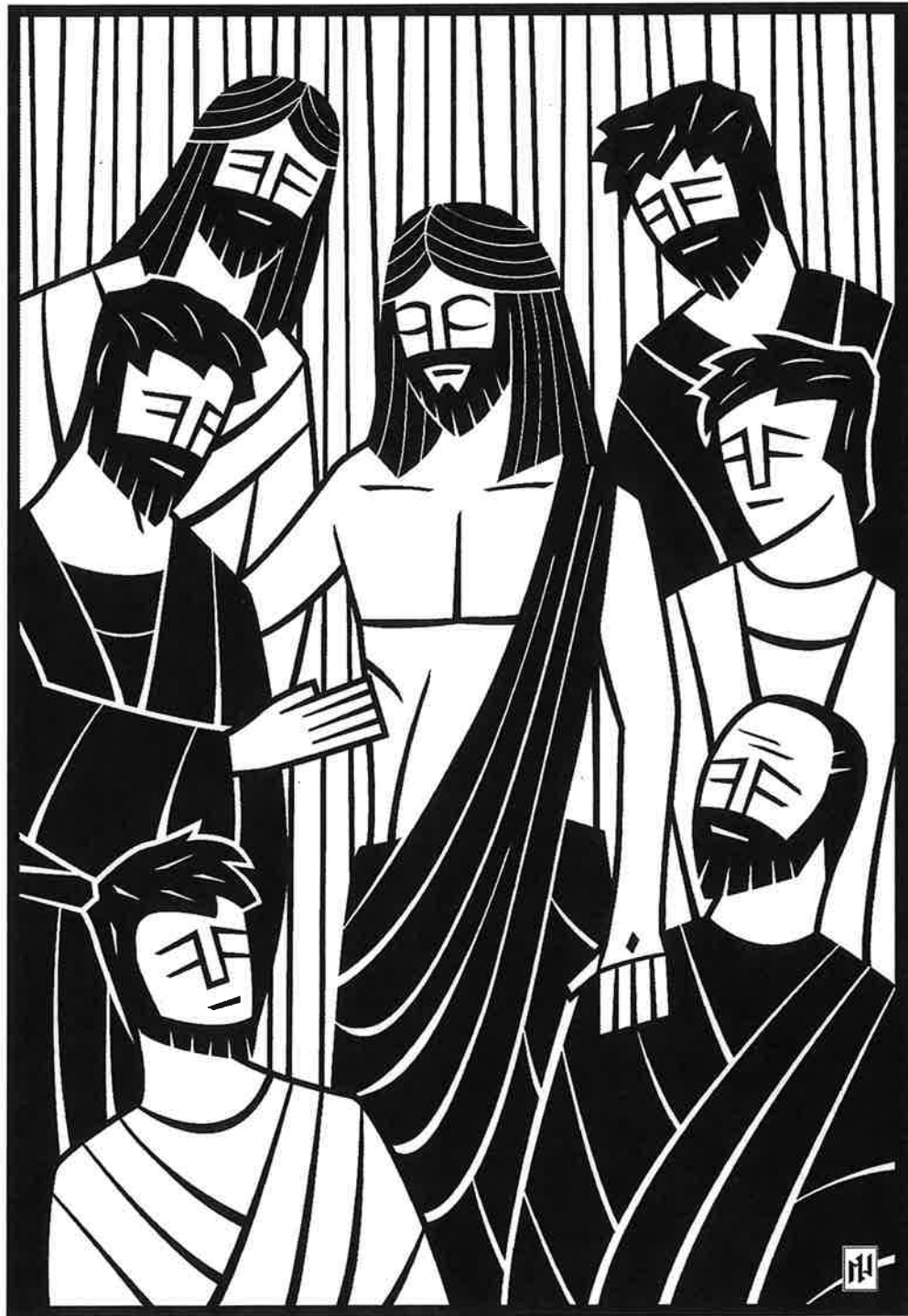


Divine Service at 5:00



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Worship

Here are a few things we'd like you to know...

Guests in Worship—Each week, we have the opportunity to welcome new people to our fellowship. While ushers have the important job of helping guests find seats and sharing information, we all play a role in embracing and welcoming guests to Emmanuel. Please look for new faces, extend a helping hand whenever possible, and encourage guests to visit the **Connections Counter** in Ebenezer Hall.

Children in Worship—The presence of children at Emmanuel is a great blessing and the worship service can be a wonderful opportunity to teach them about God's love. Please bring children forward during the distribution of Holy Communion for a personal blessing, and help them to participate in the responses and prayers throughout the service. Age appropriate **Children's Bulletins** are available on the tables located at the back of the church. **Tot Bags** are located in the east and west rear entrances of the church. If a child becomes restless or disruptive during the service, a **Church Nursery** for children three years of age and younger is located in the lower level hall just down the stairs near the northwest entrance to the church. If you need help finding the Church Nursery, please ask one of our ushers who will gladly guide you.

Prayer Requests—If you have a prayer concern that you would like included in the worship service, please ask an usher for a prayer request card. You may drop the completed card into one of the boxes located at the back of the sanctuary or hand it to an usher.

Special Needs—We offer a number of aids designed to enhance your worship experience including a **Hearing Loop**, **Large Print Bulletins** and **Printed Copies of Today's Sermon**. If any of these items would be helpful to you, please ask one of our ushers who would be delighted to assist you.

The Gathering Time—Each Sunday, after the early service and before Sunday School and Bible Classes begin, we congregate in Ebenezer Hall for The Gathering Time. During this time, members and guests have the opportunity for fellowship together, while enjoying a beverage and donut.

Emmanuel App—The Emmanuel App is a wonderful tool for ministry and will put access to worship resources, devotional helps, congregational information, video announcements, as well as our church calendar at your fingertips. The Emmanuel App can be accessed by going to your app store and searching for "Emmanuel Fort Wayne." Search results will show you the app which features our logo.

The mission of Emmanuel is the mission Christ gave His Church when He said, "go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20). If you are interested in finding out more about Emmanuel, you can contact Pastor Eggold at taeggold@hotmail.com, or Pastor Sheafer at pastordan@emmanuel.lutheran.org, or call either of us at (260) 423-1369. We would love to talk with you.

“That You May Believe and Have Life in His Name”

AS WE GATHER

In the weeks after celebrating Jesus’ resurrection, we will be reminded of many great signs and wonders that are accomplished as the news of His resurrection spreads. As we hear of these great signs and wonders, we should also be reminded of their purpose. They are to continually point us back to Jesus as the author and perfecter of faith and the source of life everlasting. Today, the risen Jesus is here, in Word and Sacrament, that we might believe and have life eternal. By His death on the cross and His rising from the tomb, we are assured of His power and His provision for this purpose forever. As we gather in Jesus’ presence for worship today, may He fill us with great joy as we continue to celebrate His resurrection victory and confess Him as our Lord and God!

THE GATHERING TIME

During the Gathering Time, we encourage our members to greet each other with God’s peace and to warmly welcome visitors into our fellowship. Kindly turn off all cellphones and please sit toward the center of the pew so there is room for all who worship.

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP: “The Fruit of the Spirit”

ESM Grades K-3

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE GATHERING SONG: “Open Up the Heavens”

We’ve waited for this day. We’re gathered in your name, Calling out to You.
Your glory like a fire, awakening desire, will burn our hearts with truth.
You’re the reason we’re here. You’re the reason we’re singing.

(Chorus)

Open up the heavens, we want to see You.
Open up the floodgates, a mighty river flowing from your heart,
Filling ev’ry part of our praise.

Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face, We’re looking to the sky.
Descending like a cloud, You’re standing with us now. Lord, unveil our eyes.
You’re the reason we’re here. You’re the reason we’re singing. (Chorus)

Show us, show us Your glory. Show us, show us Your power.
Show us, show us Your glory, Lord.
Show us, show us Your glory. Show us, show us Your power.
Show us, show us Your glory, Lord. (Chorus)

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THE INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 91:1-2

Leader: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
People: I will say to the lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Leader: Taking refuge in the mercy of the Lord, let us come before Him in prayer.

(A moment of silence to reflect on God's Word
and to examine our hearts before Him.)

Leader: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
People: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. By the things we have done and by what we have failed to do, we have not honored You as we ought, nor have we served others in love. We deserve to be cast from Your presence forever. Yet in Your great mercy, You sent Your Son to die and rise again for us. Help us to know the power of His resurrection and to share in the joy that His forgiveness brings. Enable us to receive Your mercy and be renewed by Your Spirit that we may honor You as the Lord and God in whom we place our trust. Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hears our prayers and answers them for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ. By faith, we stand at His cross and empty tomb. We find our refuge and sing for joy in the shadow of His wings. 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: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE SHARING OF PEACE

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "What a Beautiful Name"

You were the Word at the beginning,
One with God, the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ.

What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us,
So Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater.
What could separate us now?

What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You.
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory,
For You are raised to life again.
You have no rival, You have no equal.
Now and forever, God, You reign.
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory,
Yours is the name above all names.

What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against.
What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.

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THE FIRST READING: Acts 5:12-32

Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. ¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." ²¹And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach. Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²²But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³"We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." ²⁴Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. ²⁵And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." ²⁶Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people. ²⁷And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-18

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with

the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” ⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.” ¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. ¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19–31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.” ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that

you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Spoken together)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "King of Kings"

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
'Til from Heaven You came running, There was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfill the Law and Prophets, to a virgin came the Word.
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

(Chorus)

Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of Glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross.
For even in Your suff'ring, You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died. (Chorus)

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath,
'Til that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me. (Chorus)

Praise forever to the King of kings.

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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: "Amen (Because He Lives)"

I believe in the Son. I believe in the Risen One.
I believe I overcome by the power of His blood.

Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives!
Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends, because He lives!
I was dead in the grave. I was covered in sin and shame.
I heard mercy call my name. He rolled the stone away!

Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives!
Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone.
I know He holds my life, my future in His hands.

Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives!
Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends.
Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives!
Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends,
Because He lives; Because He lives.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Gracious God, You are exalted over all things in heaven and on earth. In Your mercy, You shower us with blessings of both body and soul as You care for Your creation. Enable us to see Your hands at work in our midst that, together with all those who share in the power of Your Son's resurrection, we always say:

People: You alone are Lord and God!

Leader: Giver of life, You renew our souls through the power of Your Holy Spirit. As we continue to celebrate the joy of our Savior's Easter victory, grant that Your Church on earth always speaks Your Word with boldness and confidence, that like the first eyewitnesses of Christ's resurrection, we share with all people:

People: You alone are Lord and God!

Leader: You govern all nations with Your mighty and merciful hand, O Lord. Show forth Your favor to the land in which we live, raising up men and women who will serve as godly leaders among us; blessing those who make, administer, and judge our laws; protecting all those who serve in harm's way for the benefit of others; and helping us always to know and believe:

People: You alone are Lord and God!

Leader: In Your Son's earthly ministry, people brought to Him all those who were sick and suffering that He might touch and heal them. This ministry of healing continued through His disciples in the early church. Even now, we know that Jesus heals, renews, and restores through the Means of Grace He has provided for our benefit. Place Your healing hand upon those in need. In the shadow of Your healing presence, we boldly confess:

People: You alone are Lord and God!

Leader: We bring all these prayers before You, gracious Father, in the name of Him who is risen from the dead and reigns with You forever as our Lord and God: Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "Days of Elijah"

These are the days of Elijah, Declaring the Word of the Lord.
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
Righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trials,
Of famine and darkness and sword;
Still we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

(Chorus)

Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call.
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill, salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel, The dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of your servant David, Building a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in Your world;
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard,
Declaring the Word of the Lord. (Chorus)

There's no god like Jehovah, there's no god like Jehovah,
There's no god like Jehovah, there's no god like Jehovah.
There's no god like Jehovah, there's no god like Jehovah,
There's no god like Jehovah, there's no god like Jehovah. (Chorus)

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THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 9:1-22; Rev. 5:1-14; John 21:1-19

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Beverly Payne from Stan Payne and family, and in loving memory of William and Betty Werling from Tim, Carol, and Jacob Reinking

THE MUSIC LEADERS: Emmanuel Praise Team

THE USHERS: Jan Hoffman, Laura Miller

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 pray for Aiden Reece Hartman on the occasion of his Baptism. We ask God to strengthen Aiden as he grows and to bless his parents, Adam and Kiana (Bojrab) Hartman, and his sponsors, Rachel Plohr and Matthew Hartman, as they raise and nurture Aiden in his Baptismal faith.
 - Pray for Gary Curtis, Kim Benne, Rachel Eckert, Laura Lin and their families as they mourn the loss of loved ones. Ask God to comfort them in their grief, give them His peace, and assure them of the victory over death that is ours through Christ.
 - Pray for strength, healing and comfort for Audrey (niece of Gary Curtis), Rhonda Irven, Curt Reese (brother-in-law of Sandra Nahrwold), David

Merkler, Mary Louise Spice, Gary Dick (friend of Nadine Polley), Carolyn Hansen (mother-in-law of Danyiel Adams), Pam Matson, Callum Glowaski (newborn son of Patrick and Jessica), Anne Couture, Logan Ryan, Dixie Lee (sister of Phyllis Urbine), Diane Freimuth (daughter of Kathy Freimuth), Jennifer Bergman, Craig Brigman, Louise Bredemeyer, Devin (friend of Sandy Behling), Sandy Reavis, Logan Ryan, Sue Maxson, Bob Fisher, and Kristy Fitzgerald.

- Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Kristen Labahn, Patty Rouse, Phyllis Urbine, Faith Harless, Karen Richardson, Mitchell Werth.
 - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Peg Davis, Rich (friend of Ron and Elaine Ahrens), Rae Paff (brother of Mike Paff), Shellie (friend of Sandy Behling), Jenny Hobby (sister of Chris Murphy), Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Carolyn Robison (sister of Sandy Reavis and Patty Rouse), Richard Vargas (brother-in-law of Kris Tinsley), Carolyn Shelton, Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith), and Christie Wentland (sister-in-law of Aaron & Cara Wentland).
 - Pray for strength and peace for Mary English (friend of Sharon Bell).
 - Pray for all who struggle with the ongoing impact of the pandemic.
 - Pray for all health care workers as they care for patients and residents.
- Join our staff in praying for the following members this week:
 - Mike and Shirley Harvey, Hannah, Justin and Stacie
 - Jodi Harwood, Kaylee
 - Don and Karen Hastings, Aaron
 - Troy and Joan Hatfield, Micah and Noah
 - Marj Hathaway
 - Richard and Janice Havener
 - Kelvin and Lynne Hawkey
 - Sean and Michelle Hayes, Rylee
 - Scott and Vickie Heath, Charles and Michelle
 - Tyler Heck
- Please pray for the missions and missionaries currently supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
 - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Nuendorf - Ponce, Puerto Rico
 - Rev. Aaron Spratt - Alaska Mission for Christ
 - Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)
 - Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
 - The Lutheran Heritage Foundation

- o Luther Academy
- o Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM)
- o Lutherans For Life (LFL)

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.

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.

Adult Sunday Bible Classes 9:15 - 10:30 A.M.

CLASS	LOCATION	DATES	INSTRUCTOR
Unlocking the Bible	Ebenezer, LL	4/24-5/22	Pr. Eggold, Pr. Sheaffer

Sunday School Classes 9:15 - 10:15 A.M.

CLASS	LOCATION
Me Too (Birth - Age 2)	Room 7 (Lower Level, School)
3-5 Year Olds	Room 6 (Lower Level, School)
K-2 nd Grade	Room 105 (Middle Level, School)
3 rd -5 th Grade	Room 104 (Middle Level, School)
6 th Grade Confirmation	Room 202 (Third Floor, School)
7 th Grade Confirmation	Room 4 (Lower Level, School)
8 th Grade Confirmation	Activity Center (Upper Level, School)
9 th -12 th Grade	The Loft

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Women's Book Study	The Loft	Mondays	9:00 am
LifeLight - Romans (Beg. 4/18)	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	5:30 pm
Women's Book Study (Beth Williams 402-803-5303)	Ebenezer Hall	Tuesdays (1 st & 3 rd)	8:00 pm
Men's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 am
Women's Bible Study - James	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays	8:30 am

Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	10:00 am
Men's Bible Study	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 am

The News of the Church

Congregational Meeting on April 24 - We will hold a congregational voters' meeting in the sanctuary following the 10:30 a.m. service. The agenda will include reports on the In All Generations campaign and ESM renovation, and a recommendation from the Youth and Family Call Committee.

Cookies for the Connections Counter - Each weekend we plan for guests and visitors at Emmanuel. Our Connections Counter serves as a central location for making conversation, sharing information, and providing a warm welcome. When first-time guests come to the Counter, we provide a small box of cookies. If you enjoy baking and would like to be part of this ministry of hospitality, please visit the Connections Counter or call the church office to sign up to contribute cookies.

Our "Over Sixty" Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday, May 17 and will feature Bruce Novak, a historian, adjunct faculty at PFW and Emmanuel member. He will share a very engaging presentation on Civil War Trivia. Fellowship hour begins at 11:00 a.m. with lunch served at noon, followed by our featured speaker at 12:45 p.m. Please make reservations by Friday, May 13 at the Connections Counter or by calling the church office at 423-1369. The cost of the meal is \$9.00.

VBS Update & Opportunity - Due to the school renovation project this summer, Emmanuel will not hold VBS on our campus. Instead, Emmanuel will participate in St. Michael's VBS program. We will resume our VBS program once the school renovations are complete. Emmanuel VBS participants and volunteers are encouraged to join in St. Michael's VBS this year. Here are the details:

Theme: "Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God"

Dates and Time: July 25-29, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Culminating Service and Party: July 30 at 5:00 p.m.

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church

VBS Contact: Carrie Gould, 937.641.9744 / carrie.gould1137@yahoo.com

A New Sunday Morning Bible Study: "Keys to Unlocking the Bible" - On Sunday, April 24, Pastor Eggold and Pastor Sheafer will begin a five-week class on interpreting the Bible. Based on Dr. Lane Burgland's book, "Reading the Bible with Understanding" this Bible class will provide basic principles for interpreting

the Bible that everyone can use. "Keys to Unlocking the Bible" will meet in the lower level of Ebenezer Hall on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m. from April 24 through May 22.

Communion Services on Wednesdays - We continue to offer a special service of Holy Communion on Wednesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. For these services, social distancing recommendations will be followed, face coverings will be required, and there will be no singing.

Emmanuel Golf League - There has been growing interest from those connected to Emmanuel to have a golf league. This year we are looking to continue to build on the previous year's momentum. Emmanuel's 2022 Golf League will begin Tuesday, May 3 and will run weekly until September or October. We will play at Brookwood Golf Course starting at 5:30 p.m. For a round of 9 holes, the weekly cost to play in the league will be \$24 (riding) and \$16 (walking). This league is open to both men and women, and we are seeking at least 12 people each week of play. If you are interested or have further questions, please feel free to contact Fred Peterson (260.437.2885) or Mike Huesner (260.416.1380) who are helping to organize this league at Emmanuel.

CLHS Pickleball Tournament/Fundraiser - Concordia Lutheran High School will hold its first annual Pickleball Tournament and Fundraiser on Saturday, May 7 at the CLHS gym, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Registration fee is \$50 per participant. All fees benefit Concordia Lutheran High School. For more information and to register for this event, contact Dan Heath at ptheath1955@yahoo.com.

LCMS Aid to Ukraine - As the situation in Ukraine continues, the church prays and provides for those affected. If you desire to contribute financially to their needs, there are several ways to donate:

- Text LCMSUKRAINE to 41-444.
- Give online via LCMS Mission Advancement.
- Call the LCMS at 888-930-4438.
- Give online via Mission Central.
- Call Mission Central (Mapleton, Iowa) at 712-882-1029.
- By mail, make your check out to "The LCMS," and write "Ukraine Relief" in the memo line. Mail to: The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861.

The Gathering Time - Each Sunday, after the early service and before Sunday School and Bible Classes begin, we congregate in Ebenezer Hall for The Gathering Time. During this time, members and guests have the opportunity for fellowship together, while enjoying a beverage and donut.

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Year to Date: \$582,499	Anticipated Need Thru April: \$579,267
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Last Week: \$292	Year to Date: \$5,880
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CUP OF KINDNESS

Last Week: 245	Year to Date: \$2,781
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Received: \$1,509,664	Goal: \$5,000,000	Pledged: \$2,991,172
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The Calendar of the Church

Monday, April 25

- 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. LifeLight

Tuesday, April 26

- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Wednesday, April 27

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. School Chapel
- 8:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion Class
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Mid-Week Communion Service

Thursday, April 28

- 8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
- 9:00 a.m. Piece Makers

Friday, April 29

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, April 30

- 2:00 p.m. Cowles/Rogan Wedding
- 3:30 p.m. Praise Team
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Witness Service (no Communion)

Sunday, May 1

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Worship Service
- 9:00 a.m. Gathering Time in Ebenezer Hall
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Classes & Youth Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Worship Service with Communion and Youth Confirmation
- 6:00 p.m. FWYA Bible Study

The Risen Jesus and Faith

Building Faith in the Family

John 20: 19-31

Gather around a candle or Easter flowers in the evening. Open a Bible to John 20: 19-31. This is another wonderful Easter story. It's one you'll want to talk about together because so much of it is about us, too.

It was evening on the very first Easter day. Darkness had fallen, with its long shadows and chilly breezes. Jesus' disciples shivered and huddled close together in an upstairs room. They had locked all the doors, fearful that the men who had killed their Master would now come after them. They spoke in low voices.

What were they talking about? (Read verse 18.) Did they believe what Mary told them? What do you think?

Then, all of a sudden Jesus was there in the room, right next to them. "Peace be with you," He said, and He showed them His hands and side.

Why do you think Jesus said, "Peace be with you"?

Why did He show them His hands and side?

Next, Jesus gave them a job.

Read verses 21 and 22. Again He said, "Peace be with you."

Why did they need peace again?

What job did Jesus give His disciples?

The story goes on...

One disciple was missing from the room that night: Thomas. When they saw him later, the disciples were babbling with excitement: "We saw Jesus! He's alive!"

Look at Thomas's reaction in verse 25. How do you feel about that?

A week later, the disciples were together again in that same room. Just to be on the safe side, they'd locked the doors again. This time, Thomas was there, too. Suddenly, just like before, Jesus was there. And just like before, His first words were, "Peace be with you."

Remember what Thomas said it would take to make him believe?

What do you think is going to happen?

Read the rest of the story in verses 27 through 29.

Look at what Thomas said afterwards. He must have felt really sheepish and really thrilled. Jesus' final words to Thomas are among the most important and best-loved words Christians can hear: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

How is this a description of faith?

Why are those words important for us to hear? What are some things you believe without seeing?



Faith

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.

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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