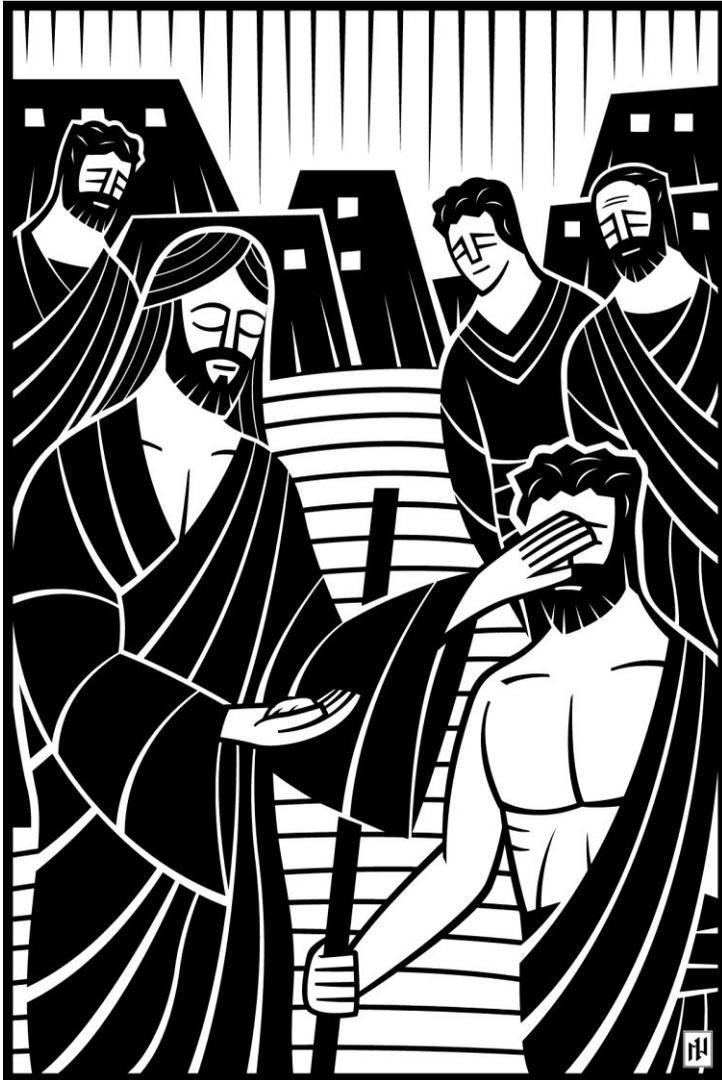


# Divine Worship at 5:00



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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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



## 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.

## 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!

## 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**

# “God’s Works on Display”

## AS WE GATHER

Throughout the Bible, God’s works are on display. Sometimes, they’re designed to protect His people. Sometimes, they’re intended to redirect His people. Other times, like this weekend’s Gospel reading, they’re designed to reveal God’s glory even in the middle of suffering and struggle. Jesus’ powerful and challenging answer to His disciples’ question changes our perspective on suffering. Suffering isn’t always a consequence of personal sin, but it is always where God’s works can be displayed. May God display His works in us now and always!

## 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: “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

(Chorus)

Through tears and scars, I’ve been set free,  
my God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love,  
Amazing Grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures. (Chorus two times)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.  
But God who called me here below, will be forever mine.  
Will be forever mine, You are forever mine.

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(Please stand as able)

## THE INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

## THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.

People: Give me understanding, that I may keep Your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Leader: Lead me in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it.

People: Behold, I long for Your precepts; in Your righteousness give me life! Let Your steadfast love come to me, O Lord, Your salvation according to Your promise.

Leader: Let us make confession of our sins to God, our gracious, heavenly Father.

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

Leader: Eternal God,

People: we confess that we all have sinned and need forgiveness. By nature, we are sinful from the very beginnings of our lives. Through our thoughts, words, and deeds, we continually sin against You. We have lived for ourselves in many ways, breaking Your commands that direct us not to lie, steal, or transgress Your holy will. We have walked in the darkness of bad choices and have left unfulfilled opportunities to do good and be blessings to others. O God, in Your mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness and indifference, that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments. Graciously forgive our sins and direct us in ways of compassion and love.

Leader: God promises to hear those who turn to Him with repentant hearts. Upon this your confession, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, 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: "Lord, I Need You"

Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.

And without You, I fall apart. You're the One that guides my heart.

(Chorus)

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.

My one Defense, my Righteousness, O God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.

Where grace is found is where You are.

And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

Where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. (Chorus)

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.

And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my Hope and Stay.

**And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my Hope and Stay.**  
(Chorus two times)

**My one Defense, my Righteousness, O God, how I need You.**

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THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:14-21

Carter Johnson

For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. <sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. <sup>16</sup>And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. <sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." <sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! <sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? <sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. <sup>21</sup>The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

Hudson Steele

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup>and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. <sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his

eyes. <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." <sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. <sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

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

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

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

(Please be seated)

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 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: "Here's My Heart"

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 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. Great Physician, enlighten our eyes by Your blessed Gospel, and hide us in Your shelter in the day of trouble. Provide a home in Your Church for those cast out by this world, and unite them with us in the pure confession of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Father, through Holy Baptism You have brought us into the light of Christ. Guide us always in Your ways and teach us to know Your will, that we would do what is good and right and true. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Lord God, those who wait for Your salvation have the promise that You will not forsake them. Lead those who wander in darkness, that they would find the way of righteousness and not be put to shame. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Gracious Father, You have promised that what we suffer does not condemn us, but instead displays Your glory. Sustain the afflicted in body or soul, that they would take heart, trust You for healing, and find You even in the midst of their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** O Lord, everyone who believes in Jesus as Lord will not be put to shame. Unite Your people in a right confession of Your Word, and free them from disagreement over Your truth. Bring us with penitent hearts to receive the great riches of Your Son's body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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)

During the Lord’s Prayer, the church bell tolls three times to encourage those outside the sanctuary to join with the church in corporate prayer.

#### 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

### “Goodness of God”

I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.  
All my days I've been held in Your hands.  
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,  
I will sing of the goodness of God.

(Chorus)

All my life You have been faithful.  
All my life You have been so, so good.  
With ev'ry breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.  
In darkest night, You are close like no other.  
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.  
I have lived in the goodness of God. (Chorus)

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.  
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You ev'rything.  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.  
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You ev'rything.  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. (Chorus)

I will sing of the goodness of God.

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### “Oh What Love”

I am not the sum of the failures in my past  
I am not defined by what I do or do not have  
The measure of His mercy I cannot understand  
Somehow it all adds up to grace

(Chorus)

Oh what love, oh what a love, What a perfect sacrifice  
I will spend the rest of my life to testify, Just how deep and just how high  
Is the love I have in Christ, Oh what love, oh what a love I found in Him

I can't fully comprehend how much the Father gave  
It's only by His kindness I'm healed and I am saved  
He lifted up my head and He lifted off my shame  
This is overwhelming grace. (Chorus)

Nothing could separate us from Your love  
Who else could do the things that You have done  
Nothing could separate us from Your love  
Who else could do the things that You have done. (Chorus)

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THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: “Your Grace Is Enough”

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

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

(Chorus)

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

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

So remember Your people, remember Your children,  
Remember Your promise, O God. (Chorus two times)

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

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

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NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Ezek. 37:1-14; Ps. 130; Rom. 8:1-11; John 11:17-27, 38-53

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Bob and Lucile Beery, Tom Beery and David Beery from Beverly and loving memory of Stan Williams from Beverly Williams and family.

USHERS: Dave and Tammy Bair; Kollin and Khloe Vanderford

COMMUNION: Tom McLaughlin

## The Prayers of the Church

### Prayer Requests

- Our congregation continues to care for one another through a faithful prayer ministry. Please pray for the following people this week:
  - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Pam Carmichael (sister of Deb Percy), River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia

Williams, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie Kidwell (mother of Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Deb Percy, Ed Braun, Norv McClure, Janine (friend of Lauryn Longworth), Gracelynn Anderson (granddaughter of Tim and Cindy Anderson), Randi Gramling (cousin of Deb Percy), Stan Thompson, Deb Epperson, Salem Lee Hilty, Faith Behling, William Rush, Wayne McClure, LuAnn Reichhart (mom of Brent Reichhart), Cohen (grandson of Matt and Kim Benne), Lynn Auman (father of Kim Faley), Michaela Procise, Melissa Henry (sister of Judy Huesner)

- Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Wes Harless, Larry Von Gunten, Catherine Peterson, Kathy Lash, Becki Elonzae, Ruth Ann Hernandez, George Elonzae, Judy Huesner, Mary Smith, Kelsey Westrick, Nancy Wilkins (mother of Kristen Saurer)
- 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, Rob Roehm, Ann Schwartz, Hazel Krenzke (Brian and Anna Snodgrass's niece), Robert Burmeister (Hannah Swor's dad), Roxanne Moore, Marsha Sappenfield, Jenny Nehrenz (niece of Charlene Hess), Rick Bair (brother of Dave and Tammy Bair), Gary Thompson (father of Carly Bennett), Carol McGuigan (mother of Kevin McGuigan), Amanda Cornyn-Bradford (daughter of Mike and Aprel Cornyn), Linda Raatz, Dave Schlie
- Prayers for PALS - PALS is a program in which Emmanuel members partner with Washington School students to build relationships and strengthen reading skills in a Christian environment. Each week we will pray for some of our Washington School PALS or helpers, and we encourage you to join us in the ministry. This week, we are praying for Hendrix.
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
  - Josh and Bethany Clapper, Summerlyn and Caleb
  - Andrew Clark
  - Brittney Clark
  - Greg and Erin Clark, Hannah and Emily
  - Cody and Morgan Clarke, Scarlett and Forrest
  - Ashley Clem, Ashton, Aiyvah, and Adelynn
  - Ilona Clenny
  - Jim and Linda Coe
  - Carolyn Cole
  - Diana Cole

- 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 2026:  
 Callaghan Miller      Austin Hayward      Calvin Chess

## 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.

### Sunday School and Bible Class 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

CLASS	LOCATION
Little Flock (Birth – Age 3)	School Room A5 (Extended Care)
4-5 Year Olds	School Room A3
K-1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	School Room A1
2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	School Room B3
4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	School Room B5
6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	School Room D2
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	School Room D3 (Art/Science)
High School	Loft
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall
Galatians	LL Ebenezer
Genesis	Sanctuary

## 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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Study the Psalms	Chapman's	Tuesday	6:00 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.
Friends in the Word	Loft	Thursday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
Bible Study & Fellowship	Chapman's	Thursdays	6:00 p.m.
@917 (Ages 25-45)	Ebenezer Hall	Thursdays	7:00 p.m.
This Is Most Certainly Brew	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 a.m.

**Monday Morning Moms** - Hey, mama! We hope you'll join us every other Monday morning as we journey through the salvation story of the Old Testament using Chad Bird's book "Hitchhiking with the Prophets". Drop your kids off in LL Ebenezer with our amazing caregivers. Then, head upstairs to the Loft to enjoy fellowship, a cup of coffee, and study with other moms. The dates are: March 23, April 13 & 27, and May 11 from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Questions? Contact Liz Bejot - [LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org](mailto:LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org).

**Friends in the Word** meet every other Thursday morning, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m., in the Loft. Here are the scheduled dates: March 26, April 16 and 30, and May 14. We hope to see you there!

## The News of the Church

**Easter Egg Hunt** - Join us on Saturday, April 4, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in Emmanuel's Gym. Kids of all ages are invited to search for eggs, enjoy treats & crafts, and experience the Easter story. Bring your basket and a friend. No registration required. If you have any questions, contact Liz Bejot, Director of Children's Ministry. How You Can Help: Pick up a bag of empty eggs from Ebenezer Hall, fill them with treats, stickers, or small toys, and return them by Sunday, March 29. (Please make sure all candy is pre-packaged.) Prefer to purchase pre-filled eggs or have extra eggs at home to donate? That works too! Thank you for your support!

**Food Pantry Thank You** - On behalf of both the volunteers and patrons of Emmanuel's Food Bank, thank you for your incredible generosity and support during our February food drive and for your continued support throughout the year. Your donations and resources make a meaningful difference for families in both our congregation and neighborhood. Your willingness to give reminds people that they are not alone and that their community truly cares about them.

**Palm Sunday Palm Prep** - We would love your help getting ready for Palm Sunday! Join us on Saturday, March 28, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. In Ebenezer Hall as we prepare palm branches and create palm crosses for the weekend's services. Please note, this event is not intended for young children. If you plan to attend, please sign up by scanning the QR code.



**Middle School Youth** - All 6 - 8 graders are invited to join us for Emmanuel's Middle School Youth event for March. We will be roller skating together at Roller Dome North (444 W. Coliseum Blvd.) from 2:00 - 4:00pm. Your registration includes two hours of skating, skate rental, and all-you-can-eat pizza. Please click here to sign-up. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Bejot at [LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org](mailto:LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org)

**GriefShare: 13-Week Grief Support Group** - GriefShare is a Christ-centered support group for adults grieving the loss of a family member or friend. We will be meeting Tuesdays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., March 31 - June 23 in Ebenezer Hall. To register (so books can be ordered), contact Lana Hille at 260.417.5639 or [lanah@emmanuelutheran.org](mailto:lanah@emmanuelutheran.org).

**EYG Trivia Night!** Trivia Night is a week away! Gather a group of 6-8 people, choose a team theme (costumes, props, decorations encouraged), and join us Saturday, March 21, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., in the gym. Pizza, beverages, and snacks available. Cost is \$10 per participant. All proceeds support our high school youth group's summer servant event to Pikeville, Kentucky.



**Lunch Bunch** - We welcome all of our members around 60 or over to join us for our next Emmanuel Lunch Bunch activity on Tuesday, March 17. Our special guest speaker and member Bill Warner will join us to share his most memorable experiences as an FBI agent and how that came to influence his early book writing. Fellowship begins at 11:00 a.m. in LL Ebenezer Hall and lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. Lunch reservations are required by calling the church office at 260.423.1369 or by signing up at the Connections Counter. The lunch cost is \$10.00 per person payable that day.

**Save the Date for Emmanuel's VBS** - Join us June 22-26, as we walk the streets of Rome! Explore the Underground Church, meet the Apostle Paul, and so much more! Mark your calendars and invite a friend! Interested in being a part of the planning team? It's forming NOW! Reach out to Liz Bejot for more information. [LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org](mailto:LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org)

**Bridge 20/30** is a young adult ministry for those in their 20s and 30s, offering Christ-centered community and fellowship at rotating locations around Fort Wayne. Our next meetup is Bridge Skate Night, on Tuesday, March 17, at 7:00 p.m. at The Greenhaus (3504 N. Anthony Blvd). Wear green!

# The Stewardship of the Church

## EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$447,785	Anticipated Need Through March: \$625,714
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## DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$475	Year to Date: \$3,096
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## CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$185	Year to Date: \$885
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## IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,607,836	Mortgage Balance: \$884,311	Total Cost* \$7,450,365
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\*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

# The Calendar of the Church

## Monday, March 16

- 6:30 a.m. Iron and Clay Weekly Devotion
- 3:30 p.m. Lighthouse
- 5:30 p.m. Lighthouse
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice
- 7:00 p.m. WC Neighborhood Association Meeting

## Tuesday, March 17

- 11:00 a.m. Lunch Bunch
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Training
- 6:00 p.m. Psalms at Chapman's

## Wednesday, March 18

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. ESM Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Lenten Communion Service

1:30 p.m. LLV Communion Service  
3:30 p.m. PALS  
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service

**Thursday, March 19**

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys  
9:00 a.m. Piece Makers  
9:00 a.m. TEC21  
3:30 p.m. Food Pantry  
6:00 p.m. Bible Study at Chapman's  
7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

**Friday, March 20**

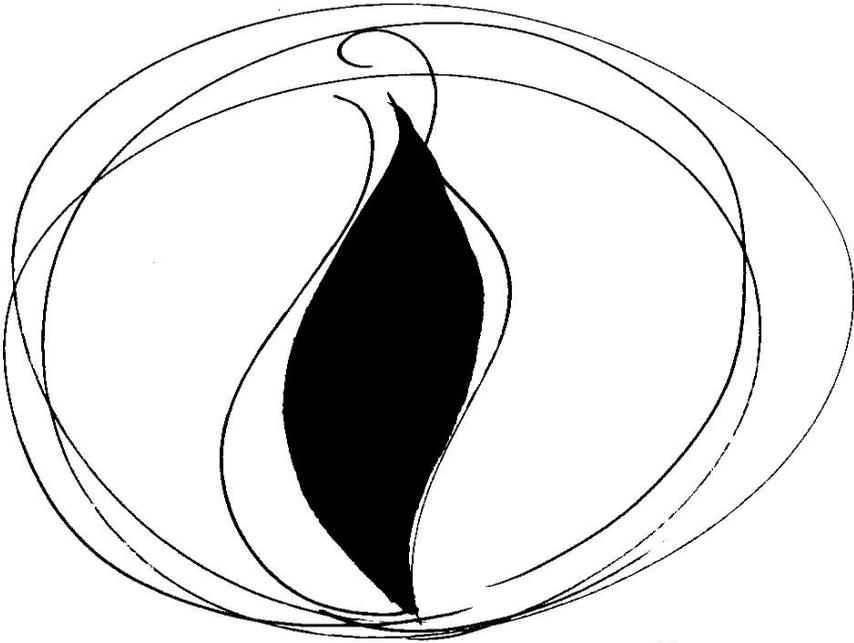
6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Clay and Iron Men's Game Night

**Saturday, March 21**

5:00 p.m. Divine Service  
6:00 p.m. Trivia Night

**Sunday, March 22**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Classes  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service



SO THAT  
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MAY SEE

JOHN 9:39

# 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.

## Church Staff

**Thomas A. Eggold**, Senior Pastor  
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**Matt Johnston**, Dir. of Music Ministry  
**Lana Hille**, Dir. of Congregational Care  
**Sarah Pennekamp**, Dir. of Discipleship  
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**Liz Bejot**, Dir. of Children's Ministry  
**Jennifer Tweedy**, Dir. of Admin.  
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**Arthur Klausmeier**, Pastor Emeritus  
**Dan May**, Pastoral Assistant  
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**Ryan Tietz**, Pastoral Assistant  
**Dan Dahling**, Pastoral Assistant  
**Myra Schmidt**, Organist  
**Dick Shively**, Business Manager  
**Becki Elonzae**, Office Manager  
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