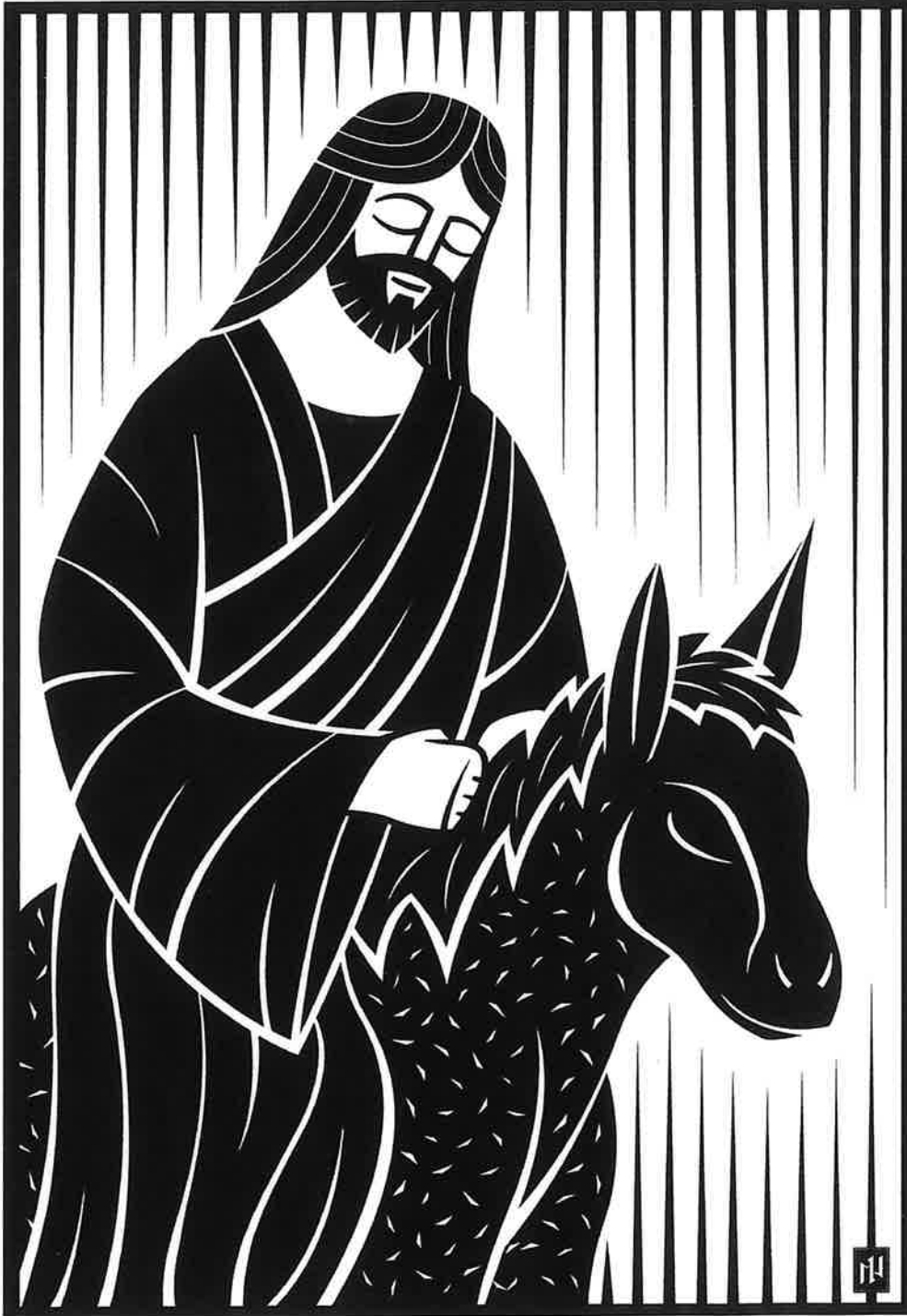


Divine Service at 5:00



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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



CHILDREN IN WORSHIP



We are so happy you are here!

We've got tot bags and children's bulletins that are located in the east and west rear entrances of the church. Also, check out our Visual Faith page in the back of the bulletin.

Please feel free to bring your kids up during the distribution of Holy Communion for a personal blessing.

The unstaffed Church Nursery is available for children three years of age and younger and is located in the lower level. If you need help finding it, please ask one of our ushers who will gladly guide you.

PRAYER REQUESTS



If you have a prayer request that you would like announced to the congregation, you will find a prayer request card on the tables located near each entrance into the sanctuary. Drop the completed card into one of the boxes located at each entrance, or simply hand it to an usher.

CONNECTIONS COUNTER



Visit the Connections Counter located in Ebenezer Hall. We've been expecting you and have a gift for our visitors. You can also pick up information on all we have to offer and sign up for events too!

SPECIAL NEEDS



We offer a hearing loop, large print bulletins and printed copies of today's sermon. If these would be helpful, please ask one of our ushers who would be delighted to assist you.

GATHERING TIME



Join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship on Sunday mornings, after the early service and before Sunday school and Bible classes begin.

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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

“The Triumphal Entry”

AS WE GATHER

Jesus' life of perfect obedience leads Him to the gates of Jerusalem. He must now fulfill the prophecies regarding the true King of Israel. He does that by turning the people's expectations upside down with an entrance marked by humility and solemnity. In this most holy of weeks, our Lord calls on each of us to join with Him in His walk to the cross and the empty tomb.

THE GATHERING TIME

During the Gathering Time, we encourage our members to greet each other 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

(Please stand, as you are able and face the processional cross)

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY: John 12:12-19

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵ “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!” ¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Leader: Hosanna in the highest!

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, bless and consecrate these palm branches and those who bear them that we may honor Christ as our Lord and King, and that we may follow Him without fear as He leads us on the pathway of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE GATHERING SONG: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav'n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!

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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 (John 3:16)

Leader: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

Leader: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your

boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Leader: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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: "His Mercy Is More"

(Chorus)

Praise the Lord; His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many His mercy is more. (Chorus)

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor.
Our sins they are many His mercy is more. (Chorus)

What riches of kindness He lavished on us?
His blood was the payment His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
Our sins they are many His mercy is more. (Repeat)

Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

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THE FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow

shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 12:20-43

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. ²⁷"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the

light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.” When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” ³⁹Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, ⁴⁰“He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them.” ⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴²Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

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: “Lord Have Mercy (For What We Have Done)”

For what we have done and left undone We fall on Your countless mercies.
For sins that are known and those unknown, We call on Your name so holy.
For envy and pride, For closing our eyes; For scorning our very neighbor. In
thought, word, and deed, We've failed You, our King; How deeply we need a
Savior.

(Chorus)

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

For what You have done, Your life of love You perfectly lived, we praise You.
Though tempted and tried, You fixed Your eyes; You finished the work God
gave You. And there on the tree, A King among thieves, You bled for a

world's betrayal. You loved to the end, Our merciful friend; How pure and forever faithful. (Chorus twice)

For hearts that are cold, For seizing control; For scorning our very Maker. In thought, word, and deed, We've failed You our King; How deeply we need a Savior. (Chorus twice)

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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: "When Peace Like a River"

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way; When sorrows, like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

(Chorus)

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control, That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate And hath shed His own blood for my soul. (Chorus)

He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Chorus)

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; Even so it is well with my soul. (Chorus)

Lutheran Service Book. Arrangement by Craig Dahlkamp

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us go to our Lord in prayer for all people in their various circumstances. For people without the necessities of food, clothing, and shelter, that the Holy Spirit would hear their cries and groans, bringing tears of relief and peace, Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who face this day burdened with illness or addiction, ongoing conflict with people around them, or fear of what might happen, that God would assure them of His gracious presence and strengthen their faith in His guidance and protection. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: For those who serve the needs of others as they provide medical and emergency care, as they maintain order in our communities and peace across borders, and as they put themselves in danger that their neighbors may find the protection they need, that God would use the gifts He has placed within them to serve in compassion and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: For loving families and caring communities, for schools and institutions of higher learning, wherever people gather to share and build up, that God would provide them the wisdom and understanding they need to do His will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: For people near and dear to us, that God would visit, relieve, and console them with His grace and mercy, and for the church here and around the world, that our Lord would strengthen our faith and move us to be His servants, drawing people to His glorious death and resurrection and serving Him with all that we are and have. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken together)

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "How Rich a Treasure we Possess"

How rich a treasure we possess, In Jesus Christ our Lord. His blood, our ransom and defense; His glory, our reward. The sum of all created things Are worthless in compare, For our inheritance is Him Whose praise angels declare.

How free and costly was the love displayed upon the cross! While we were dead in untold sin, The Sov'reign purchased us. The will of God, the Father demonstrated through the Son. The Spirit seals the greatest work - the work which Christ has done.

For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory. Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory. Amen.

How vast and measureless the flood of mercy unrestrained! The penalty was paid in full; The spotless Lamb was slain. Salvation, what a priceless gift, received by grace through faith. We stand in robes of righteousness; We stand in Jesus' Name.

For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory. Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory. Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory. Amen.

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THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Is. 25:6-9; Ps. 16; 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given in loving memory of Phyllis and Vern Urbine and Bob Rommel from Dave and Vikki Birdwell and family; and in loving memory of her father, Kenneth Hagerfeld, and her step-father, Dennis Sower from Karin (Hegerfeld) Brock and family.

USHER: 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:
 - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Janet Doege, Sharon Kammeyer, Janet Yost, Keely Lowe, Steve Herman, River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Pat Yeiter, Jim Croxton, Jodie Karrick, Cheryl Parker, Gary Curtis, Parker Vachon, Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Colsen Gage (nephew of Annalissa Smith), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia Merkler, Rachel and Josh (family of Sarah Schwantz), Deb Bryan (sister-in-law of Steve and Pam Bryan), Julie Harper, Dewey Senger, Carly Robbins (friend of the Brown family), Dick Reinking, Ed Braun, Dottie Coppolino (sister of Sherry Baker), Maury Springer, Curt Rees (brother-in-law of Sandra Nahrwold), David Merkler.
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Cindy Sakowicz, Susie Klausmeier, Mike Huesner, Sharon Springer, Elaine Ahrens, Larry Rast.

- Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Mary Grossjean, Gretchen Schilb, Jolene Rider, Gavin Wedeven, Peg Davis, Ashley Edge (niece of Barb and Gary Lesh), Barb Hambrock, Jeannine Felabom and Ruth Walters (friends of Janet Bircheff), Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Rod Teeple (cousin of Ruth Anne Teeple), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Jamie McConnell, Shelly Koenig (friend of Matt & Amy Konow), Karen Bickhardt (daughter of Janet Doege), Ronald Knepper (son of Janet Doege), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Angela Osborn, Jamie McConnell, Beth Woodward, Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), and Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith).
- Join our staff in praying for the following members this week:
 - Steve Evertson
 - Chris and Meghan Faherty, Alex and Katelyn
 - Chris Fair
 - Sue Fair
 - Judy Falbe
 - Marty and Kim Faley, Cayden, Chris and Ella
 - Tim and Christa Falkenstern, Ashley, Nathan and Paige
 - Justine and Amber Fey, Lily and Max
 - Bob Fisher
 - Steve and Tammy Fisher, Josh and Kayla
- 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
 - The Lutheran Heritage Foundation
 - Luther Academy
 - Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM)
 - Lutherans For Life (LFL)
 - Lutheran Bible Translators

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

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.

The following Sunday morning Bible classes begin April 14 and run through May 19:

"Lord, Teach Us to Pray" - We all cry out to Jesus with the words of the disciples, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1). Do you struggle with prayer; with finding the "right" words, feeling heard, wondering if it matters, if God actually answers prayers, etc.? Join us as we explore the gift of prayer through Scripture, answer difficult questions, wrestle with God, and pray together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

"Clay and Iron: A Gathering for Men" - "Men of God, you are not alone! Formed by God (clay) and encouraging each other (iron) all men and their wives/girlfriends are welcome to be an active part of this real-life, topical discussion focused on encouraging the men of our congregation and community."

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

| CLASS | LOCATION | DATES | INSTRUCTOR |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Lutheran Christianity | Brandt Hall | 1/7-4/14 | Eggold, Sheaffer, Hille |
| Sunday School for Grown Ups | School Rm C4 | 1/7-5/19 | Pastor Mark Sheaffer |
| Study of Isaiah | School Cafeteria | 3/10-3/24 | Pastor Tietz |

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

| CLASS | LOCATION |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Little Flock (Birth - Age 2) | School Room A5 (Extended Care, Day) |
| 3-5 Year Olds | School Room A3 (Miss Kanning's) |
| K-1 st Grade | School Room B3 (Mr. Eggold's) |
| 2 nd -3 rd Grade | School Room B4 (Mrs. McCoy's) |
| 4 th -5 th Grade | School Room B5 (Mrs. Palmreuter's) |
| 6 th -7 th Grade Confirmation | School Cafeteria |
| 8 th Grade Confirmation | Ebenezer, Lower Level |
| High School | The Loft |

Weekday Bible Classes...

| CLASS | LOCATION | DAY | TIME |
|------------------------|---------------|--|----------|
| Women's Bible Study | The Loft | Every Other Monday | 8:30 am |
| Mom's Bible Study | The Loft | Every Other Monday | 8:30 am |
| Women's Bible Study | The Loft | 1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays | 7:30 pm |
| Men's Lectionary Study | Ebenezer Hall | Wednesdays | 6:30 am |
| Women's Bible Study | Brandt Hall | Wednesdays | 8:45 am |
| Pastor's Bible Study | Sanctuary | Wednesdays | 10:00 am |
| Men's Lectionary Study | Brandt Hall | Fridays | 6:30 am |

The News of the Church

Valet Service for Easter Sunday - If you need a valet to assist you with parking for Easter Sunday, please call the church office at 260-423-1369 or click on the link provided in the weekly e-newsletter and fill out the provided form.

Parking for Easter - Due to such strong attendance on Easter Sunday, parking will be available for our Easter worship services at Washington Elementary school in the parking lot on Rockhill and Jefferson. Please consider using this parking option so that those with health concerns may park closer to the building. We thank Washington Elementary School for graciously opening their campus to us for our Easter celebration.

Easter Flower Pick-Up - For those of you who do not pick up your flowers on Easter Sunday, you can do so the following week, Tuesday - Friday. The church office will be closed on Monday, April 1.

Emmanuel to Host the LCMS Black Clergy Caucus Worship Service - On Tuesday, April 9, hundreds of pastors and church leaders from around the U.S., Caribbean, and Canada will come to Fort Wayne, for The Black Clergy Caucus of the Lutheran Church. In support of this historic event, Emmanuel will host a special worship service on Tuesday, April 9, at 6:30 p.m. featuring Gospel music and dance by the New Covenant and Pilgrim Praise Teams, and organ music by our own organist, Myra Schmidt. This worship service is open to the public and, as members of Emmanuel, this is a wonderful opportunity to welcome our brothers and sisters from the Black Clergy Caucus. Please consider attending this special worship event.

Visual Faith Ministry invites you to join us on Saturday, April 20, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. as we explore the Visual Faith practice of "Around the Word." This practice calls us to surrender our own voice for a time and listen to God through His Word. We're seeking God's face, as He tells us to do. As we listen, we make note of the lessons learned. In this practice, we are not adding to God's Word or

expecting Him to say something He's not already said in His Word, but instead giving God our full attention (as much as we are able to do that) and setting aside the distractions that badger us all day long. "Around the Word" using a Bible passage is an exercise in listening, with our mouths closed and our hearts open. A time of silence, a time to share if you choose, and a time to learn with one another. We hope you will join us!

GAME ON - GAME ON is for anyone who enjoys playing games while enjoying a Christian fellowship and atmosphere. The group meets in Ebenezer Hall on the first Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be April 2 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Our game for March is SEQUENCE. You don't need a partner. Even if you don't know how to play SEQUENCE, come anyway. We can teach you. It is an easy game to learn. GAME ON is just a time for fellowship, fun, and a few snacks. Please register at the Connections Counter to give us an idea for planning. If you forget to register, come anyway. We would love to have you. The hostesses for April are Jan Werth and Kathy Eggold. Our game for May will be TEAM TRIVIA.

Middle School Youth Event on Sunday, March 24 - Middle schoolers, we need your help! And candy is involved! On Sunday, March 24, from 11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m., we will have a stuffing of Easter eggs event to help prepare for Emmanuel's Easter egg hunt. Along with stuffing eggs, we'll also have lunch, a devotion, and other activities if we get our work done fast. We will meet in lower Ebenezer Hall following the late service. If you're able, please plan on bringing stickers, small wrapped candy, or very small toys to put into Easter eggs. Let us know if you're able to come by registering at emmanuel.lutheran.org/middle-school-youth.

Join us for Emmanuel's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30 at 10:00 a.m. in the gym. All are welcome! In addition to the egg hunt, we will offer other Easter themed activities that everyone may participate in! We plan to have a place set aside for those with special needs to hunt Easter eggs. Questions? Contact Liz Bejot at LBejot@emmanuel.lutheran.org. We hope to see you there for a hopping good time!

Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM) Celebrates 100 Years! In celebration of this milestone, LSCM gives thanks and praise to God as it reaffirms its calling to provide Word and Worship Ministry to seniors in nursing homes, assisted living centers, and adult day services across the greater Fort Wayne area. To celebrate its century of service, LSCM invites the community to its Centennial Gala at the Orchid, New Haven, IN, on Thursday, April 18 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Please join us for an evening of dining, laughter and music as we honor LSCM's enduring legacy. To purchase tickets and learn more about the events of the evening, go to eventbrite.com. When the website comes up there will be a search bar at the top, click on it and you will be taken to another search bar where you will enter: LSCM Centennial Gala. This will take you to the event page. If you need assistance, please call/text Beth Igney at 260.466.5105. We hope

you will join us in celebrating this important ministry in our community. Deadline for ordering your ticket(s) is Friday, April 5.

Emmanuel Hosts PrayerWorks in March - On Tuesday, March 26, Emmanuel is hosting PrayerWorks from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. PrayerWorks is a space in ElectricWorks dedicated to the ministry of prayer. You can learn more about this unique initiative by clicking the link provided in the weekly email. Also, if you are interested in serving as host for a one-hour shift on March 26. Look for the text and email that went out this week inviting you to sign up to host.

Now Enrolling for 2024-25 School Year - Emmanuel—St. Michael School, in partnership with our congregations and families, is raising up the next generation of students who know the love of Christ and are prepared to serve Him in their families and communities. ESM is now accepting applications for Preschool-8th grade. Schedule a visit today! Contact Erin Clark, Director of Admissions | 260-422-6712 | eclark@esmeagles.com | www.esmeagles.com.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Volunteer Opportunities - Vacation Bible School (VBS) returns to Emmanuel from June 10-14, running from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We're currently in the planning stages and would greatly appreciate your assistance. If you'd like to lend a hand with VBS, please take a moment to complete the form provided via a link in the weekly email. Keep an eye out for upcoming announcements! VBS registration details and supply wish lists will be available soon. Stay tuned!

CLHS Sermon Report Forms - In case your Concordia High School student forgets to bring a "Growth in Worship" sermon report to church, we have extras at the Connections Counter.

The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center 5K - The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center, located at 1231 S. Anthony Blvd., is an organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod that seeks opportunities to enhance health and wellness for community members in southeast Fort Wayne. On Saturday, May 4, you can help raise funds for this vital ministry by participating in the 4th annual 5K walk/run held in the neighborhood surrounding the center. Families are encouraged to attend and enjoy a fun, healthy activity together! If you are unable to participate in the race, you can support the ministry by sponsoring a race slot to benefit another participant or make a general donation. For more information, to register, visit the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall.

Camp Lutherhaven 2024 - What are you doing this summer? Spend time at Camp Lutherhaven! With so many fun activities from archery to Zip, Zap, Zoey (a fun game played at camp) to jumping in the lake, there is so much to experience! Most importantly, spend time in God's Word and grow in your relationship with Christ. Summer 2024's theme is "Wildfire," coming from Psalm 78:4. Join us in spreading the glorious deeds of the Lord like wildfire in everyone

who comes to Camo Lutherhaven this summer! Register before April 1 and receive the Early Bird Discount! Register online today at www.lutherhaven.org, or call for more information at 260-636-7101.

A Hope Center is Celebrating 40 Years of Ministry! Please join them for their annual Fundraising Banquet that will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., at the Allen County Memorial Coliseum. This year's musical entertainment will be national Recording Artist and "The Voice" contestant, Fort Wayne native Keegan Farrell. Also, inspirational and award-winning speaker, Pam Stenzel, will share her phenomenal story of life and hope. Reservations are required, and there will be no charge for the meal, as it is a fundraising event. Call Carolyn Beitz at 433-7188 or Jan Werth at 260-452-4769.

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

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| Year to Date: \$454,803 | Anticipated Need Thru March, 2024: \$516,383 |
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

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| Last Week: \$152 | Year to Date: \$2,679 |
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

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| Last Week: \$175 | Year to Date: \$1,493 |
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

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| "IAG" Total Received: \$4,696,538 | Projected Cost: \$7,200,000 |
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The Calendar of the Church

Monday, March 25

- 8:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study with Childcare
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Ebenezer Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council

Tuesday, March 26

- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Wednesday, March 27

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Home School Religion
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 3:30 p.m. PALS
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Service

Thursday, March 28

- 8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
- 8:30 a.m. ESM Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
- 11:30 a.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Communion
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Communion

Friday, March 29

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service
- 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Saturday, March 30

NO DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, March 31

- 7:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service with Communion
- 11:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service with Communion

Unscramble Words from the Scripture Readings

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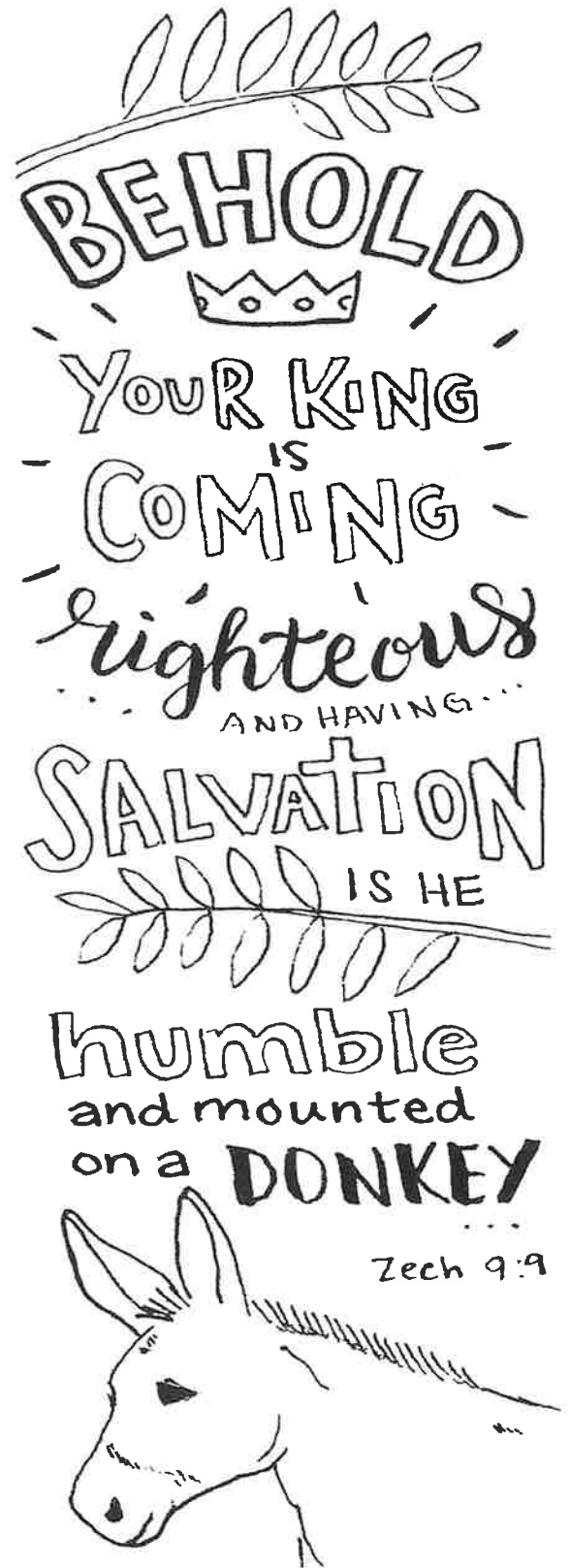
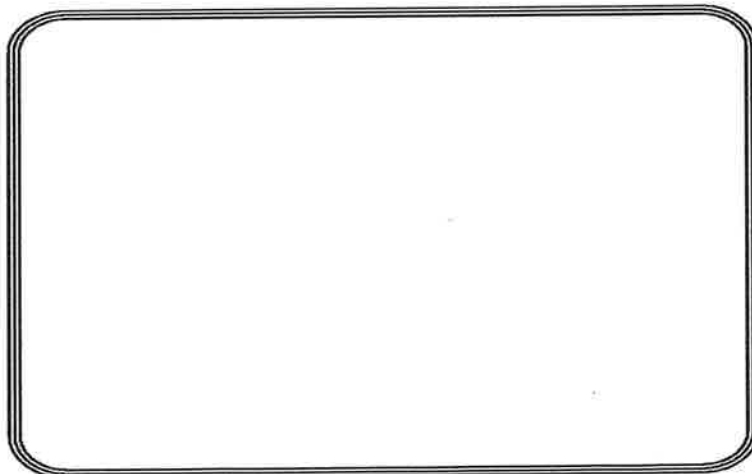
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OSENT

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Answers: donkey, gates, humbled,
prison, stone, exalted



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.

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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