

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...



## SPECIAL NEEDS



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

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP



We are so happy you are here!

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

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

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS



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

## CONNECTIONS COUNTER



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

## GATHERING TIME



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

## EMMANUEL APP



[emmanuellutheran.org](http://emmanuellutheran.org)



Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

**BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY**

## “Our Good Shepherd”

### AS WE GATHER

Of all the animals that could have been used to portray humanity, does it feel strange to be called a sheep? After all, it is not the most honorable creature. There are no defense mechanisms to escape a predator, no intimidating roar, and limited ability to fend for one's self when it comes to seeking nourishment, water, and safety. Yet these things reveal the point we are called to understand. It may not be good to be a sheep on our own, but it is great to be a sheep with a Good Shepherd to care for the flock. Jesus is our perfect shepherd who protects and defends, feeds and nourishes, leads and provides all we need in this body and life. Together as His flock, we are blessed to follow Him as by His Word and Means of Grace He leads us to streams of living water and paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

### 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

### THE WORDS OF WELCOME

### THE GATHERING SONG: “May the Peoples Praise You”

You have called us out of darkest night, into Your glorious light,  
That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.  
May our ev'ry breath retell the grace that broke into our strife  
With boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life.

(Chorus)

May the peoples praise You, let the nations be glad!  
All Your blessing comes that we may praise, May praise the name of Jesus.

All the earth is Yours and all within, each harvest is Your own,  
And from Your hand we give to You, to make Christ known.  
May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard,  
May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word. (Chorus)

This our holy priv'lege to declare Your praises and Your Name  
To ev'ry nation, tribe and tongue Your church proclaim. (Chorus)

**Holy, Holy, is the Lord Almighty. Worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain.  
Holy, Holy, is the Lord Almighty. All creation praise Your glorious Name.  
(Chorus twice)**

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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

**Leader:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**People:** who made heaven and earth (Psalm 124:8).

**Leader:** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**People:** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared (Psalm 130:3-4).

**Leader:** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner (Luke 18:13).

(Silence for reflection and confession)

**Leader:** Almighty God,  
**People:** have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 SHARING OF PEACE

#### THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Cornerstone"

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' name.  
My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

(Chorus)

Christ alone, Cornerstone, Weak made strong in the Savior's love.  
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. (Chorus)

He is Lord, Lord of All. (Chorus)

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THE FIRST READING: Acts 4:1-12

As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them,<sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.<sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening.<sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.<sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem,<sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.<sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?"<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders,<sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed,<sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well.<sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.<sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.<sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.<sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him;<sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.<sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God;<sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.<sup>24</sup>Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE' CREED (Spoken together)

Inside back cover of hymnal

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Amen (Because He Lives)"

I believe in the Son. I believe in the Risen One.  
I believe I overcome by the power of His blood.

Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives!  
Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends, because He lives!

I was dead in the grave. I was covered in sin and shame.  
I heard mercy call my name. He rolled the stone away!

Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives!  
Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow.  
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone.  
I know He holds my life, my future in His hands.

Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives!  
Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends.  
Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives!  
Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends,  
Because He lives; Because He lives.

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## THE SERMON

### THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

During the offering, please take the binder, located at the end of each pew, and fill out the appropriate info. We encourage members to greet our visitors.

### THE MUSICAL OFFERING: "What a Beautiful Name"

You were the Word at the beginning,  
One with God, the Lord Most High.  
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ.

What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is,  
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this.  
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us,  
So Jesus, You brought heaven down.  
My sin was great, Your love was greater.  
What could separate us now?

What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is,  
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this.  
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.  
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You.  
You silence the boast of sin and grave.  
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory,  
For You are raised to life again.  
You have no rival, You have no equal.  
Now and forever, God, You reign.  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory,  
Yours is the name above all names.

What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is,  
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against.  
What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.

You have no rival, You have no equal.  
Now and forever, God, You reign.  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory,  
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What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is,

The name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against.  
What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.  
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What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**Leader:** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Shepherd of Israel, in Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have sought out Your sheep and gathered us into Your flock. Keep us always in Your fold, and guard us from every wolf and snare. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Heavenly Father, You alone gather us as Your sheep and send faithful shepherds to us. Call all who have wandered from Your flock, and bless the faithful shepherds who gather them through the voice of Your Word. Lord in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Heavenly Father, Your Son has called us to love our brothers. Turn us in love toward the neighbors closest to us, especially within our own homes, that we may daily show our confidence in God by deed and truth, laying down our lives as Christ first did for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Eternal Lord, through the Paschal Lamb You have wrought peace between man and God. Grant peace and good days to our citizens and between the nations of the world, that we and all our neighbors may lead quiet lives in godly contentment. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Heavenly Father, by the firstfruits of Christ's life from the dead, You secured forgiveness for our troubled consciences. Bless also with temporal health and well-being those who suffer among us. Grant them aid in this moment and, even more so, true, immortal health in the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Lord God, out of Your fatherly goodness You have remembered us poor, miserable sinners and given Your beloved Son to be our Shepherd — not only to nourish us by His Word, but also to defend us from sin, death and the devil. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that even as this Shepherd knows us and helps in every affliction, we also may



know Him, trust Him, seek help and comfort in Him, heartily obey His voice, and obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

#### THE PREFACE (Spoken responsively by the Congregation)

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

**Leader:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**People:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

#### THE PROPER PREFACE

**Leader:** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, 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:

#### “SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)”

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Heavenly Hosts,

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Heavenly Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Blessed is he who comes,

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

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#### THE LORD’S PRAYER

#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

**People:** Amen.

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

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

## THE DISTRIBUTION SONGS

### "Man of Sorrows"

Man of Sorrows, Lamb of God, by His own betrayed.  
The sin of man and wrath of God has been on Jesus laid.  
Silent as He stood accused, beaten, mocked, and scorned,  
Bowing to the Father's will, He took a crown of thorns.

(Chorus)

Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation, Where Your love poured out over me;  
Now my soul cries out, "Hallelujah! Praise and honor unto Thee."

Sent of Heaven, God's own Son, to purchase and redeem  
And reconcile the very ones who nailed Him to that tree. (Chorus)

Now my debt is paid; it is paid in full  
By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled.  
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me.  
Whom the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed!  
Now my debt is paid; it is paid in full  
By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled.  
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me.  
Whom the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed! (Chorus)

See, the stone is rolled away; behold the empty tomb.  
Hallelujah, God be praised! He's risen from the grave! (Chorus)

"Praise and honor unto Thee."

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## "Breathe"

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe,  
Your holy presence living in me.  
This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread,  
Your very Word spoken to me.

(Chorus)

And I, I'm desp'rate for You. And I, I'm lost without You.

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe,  
Your holy presence living in me.  
This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread,  
Your very Word spoken to me.

And I, I'm desp'rate for You. And I, I'm lost without You.  
And I, I'm desp'rate for You. And I, I'm lost without You.

This is the air I breathe. This is the air I breathe.

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THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "For All You've Done"

My Savior, Redeemer, lifted me from the miry clay.  
Almighty, forever. I will never be the same,  
'Cause You came near from the everlasting  
To the world we live; the Father's only Son.

And You lived and You died and You rose again on high.  
And You opened the way for the world to live again.  
Hallelujah for all You've done. (Repeat from beginning)

'Cause You came near from the everlasting  
To the world we live, the Father's only Son.  
'Cause You came near from the everlasting  
To the world we live; the Father's only Son.

And You lived and You died and You rose again on high.  
And You opened the way for the world to live again.  
Hallelujah for all You've done.  
And You lived and You died and You rose again on high.  
And You opened the way for the world to live again.  
Hallelujah for all You've done. Hallelujah for all You've done.

## Hallelujah for all You've done.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 8:26-40; Ps. 150; 1 John 4:1-21; John 15:1-8

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of William and Betty Werling from Tim, Carol, Jacob, and Lauren Reinking; and in loving memory of Beverly Payne from Stan Payne and family.

COMMUNION: Pastor Jim Cotter

USHERS: Kathy Lash, Catherine Peterson

## + THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS +

(The following individuals were received into membership at the 10:30 a.m. service)

Baptism	Keely Lowe (Keedon and Gatlin)
Confirmation	Jon & Megan Cushing (Evelyn and Amelia) Preston Klaehn Kylie Stapleton (Jonathan and Brielle) Doug Walker
Transfers	
(January 22, 2024)	Rev. Dan & Tamara Dahling Robert Ehlerding Janet Fisher
(February 26, 2024)	Madalene Eggold Jay & Lisa Schmidt Rev. James & Amanda Voorman (Bennett and Magdalena) Steve & Dawn Williams
(March 25, 2024)	Jeff Gotsch Colleen Walker

## 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 the family of Don Bendel (father of Donna Shook), as they mourn the passing of their loved one. Ask God to comfort them in their grief,

give them His peace, and assure them of the victory over death that is ours through Christ.

- Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Marie Kanning, Larry Linnemeier, 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, Deb Bryan (sister-in-law of Steve and Pam Bryan), Julie Harper, Dewey Senger, 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: Donna Cotter, Jule Shively, Leah Nichols, Cindy Sakowicz, Susie Klausmeier, Mike Huesner, Sharon Springer, Elaine Ahrens.
- 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, 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:
  - Debra Geiger
  - Don and Maureen Gentry
  - Scott and Maria Gerber, Hope
  - Eric and Tangela Gerz, Alayna and Rosalyn
  - Matt and Anna Giancola
  - Chet and Tess Gilbert, Jojo
  - Laura Giles, Aaliyah, Halston and Kayden
  - Duane and Regina Gillum, Sarah, Sean and Stephanie
  - Scott Gillum
  - Patrick and Jessica Glowaski, Callum and Charlotte
- 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)

- o Lutherans For Life (LFL)
- o 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.

## The Teaching of the Church

### 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
Lord, Teach Us to Pray	School Rm C3	4/14-5/19	Wes Williams
"Clay & Iron: A Gathering for Men"	School Cafeteria	4/14-5/19	Discussion Based

### 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 <sup>st</sup> Grade	School Room B3 (Mr. Eggold's)
2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	School Room B4 (Mrs. McCoy's)
4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	School Room B5 (Ms. Palmreuter's)
6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	School Room A2 (Mrs. Malone's)
8 <sup>th</sup> 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
LifeLight	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	5:30 pm
Bible Study & Fellowship (6:00pm fellowship, 7:00pm Bible Study)	Chapman's Brewing	Tuesdays	6:00 pm
Women's Bible Study	The Loft	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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
@917 Bible Study (Ages 25-45)	Ebenezer Hall	Thursdays	7:00 pm
Men's Lectionary Study	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 am

# The News of the Church

**Congregational Meeting** - Members of Emmanuel, mark your calendars and please plan to attend our congregational meeting on Sunday, April 28, following the 10:30 a.m. service in the sanctuary.

**Family Fun Night at Emmanuel** - Join us for Family Fun Night at Emmanuel on Tuesday, May 7, at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. Enjoy an evening of free entertainment for all ages featuring Brent Vernon, a singer, songwriter, and ventriloquist. Experience his energetic mix of music, stories, and puppetry with hope-filled messages and good, clean fun. Don't miss out! Brent's books and music will be available for purchase as well. We hope to see you there!

**Bible Study at Chapman's Brewing** - On Tuesday, April 23, Emmanuel member Scott Fergusson of Chapman's Brewing will host the first ever weekly Bible study at Chapman's Electric Works location. The evening will begin with food, drink, and fellowship from 6:00-7:00 p.m., followed by a Bible study led by Emmanuel member Rev. James Voorman from 7:00-8:00 p.m. This weekly event will take place in the private dining room at Chapman's and the first beverage is on Scott. This gathering is designed to be a Gospel outreach and is open to all!

**Visual Faith Ministry** invites you to join us on Tuesday, May 7, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. as we explore another Visual Faith practice of "Worship into the Week." Have you thought about how you can bring your worship into the week and not just on Sunday? The "Worship into the Week" practice is a way of taking the message and scripture that you hear in our worship service and carrying that home in a way that you can continue reflecting on and responding to that message throughout the week. If you are looking for a way to focus yourself more during worship and help yourself to remember what you heard in worship, give this Visual Faith practice a try! "Worship into the Week" can be your OWN devotional plan for YOUR devotional life. Let the Word and Message settle deeply into your heart through weekly reflection. Please sign up at the Connections Counter! We hope to see you then!

**ESM Openings** - ESM is thankful for all the faculty and staff serving every day, including the faithful work of some who are being called to begin new opportunities. In addition to Mrs. Staub accepting a Call to teach social studies at CLHS, three individuals are retiring from their current roles: Mrs. Kuker as Union Instructional Aide, Mrs. Stradling as School Nurse, and Mrs. Wudy as Union Librarian. Praise the Lord for the many ways they have served at ESM and for the good plans God has for them!

With those openings, as well as addressing other ways to best fulfill our mission, please see below for different opportunities to serve alongside the incredible team at ESM for the 2024-2025 year! Contact the school office at 260-422-6712 to learn more or explore next steps.

- Middle School Teacher (7th Grade ELA)
- Part-Time Preschool Assistants
- Part-Time Elementary Aide
- PE Teacher/Athletic Director
- School Nurse
- Union Librarian

**Confirmation Cards** are available in the Card Ministry cabinet, located at the Ebenezer Hall entrance into church, next to the elevator. Cards are \$.50 each.

**@917** is a group of men and women, typically between the ages 25-45, who regularly meet to study the readings for the upcoming weekend worship services. The study is led by Pastor Dan. This group has a hybrid meeting format on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Most of the group meets in person at Emmanuel in Ebenezer Hall and when some can't join in person we offer an online connection for the study. If you would like to learn more about the group, contact Pastor Dan: [pastordan@emmanullutheran.org](mailto:pastordan@emmanullutheran.org).

**Emmanuel's Golf League** begins May 15! The league will play at Brookwood Golf Course on Wednesday evenings. The scheduled starting tee time for the league is 5:30 p.m. Cost to play is \$25 / golfer (price includes cart). If you have questions about the league or want to play this year, please contact Fred Peterson at 260-437-2885.

**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.

**Estate Planning Assistance at St. Michael** - Do you realize that approximately 70% of Americans don't have a will or estate plan? Typical goals in estate planning include topics like: guardianship for minor children, financial provisions for spouse and children, identifying power of attorney for health care and finances, designating your charitable gifts, and more. It's never too early to plan



for your family’s security and legacy with an estate plan. The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) provides congregational “Ask the Expert” workshops to assist with planning. Diana Raasch, Director of Donor Relations and Gift Planning for LCEF, will be at St. Michael Lutheran Church on **Thursday, May 2, 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.**, to facilitate panel presentations that include St. Michael members: Estate Attorney Mark Witmer, Certified Financial Planner Chip Olson, St. Michael Foundation Advisor Ron Menze, and Pastor Goff. A box lunch is provided at 11:30 a.m. and refreshments will be provided at the 6:30 p.m. session. See the weekly email for a link to register for one of the sessions.

**Cross Connections “Spring Thing” Dinner and Auction** - Think Spring as you join Cross Connections for an evening of fun, food, live auction and conversation. This year’s premier speaker is Raphael Bosley, Licensed Therapist and professional counselor for Cross Connections with over 10 years of experience working with people from all walks of life, primarily addressing depression, anxiety, trauma, and relational, familial, and interpersonal issues. The event will take place Tuesday, April 23 at the Parkview Mirro Center, with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. To purchase tickets, call 260-373-0213 or click the link provided in this week’s email from the pastors.

# The Stewardship of the Church

## EMMANUEL’S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$617,777	Anticipated Need Thru April, 2024: \$678,312
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## DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$222	Year to Date: \$3,707
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## CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$175	Year to Date: \$1,953
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## IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

“IAG” Total Received: \$4,717,116	Projected Cost: \$7,200,000
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# The Calendar of the Church

## Monday, April 22

- 5:30 p.m. LifeLight Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council

## Tuesday, April 23

- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Fellowship and Bible Study at Chapman's Brewery

## Wednesday, April 24

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Home School Religion
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Communion Service

## Thursday, April 25

- 8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
- 9:00 a.m. Piece Makers

## Friday, April 26

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study

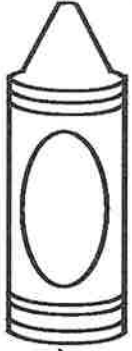
## Saturday, April 27

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

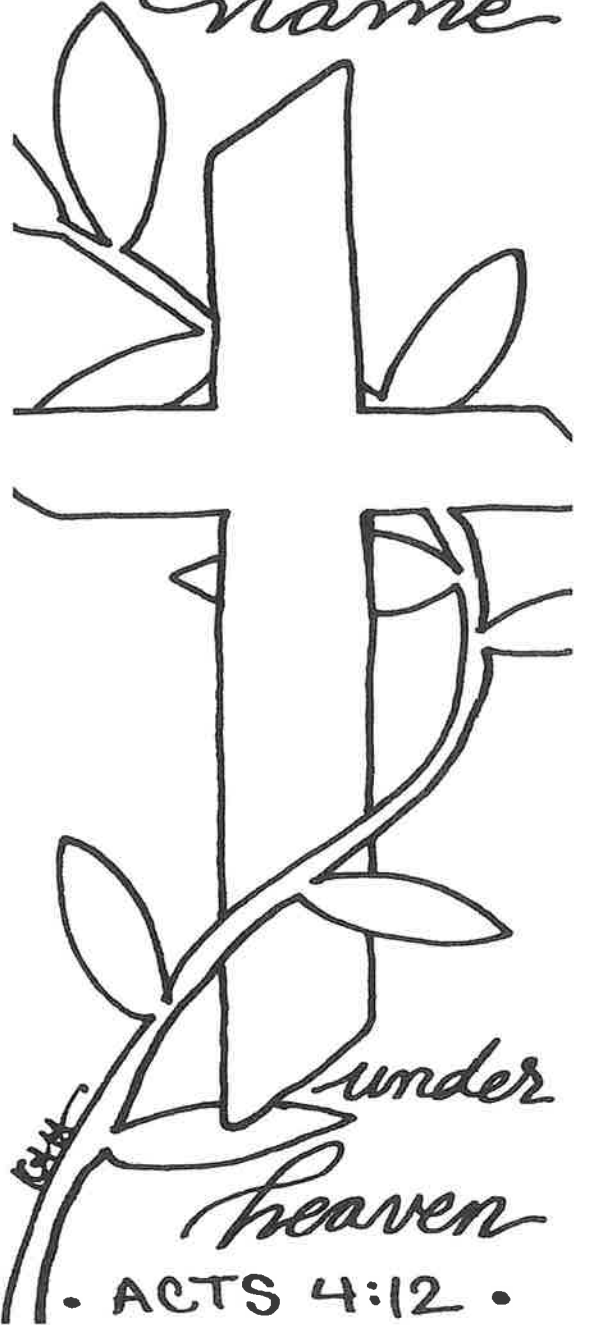
## Sunday, April 28

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Worship Service with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Gathering Time in Ebenezer Hall
- 9:15 a.m. Lutheran Christianity
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Worship Service

Draw a picture about the sermon



JESUS,  
*no*  
*other*  
*name*



### The Sacraments

Today we celebrated the Lord's Supper ...

Yes  No

Today we had a baptism ...

Yes  No

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.

## Church Staff

**Thomas A. Eggold**, Senior Pastor  
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**Sarah Pennekamp**, Dir. of Discipleship  
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**Liz Bejot**, Dir. of Children's Ministry  
**Arthur Klausmeier**, Pastor Emeritus  
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**Dan Dahling**, Pastoral Assistant  
**Dan May**, Pastoral Assistant  
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**Herb Schumm**, Pastoral Assistant

**Mark Sheaffer**, Pastoral Assistant  
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**Craig Dahlkamp**, Worship Director  
**Myra Schmidt**, Lead Organist  
**Dick Shively**, Business Manager  
**Becki Elonzae**, Office Manager  
**Randy Thompson**, Maintenance Supervisor  
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