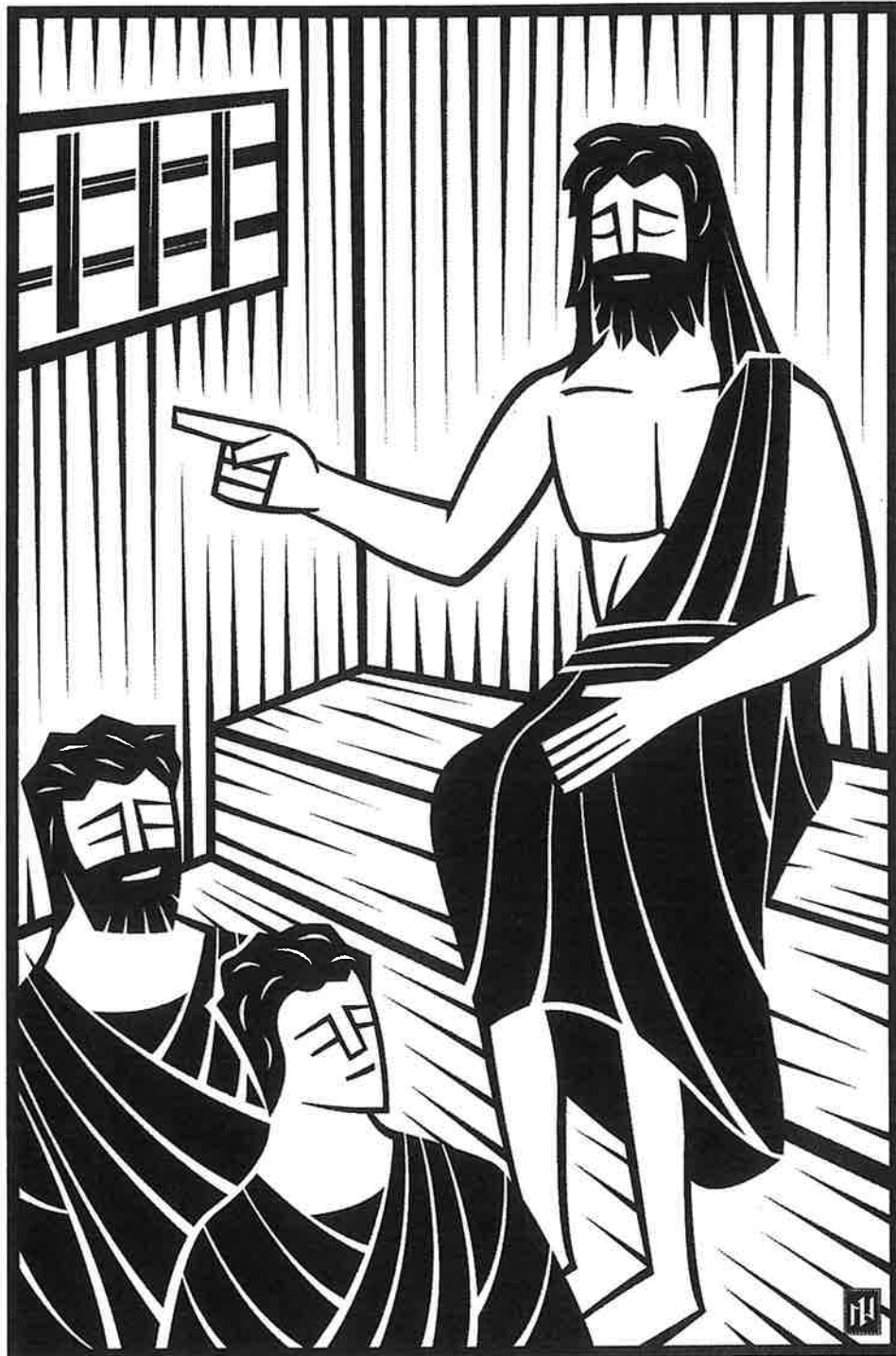


# Divine Service at 5:00



## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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



## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP



We are so happy you are here!

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

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

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS



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

## CONNECTIONS COUNTER



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

## SPECIAL NEEDS



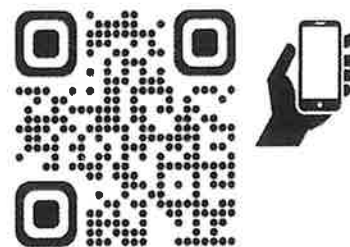
We offer a hearing loop, large print bulletins and printed copies of today's sermon. If these would be helpful, please ask one of our ushers who would be delighted to assist you.

## GATHERING TIME



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

## EMMANUEL APP



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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

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## “Joy Beyond Comparing”

### AS WE GATHER

On our own, we have no future; the ground of our hearts is cracked and hardened by sin, and there is no life in us. But through the atoning cross of Jesus Christ and in the power of His resurrection, we have a way out of the shadow of death; a way fed by springs of living water bubbling up to eternal life and, as Isaiah writes in our text, “And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away” (Isaiah 35:9-10).

### 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 LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

### THE SHEPHERDS’ CANDLE

**Leader:** As we light the third candle on our Advent wreath, the Shepherds’ Candle, we recall the shepherds outside Bethlehem who heard the news of Jesus’ birth and came to worship Him. Remembering their joy and witness, we pray:

**People:** Merciful Father, just as shepherds of old, bring to us good news that the Savior has come, send us to share this news with others; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### THE OPENING SONG: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
Much we need Your tender care.  
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Your fold prepare.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.

We are Yours; in love befriend us,  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.

Early let us seek Your favor,  
Early let us do Your will;  
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,  
With Your love our spirits fill.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.

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(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 (Psalm 146:5, 7b–8a; Philippians 1:6)

Leader: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God.

People: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: Holy and gracious God,

People: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

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 SHARING OF PEACE

(Please be seated)

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Born That We May Have Life"

No reputation, no stately bearing, no palace bed for royalty;  
But a star in the heavens, a sign full of wonder,  
Announcing the coming of the King of Kings.

(Chorus)

Rejoice! O world, your savior has come  
Miracle from a virgin's womb.  
Son of God, Son of man, born that we may have life,  
You were born that we may have life.

A throne in the manger, a cross in the cradle,  
The hidden revealing this glorious plan  
Of a Child who would suffer, the Child who would conquer,  
The sin of every woman, the sin of every man. (Chorus three times)

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THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup>And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. <sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: James 5:7-11

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so

that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-15

When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." <sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is he of whom it is written, "'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'" <sup>11</sup>Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup>From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (spoken together)

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THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"  
God rest ye merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ, our Savior, was born on Christmas Day  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone a-stray  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father a blessed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same;  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by Name.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

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## THE SERMON

Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

## 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: "Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)"

What hope we hold this starlit night  
A King is born in Bethlehem  
Our journey long we seek the light  
That leads to the hallowed manger ground

What fear we felt in the silent age  
Four-hundred years can He be found  
But broken by a baby's cry  
Rejoice in the hallowed manger ground

(Chorus)

Emmanuel Emmanuel  
God incarnate here to dwell  
Emmanuel Emmanuel  
Praise His name Emmanuel

The Son of God here born to bleed  
A crown of thorns would pierce His brow  
And we beheld this offering  
Exalted now the King of kings  
Praise God for the hallowed manger ground (Chorus)

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## THE MINISTRY MINUTE

Holy Land Christians' Woodwork

(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 all who offer prayers and supplications, that God would hear them  
on account of His Son who has enlightened the darkness of our hearts  
and every corner of creation by His incarnation, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all church workers, that the words they bear would prepare the way of Jesus' second advent and be received by all who hear them, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the homes of our land, that God would grant safety and security to all families; and that the faith would be delivered from one generation to the next, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all in authority, that they would be given wisdom and insight until the day when Christ comes again in glory to usher in His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the sick and grieving, that as the day draws near when blind eyes see, deaf ears hear, lame legs leap and mute tongues sing for joy, God would grant them healing according to His gracious will, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: O God, Your love invites us to rejoice in Your goodness. In every circumstance of life, teach us the joy that comes from knowing Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and eagerly expecting His gracious visitation; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken together)

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "It's Christmas"

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed.

The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.

The stars in the sky look down where He lay,

The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes

But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.

I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky

And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh.

(Chorus)

It's Christmas, the angels are singing

And I know the reason, the Savior is born.

It's Christmas, the bells are ringing

And I feel like shouting, "Joy to the world."



Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there. (Chorus)

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere.  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born. (Chorus)

**"Joy to the world. Joy to the world."**

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## THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Is. 7:10-17; Ps. 24; Rom. 1:1-7; Matt. 1:18-25

THE CHRISTMAS GREENS adorning the altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of John Kalb, from Judy Kalb and family; and in loving memory of my parents Arnie and Pat Hormanm, from Marilyn Brenner.

USHERS: Dave and Tammy Bair, Kollin Vanderford and Khloe Vanderford

# 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), Steve Herman, River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Colsen Gage (nephew of Annalissa Smith), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia Williams, Dick Reinking, 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 Hilty, Faith Behling, Don Heckber, Wayne McClure, Mason Longworth, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling)
  - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Jan Reche, Steve Mueller, Ivy Harkenrider, Anne Kelly, Wes Harless, Jan Hoffman
  - 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 Krantz (daughter-in-law of David and Karen Wyss), Mary Grosjean, Peg Davis, Ashley Edge (niece of Barb and Gary Lesh), Barb Hambrock, Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Bob

and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Shelly Koenig (friend of Matt & Amy Konow), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith), Tina Bennett, Dennis McFadden, Lisa Toth (Pepple), Laura Herrick (Caroline Eber's niece), Art Klausmeier, Roger Kuehnert, John Jennings (friend of Dave and Tammy Bair), Bruce Williams, Herb Schumm, 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)

- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
  - Kara Beers, Kristian and Alex
  - Diana Beery
  - Valerie Beery
  - Dave and Sandy Behling, Faith and Christian
  - Barbara Behning
  - CarrieAnn Behrman, William
  - Jimmy and Jenny Beights, Maggie and Ezekiel
  - Carolyn Beitz
  - Brent and Liz Bejot, Braeden and Oliver
  - Boardy and Mary Bell, Jane and Thomas
- Please pray for the missions supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
  - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf - Ponce, Puerto Rico
  - Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)
  - Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
  - Heidi Wilkinson - Ethiopia
  - The Lutheran Heritage Foundation
  - Luther Academy
  - Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM)
  - Lutherans For Life (LFL)
  - Lutheran Bible Translators

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

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

Dolores Harper	Parker Schultheis	Mason Gilliom	Atlas Arnold
Renae Smith	Rafael Alberto	Lois Altheide	Lincoln Griffin
Virginia Miller	Amelia Adair	Forrest Clarke	Brandon Cirilo
Charlotte Schmotzer	Lilyth Tittman	Anna Vandercar	William Vogt

Bennett Hoyle	Liam Hill	Rowen Lomont	Owen Light
Kollin Vanderford	Klaire Vanderford	Khloe Vanderford	Walter Vanderford
Wilma Vanderford	Vada Gillum	Valerie Miller	Gary Keller
Terry Buffington	Desirae Rider	Payton Caudill	Benjamin Rider
Alice Gynn	Quinn Brimmer	Parker Hall	Kirstin Lobozzo
Jordyn Christlieb	Devon Jewell	Izaiah Christlieb	Iyla Christlieb
Elyjun Christlieb	Amira Christlieb	Nevaeh Christlieb	Atreus Layman
Theodora Kendrick	Salem Lee Hilty	Austin Dillion	Nova Dillion
Daniel Schindler	Emmanuel Price		

## 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 D3
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	LL Ebenezer
High School	Loft
"The Kingdom of God is Coming"	Sanctuary
"I Believe"	Brandt Hall

### 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.
LifeLight: Luke	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	5:30 p.m.
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.

## The News of the Church

**Sunday School's Journey to Bethlehem** - On Sunday, December 14, all of Emmanuel's kids are invited to journey through the halls of the school as we hear and see the Christmas story in a very unique way. This journey will begin in the gym at 9:00 a.m. and all the children (parents are invited too!) will be led to various characters of the Christmas story in the school building. The final scene will be back in the gym at 10:00 a.m. where we'd like everyone (children, their parents, all members of Emmanuel, etc.) to join in a simple but profound conclusion of word and song to this Journey to Bethlehem.

**Holy Land Christians Visit** - Join us on December 13 and 14, during all services, to hear from Christian families of Bethlehem and view their handmade olivewood carvings in the Narthex. Proceeds support Christian families in the Holy Land.

**ESM Kindergarten Enrollment** - With so many schools in the area to choose from, making the decision about where your child will begin their education is easier said than done. We invite you to join us on January 22 or February 17 for our Kindergarten Information and Enrollment session to get a clear picture of what ESM is all about. To learn more and register, please scan the QR code.



**ESM Preschool Enrollment** - As a parent, we understand that no one knows your child's unique needs better than you. Finding a school that will reinforce the values you are instilling at home is crucial. We invite you to join us on February 12 or 19 for our Preschool Information and Enrollment sessions to get a clear picture of what ESM is all about. To learn more and register, please scan the QR code.



**Lunch Bunch (60+)** - Please join us for our annual Christmas communion service at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary on Tuesday, December 16. The Early Childhood children, accompanied by Bev Williams, will be singing for us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Following the special service, we will be served a special Christmas meal at a cost of \$10.00 (payable that day) in Lower Level Ebenezer Hall. Pastor Thomas Eggold will be with us to share ministry updates.

**Beer and Hymns Christmas Singalong** - Join us on Sunday, December 21 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Chapman's for an afternoon of fellowship and singing with members from area LCMS congregations. All ages are welcome. Please bring a snack or potluck item to share.

**Volunteers Needed for Santa Shop at Washington School** - Washington School Santa Shop gift wrappers are still needed for December 16, 17, 18, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. To volunteer, please call Diane Witzeman at 260.249.1307.

**Bridge 20/30** is a space for post-high school young adults (single or married) to connect, grow, and have fun in community with others who share similar values. We are doing a 3-Week Advent Series: "What Are You Waiting For?" with Pastor Chad Vanmeter (Dates: December 2, 9, 16 at 7:00 p.m.; Location: The Greenhaus, 3504 N Anthony Blvd)

## The Stewardship of the Church

### EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$2,115,209	Anticipated Need Thru December, 2025: \$2,155,838
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### DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$550	Year to Date: \$14,016
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### CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$90	Year to Date: \$4,327
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### IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received:	Mortgage Balance:	Total Cost*
\$6,234,783	\$1,296,923	\$7,431,837

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

## The Calendar of the Church

### Monday, December 15

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Monday Morning Moms

6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice  
7:00 p.m. WC Neighborhood Association Meeting

**Tuesday, December 16**

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch Christmas Program  
6:00 p.m. Study the Psalms at Chapman's

**Wednesday, December 17**

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:30 a.m. ESM Chapel  
9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion  
10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study  
11:30 a.m. Communion Service  
5:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, December 18**

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

**Friday, December 19**

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

**Saturday, December 20**

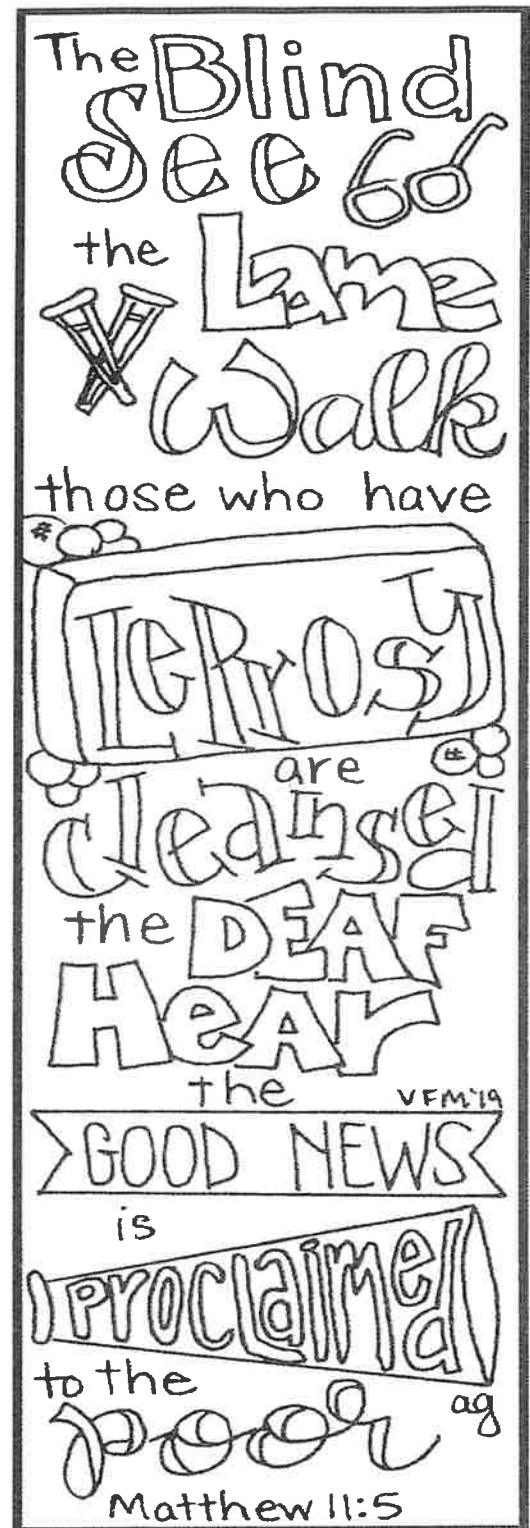
5:00 p.m. Divine Service w/ Communion

**Sunday, December 21**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion



## Sermon Notes



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# 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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