

Divine Service at 10:30



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Worship

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“The Reign of the Root of Jesse”

AS WE GATHER

This weekend's readings are filled with language that describes God's kingdom. We hear about the coming reign of the "Root of Jesse", a phrase that points us to Jesus as the coming Savior who has been promised. From these readings we learn that Jesus' reign is one that leads to peace by calling people to repentance and sharing with them the hope of the God who is merciful and faithful to His promises. May this God of hope, fill us all this day with joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope today and until He returns. Amen.

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE I AT 10:30 A.M. +

THE GATHERING TIME

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

THE PRELUDE: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Ashdown
Hopson

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Bethlehem Candle

Leader: As we light the second candle on our Advent wreath, the Bethlehem Candle, we remember how God chose the little town of Bethlehem to be the birthplace of our Savior, fulfilling the Old Testament prophecy and making great what was small. We pray:

People: We give You thanks, our heavenly Father, that You exalt the humble and bring down the proud. Grant that as we travel once more to Bethlehem to greet our Savior and King, we may be humbled in His presence and blessed to serve Him well; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE OPENING HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Hymn 357

THE PRESENTATION OF PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:8-9).

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

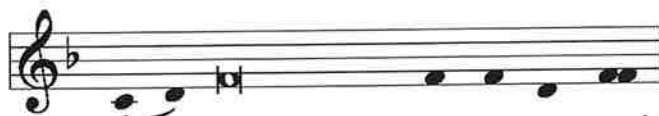
People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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

People: Amen.

THE KYRIE: (Congregation sings responsively)

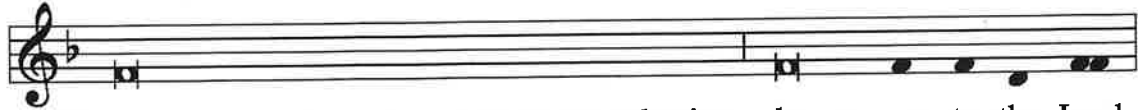
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.




C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise
let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: This Is the Feast

LSB, 155



Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE COLLECT

Leader: The Lord be with you.
 People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰In that day the root of

Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." ¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE CHORAL RESPONSE: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (Hymn 359) Choir

(Please stand as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" ⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹"I baptize

you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

Inside back cover of hymnal

(Please be seated)

THE SERMON HYMN: “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”
(Please stand as you are able for verse 5)

Hymn 344

(Please be seated)

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 OFFERING: “Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled”

Choir

+ THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS +

Adult Confirmation	Nathaniel and Lauren Altheide, James Raquel Klug Mark Moore Cindy Rich Troy Turner Matthew Wright
Profession of Faith	Ann Woodward, Charlie Ed Dornseif
Transfers	Ron and Lynda Bear Brent and Elizabeth Bejot, Breaden and Oliver Michael and April Cornyn Tim and Christa Falkenstern, Ashley, Paige and Nathan Paul and Julie Fulghum Eric and Krista Hall, Carson Dan Hoffman Rick and Stephanie Hoffmann, Lauren and Lily

Jason Kaiser, Celesta and Annalee
Joyce Lehmann
Brett and Jenel Meyer, Kylie, Evan and Carson
Roxanne Moore
Hayley Osborne
Joshua and Ashley Peterson, Addie and Aubrey
Greg Rehberg
Cathi Schenkel
Lilith Schenkel
Sarah Schwantz
Christopher and Sarah Smith, Quinn and Madelyn
Sarah Stegenga, Abigail and Hume
Stephan Taylor, Alex
Lisa and Nicholas Terrell, Haley and Kinley
Joshua and Adrienne Vandercar, Aelah, Simeon,
Isaiah, Naomi, Lydia and Grace

(Please stand as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the Holy Church, that God would continually feed her with His Word and Sacraments as she looks for Christ's return, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For families, that they would faithfully fulfill their vocations to love and forgive one another, even as they grow in the fear, love and trust of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For civil authorities, that they would govern with justice and righteousness as leaders appointed by God to protect the innocent, punish the wicked and work for the common welfare of all, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the sick and suffering, that as the day draws near when the wolf will dwell alongside the lamb and pain and destruction will be no more, God would grant them patience, comfort, and healing according to His will, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who commune this day, that their hearts would be stirred up to make ready the way of the Lord Jesus, who comes in His body and blood, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Grant, heavenly Father, that we may be kept in joy and sustained in hope through every trouble and trial of this mortal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION +

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.

Leader: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

THE SANCTUS: (Sung by the congregation)

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI: (Sung by the congregation)

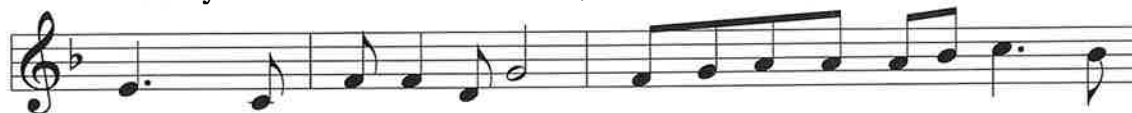
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Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

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.

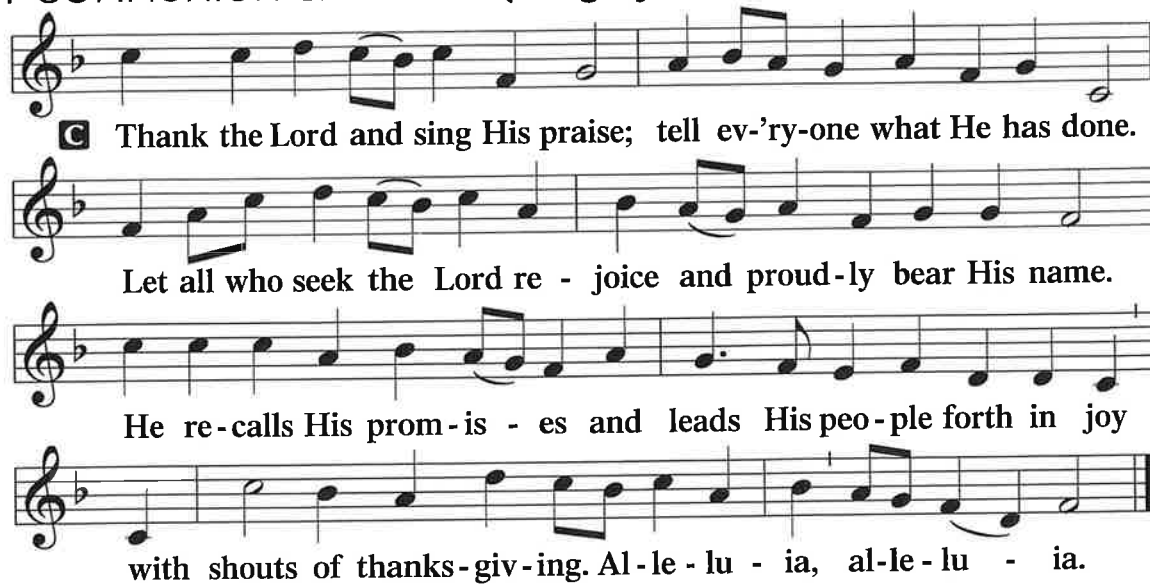
THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:
 "Lord of All Hopefulness"
 "Every Valley"
 "When All the World Was Cursed"
 "What Hope! An Eden Prophesied"

Hymn 738
 Choir
 Hymn 346
 Hymn 342

(Please stand, as you are able)
 THE DISMISSAL

THE POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (Sung by the congregation)

LSB, 165



G Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.
 He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
 with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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Leader: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

People:



G A - men.

THE BENEDICTION

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People:



G A - men.

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Prepare the Royal Highway"

Hymn 343

THE POSTLUDE: "Prepare the Royal Highway"

Hobby

THE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Is.35:1-10; Ps. 146; James 5:7-11; Matt. 11:2-15

THE CHRISTMAS GREENS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God.

SERVING

Liturgist	Pastor Thomas A. Eggold, Seminarian Jacob Shepard
Acolyte	Victoria Frye
Organ/Piano	Myra Schmidt
Choir Director	Craig Dahlkamp
Altar Guild	Tammy Stauffer, JoAnn Bender, LuAnn Bender, Tina Bruce
Usher Crew 5	Steve Herman, Luke Bieberich, Jasper Downie, Andy Freimuth, Isaiah Freimuth, Arlan Hogan, Dave Huffman, Larry Linnemeier, Rick Linnemeier, Brent Ostermeyer
Communion	Troy Hockemeyer, Phil Jackson, George Lin, Dennis McFadden
Closer	Jim Wudy
Audio	Ted Tiefel

The Prayers of the Church

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for the following people this week:
 - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Jerry Kanning, Jacob Lichstinn, Chuck Nelson, Betsy Gibson (daughter of Mary Kleinschmidt), Hannah Mast (daughter of Michael and Shirley Harvey), Ray Behling (Father of David Behling), Phyllis Tittman, NeNe Vibbert (cousin of Becki Elonzae), Vickie Tufley (sister of Judy Huesner), Maury Springer, Patrick Agerton, Harry Brown (father-in-law of Kristina Brown), Taylor Hogan (son of Arlan and Robin Hogan), Curt Reese (brother-in-law of Sandra Nahrwold), David Merkler, Jennifer Bergman, Kristy Fitzgerald.
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Edie Lesh, Noni Hoham, Doris Hoffman, Cynda Clark, Troy Sargent, Becky Nahrwold, Dave Harkless, Carol Salge, Paul Parker, Gretchen Breininger (friend of Ruth Anne Teeple), Kathy Schweyer, Krisie Brown, David Nahrwold (father of Seth Nahrwold), Mitch Platt, Steve Mueller.
 - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Marty Imler, Judi Brunow, Angela Osborn, Mike Notter (brother-in-law of George and Becki Elonzae), Jamie McConnell, Beth Woodward, Tom

Eggold, Lois Howe (aunt of Bob Frye), Peg Davis, Jenny Hobby (sister of Chris Murphy), Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Richard Vargas (brother-in-law of Kris Tinsley), and Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith).

- Join our staff in praying for the following members this week:
 - Amanda Osborne, Raelynn
 - Austin and Hayley Osborne
 - Rodney and Julia Oser, Olivia
 - Brent and Janet Ostermeyer, Aaron, Clayton and Grayson
 - Austyn and Mary Pace, Cassius
 - Mark and Shirley Pace
 - Shayne Pace
 - Zach and Rhianna Pace, Eowyn, Evandar, Ripken and Ryne
 - Katie Paetz, Jillian, Justin and Kennedy
 - Mike and Cathy Paff

- Please pray for the missions and missionaries currently supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
 - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf - Ponce, Puerto Rico
 - Rev. Aaron Spratt - Alaska Mission for Christ
 - Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)
 - Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
 - The Lutheran Heritage Foundation
 - Luther Academy
 - Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM)
 - Lutherans For Life (LFL)

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

The Teaching of the Church

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

CLASS	LOCATION	DATES	INSTRUCTOR
Faithfully Facing the End of Life	Sanctuary	11/27-12/18	Pr. McFadden
Sunday School for Grown Ups	School Rm 102	12/4-12/18	Pr. Mark Sheaffer

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

CLASS	LOCATION
Little Flock (Birth - Age 2)	Room 7 (Lower Level, School)

3-5 Year Olds	Room 6 (Lower Level, School)
K-2 nd Grade	Room 105 (Middle Level, School)
3 rd -5 th Grade	Room 104 (Middle Level, School)
6 th Grade Confirmation	Room 103 (Middle Level, School)
7 th Grade Confirmation	Room 101 (Middle Level, School)
8 th Grade Confirmation	Ebenezer, Lower Level
9 th -12 th Grade	The Loft

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
FWYA (Ft. Wayne Young Adult) Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Sundays	6:00 pm
Women's Book Study	The Loft	Mondays	8:30 am
LifeLight - Gospel of Matthew	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	5:30 pm
Women's Book Study (Beth Williams 402-803-5303)	Ebenezer Hall	Tuesdays (1 st & 3 rd)	7:30 pm
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 am
Women's Bible Study on Luke	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays	8:45 am
Homeschool Religion Class	Choir Room	Wednesdays	9:00 am
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	10:00 am
Men's Lectionary Study	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 am

The News of the Church

Advent at Emmanuel - As we begin a new church year with the penitential season of Advent, we prepare to celebrate God's greatest gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. You are invited to join our church family in observing this season in the following ways:

Advent Devotionals - This year we are using an Advent devotional from Lutheran Hour Ministries entitled, "A Son is Given." You can find free copies at each of the church entrances.

Family Advent Devotions - New this year, Ms. Liz, Director of Children's Ministry, is posting weekly Family Advent Devotions. Families may gather together around an Advent wreath, watch the weekly video together, discuss the questions, and do an activity. You can find these devotions on the Emmanuel website (emmanuellutheran.org) by selecting "Where To Watch," and "2022 Advent Devotions." If you have any questions, feel free to email Liz at lbejot@emmanuellutheran.org.

Advent Morning Prayer - We offer an opportunity for spiritual preparation by holding a morning prayer service Mondays through Fridays from 7:30-7:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. This brief service of the Word will provide us with time in

God's Word and feature hymns, Scripture readings, and a time of spoken and silent prayer.

Midweek Worship - We offer midweek Advent services on Wednesdays, November 30 and December 7, and the ESM School Christmas Service on Wednesday, December 14, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Emmanuel.

Join Us for a Sing-Along! - On Sunday, December 18, our organist Myra Schmidt and a few other Emmanuel musicians, will lead us in a preservice sing-along. The carols will begin 20 minutes before each service. Come early and sing loudly!

Give the Gift of a Prayer Shawl This Christmas! - Emmanuel's Prayer Shawl Ministry has shawls available year-round for you to take (for free!) for yourself or to give to a loved one who is in extra need of prayers. Consider giving one as a gift this Christmas to someone who could use some special care and attention to remind them that they are in your prayers and that they are loved by their Emmanuel family! You can find the new Christmas colored prayer shawls outside the sanctuary doors leading into Ebenezer Hall.

Emmanuel Member Ruth Nicolet Turns 100! On January 4, our sister in Christ, Ruth Nicolet turns 100 years old. Please consider sending Ruth a card or note of blessing as part of an Emmanuel card shower for Ruth. If you'd like to participate, you can mail your well wishes to: Ruth Nicolet, 6701 S. Anthony Blvd., Rm 313-C, Fort Wayne, IN 46816.

Washington Elementary School's Santa Shop is back! This shop offers the students at Washington School the opportunity to "shop" for items that they can gift to family members for Christmas. They are seeking donations of \$1-\$5 gift items for men, women, boys, and girls, and donations of wrapping paper, tissue paper, gift tags and bows. Please bring your donations to the church no later than Monday, December 12. There will be bins labeled "Washington School Santa Shop" in the Welcome Center and Ebenezer for your donations. Gift wrappers are also needed on December 16, 19, 20 and 21 from noon to 3:00 p.m. each day. Please call or text Diane Witzenman at 260.249.1307 to volunteer to wrap gifts. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

"Stars and Promises" Christmas Concert at Emmanuel - On Thursday, December 22, at 7:00 p.m., Emmanuel will welcome recording artist Peter Mayer and his band to the Emmanuel sanctuary for a special Christmas concert of traditional Christmas carols and original Christmas songs entitled, "Stars and Promises." **Tickets for this unique performance may be purchased by going to [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and typing "stars and promises" into the search line.** Peter Mayer (the son of Lutheran missionaries) is a guitarist, vocalist, songwriter, touring musician, and recording artist. Mayer has released 25 albums to date and tours year-round with the Peter Mayer Group. He is also the lead guitarist in Jimmy Buffett's band.

Lutheran Witness - If you would like to subscribe to the Lutheran Witness, please call Becki at the church office at 423-1369, or email her at becki@emmanuel Lutheran.org. Cost is \$19, and you can pay that through your contribution envelopes on the "other line" or you can drop your payment off at the church office. Deadline for ordering is Monday, December 5.

Concordia Lutheran High School's Christmas at the Embassy - You are all invited to CLHS's annual Christmas at the Embassy concert at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 11, at Ft. Wayne's historic Embassy Theatre. Kick off the Christmas season with sounds from CLHS bands, choirs, and orchestra students. It's a tradition that you won't want to miss! Tickets are \$12 for students/seniors and \$18 for general admission. Tickets are now on sale at Ticketmaster and at the Embassy Box Office.

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

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Year to Date: \$1,668,549	Anticipated Need Thru December: \$1,770,840
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Last Week: \$197	Year to Date: \$16,589
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CUP OF KINDNESS

Last Week: \$45	Year to Date: \$6,553
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Received: \$2,210,858	Goal: \$5,000,000	Pledged: \$2,992,172
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The Calendar of the Church

Monday, December 5

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service
5:15 p.m. Handbell Practice

Tuesday, December 6

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service
7:30 p.m. Women's Bible Class

Wednesday, December 7

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service
- 8:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion
- 9:00 a.m. Wednesday Play Group
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Mid-Week Communion Service
- 7:00 p.m. Advent Worship Service

Thursday, December 8

- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service
- 8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
- 9:00 a.m. Piece Makers

Friday, December 9

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service

Saturday, December 10

- 3:30 p.m. Praise Team
- 5:00 p.m. Divine Worship Service

Sunday, December 11

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



My Worship Notes

Today is: _____
The preacher is: _____

Hope

Today I ...

- _____ Brought a Friend to Church.
- _____ Spent time in prayer.
- _____ Said "hello" to two people.

Today's Bible Passages

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Words I don't understand ...

Questions I have about what was said ...

How many times did I hear these words? (make a tally mark)

Repent	Written	Servant	Jesus
Rejoice	Peace	Praise	Hope

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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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty - and awe.
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

- 5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. (Refrain)
- 6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. (Refrain)
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace. (Refrain)

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



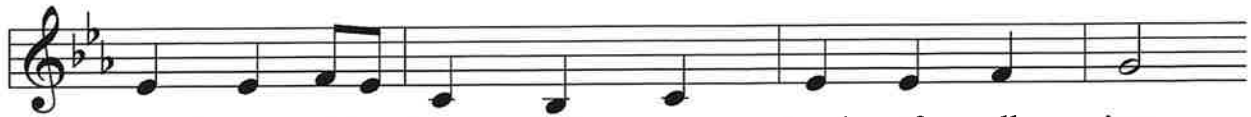
that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in, And let us all our
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Lord of All Hopefulness

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1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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When All the World Was Cursed

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1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na - tion,
2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,
3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres - sion,
4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re - joic - ing,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.
Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.
Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il's dread op - pres - sion.
The word pro-claimed by John, Our true re - pen - tance voic - ing,



With true fore - run - ner's zeal The great - er One he named,
By Jor - dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,
Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,
That glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way



And Him, as yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.
He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told:
Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.
Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.

What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

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1 What hope! An E - den proph - e - sied Where tame live with the wild;
2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da - vid's line,
3 As ban - ner of God's love un - furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,
4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!
A Prince of Peace in Beth - le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.
That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.
Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

Prepare the Royal Highway

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1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!