Steven and dear friend Eric Kurtz, is lovingly remembered by Ruth Anne Teeple; in loving memory of Harold Rieck, Fred and Edna Rieck, Robert and Myrtle Schuelein and Sherran Fenker, from Georgia Rieck; and in honor of the 57th Wedding Anniversary of Dexter and Connie Hoyer.

USHER: Dave and Tammy Bair

COMMUNION: Tom McLaughlin

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 for the birth of a baby boy, Parker John Hall, born to Eric and Krista Hall. We ask God to strengthen and protect Parker as he grows, and to be with his family as they welcome Parker into their home.
 - 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, Dick Reinking, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie Kidwell (mother of Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Devon Jewel and Niko L. Christlib (friends of Ilona Clenny), Deb Percy, Ed Braun
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Phil Arthur, Kathy Freimuth, Cathi Schenkel, Jenny Scheiderer, Judy Schele, Dave Bieberich, Cathy Paff, Jan Reche, Vernene Miller, Kelsey Westrick, Roxanne Moore, Evan Westrick, Cheri Maxwell
 - 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 Krantz (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, Herb Schumm, Mike Huesner, Rob Roehm, Cheri Maxwell

- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - James and Amanda Voorman, Bennett and Maggie
 - Angela Voors
 - Josh and Allyson Vriesman, Maddox, Liliann and Everett
 - Theodore Thomas III and Robin Wagner, Jackson, Court and Camden
 - Doug and Colleen Walker
 - Kary and Jennifer Walker, Olivia and Isabella
 - Mike and Lynn Walkup, Abbey
 - Joni Walters-Macy, Joseph and Andrew
 - Mark and Michelle Walters
 - Bill and Judy Warner
- 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 Sappenfield at marshasappenfield@comcast.net or call 260-616-0679.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism: Thank God for the baptisms so far in 2025.

Dolores Harper	Parker Schultheis	Mason Gilliom	Atlas Arnold
Renae Smith	Rafael Alberto	Lois Altheide	Lincoln Griffin
Virginia Miller	Amelia Adair	Forrest Clarke	Brandon Cirilo
Charlotte Schmotzer	Lilyth Tittman	Anna Vandercar	William Vogt
Bennett Hoyle	Liam Hill	Rowen Lomont	Owen Light
Kollin Vanderford	Klaire Vanderford	Khloe Vanderford	Walter Vanderford
Wilma Vanderford	Vada Gillum	Valerie Miller	Gary Keller
Terry Buffington	Desirae Rider	Payton Caudill	Benjamin Rider

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.

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Women's Bible Study	Loft	1 st /3 rd Tuesdays	7:30 p.m.
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
Bible Study & Fellowship	Chapman's Brewing	Thursdays	6:00 p.m.
@917 (Ages 25-45)	Ebenezer Hall	Thursdays	7:00 p.m.
Men's Lectionary Study	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 a.m.

Monday Morning Moms - Hey, mama! Have you been looking for a group to connect with here at Emmanuel? We hope you'll join us every other Monday morning as we study Jen Wilkin's "Abide" (a study on 1, 2, & 3 John). Drop your kiddos off in the Lower Level of Ebenezer Hall with our amazing caregivers. Then head upstairs to the Loft for fellowship, a cup of coffee, and studying God's word. We will be meeting on the following dates: September 8 & 22, October 6 & 20, November 3 & 17, and December 1 & 15. Questions? Please reach out to Liz Bejot - LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org.

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study - The 8:30 a.m. Wednesday Women's Bible Study will resume September 3 in Brandt Hall. We will begin our study this fall in Paul's letters to the Thessalonians.

The News of the Church

Christian Education Kickoff! - Sunday, September 7 is a big day at Emmanuel! On this day, we'll begin our Christian Education season for 2025-2026. For this day, the entire Emmanuel congregation will be invited to join outside on Union Street for a time of fun, food and friendship from 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Donuts will be back! A coffee truck will be on site! We'll even have a bounce house! All this will help us begin our Christian Education season with great excitement! See you there!

"I Love to Tell the Story: A Congregational Journey" - The story of Emmanuel Lutheran Church is an inspiring account of God at work. This fall, we invite you to join us on a journey entitled, "I Love to Tell the Story." This engaging

exploration will include every member of our church family as we revisit the stories that have shaped our ministry, and rediscover our mission as a Caring Family Sharing God's Love and Forgiveness. From September 14 through October 26, each Sunday will include a presentation, service project, or celebration. Stay tuned for more details!

Sanctuary Doors – All of our sanctuary doors, including the west side door, will be locked following the Opening Hymn/Song of each service, for security reasons. Please use the main doors of Ebenezer Hall (circle drive entrance) to enter the church after this time. Thank you for your understanding!

Emmanuel's 40th Golf Outing, was held on Saturday, August 23, and was a great day! Many thanks to our golfers, sponsors, donors and especially to Jeff Huffman at Eel River Golf Course, who is always so kind and accommodating. This year's outing was blessed with a day full of beautiful weather, fun, laughter, fellowship, and ended with a delicious meal, raffle of prizes for our golfers and a presentation of gifts to our winners. Pastor Art Klausmeier gave a short talk after our meal about the history of our outings, as he was the founder 40 years ago. We had 20 teams that played in the outing, with the winning team being: Luke Starnes, Chris Dennison, Eric Steele, and Steve Bell. Other winners were: Longest Putt-Chris Dennison; Longest Drive-(for men) Bill Brace, (for women) Michelle Hoffman; Closest to the Pin-(for men) Mike Reuille, (for women) Diane Straessle. The proceeds from this outing will go to The Heidbrink Scholarship fund which offers financial assistance to our Emmanuel members, specifically, graduating students who are pursuing careers in church work, and to provide need-based grants to our students wishing to attend Concordia Lutheran High School. Thank you again for your support and prayers.

Visual Faith – On Tuesday, September 2, from 6:00–8:00 p.m., in Ebenezer Hall, we invite you to take part in a special evening of creativity and reflection. Participants will create a visual collage centered on a meaningful Bible verse—such as a baptism verse, confirmation verse, or a favorite family passage. All basic materials will be provided. You are also encouraged to collect and bring items from home that you might like to include in your collage—such as family photos, greeting cards, or small mementoes. No artistic experience necessary—just bring your favorite verse and a heart ready to create!



Join PALS! – Do you have a heart for connecting with kids? Are you patient, a good listener, and enjoy sharing the love of Jesus? If so, we'd love to have you join the next session of PALS (Peer Assisted Learning Strategies), a ministry of Emmanuel that partners with Washington Elementary to support 2nd and 3rd graders. Any adult, high school student, along with 7th and 8th graders are welcome to apply. Interested or have questions? Contact Liz at LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org or scan the QR code to apply:



Emmanuel's LWM/LWML next meeting will be on Thursday, September 4; 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Lower Level Ebenezer. Our Bible Study will be "Here I Am, Send Me" and our service project will be making Christmas ornaments for our missionaries in Puerto Rico, the Neuendorfs. We hope to see you there!

Big news from Concordia Lutheran High School: Groundbreaking is set for September 23! The 'A Bold Step' capital campaign, renovating the academic building and auditorium, has reached a major milestone with financing secured, and construction on Project 1 set to begin after Labor Day. But we're not done yet: campaign fundraising continues so that Project 2, the auditorium renovation, can be included in this historic effort. In the coming weeks, Concordia will host public meetings in congregations and community venues to share how this campaign will bless generations to come, and your attendance and participation will make the difference—pray, attend, and spread the word!

Are You Interested in a Mission Trip? - Emmanuel has a rich tradition of sending members on mission trips. Over the last 20 years, we have sent teams to Puerto Rico, Alaska, Prague, and New Orleans, but we haven't sent any teams since before the pandemic. Emmanuel's Mission Task Force meets monthly with the goal of increasing awareness in our members of local, national, and worldwide mission opportunities. The Mission Task Force is looking for individuals who have an interest in serving on a mission trip team. If this interests you and you would like to be included in our plans for future mission trips, you can sign up by scanning the QR code!



Lunch Bunch (60+) - will kick-off another season of food, fun, and fellowship on Tuesday, September 16. Food will be prepared by Tammy Bair and our special speaker will be our very own member, Joy Boutakov. She will speak to us about "Stress and Ways to Handle It." The cost is \$10.00, payable that day. Please stop by the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall to sign up for this event or call the church office by Friday, September 12. We hope you can join us!

Stephen Ministers Are "The After People" - They are there:

- ...after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ...after the funeral, when everyone leaves and emotions come crashing in on you.
- ...after the relationship falls apart.
- ...after the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
- ...after the nursing home director says, "Welcome to your new home."
- ...after the last child drives away and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ...after the gavel falls, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ...after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you dreamed possible.
- ...after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ...after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

For more information about training classes that begin September 16, contact Lana Hille at 260.417.5639.

Bridge 20/30: September Events & Connection Opportunities - Are you, or is someone you know, a young adult in your 20s or 30s looking for real friendships and a deeper faith life? Bridge 20/30 is a space for post-high school young adults (single or married) to connect, grow, and have fun in community with others who share similar values. This week, on Tuesday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m., we'll be meeting at The Garden (3308 N. Anthony Blvd.) for a Series on "Vanity" - Study of Ecclesiastes. We hope to see you there!

Men's Retreat at Camp Lutherhaven - Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Retreat is scheduled on the weekend of September 26-28, 2025. Dr. Jeffrey Leininger, who is currently the pastor at First Saint Paul's Lutheran Church in Chicago and also served twenty-one years in campus ministry at Concordia Chicago, is the main speaker for this year's retreat and will focus on "Callings for Life: God's Plan, Your Purpose." You can register for Iron Sharpens Iron at lutherhaven.org.

From Teen Heartthrob to Faithful Witness: - At 17, Kirk went from self-proclaimed atheist to passionate believer, and now he's using his platform to speak for life and truth. Come hear his incredible testimony at the 28th Annual Right to Life of Northeast Indiana Fall Banquet on October 14, 2025, at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. For tickets call Carolyn Beitz 260.433.7188 for early seating.

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$1,460,923	Anticipated Need Thru August, 2025: \$1,430,229
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$155	Year to Date: \$7,660
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$20	Year to Date: \$3,125
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,053,031	Mortgage Balance: \$1,394,590	Total Cost* \$7,408,920
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*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, September 1

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - LABOR DAY

Tuesday, September 2

- 4:30 p.m. Mission Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Visual Faith
- 7:00 p.m. Clay and Iron: Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, September 3

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Wednesday Morning Study
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Communion Service
- 6:00 p.m. First Impressions

Thursday, September 4

- 8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
- 1:00 p.m. LWM Service Project and Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study & Fellowship at Chapman's Brewery
- 7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

Friday, September 5

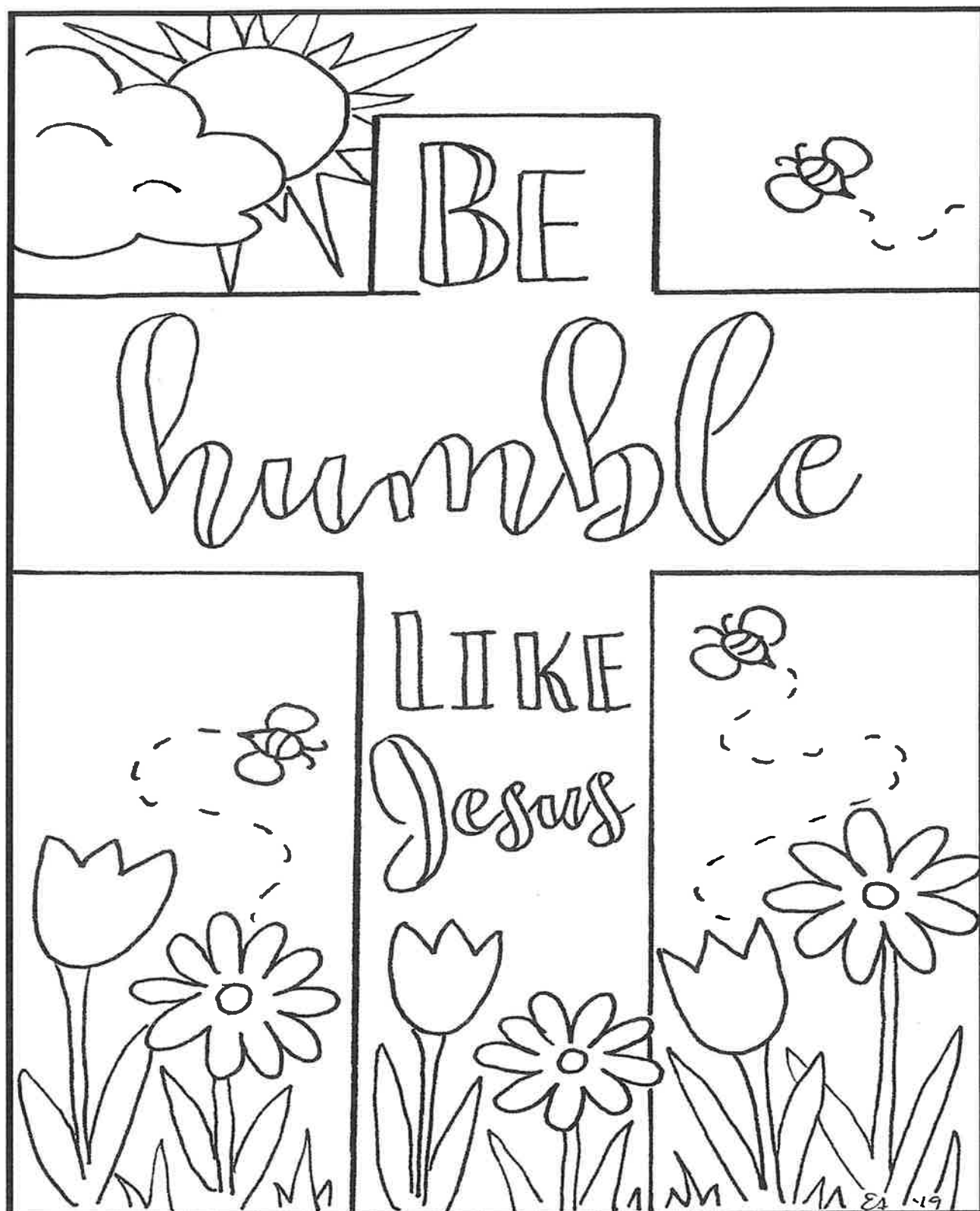
- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Saturday, September 6

- 10:00 a.m. Conversations on Race
- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service w/ Communion

Sunday, September 7

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service
- 9:00 a.m. Christian Education Kick-Off
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion
- 3:30 p.m. EYG Kick-Off



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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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