

# 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.

## EMMANUEL APP



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RESTROOM

Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

**BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY**

## “All Eyes on Jesus!”

### AS WE GATHER

1, 2, 3! All eyes on me! This is one version of the way teachers get their students' attention. This weekend our readings also grab our attention with powerful images ultimately driving us to fix our eyes on Jesus! From a storm to a whirling tempest to fire and a hammer to a cloud and division, today's scriptures call us to repentance and dependence on our Savior who endured the cross for our sake. 1, 2, 3! All eyes on Jesus!

### 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 BAPTISMS OF: Gary Keller and Terry Buffington

### 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.

Pastor: Gary and Terry,

People: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His kingdom.

Pastor: And you, Gary and Terry, the Lord bless you in all your ways from this time forth and even forevermore.

People: Amen.

### THE GATHERING SONG: "Baptized in Water"

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:  
Heirs of salvation, trusting His promise,  
Faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Dead in the tomb with Christ our king:  
One with His rising, freed and forgiven,  
Thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Marked with the sign of Christ our king:  
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children;  
Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

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### THE OPENING SENTENCES (Psalm 119:89-94)

Leader: Forever, O LORD, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

People: Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You have established the earth, and it stands fast.

Leader: By Your appointment they stand this day, for all things are Your servants.

People: If Your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.

Leader: I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have given me life.

People: I am Yours; save me, for I have sought Your precepts.

### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: Gracious God,

People: We admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we do things we ought not do and do not live up to our calling as Your people. We are not always careful listeners to Your Word and take for granted those who faithfully proclaim it to us. We know that we justly deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. But trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is solely in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.

Leader: God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications and joyfully restores us to His fold. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ and

as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

## THE SHARING OF PEACE

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Better Is One Day"  
How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord almighty.  
For my soul longs and even faints for You.  
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence.  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

(Chorus)

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,  
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere. (Repeat)

One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty,  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells. (Chorus)

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(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:16-29

Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'" <sup>18</sup>For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? <sup>19</sup>Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. <sup>20</sup>The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. <sup>21</sup>"I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. <sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. <sup>23</sup>"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? <sup>24</sup>Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' <sup>26</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with

wheat? declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### THE SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:17—12:3

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup>of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." <sup>19</sup>He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. <sup>20</sup>By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. <sup>21</sup>By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. <sup>22</sup>By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. <sup>23</sup>By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. <sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, <sup>25</sup>choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup>He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. <sup>27</sup>By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup>By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. <sup>29</sup>By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. <sup>32</sup>And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— <sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— <sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. <sup>39</sup>And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. <sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to

Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

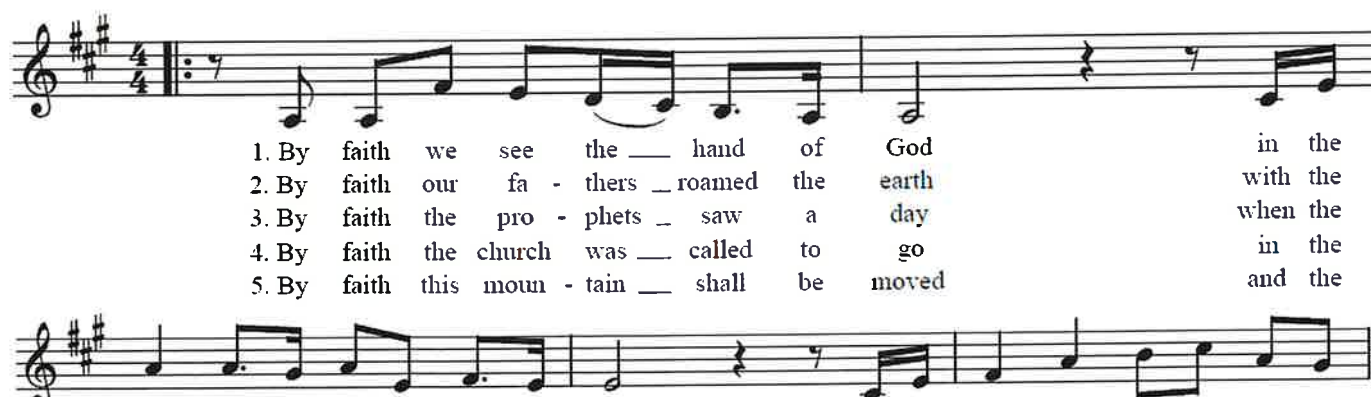
THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

[Jesus said:] "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. <sup>52</sup>For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup>They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." <sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming.' And so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "By Faith"




1. By faith we see the — hand of God in the  
 2. By faith our fa - thers — roamed the earth with the  
 3. By faith the pro - phets — saw a day when the  
 4. By faith the church was — called to go in the  
 5. By faith this moun - tain — shall be moved and the

light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign. in the lives of those who prove His  
 pow'r of His prom - ise in their hearts of a ho - ly cit - y built by  
 longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear with the pow'r to break the chains of  
 pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost. to de - liv - er cap - tives and to  
 pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail. for we know in Christ all things are




1. 3. D/A




faith - ful - ness.      who walk by faith and — not by sight.  
 God's own hand.      a place where peace and — jus - tice  
 sin and death.      and rise tri - um - phant — from the grave.  
 preach good news      in ev - 'ry cor - ner — of the  
 pos - si - ble      for all who call up - on His

2. 4. 5. CHORUS




reign.      We will stand as chil-dren of the prom - ise:      We will fix our eyes on Him, our  
 earth.  
 name.



soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin - ished and the work is done.

1. 2. /A  
D.C.



we'll walk by faith and — not by sight.

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sight.

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THE SERMON

Pastor Dan Sheaffer

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please take the black binder at the end of each pew, and fill out the appropriate info. We encourage our members to greet our visitors after the service.



## THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Walk by Faith"

(Solo)

Will I believe You when You say Your hand will guide me ev'ry way?  
Will I receive the words You say ev'ry moment of ev'ry day?

(Chorus)

Well, I will walk by faith, even when I cannot see,  
Because this broken road prepares Your will for me.

Help me to rid my endless fears. You've been so faithful for all my years;  
With one breath You make me new. Your grace covers all I do. (Chorus)

Well, I'm broken, but I still see Your face.  
Well, You've spoken, pouring Your words of grace. (Chorus)

Hallelujah, hallelu.

Hallelujah, hallelu.

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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. Lord of hosts, our fathers in the faith gave a good confession of Your truth before the powers of this world. In the spirit of Jeremiah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and Moses, strengthen our hearts in days of division to confess in our words and lives the glory of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, be with those who have wandered from the faith, those who have been absent from the Lord's house, and those we have hurt or wounded in word and deed. Reconcile them to Yourself, that they would know the forgiveness of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord God, You called Jeremiah as a youth and used Him in Your service. We give You thanks for the young Christians You have made Your children. By Your Word, strengthen them for daily life, and help them to grow as Your people. Keep them and all youth in Your care. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty God, You shepherd the nations according to Your Word. Grant our rulers wisdom and faith to serve for the good of their people and to promote peace and quietness for the flourishing of every godly endeavor. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Merciful Lord, grant healing to the sick, strength to the weak, endurance to bear up under trial, patience to await His deliverance, and peace at the last. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Holy One, sanctify and keep all who come to Your table this day by Your Word and Holy Spirit, that they would receive the body and blood of Your Son in sincere repentance and firm faith and to their abundant blessing, bringing forth the fruits thereof in peace and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Almighty Father, Your dear Son suffered and died for our redemption. Embolden us by the witness of that great company of saints who remained faithful unto death, that we would likewise fix our eyes on Christ and so share in His victory over the grave; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### “SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)”

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Heavenly Hosts,

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Heavenly Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Blessed is he who comes,

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

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#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken together)

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

### THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (Served by stations)

When Jesus said, "This is My Body...This is My Blood," He really meant it. As Lutherans, we believe in the real bodily presence of Christ in the Sacrament, not merely in a figurative or symbolic sense. This means that Jesus' body and blood are actually present in the bread and wine received in Holy Communion. In this meal our faith is strengthened and forgiveness is assured. This gift is an act of God's love, which we don't deserve, cannot explain, and don't even fully understand. We humbly believe it. It is a request of our congregation that anyone who wishes to commune with us would share this faith. If you are not receiving the Lord's Supper today but desire a blessing, approach the Pastor with your arms crossed over your heart. The individual cups located in the center of each tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those having that medical need. Individually packaged gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please ask the Communion Assistant if you have this dietary need.

### THE DISTRIBUTION SONGS

#### "Do This in Remembrance of Me"

(Chorus)

Do this in remembrance of Me.  
Do this in remembrance of Me.  
This is My body, this is My Blood.  
Do this in remembrance of Me.

This is My body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of Me.  
This cup's the new covenant,  
Sealed in My Blood.  
Do this in remembrance of Me.

For whenever you eat this bread  
And whenever you drink this cup,  
As you do proclaim the Lord's death  
Until He comes. (Chorus)

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#### "Beautiful Savior"

Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer, than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be Thine!

Lutheran Service Book

## THE DISMISSAL

## THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.

In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.

Go, My children, with My blessing – You are My own.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard My dear Son's store; Here you touched Him, saw His glory.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, closer to Me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here My Spirit's power filled you; here His tender comfort stilled you.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;

I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace;

I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.

Go, My children, I will keep you and give you peace.

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## THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Is. 66:18-23; Ps. 50 1-15; Heb. 12:4-24; Luke 13:22-30

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar today were given in loving memory of our daughter Amy, from Dan and Luann Vachon; in loving memory of Craig Waikel, from his Emmanuel family; and in loving memory of Earlene Oakes, from Paul and Faith Harless and family.

USHER: Kathy Lash and Catherine Peterson

COMMUNION: Gary Meredith

# The Prayers of the Church

## Prayer Requests

- Our congregation continues to care for one another through a faithful prayer ministry. Please pray for the following people this week:
  - We give thanks for the birth of a baby boy, Hudson Matthew McCaig, born to James and Kayla (Konow) McCaig. We ask God to strengthen and protect Hudson as he grows, and to be with his family as they welcome Hudson into their home.
  - We give thanks with Matthew Timmons and Ashley Adair, who were united in marriage yesterday. We ask the Lord to bless their relationship with a love for each other that is based on His perfect love. 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 Pam Carmichael (sister of Deb Percy), Steve Herman, River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Colsen Gage (nephew of Annalissa Smith), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia Williams, Dick Reinking, Dottie Coppolino (sister of Sherry Baker), Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie Kidwell (mother of Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Cyndi Mohr, Devon Jewel and Niko L. Christlib (friends of Ilona Clenny), Deb Percy
  - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Phil Arthur, Kathy Freimuth, Cathi Schenkel, Jenny Scheiderer, Judy Schele, Dave Bieberich, Cathy Paff, Jan Reche, Vernene Miller
  - 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
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
  - Sierra Trisler, Mathew and Macklyn
  - Ben Turner, Zali, Traysun and Caselyn

- Braden and Alexandra Turner, Lucy
- Troy Turner
- Jen Tweedy, Brock and Cole
- Andrew and Gillian Vachon, Vivian, Vincent and Henry
- Chris and Brittany Vachon, Parker, Emmalyn and Benjamin
- Danny and Luann Vachon
- Joshua Valencic
- Warren VanClief
- Please pray for the missions supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
  - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf – Ponce, Puerto Rico
  - Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)
  - Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
  - Heidi Wilkinson – Ethiopia
  - The Lutheran Heritage Foundation
  - Luther Academy
  - Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM)
  - Lutherans For Life (LFL)
  - Lutheran Bible Translators

If you have a prayer request that you would like to make known to our Emmanuel family, please email me at [taeggold@hotmail.com](mailto:taeggold@hotmail.com). If you would like to join the Emmanuel Prayer Chain, please email Marsha Sappenfield at [marshasappenfield@comcast.net](mailto:marshasappenfield@comcast.net) or call 260-616-0679.

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

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

## The Teaching of the Church

**Want Help Growing in the Word?** Regularly visit Pastor Brunow's website <http://www.genesbrunotes.com>. The website offers notes on each chapter of Scripture, Bible studies, tips for preparing for worship, and a weekly devotion based on the Gospel reading for the coming week. You can find these devotions under the "Sermon Notes Plus" option.

### Adult Sunday Bible Classes 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. (June 1 – August 24)

CLASS	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall	Pastors Eggold, Sheaffer, & Meyer
The Chosen	LL Ebenezer	Pastors Eggold, Sheaffer, & Meyer

### Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Reading Group	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	5:30 p.m.
Women's Bible Study	Loft	1 <sup>st</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays	7:30 p.m.
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 a.m.
Women's Bible Study	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays	8:30 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
Bible Study & Fellowship	Chapman's Brewing	Thursdays	6:00 p.m.
@917 Bible Study (Ages 25-45)	Ebenezer Hall	Thursdays	7:00 p.m.
Men's Lectionary Study	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 a.m.

## 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!

**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: August 25, September 8 & 22, October 6 & 20, November 3 & 17, and December 1 & 15. Questions? Please reach out to Liz Bejot - LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org.



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

**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 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to apply. Interested or have questions? Contact Liz at [LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org](mailto:LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org).

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



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

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

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

**Bridge 20/30: August Events & Connection Opportunities** - Are you, or is someone you know, a young adult in your 20s or 30s looking for real friendships and a deeper faith life? Bridge 20/30 is a space for post-high school young adults (single or married) to connect, grow, and have fun in community with others who share similar values. This week, on August 19 at 7:00 p.m., we'll be meeting at The Garden (3308 N. Anthony Blvd.) for a devotion, followed by cards and games. We hope to see you there!

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

**From Teen Heartthrob to Faithful Witness:** - At 17, Kirk went from self-proclaimed atheist to passionate believer, and now he’s using his platform to speak for life and truth. Come hear his incredible testimony at the 28th Annual Right to Life of Northeast Indiana Fall Banquet on October 14, 2025, at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. For tickets call Carolyn Beitz 260 433 7188 for early seating.

# The Stewardship of the Church

## EMMANUEL’S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$1,373,409	Anticipated Need Thru August, 2025: \$1,430,229
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## DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$130	Year to Date: \$7,355
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## CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$40	Year to Date: \$2,945
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## IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

“IAG” Total Received:	Mortgage Balance:	Total Cost*
\$5,995,287	\$1,475,977	\$7,400,777

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

# The Calendar of the Church

## Monday, August 18

7:00 p.m. WC Neighborhood Association Meeting

## Tuesday, August 19

No Scheduled Events

**Wednesday, August 20**

ESM First Day of Preschool

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Grief Support
- 11:30 a.m. Communion Service

**Thursday, August 21**

- 8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
- 9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
- 3:30 p.m. Food Pantry
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study & Fellowship at Chapman's Brewery
- 7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

**Friday, August 22**

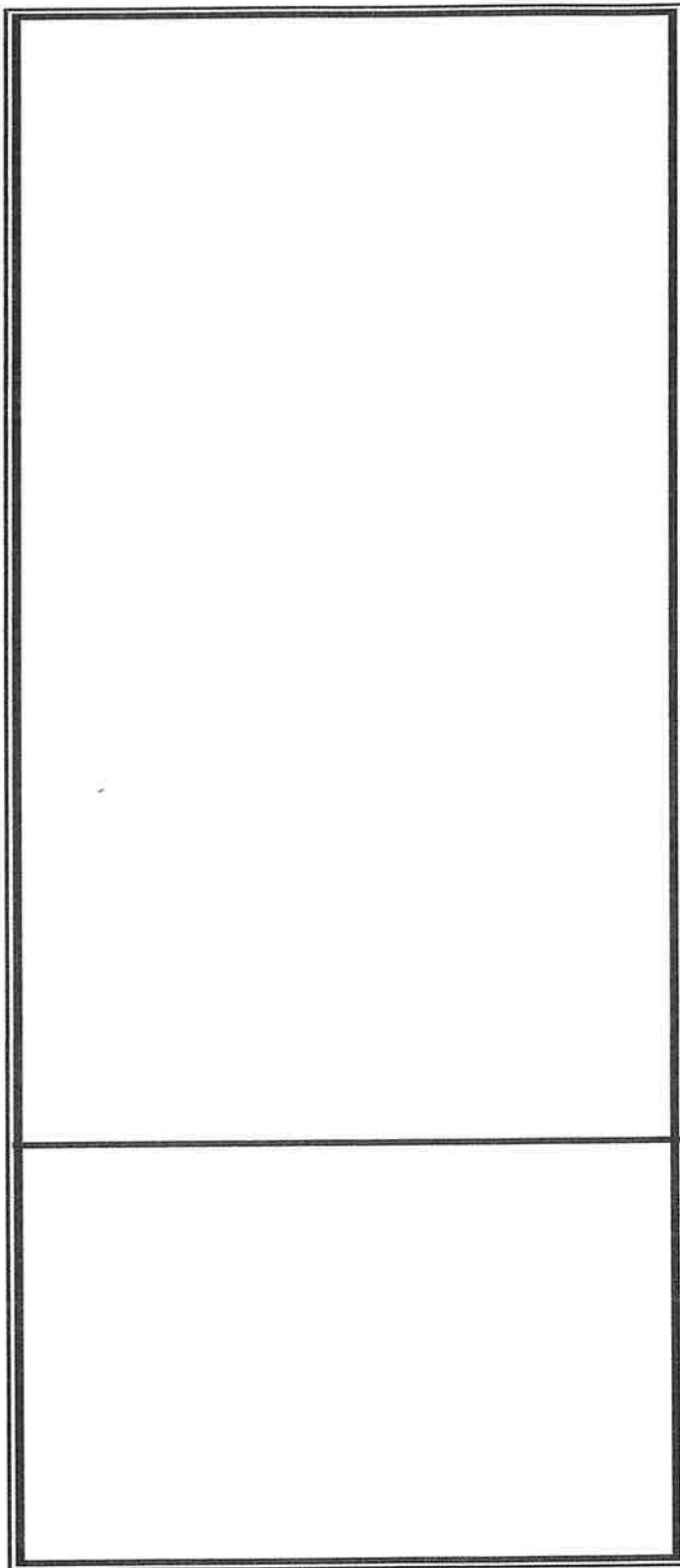
No Scheduled Events

**Saturday, August 23**

- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service

**Sunday, August 24**

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service



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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