

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

“He Is Your Life”

AS WE GATHER

Like the children of Israel, we are facing a future that is full of transition. For all of us, the reality of change brings with it the temptation to walk our own way and without the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will always choose our own way. But the story of God’s action in our lives sustains us, and the Spirit of God strengthens us, and in the midst of life’s transitions, and in the face of our fear and weakness, God is always there to meet our sinful disobedience with forgiveness and life and salvation. Today, by God’s grace, this life in the Lord is yours!

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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THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Most holy and merciful Father,

People: we confess to You, and to one another, and to the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

Leader: We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

People: Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.

Leader: We have taken for granted Your grace and mercy and lived as though You did not matter and we mattered most of all.

People: Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.

Leader: We confess to You, O Lord, that we have done the evil Your Word prohibits and have not done the good You command.

People: Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.

Leader: We confess that we have hidden our sin from You and from one another and have not confessed honestly before You or to those whom we have hurt.

People: We are truly sorry for the sins we have committed in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done that is wrong and by our failure to do what is right. Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Leader: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Here's My Heart, Lord"

Here's my heart, Lord; here's my heart, Lord.

Here's my heart, Lord, speak what is true.

'Cause I am found, I am Yours; I am loved, I'm made pure.

I have life, I can breathe; I am healed, I am free. (Repeat from beginning)

'Cause You are strong, You are sure; You are life, You endure

You are good, always true; You are light breaking through.

Here's my heart, Lord; here's my heart, Lord.

Here's my heart, Lord, speak what is true.

Here's my life, Lord; here's my life, Lord.

Here's my life, Lord, speak what is true.

Speak what is true, speak what is true.

'Cause I am found, I am Yours; I am loved, I'm made pure.

I have life, I can breathe; I am healed, I am free.

'Cause You are strong, You are sure; You are life, You endure

You are good, always true; You are light breaking through.

You are more than enough; You are here, You are love.

You are hope, You are grace; You're all I have, You're ev'rything.

Here's my heart, Lord; here's my heart, Lord.

Here's my heart, Lord, speak what is true.

Here's my life, Lord; here's my life, Lord.

Here's my life, Lord, speak what is true.

Speak what is true, speak what is true.

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(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. ⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-35

Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either

for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

Inside back cover of hymnal

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: “Take My Life”

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always only for my King.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver, and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use ev’ry power as You choose.

(Chorus)

Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it’s all for Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Your feet its treasure store;

Take myself, and I will be, ever, only, all for Thee.

Take myself, and I will be, ever, only, all for Thee. (Chorus twice)

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take myself, and I will be, ever, only, all for Thee.

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THE SERMON

Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

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: “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

(Chorus)

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O my soul; worship His holy Name.

Sing like never before, O my soul;

I’ll worship Your holy Name.

The sun comes up; it’s a new day dawning.

It’s time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes. (Chorus)

You’re rich in love and You’re slow to anger.

Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come,
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending;
Ten thousand years and then forevermore! (Chorus)

**Worship Your holy Name,
Lord, I'll worship Your holy Name.**

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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. You have granted us great privilege and mercy, O Lord, that we should be called Your people. Work in us by Your Spirit, that we may love what is good and obey Your command cheerfully. Keep us from an easy faith that costs us nothing, and preserve us so that we may be the salt of the earth and light in the darkness of a world that does not know You. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, You are our life and length of days, and You set before us Your gift of life in Your Holy Word for us and for our children. Preserve Your institutions of marriage and family. Let every relationship in the home exemplify Your unconditional love for us in Christ, and grant that all might follow Him in their service to one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Give Your aid, O Lord, to all elected and appointed public officials, especially our president, the Congress of these United States, our governor, the legislature of this state and all who serve us in Your name in government. Grant peace to the nations, and prosper to the benefit of all people the cause of justice. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: God, our King, You promise blessing to those who follow in Your way, yet You also call them to carry their crosses. Grant Your peace to those who suffer among us. Guide them by Your Word to follow Your way through the pains of this world to the glories of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Gracious God, grant that all who come to the Lord's Supper this day may in faith receive Your Son's body and blood and with it the forgiveness of sins, the desire to amend our sinful lives, and the strength to confess the true faith in all that we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Join these, our prayers and praises, with those of Your faithful servants of every time and place, and unite them in the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest, until He comes again in power and glory as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, now and 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, 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 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

"Holy Forever"

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb,
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest,
Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions,
Your name stands above them all.
And the angels cry, "Holy." All creation cries, "Holy."
You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever.

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb. We'll sing the song forever and amen.

(Chorus)

And the angels cry, "Holy." All creation cries, "Holy."
You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever.
Hear Your people sing. "Holy." To the King of Kings, "Holy."
You will always be Holy, Holy forever.

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest,
Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions,
Your name stands above them all.
Jesus, Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest,
Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions,
Your name stands above them all. (Chorus)

You will always be Holy, Holy forever.

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"King of My Heart"

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run,
The fountain I drink from; oh, He is my song.
Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide,
The ransom for my life; oh, He is my song.

(Chorus)

You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.
You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails,
The anchor in the waves; oh, He is my song.
Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins,
The echo of my day; oh, He is my song. (Chorus two times)

When the night is holding on to me, God is holding on.
When the night is holding on to me, God is holding on.

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THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "I Will Follow"

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure,
I will trust in You alone.
Higher than my sight, high above my life, I will trust in You alone.

(Chorus)

Where You go I'll go, Where You stay I'll stay;
When You move I'll move, I will follow You.
Whom You love I'll love, How You serve I'll serve;
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah.
I will follow You, yeah.

Light into the world, Light into my life, I will live for You alone.
You're the One I seek, knowing I will find, all I need in You alone.
In You alone. (Chorus)

In You, there's life everlasting; in You, there's freedom for my soul.
In You, there's joy, unending joy; and I will follow. (Chorus)

I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

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THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Ez. 34:11-24; Ps. 119:169-176; 1 Tim. 1:5-17; Luke 15:1-10

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar today were given in celebration of the September 2nd Baptismal birthday of Jacob Igney, from mom; in loving memory

of Vern and Esther Miller and Linda Rowlett, from their families; and in loving memory of Ray and Joan Rita Anderson, from their family.

USHER: Dale and Pat Bultemeier

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:
 - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Pam Carmichael (sister of Deb Percy), Steve Herman, River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Carlton Grotian (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, Norv McClure
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Phil Arthur, Kathy Freimuth, Cathi Schenkel, Jenny Scheiderer, Dave Bieberich, Cathy Paff, Jan Reche, Vernene Miller, Kelsey Westrick, Evan Westrick, Roxanne Moore, 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 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, Herb Schumm, Mike Huesner, Rob Roehm, Cheri Maxwell, Ann Schwartz
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - Mike and Deb Warner, Ryan and Jacob
 - Greg and Dani Wasson, Teaghan, Brenna and Annabelle
 - Robin Waymire
 - Elizah Weating
 - Isaiah and Megan Weating, Jacob
 - Jeremiah and Rachael Weating

- Greg and Andrea Weaver
- Caleb and Aly Wedeven, Nora and Jordyn
- Mason and Chloe Wedeven
- Michelle Wedeven, Jaeger and Gavin
- 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
Alice Gynn			

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
Monday Morning Moms	Loft	Monday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
Lifelight: Luke	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	3:30 p.m.
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Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 a.m.
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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)	
Bible Study & Fellowship	Chapman's	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@emmanuel Lutheran.org.

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!

Lutherans for Life will be meeting on Friday, September 12 at 9:30 a.m. A speaker from Redemption House will be joining us. We hope to see you there!

Celebrating A Successful Capital Campaign with Peter Mayer - The Lord has provided more than \$6 million of the \$7.4 million it cost us to renovate our Union Street school building. On December 15, we will celebrate this remarkable blessing with a special Christmas concert in our sanctuary by recording artist Peter Mayer. We'd like to make this unique experience available to anyone who contributed to the "In All Generations" campaign. If you would like to reserve a free ticket (\$39.50 value) for this special concert at no cost, please scan the QR code.



Food Bank - Thank you so much for your continued support of Emmanuel's food bank. We are in need of strong volunteers the third Thursday of every month from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.. Please contact Anita at 260.414.2258 if you can help. We also have a need for adult Depends (large size and up), toothbrushes, and toothpaste. If you can donate any of these items over the next few months, it would be greatly appreciated! Please place items in the cabinet labeled "Food Bank" at the bottom of the stairs from the Sanctuary into Ebenezer Hall. 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), 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@emmanuel Lutheran.org or scan the QR code to apply.



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!

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!

CLHS Worship Service - Please join us on September 28, 10:00 -11:00 a.m. for a worship service at the Concordia High School auditorium open to all alumni,

family, and friends of CLHS. The Service will be led by 1975 classmates, Pastor Dan Dahling, Pastor Steven Ensley, and Pastor Steven Schlund. Help us commemorate our 50th Class reunion! Following the worship service, take a guided tour to see what's new at CLHS and hear about exciting plans for the future of our campus.

Bridge 20/30: September Events & Connection Opportunities - Are you in your 20s or 30s and 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 9 at 7:00 p.m., we'll be meeting at The Garden (3308 N. Anthony Blvd.) for Anchor Devotion Night - "Failure Isn't Final" with Brian Loesel. We hope to see you there!

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: \$1,498,318	Anticipated Need Thru September, 2025: \$1,620,684
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$195	Year to Date: \$7,855
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$120	Year to Date: \$3,245
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received:	Mortgage Balance:	Total Cost*
\$6,057,258	\$1,394,590	\$7,408,920

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

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, September 8

- 8:30 a.m. Monday Morning Moms
- 3:30 p.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

Tuesday, September 9

- 5:00 p.m. Stephen Leaders
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. West Central Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 10

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 7:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Wednesday Morning Study
- 9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Communion Service
- 6:00 p.m. SNA
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 11

ESM 2 HOUR DELAY

- 8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
- 9:00 a.m. TEC21
- 10:00 a.m. Piece Makers
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study & Fellowship at Chapman's Brewery
- 7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

Friday, September 12

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Lutheran for Life

Saturday, September 13

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

Sunday, September 14

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

What was my favorite part of church today?

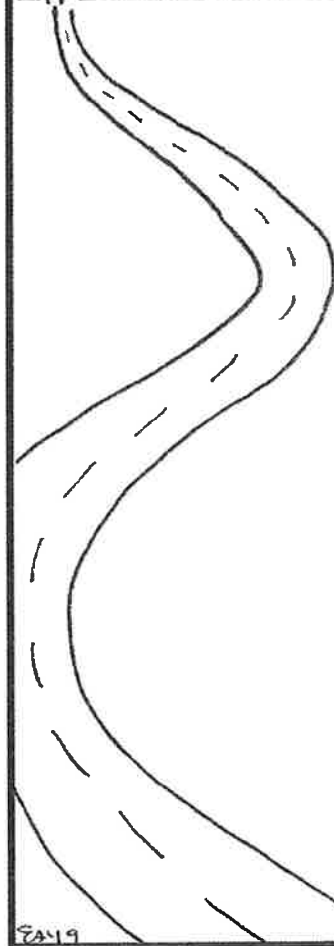
How can I use this in my life?



Songs we sang:



Lord
+ LEAD ME...



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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