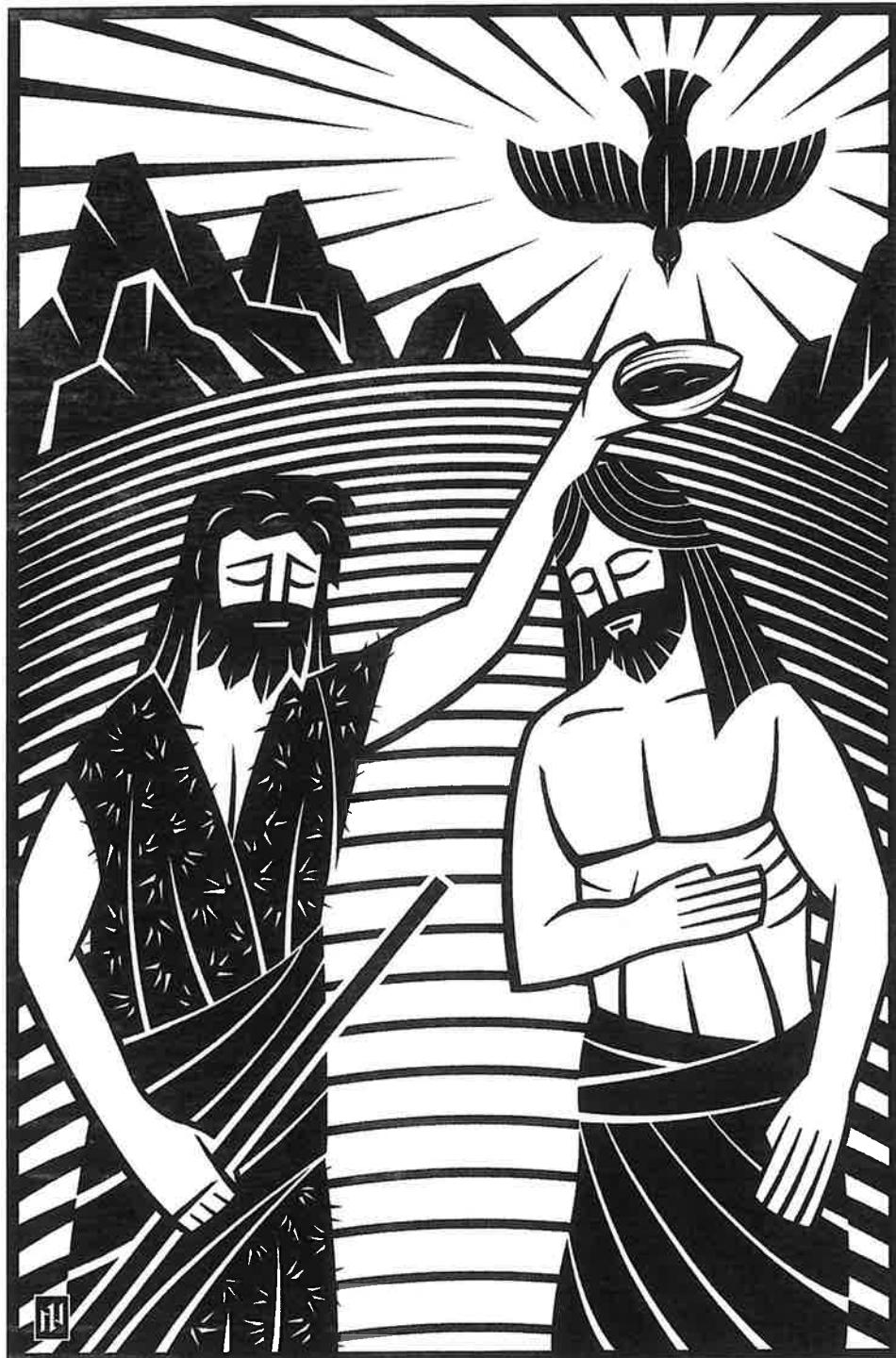


Divine Service at 10:30



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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



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!



BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

SPECIAL NEEDS



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

GATHERING TIME



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

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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.



“Christ’s Gift to Us”

AS WE GATHER

This weekend, our readings highlight Christ’s gifts to us through baptism. He is the Chosen One of the Lord whose perfect life, precious death, and powerful resurrection are delivered to us through this simple, yet potent gift of water and His Word. As we ponder this gift, allow these words to guide your reflection: “The gifts Christ freely gives / He gives to you and me / To be His Church, His bride, / His chosen, saved and free! / Saints blest with these rich gifts / Are children who proclaim / That they were won by Christ / And cling to His strong name. / The gifts flow from the font / Where He calls us His own; / New life He gives that makes / Us His and His alone. / Here He forgives our sins / With water and His Word; / The Triune God Himself / Gives pow’r to call Him Lord (Lutheran Service Book #602, stanzas 1-2).

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

THE GATHERING TIME

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

THE PRELUDE: “To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord”

Schalk, Weber

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN: “The Gifts Christ Freely Gives”

Hymn 602

THE PRESENTATION OF PRAYER REQUESTS

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 INTROIT

Ps. 2:7-11, 12c; ant.: Isaiah 42:1a



Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,*
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

I will tell of | the decree:*

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten
you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,*
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.

You shall break them with a | rod of iron*

and dash them in pieces like a potter's | vessel."

Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;*
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.

Serve the | LORD with fear,*

and rejoice with | trembling,

for his wrath is quickly | kindled.*

Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,*

my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

THE KYRIE: (Congregation sings responsively)

LSB, 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.
C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:
 We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.
 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
 You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.
 For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,
 You a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT

Leader: The Lord be with you.

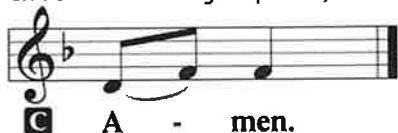
People:

C And al - so with you.

Leader: Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their

calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:



(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Liz Bejot

THE SECOND READING: Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE

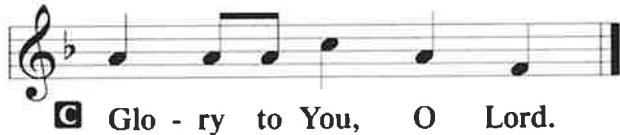


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e-ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

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

People:



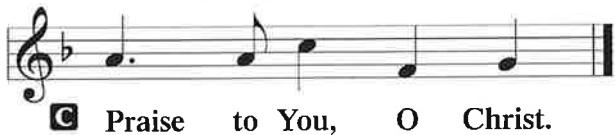
Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.

¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (spoken together)

Inside back cover of hymnal

(Please be seated)

THE SERMON HYMN: "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

Hymn 405

THE SERMON

Pastor Dan Sheaffer

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please take the black binder at the end of each pew, and fill out the appropriate info. We encourage our members to greet our visitors after the service.

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: "All Who Believe and Are Baptized"

arr. Zimmer

(Please stand as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: All glory and praise to You, O God, for You have created all mankind in Your image to live in Your love and fellowship forever in Your eternal kingdom. By Your design, You have defeated the devil and the power of sin and death by the sacrifice of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. He became Your chosen one in His Baptism in the waters of the Jordan River and by Your Holy Spirit, in order that all who are baptized in His name and by the same Spirit may be restored to newness of life as Your chosen sons and daughters. Help us to extend the same invitation of Your mercy and grace to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Help us to live with integrity as Your children, guarding us from all evil and leading us safely in the ways of Your good and gracious will. Give to all in the authority of government a desire for good order to the promotion of freedom and faithfulness to the ways of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: To all who are yet enslaved by the darkness of sin and separation from You, cause the light of Your salvation to break forth that they may hear of Your deliverance and the hope of life and love by faith in the Savior and be drawn by the Spirit to Your covenant of Holy Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant healing and relief to all who are sick, homebound, or in any need or distress, that they may know the power of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We remember all the saints who have gone before us. Give us a heart of wisdom that when our last hour comes, we are granted a blessed end in the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken together)

THE BENEDICTION

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

People:



THE CLOSING HYMN: "All Who Believe and Are Baptized"

Hymn 601

THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Is. 49:1-7; Ps. 40:1-11; 1 Cor. 1:1-9; John 1:29-42a

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar today were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Elizabeth June Dennison and George and June Miller from the family; in loving memory of Merlyn Klaehn, William and Florence Klaehn from Mrs. Barbara Klaehn and family; and in loving memory of Mary Ann McClure from Norvin McClure and family.

SERVING

Acolyte	Summerlyn Clapper
Organ	Myra Schmidt
Flute	Anna Snodgrass
Violin	Carolyn Meyer
Altar Guild	Harry and Donna Shook, Stan Ketzler, Amy Kissinger, Laura Jackson
Usher Crew 4	Thim Reed, Mike Shively, Ron Ahrens, Thomas Bay, Dave Behling, Christian Behling, Troy Hockemeyer, Hudson Kraft, Dick Shively, Steve Williams, David Wyss
Closer	The Wentland Family
Audio	Mike Milholland

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 Lee Hilty, Faith Behling, William Rush, Don Heckber, Wayne McClure, Chris Holmes (brother-in-law of Craig Dahlkamp)

- Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Jan Reche, Steve Mueller, Anne Kelly, Wes Harless, Jim Layman, Bob Klausmeier, Jim Bennett, Amy Konow, Chuck Adams, Molly Kelch
- 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), 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), Amanda Cornyn-Bradford (daughter of Mike and Aprel Cornyn)
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - Gary Bohrer
 - Troy and Courtney Bohrer, Houston, Alaska and Rangely
 - Claire Bollinger
 - Zack Bonar Sr., Zachary Jr., Hunter, Bentley
 - Melodie Bonar
 - Bria Booker, Aliyah
 - Cameron Booker
 - Gloria Booker, Alayshia
 - Spencer and Meghan Booth, Wyatt and Josie
 - Stephen and Alyssa Bornheimer, Anora, Josie, Karis and Theodore
- 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

- o The Lutheran Heritage Foundation
- o Luther Academy
- o 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. If you would like to join the Emmanuel Prayer Chain, please email Marsha Sappenfield at marshasappenfield@comcast.net or call 260-616-0679.

The Teaching of the Church

Want Help Growing in the Word? Regularly visit Pastor Brunow's website <http://www.genesbrunnotes.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. (Starting January 4)

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
Living Faithfully in a Fallen World	Sanctuary

Confirmation - Two Location Changes

- o Grades 6 & 7: Confirmation will now be in school room D2.
- o Grade 8: Confirmation will now be in school room D3 (Art/Science room).

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Classes

- o **Lutheran Christianity** (January 4-March 29; Teachers - Eggold, Sheafer, Hille; Location - Brandt Hall) is a class designed to help build a solid foundation in the core teachings of the Church and is offered to anyone interested in learning more about the Lutheran Christian faith or brush up on what they had learned at another point in their faith journey.

- **Galatians** (January 4-March 22; Teacher - Pastor Dennis McFadden; Location - LL Ebenezer) Join us for a 12-week study of St. Paul's letter to the Galatians. This letter has been called the "Magna Carta of Christian liberty," for it maintains that only through the grace of God received through faith in Jesus Christ can a person escape the curse of sin and of the law and live a new life, not in bondage or license, but in a genuine freedom of mind and spirit through the power of God. Galatians was a favorite epistle of reformer Martin Luther who called it his "Katie" (Luther's wife!). Our class will involve PowerPoint presentation, video clips, and discussion.
- **Living Faithfully in a Fallen World: Being Lutheran after Luther's Death** (January 4 - February 8; Teacher – Pastor Larry Rast; Location – Sanctuary) We all know that Luther posted the 95 Theses in 1517—but what happened after that? This study will look at the latter part of Luther's life and then examine the enormous challenges the Lutheran church faced in the years following his death (1546) and when things finally (kind of) settled down in 1580. Over the weeks we will see how God keeps His promises to His church—even when His church struggles with the difficulties of living faithfully in a fallen world.

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! Have you been looking for a group to connect with here at Emmanuel? 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: January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23, March 9 & 23, April 13 & 27, and May 11 from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Questions? Contact Liz Bejot - LBejot@emmanuellutheran.org.

Friends in the Word meet every other Thursday morning, 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m., in the Loft. Here are the scheduled dates: January 15 and 29, February 12 and 26, March 12 and 26, April 16 and 30, and May 14. We hope to see you there!

The News of the Church

Volunteer for PALS - Peer Assisted Learning Strategies (PALS) is a ministry of Emmanuel that partners with Washington Elementary to support 2nd and 3rd graders. Each week for eight weeks, these students join us in Ebenezer Hall, where we share snacks, explore the love of Jesus, read, and play together. Your time and kindness can make a lasting impact. Join us in this rewarding ministry! Who can volunteer? Any adult, high school student, along with 7th and 8th graders are welcome to apply. Scan the QR code for more information and to apply.



Join Us in Blessing Local Moms in Need! - Our church is hosting a baby shower to support mothers in need at our local pregnancy centers, and we'd love your help! From now until Sunday, January 18, we will be collecting donations of new or gently used baby items. Needed items include: Baby clothing, blankets, toys, diapers and wipes, pack 'n plays, strollers, and more! Look for the donation baskets in Ebenezer Hall to drop off your contributions. Together, we can share God's love and provide much-needed support to families in our community. Thank you for your generosity!

Free Weekly Gospel Reading Plans- Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12. Come walk in the light of Christ in 2026 with our friends at Visual Faith Ministry as they Sojourn with Jesus in one of these (free) weekly Gospel reading plans:

"Sojourn with Jesus"
A Year of Weekly Gospel Verses



"Words from the Upper Room"
A Year with Jesus in John 14-17



2026 Contribution Envelopes are available to pick up in Ebenezer Hall. If you have your contributions taken out electronically, you will not have envelopes. However, if you would like to have them, please contact the church office.

The Piecemakers are looking for those who are willing to sew together squares for this years' quilts. The squares are provided. If you are willing, call Jan Werth at 260.452.4769.

CONSIDER ATTENDING iLead 2026 - iLead is a collaborative initiative of several local congregations working together to develop leaders in the church. iLead 2026 churches are Emmanuel, Holy Cross, Promise, St. Michael, St. Peter's, and Suburban Bethlehem. There are two more presentations on the iLead 2026 theme "Discipleship Is Leadership Development." Here are the remaining events:

- Words Create Worlds with Henry Graf on Saturday, January 24, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church
- A Panel Discussion on Discipleship and Leadership Development on Saturday, February 7, Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

All iLead 2026 sessions run from 8:30-10:00 a.m. and are free to all participants thanks to generous funding from The Lutheran Foundation. Please register by scanning the QR code.

Lunch Bunch (60+) - As we begin the New Year 2026, we are reaching out to all those in our church family who are around 60 or over to join us for Lunch Bunch. Fellowship starts at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 20, in the LL Ebenezer Hall. Lunch is served at 12:00 p.m. followed by one of our favorite fun activities -- BINGO! Lunch reservations are required by calling the church office at 260.423.1369 or by signing up at the Connections Counter by Friday, January 16. The lunch cost is \$10.00 per person payable that day. Hoping to see many of you there to kick off the new year with a bang!

ESM Seeks Student Support Specialist who will enhance academic success by supporting students through compassionate care and interventions. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis with a flexible start date as early as spring semester. Please contact Executive Assistant, Hannah Swor (hswor@esmeagles.com) for the application and with any questions.

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.



Concordia Theological Seminary Invites You to the following events on the seminary campus. Tuesday, January 20: Vespers and Organ Recital (Dr. Craig Sproat); Wednesday, January 21: Hymn Festival with the Schola Cantorum; Thursday, January 22: Epiphany Evening Prayer with the Seminary Kantorei. All events are at 5:00 p.m. in Kramer Chapel on the CTSFW campus and are free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.ctsfw.edu.

The Stewardship of the Church 2025 Update

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Total Received in 2025: \$2,400,606	Anticipated Need in 2025: \$2,352,755
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Total Giving Surplus in 2025: \$47,851

DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Total Received in 2025: \$14,436

CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Total Received in 2025: \$5,053

IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,534,498	Mortgage Balance: \$950,000	Total Cost* \$7,438,997
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*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, January 12

6:30 a.m. Iron and Clay Weekly Devotion
8:30 a.m. Monday Morning Moms
3:30 p.m. Lifelight
5:30 p.m. Lifelight
6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

Tuesday, January 13

5:00 p.m. Stephen Leaders
6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry
6:00 p.m. Study the Psalms at Chapman's
7:00 p.m. West Central Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 14

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
7:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
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
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 15

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
9:00 a.m. TEC21
3:30 p.m. Food Pantry
6:00 p.m. Bible Study at Chapman's Brewery
7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class
7:00 p.m. Clay and Iron Men's Fellowship

Friday, January 16

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

Saturday, January 17

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

Sunday, January 18

8:00 a.m. Divine Service
9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion

Notes

Find Words from the Scripture Readings

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RESURRECTION
NEWNESS
BAPTIZED
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GRACE
DOVE
SON
WATER
GLORY

LIVE
CHRIST
PRAISE
JUSTICE
HEAVEN

This is my
BELOVED
+Son)
with whom
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Matthew 3:13-17



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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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The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

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1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
 2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
 3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;
 4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
 New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
 The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
 God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
 Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
 For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;
 Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
 The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
 The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.
 Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast,
 Gifts far more than we see;
 Beneath the bread and wine
 Is food from Calvary.
 The body and the blood
 Remove our ev'ry sin;
 We leave His presence in
 His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One
 Who lavishes such love;
 The triune God in love
 Assures our life above.
 His means of grace for us
 Are gifts He loves to give;
 All thanks and praise for His
 Great love by which we live!

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

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1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
 God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the
 tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
 voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
 Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.
 heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
 His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
 Anointed Christ in glorious sight
 As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
 To save the world and free us all.
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
 This man is Christ, our substitute!
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
 Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

All Who Believe and Are Baptized 601



1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized Shall see the Lord's sal - va - tion;
2 With one ac - cord, O **G**od, we pray: Grant us Your Ho - ly Spir - it.



Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new cre - a - tion.
Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it.



Through Christ's re - demp - tion they shall stand A - mong the glo - rious,
Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -



heav'n - ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.
ment we may E - ter - nal life in - her - it.