

Divine Worship 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.

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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

“Hosanna!”

AS WE GATHER

This weekend we enter the Great and Holy Week of our faith, the very heart and center of God’s greatest act since the Creation itself—the salvation of mankind by the overthrow of sin, death, and the devil, and the restoration of all creation through the power of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Even now, years later, we join the crowds welcoming Jesus, the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna!

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

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

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY: John 12:12-19

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

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: Hosanna!

People: Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

People: Hosanna in the highest!

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

People: Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

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

People: Amen.

THE GATHERING SONG: " Hosanna, Loud Hosanna "
Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.
From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.
"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav'n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!

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THE INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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 SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: " His Mercy Is More "

(Chorus)

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

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

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

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

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

Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

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(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but

made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 12:20-43

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. ²⁷"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" ³⁹Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, ⁴⁰"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them." ⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴²Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

Inside back cover of hymnal

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "The Wonderful Cross"

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, His feet sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?

(Chorus)

Oh, the wonderful cross, Oh, the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
Oh, the wonderful cross, Oh, the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine that were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine demands my soul, my life, my all. (Chorus)

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THE SERMON

Pastor Dan Sheaffer

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Create In Me a Clean Heart"

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me. (Repeat)

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

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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.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. King of glory, Lord of hosts, lift up the gates of our hearts, and make way for Your blessed Son. Forgive our sins and renew our souls, that we may glorify Him who died to save us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Merciful Lord, You desire not the death of any sinner but that all would turn in repentance to You. Bless the preaching of Your Gospel around the world. Convert those who do not yet know Christ, and sustain those who face danger and opposition for the name of Christ. Bless and protect all

missionaries as they proclaim Christ boldly, and surround their families with Your care. Banish from our hearts all prejudice that might hinder our mission work here in our nation or abroad. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Heavenly Father, You sacrificed Your own Son on the cross, that we may be called Your children. Increase the faith of all Christian parents, that receiving Jesus and trusting in His atoning sacrifice, they may be enlivened to sacrificial love for their children. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lord God, our King, Your Son entered Jerusalem as the true ruler, ready to lay down His life for His people. Grant this same mind to those in authority over us, that they would discharge their duty even for the least among us, and so receive Your commendation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: According to Your gracious will, O Lord, look on all who suffer illness or physical disability. Bless them with what is best for them according to Your good and gracious will, and strengthen their faith. Open our hearts to serve their bodily needs. Take into Your care those who mourn the death of loved ones. Give them peace and comfort through Your Holy Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We praise You, Father, that You have sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy. As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show us the answer to Your people's prayers of "hosanna," in the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven

we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

“SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)”

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Heavenly Hosts,

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Heavenly Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Blessed is he who comes,

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

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THE LORD’S PRAYER (Spoken together)

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

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure,

That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away,

As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;

Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;

His dying breath has brought me life—I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom;

But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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“What Is This Bread”

What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:
This bread we break This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release.
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.

What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see—the Lord is King.

So who am I, That I should live and He should die
Under the rod? My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see—the Lord is free.

Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul He makes us whole—
Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see—the Lord is real.
Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe That I receive
His very body and His blood.
O taste and see—the Lord is good.

Lutheran Service Book

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken together)

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin over captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.
Ride on, ride on in majesty! They las and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne awaits His own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, The take, O God, Thy power and reign.

Lutheran Service Book

THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Jer. 31:1-6; Ps. 16; Col. 3:1-4; Matt. 28:1-10

THE FLOWERS adorning the altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of our parents from Chuck and Jan Karrick and in loving memory of my father, Kenneth Hegerfeld, and my step-father, Dennis Sower from Karin (Hegerfeld) Brock and family.

USHERS: Laura Miller/Andy & Jennifer Barnes

COMMUNION: Steve Bredemeyer

The Prayers of the Church

Prayer Requests

- Our congregation continues to care for one another through a faithful prayer ministry. Please pray for the following people this week:
 - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Pam Carmichael (sister of Deb Percy), River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia Williams, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie Kidwell (mother of Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Deb Percy, Ed Braun, Norv McClure, Janine (friend of Lauryn Longworth), Gracelynn Anderson (granddaughter of Tim and Cindy Anderson), Randi Gramling (cousin of Deb Percy), Stan Thompson, Deb Epperson, Salem Lee Hilty, Faith Behling, William Rush, Wayne McClure, LuAnn Reichhart (mom of Brent Reichhart), Cohen (grandson of Matt and Kim Benne), Lynn Auman (father of Kim Faley), Michaela Procise, Melissa Henry (sister of Judy Huesner)
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Wes Harless, Larry Von Gunten, Catherine Peterson, Kathy Lash, Becki Elonzae, George Elonzae, Judy Huesner, Mary Smith, Kelsey Westrick, Nancy Wilkins (mother of Kristen Saurer), Nan Gotsch, Kathy Freimuth
 - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Bonnie Havener (sister-in-law of George and Becki Elonzae), Karen Burtch (sister-in-law of Lori Richey), Amy Krontz (daughter-in-law of David and Karen Wyss), Mary Grosjean, Peg Davis, Ashley Edge (niece of Barb and Gary Lesh), Ed and Barb Hambrock, Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith), Tina Bennett, Dennis McFadden, Lisa Toth (Pepple), Laura Herrick (Caroline Eber's niece), Art Klausmeier, Roger Kuehnert, John

Jennings (friend of Dave and Tammy Bair), Bruce Williams, Rob Roehm, Ann Schwartz, Hazel Krenzke (Brian and Anna Snodgrass's niece), Robert Burmeister (Hannah Swor's dad), Roxanne Moore, Marsha Sappenfield, Jenny Nehrenz (niece of Charlene Hess), Rick Bair (brother of Dave and Tammy Bair), Gary Thompson (father of Carly Bennett), Carol McGuigan (mother of Kevin McGuigan), Amanda Cornyn-Bradford (daughter of Mike and April Cornyn), Linda Raatz

- Prayers for PALS - PALS is a program in which Emmanuel members partner with Washington School students to build relationships and strengthen reading skills in a Christian environment. Each week we will pray for some of our Washington School PALS or helpers, and we encourage you to join us in the ministry. This week, we are praying in Thanksgiving for our volunteers and a successful PALS session.
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - Jim and Donna Cotter
 - Rex and Cathi Counterman, Cierra and Cerenity
 - Ben and Kylie Cowles, Lana
 - Ken and Maureen Cowles, Ashely
 - Jordan Cox
 - Cindy Cress
 - Kevin and Lauren Creutz, Corbin, Connor, Colin, and Caroline
 - Dixie Croxton
 - Dwight Crumpacker
 - Odie and Dawn Culver, Cameron and Caden
- 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. If you would like to join the Emmanuel Prayer Chain, please email Marsha Sappenfield at marshasappenfield@comcast.net or call 260-616-0679.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism: Thank God for the baptisms so far in 2026:
Callaghan Miller Austin Hayward Calvin Chess Michael Flanagan
Sean Flanagan Morgan Flanagan

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 st Grade	School Room A1
2 nd -3 rd Grade	School Room B3
4 th -5 th Grade	School Room B5
6 th -7 th Grade	School Room D2
8 th Grade	School Room D3 (Art/Science)
High School	Loft
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall
Galatians	LL Ebenezer
Genesis	Sanctuary

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Monday Morning Moms	Loft	Monday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
LifeLight: Luke	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	3:30 p.m.
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Study the Psalms	Chapman's	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 a.m.
Women's Bible Study	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays	8:30 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
Friends in the Word	Loft	Thursday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
Bible Study & Fellowship	Chapman's	Thursdays	6:00 p.m.
@917 (Ages 25-45)	Ebenezer Hall	Thursdays	7:00 p.m.
This Is Most Certainly Brew	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 a.m.

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

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

The News of the Church

Holy Week and Easter Announcements

- **Holy Week Services** - Maundy Thursday services will take place on April 2 at 11:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Good Friday services will take place on April 3 at 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.; and Easter services will take place on April 5 at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., & 11:00 a.m. Please note there will not be any services on Wednesday, April 16, including the 11:30 a.m. communion service.
- **Easter Flower Pick-Up** - For those of you who do not pick up your flowers on Easter Sunday, you can do so on Tuesday, April 7. The church office will be closed on Monday, April 6.
- **Parking for Easter** - Due to such strong attendance on Easter Sunday, parking will be available for our Easter worship services at Washington Elementary school in the parking lot on Rockhill and Jefferson. Please consider using this parking option so that those with health concerns may park closer to the building. There is also a public lot on the corner of Wilt and VanBuren. We thank Washington Elementary School for graciously opening their campus to us for our Easter celebration.

Emmanuel's Greeting Card Cabinet has been restocked with a wide variety of greeting cards that sell for only \$0.50 each. The Cabinet is located on the landing that leads into church, next to the elevator. Easter cards are now available for your purchase. Your support of this ministry helps to keep the cards coming so that we can continue to offer them at \$0.50 each to you.

Help Prepare the Lord's Table - Altar Guild Ministry is a vital ministry that supports our weekend services that offer Holy Communion. You would serve for 1 month throughout the year alongside other members. This opportunity is open to women, men and married couples who would like to serve together. No experience is needed as training and guidance will be provided. We need members who attend the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve, and if you would like to become part of this ministry, or would like more information, call Becki in the church office or you can email her at becki@emmanuelutheran.org. Thank you.

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

All Our Alleluias — The next Visual Faith Workshop is on April 7 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall, and we will bring back the Alleluias! “Alleluia” is not said during Lent as a small fast of praise—so that our Easter “Alleluia!” returns with fresh joy and full-throated celebration. We will be making a small praise book centered on “Alleluia!” All supplies provided. Grab a friend and sign up at the Connections Counter or with the QR code.



Game On is a group designed for those who like to play tables games. A different game is played each month. Sometimes we play as individuals, or with partners, or as a team. The game for April is “Spring Trivia” and will be held in Ebenezer on Tuesday, April 7 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Please join us and bring a friend. We love to meet new people. You can register by signing up at the Connections Counter in Ebenezer. If you forget to register, please come anyway. Join us for fellowship, fun, and food.

Lutherans for Life will meet April 10th, 9:30 am in Brandt Hall. Our speaker, Janet Smith, will speak on “The Power of Movement” A Secret Weapon for Aging Adults.

Lunch Bunch Field Trip- Our members around 60 or over are invited to join us for a field trip to Sweetwater for our next Emmanuel Lunch Bunch activity on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. We will meet by 9:45 a.m. in the Sweetwater front lobby which is located at 5501 Highway 30. We will enjoy a tour and a drum circle from 10:00-11:00 a.m., and we will eat lunch together following the tour. The lunch includes your choice of sandwich, chips, fruit, cookie and drink. The cost of our boxed lunch is \$15.00 and needs to be preordered by completing the Sweetwater Boxed Lunch Order Form available at the connections Counter or church office and turned into the church office along with your payment by Monday, April 6. Unfortunately, late orders cannot be accepted. The tour is handicap accessible and for those not using a wheelchair, there is some walking involved. We are hopeful that this opportunity to tour Sweetwater will be well received by our Lunch Bunch friends.

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

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL’S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$517,093	Anticipated Need Through March: \$625,714
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$155	Year to Date: \$3,439
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$30	Year to Date: \$1,025
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,619,698	Mortgage Balance: \$884,311	Total Cost* \$7,450,365
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*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, March 30

ESM SPRING BREAK

6:30 a.m. Clay & Iron Weekly Devotions

8:30 a.m. Monday Morning Moms

3:30 p.m. Lighthouse

5:30 p.m. Lighthouse

6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

Tuesday, March 31

ESM SPRING BREAK

5:00 p.m. GriefShare

6:00 p.m. Psalms at Chapman's

7:00 p.m. 20/30 Bridge Group

Wednesday, April 1

ESM SPRING BREAK

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

8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 2

ESM SPRING BREAK

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys

8:30 a.m. Friends in the Word

9:00 a.m. Piece Makers

11:30 a.m. Maundy Thursday Worship w/ Communion

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship w/ Communion

Friday, April 3

ESM SPRING BREAK

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

1:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Worship

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Worship

Saturday, April 4

10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 5

7:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship w/Communion

9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship w/Communion

11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship w/Communion

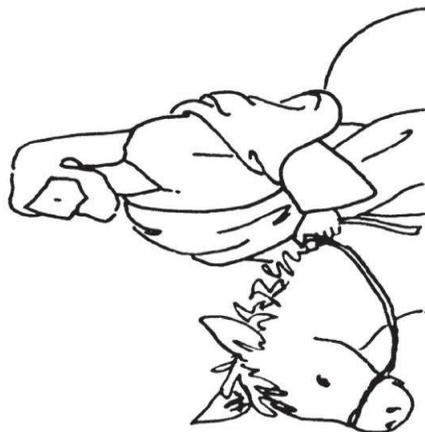
Find Words from the Scripture Readings

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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.

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