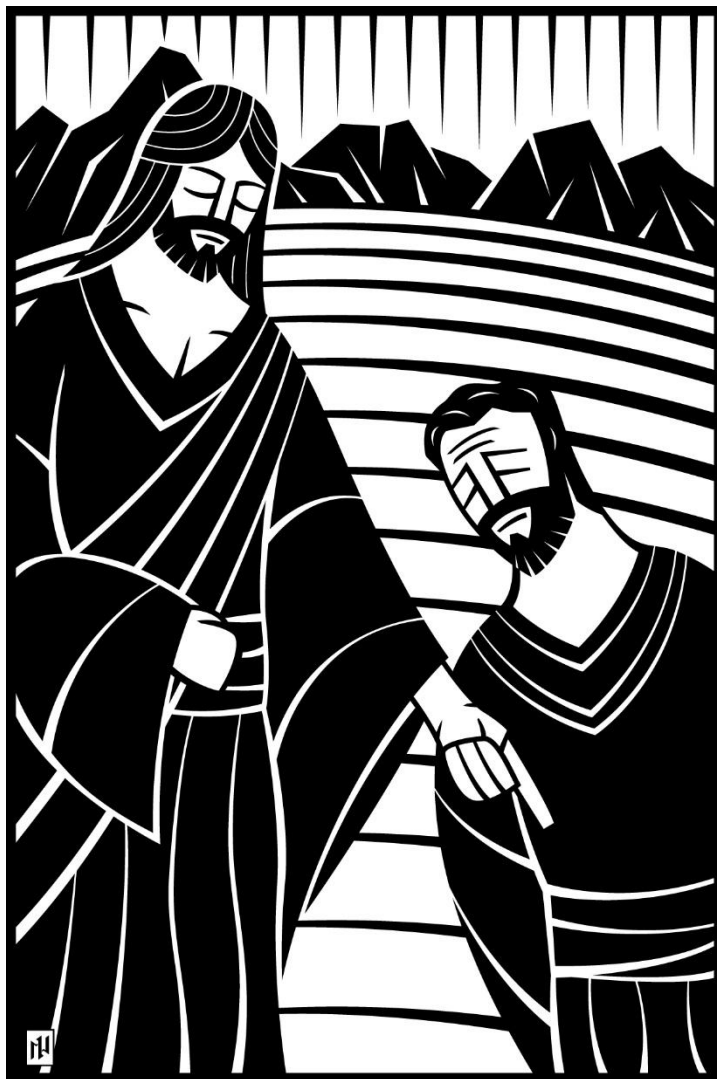


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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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

“Crossroads”

AS WE GATHER

We travel through road intersections all the time. Most crossroads aren't a big deal and are easily forgotten. Sometimes though, a crossroad is very challenging to navigate. You might even have a certain one in mind. This weekend, our readings reveal to us a spiritual crossroad, the intersection between the "things of God" and the "things of man". This intersection is tense and challenging. Yet, we don't navigate this crossroad alone. Jesus leads us through this intersection delivering forgiveness, endurance, and hope. May we ever walk with Jesus. Amen.

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: “What an Awesome God”

God is great, give Him all the praise, Hallelujah, Name above all Names.
Fire in His eyes, healing in His veins, everywhere His glory on display.
Take a look at those stars, He can name them all.
Before His throne every knee falls.
The demons have to run, the angels have to praise,
Even the wind and waves obey.

(Chorus)

Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, pow'r and love. Our God is an awesome God.
Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, pow'r and love. Our God is an awesome God.

And even when I ran He didn't run away.
He came and put death back in its place.
Friday on a cross, broken for my shame,
Sunday morning rose up from that grave.
Take a look at those scars on His hands and feet.
He saved our souls for eternity.
Worthy is the Lamb, glory to the King.
Oh let all the saints and the angels sing. (Chorus)
Eyes on the sky. There will be a day, He will come and wipe our tears away.

No more fear, no more pain, No more sorrow sin or shame.
The King is coming back again, a reign of love that will never end
For everything You've done and everything You do
And everything You are, I'll sing to You.

My God, You're an awesome God. You're great in all You do.
I'm made to worship You. My God, You're an awesome God. (Chorus)

Our God is an awesome God. Our God, what an awesome God..

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(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 72:18-19; 119:1; 116:5, 9)

Leader: Blessed are those whose way is blameless,

People: who walk in the law of the LORD!

Leader: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

People: I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

Leader: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

People: Blessed be His glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory! Amen and Amen!

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on Confession in the Small Catechism informs and directs us with these words:

People: "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."

Leader: Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

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 suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being.

Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

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 of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

(Please be seated)

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Our God Saves"

In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son,

In the name of the Spirit, Lord, we come.

We're gathered together to lift up Your name,

To call on our Savior, to fall on Your grace.

In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son,

In the name of the Spirit, Lord, we come.

We're gathered together to lift up Your name,

To call on our Savior, to fall on Your grace.

Hear the joyful sound of our offering

As Your saints bow down, As Your people sing.

We will rise with You, lifted on Your wings, and the world will see that...

Our God saves, our God saves. There is hope in Your Name.

In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son,

In the name of the Spirit, Lord, we come.

We're gathered together to lift up Your name,

To call on our Savior, to fall on Your grace.

Hear the joyful sound of our offering

As Your saints bow down, As Your people sing.

We will rise with You, lifted on Your wings, and the world will see that...

Our God saves, our God saves. There is hope in Your Name.

Mourning turns to songs of praise;

Our God saves, our God saves, our God saves.

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THE FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,

like waters that fail? ¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 12:9–21

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21–28

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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 SONG OF RESPONSE: "Even So Come (Come Lord Jesus)"

All of creation, all of the earth,

Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord. Jesus is coming soon.

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint.

Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame. Jesus is coming soon.

(Chorus)

Like a bride waiting for her groom,

We'll be a church ready for You.

Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing.

"Even so, come. Lord, Jesus, come.

Even so, come. Lord, Jesus, come."

There will be justice. All will be new.

Your Name forever, faithful and true. Jesus is coming soon. (Chorus)

So we wait. We wait for You. God, we wait; You're coming soon!

So we wait. We wait for You. God, we wait; You're coming soon.

Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a church ready for You.

Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing.

Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a church ready for You.

Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing.

"Even so, come. Lord, Jesus, come.

Even so, come. Lord, Jesus, come."

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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 OFFERING: "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.

There is no more for heaven now to give.

He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,

My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.

For my life is wholly bound to His.

Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,

For by my side the Savior, He will stay.

I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,

For in my need, His power is displayed.

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.

Through the deepest valley He will lead.

Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With ev'ry breath I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to Him.

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
Yet not I, but through Christ in 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. Almighty God, ever righteous and faithful, all vengeance belongs to You. As our enemies rise against us, we place all things in Your hands, knowing justice will be done and that You, O Lord, will redeem us from the grasp of the ruthless. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, grant to Your Church pastors who say with Jeremiah, "Hear the Word of the Lord," and who faithfully proclaim that Word to us. Strengthen our pastors and missionaries for the tasks to which You have called them, and care for their families. Lord in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Gracious Lord, look with favor on the households of this congregation, and grant that all may live in love that issues from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: O Lord, our God, turn the eyes of all who make, execute and judge our laws to You, that they may receive wisdom and strength to faithfully carry out their duties. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty Father, have mercy on all who are sick or suffering. Grant that they may have relief from pain, and give them the courage to endure their crosses and tribulations. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Loving Lord, until Your Son returns in glory, He gives us His body and blood to sustain us. Grant that all who receive this gift today may receive it in faith, trusting that it is given for the forgiveness of their sins and life everlasting. 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.**

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 delivers us from death and the grave so that we may take up our cross and delight in You. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

“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

"New Wine"

In the crushing, in the pressing You are making new wine.
In the soil I now surrender, You are breaking new ground.

So I yield to You and to Your careful hand.
When I trust You I don't need to understand.

Make me Your vessel, make me an offering.
Make me whatever You want me to be.
I came here with nothing, but all You have given me,
Jesus, bring new wine out of me.

In the crushing, in the pressing You are making new wine.
In the soil I now surrender, You are breaking new ground.
You are breaking new ground.

So, make me Your vessel, make me an offering.
Make me whatever You want me to be.
I came here with nothing, but all You have given me,
Jesus, bring new wine out of me.
Jesus, bring new wine out of me.
Jesus, bring new wine out of me.

'Cause where there is new wine there is new power.
There is new freedom and the kingdom is here.
I lay down my old flames to carry Your new fire today.
'Cause where there is new wine there is new power.
There is new freedom and the kingdom is here.
I lay down my old flames to carry Your new fire today.

So, make me Your vessel, make me an offering.
Make me whatever You want me to be.
God, I came here with nothing, but all You have given me.
Jesus, bring new wine out of me.
Jesus, bring new wine out of me.
Jesus, bring new wine out of me.

"The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)"

Father, let your kingdom come. Father, let your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart.
Father, let your kingdom come. Father, let your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart.

(Chorus)

Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us, forgive us,
As we forgive the ones who sinned against us; forgive them.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
Let your kingdom come. (Repeat from beginning)

It's yours, it's yours, all yours, all yours.
The kingdom, the power, the glory are yours.
It's yours, it's yours, all yours, all yours.
Forever and ever the kingdom is yours.
It's yours, it's yours, all yours, all yours.
The kingdom, the power, the glory are yours.
It's yours, it's yours, all yours, all yours.
Forever and ever the kingdom is yours.

Father, let your kingdom come. Father, let your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart.
Father, let your kingdom come. Father, let your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart.
On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart.

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(Please stand as you are able)
THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "Glory Be"

There's a song that's on my lips from the moment that I rise
To the One who rescued me and brought me life.

Praise awaits You at the dawn, praise awaits You in the night.
With the heavens, I will sing and lift You high.

(Chorus)

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit; All glory to the One!
Glory to the Lord Almighty, Glory to the King Most High,
Glory be to God forever; All glory to the One!

Praise awaits You at the dawn, praise awaits You in the night.
With the heavens, I will sing and lift You high. (Chorus)

As it was and is and ever shall be, amen, amen!
As it was and is and ever shall be, amen, amen!

As it was and is and ever shall be, amen, amen!

As it was and is and ever shall be, amen! (Chorus)

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THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Ez. 33:7-9; Ps. 32:1-7; Rom. 13:1-10; Matt. 18:1-20

THE FLOWERS adorning the altar were given to the glory of God in honor of the 49th Wedding Anniversary of Don and Maureen Gentry; in loving memory of Joanne Bruce, from her children and their families; and in honor of the 20th wedding anniversary of Richie and Ashley Cummins.

USHERS: Dave and Tammy Bair

COMMUNION: Steve Bredemeyer

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 Rachel Kammeyer and Landon Campbell. 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
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Linda Barnes, Ethan Perkins, Janet Toepfer, Jan Hoffman, Logan Ryan, Charlie Chapman
 - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Karen Burtch (sister-in-law of Lori Richey), Amy Krantz (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, 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, 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), Vanita Engelbrecht (mother of Amy Rast), Amy (daughter of Bruce and Linda Novak), Mark Schmotzer (father of Jacob Schmotzer)

- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - John Hess
 - Greg and Athena Hill
 - Kam and Melina Hill, Liam
 - Lana Hille
 - Jason and Michelle Hilty, Lucas, Gage, and Ava
 - Liz Hincks, Taylor and Madison
 - Bill and Marcia Hines
 - Troy and Jill Hockemeyer, Mallory and Brooke
 - Andrea Hockenberry
- 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 Sheaffer	Jacob Wiehe	Shaylee Epperson

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.

Christian Education Kickoff – Join us on Sunday, September 13 as we kick off a new year of Christian education! As Bible classes, Sunday School, and Confirmation begin for the fall, the entire congregation is invited to gather from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the gym for food, coffee, fellowship, a bounce house for children, and information about Bible classes and other ministries starting up this season. 10:30 a.m. worship that day will include the Second Grade Home Resource Presentation, the dedication of Confirmation families, and the dedication and installation of our Christian Education leaders. Come reconnect after the summer and celebrate the opportunities ahead as we grow together in God's Word.

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Clay & Iron Devotion	Brandt Hall	Monday	6:30 a.m.
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
@917 Bible Class	Ebenezer Hall	Thursdays	7:00 p.m.
This Is Most Certainly Brew	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 a.m.

Monday Morning Moms - Join us for fellowship and encouragement as we walk through the ups and downs of motherhood together. We'll spend time in God's Word, build meaningful friendships, and remind one another we're not alone. Come as you are—we'd love to have you! Book: *Limping with God*; Dates: September 14 & 28, October 12 & 26, November 9 & 30, and December 14. Time: 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Location: Loft; Free childcare available in LL Ebenezer.

LifeLight Bible Class (Day Change) - The class will be studying Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon. Time options this year are Mondays from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and Tuesdays from 3:30-5:00 p.m., starting on September 14 and 15.

Women's Bible Study - The 8:45 a.m. Wednesday Women's Bible Study will resume on September 23 in Brandt Hall with a study of the letters to the Galatians and 1 and 2 Corinthians.

The News of the Church

HAVING TROUBLE FINDING THE WEEKLY EMAIL FROM EMMANUEL? - The weekly email from the staff is a great way to stay informed about what's happening in our church family. If you are no longer receiving the email, it may have been filtered and ended up in your junk or spam folder. If you'd like to view the weekly email, you can simply go to the Emmanuel website and use the pull-down menu titled "What We Do," then click on the "Weekly Email Newsletter" link, and you'll be redirected to the weekly email. If you have other questions about the Emmanuel website or app, plan to stop by Brandt Hall on August 30, from 9:15-10:15 for some one-on-one help.

Adult Choir - The Adult Choir is starting a brand new season and we'd love for YOU to be a part of it! We start weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, September 2 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. A schedule will be handed out along with other information regarding the year ahead. Contact Matt Johnston at 260.229.1387 with any questions, or the need for childcare. No auditions. No pressure. Just music, fellowship, and a whole lot of joy. Come sing with us!

Visual Faith Workshop: Whispers to God - Join us on Tuesday, September 1, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and be ready to create! Participants of all ages and skill levels will make an envelope journal—a special place to tuck away written prayers and “whispers” to God. Sign up at the Connections Counter. We look forward to creating and praying with you!

First Impressions is kicking off another year of gatherings, and we'd love for you to be part of it! Join us Wednesday, September 2, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall as we begin the fall season together. Come see what First Impressions is all about, meet some new faces, and find a place to connect with other women at Emmanuel. Bring a friend and join us!

Emmanuel's LWM/LWML Meeting - Please join us! - Our next LWM meeting will take place on Thursday, September 3 in LL Ebenezer. Judy May will lead bible study from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. and will be followed by a service project. We hope to see you there!

Lunch Bunch - Everyone 60(+) is invited to join us for Lunch Bunch as we kick-off another season of food, fun, and fellowship. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 15. Fellowship begins at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:00 p.m. prepared by our familiar cook, Tammy. Following lunch, our special speaker will be our very own member, Jacob Pennekamp, Concordia Lutheran High School Head of School. Jacob will be sharing an update with us on what is happening as students return to Concordia for the fall semester. The cost for the Lunch Bunch meal is \$10.00 per person, payable that day in the LL Ebenezer. Please stop by the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall to sign up for this event or call the church office at 260.423.1369 by Friday, September 11. We look forward to kicking off our 2026-2027 Lunch Bunch season!

Food Bank Needs - Thank you for your continued support of Emmanuel's Food Bank. We are grateful for both the foods and financial donations we receive. At this time, we are especially in need of adult incontinence products in medium, large, and extra-large sizes, for both men and women. We are also in need of canned meat and cereal. If you can donate any of these items, please bring them to the church office. Thank you!

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 (PALS) is a ministry of Emmanuel that partners with Washington Elementary to support 2nd and 3rd graders. Each week for eight weeks, these students join us in Ebenezer Hall, where we share snacks, explore the love of Jesus, read, and play together. Your time and kindness can make a lasting impact. Join us in this rewarding ministry in Ebenezer Hall on September 9 for training, from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., and on September 16, 23, & 30; October 7, 14, & 21; and November 4 & 11, from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Who can volunteer? Any adult, high school student, along with 7th and 8th graders are welcome to apply. Click this link to apply and feel free to email Liz Bejot at LBejot@emmanuel Lutheran.org with any questions.

Men's Ministry Breakfast at Emmanuel - All men are invited to Emmanuel's Built to Build Men's Ministry Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 19, in LL Ebenezer Hall. Pastor Eggold will serve as our speaker as we explore how we are built by God to build up others in the callings He has given us. Through breakfast, conversation, and a practical presentation, we will consider what it means for Christian men to provide, protect, lead, and serve faithfully while first being strengthened by Christ through His Word, worship, prayer, and Christian fellowship. The doors open at 7:45 a.m., and we'll wrap up by 10:00 a.m. Come enjoy breakfast, connect with other men, and consider how God is calling you to build up the people He has placed in your life.

Lutherhaven Men's Retreat - September 25-27 - Men are invited to Camp Lutherhaven for the 2026 Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Retreat. The weekend will offer a chance to step away from life's busyness, strengthen your faith, and enjoy Bible study, worship, fellowship, recreation, and time outdoors. Pastor Gabe Kasper will serve as the retreat speaker, with worship led by Chabros Music. Cost ranges from \$50-\$89 depending on lodging, and those who register by September 4 will receive a free shirt. Learn more and register at lutherhaven.org/programs/retreats/men/.

Lutherans for Life -The 'Right to Life' banquet will be on October 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Coliseum. If interested please contact Carolyn Beitz 260.433.7188 for more information

Emmanuel Women's Retreat - Registration is now open for the 2026 Emmanuel Women's Retreat! Join us October 10-11 at the Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park for a weekend of encouragement, fellowship, and time in God's Word. Our featured speaker is deaconess, author, and licensed clinical social worker, Heidi Goehmann. Learn more about Heidi and find details on lodging, costs, and meal options by picking up a retreat brochure at the Connections Counter. Register by using the QR code above.



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 September 1 at 7:00 p.m. - Ultimate Frisbee at Concordia Theological Seminary Field (6600 N. Clinton St.)

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL’S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$1,488,271	Anticipated Need Through August: \$1,587,456
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$155	Year to Date: \$9,971
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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: \$3,322
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

“IAG” Total Received: \$6,955,738	Mortgage Balance: \$495,820	Total Cost* \$7,472,268
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*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, August 31

6:30 a.m. Clay & Iron Weekly Devotion

Tuesday, September 1

5:00 p.m. Mission Meeting

6:00 p.m. Visual Faith

7:00 p.m. Clay and Iron

Wednesday, September 2

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

8:30 a.m. ESM Chapel

9:30 a.m. ESM Preschool Chapel

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study

11:30 a.m. Communion Service

6:00 p.m. First Impressions

Thursday, September 3

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys

9:00 a.m. Piece Makers

1:00 p.m. LWML

7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

Friday, September 4

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

Saturday, September 5

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

Sunday, September 6

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion

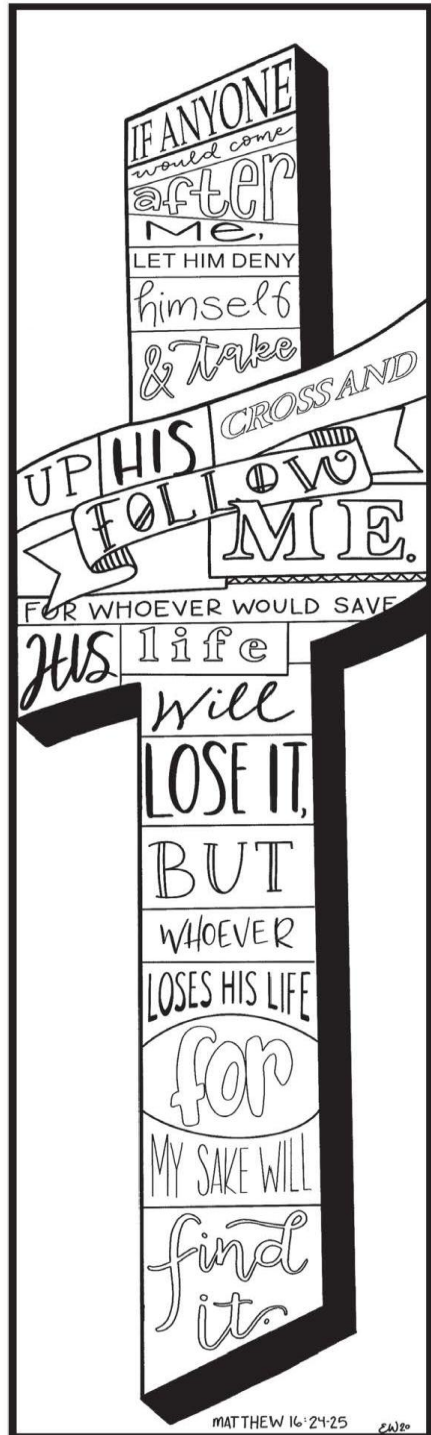
Find Words from the Scripture Readings

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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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