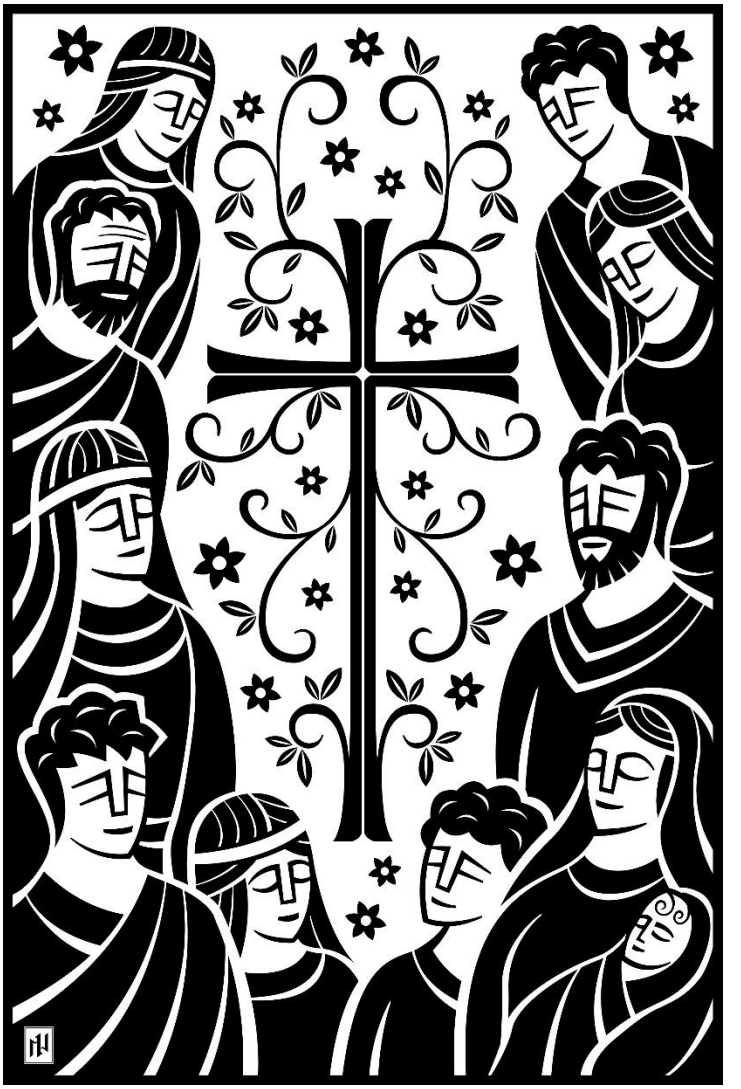
Divine Worship at 5:00



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We are so happy you are here!

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

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

CONNECTIONS COUNTER

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

SPECIAL NEEDS

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

GATHERING TIME

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

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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

“What We Will Be”

AS WE GATHER
Today, we hear the words of eternal life, and as we commemorate the faithful departed, we also proclaim *what we will be*! Today, we are purified with the hope of an eternity with Christ and with all who have gone before us. This Gospel message not only purifies us; it prepares us to live our present lives as God’s children, knowing exactly what we are going to be.

THE GATHERING TIME
We encourage our members to greet each other with God’s peace and to warmly welcome visitors into our fellowship. Kindly turn off all cellphones and please sit toward the center of the pew so there is room for all who worship.

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE GATHERING SONG: “Holy Forever”
A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb,
And all who’ve gone before us and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest,
Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions,
Your name stands above them all.
And the angels cry, “Holy.” All creation cries, “Holy.”
You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever.

If you’ve been forgiven and if you’ve been redeemed,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb. We’ll sing the song forever and amen.

(Chorus)
And the angels cry, “Holy.” All creation cries, “Holy.”
You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever.
Hear Your people sing. “Holy.” To the King of Kings, “Holy.”
You will always be Holy, Holy forever.

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest,
Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions,
Your name stands above them all.
Jesus, Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest,
Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions,
Your name stands above them all. (Chorus)

You will always be Holy, Holy forever.
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(Please stand as able)
THE INVOCATION
Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (1 John 3:1)
Leader: Lord, on this day, we gather in Your name to remember and rejoice.
People: We remember the ones we love who were also loved by You.

Leader: We remember how You embraced them, showed them grace, and filled them with faith.
People: We remember with heavy hearts. We remember with thankful hearts.

Leader: We rejoice in the resurrection life promised in and through Jesus.
People: We rejoice that Jesus has overcome death forever.

Leader: We rejoice that You are God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—who will never leave us nor forsake us.
People: Amen.

Leader: In Baptism, God welcomes us into the family of Christ and embraces us with His love. Welcomed and embraced, we are free to confess our sins, trusting the power of Christ to lead us to newness of life.
People: We confess, good Lord, that we have sinned against You and our neighbors in thought, word, and deed. We have hungered and thirsted for unworthy things. Our hearts are not right within us. Forgive us, O God, for the sake of Jesus, our Brother.

Leader: Today we hear these beautiful words from John: "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen. Thanks be to God for our Baptism into Christ!

THE SHARING OF PEACE

(Please be seated)
THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Goodness of God"
I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

(Chorus)
All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With ev'ry breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God. (Chorus)

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You ev'rything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You ev'rything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. (Chorus)

I will sing of the goodness of God.
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THE FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9–17
After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, [10]and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" [11]And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, [12]saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." [13]Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" [14]I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. [15]"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. [16]They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. [17]For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1–3
See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. [3]And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)
THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1–12
Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2]And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: [3]"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [4]"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. [5]"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. [6]"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. [7]"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. [8]"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. [9]"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. [10]"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [11]"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12]Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED **(Spoken together)**
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)
THE RESPONSE: "Who You Say I Am"
Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in. Oh, His love for me!
Oh, His love for me!

Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

Free at last, He has ransomed me; His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me.
Yes, He died for me.

Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, yes, I am.
In my Father's house there's a place for me.
I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.
I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.
I am who You say I am.

Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, yes, I am.
In my Father's house there's a place for me.
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In my Father's house there's a place for me.
I'm a child of God, yes, I am.
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THE SERMON Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

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

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: "Build My Life"
Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing.
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You.

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name.
Jesus the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You. We live for You.

(Chorus)
Holy, there is no one like You,
There is none beside You.
Open up my eyes in wonder and
Show me who You are and fill me, with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me.

(Repeat from beginning)

I will build my life upon Your love; it is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in You alone, and I will not be shaken.
I will build my life upon Your love; it is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in You alone, and I will not be shaken. (Chorus two times)
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+RECOGNITION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED+

"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD"

2025-2026 Church Year

Raven Hilty	November 4, 2025
Rosa Lee Darnall	November 17, 2025
Don Heckber	January 9, 2026
Dick Reinking	January 18, 2026
Steve Herman	February 9, 2026
Stephen Lewis	February 15, 2026
Donna Brunow	February 16, 2026
Paul Fulghum	February 20, 2026
Madalene Eggold	February 24, 2026
George Elonzae	April 12, 2026
Salem Hilty	April 20, 2026
Bonnie Havener	April 28, 2026
Edith Lesh	April 29, 2026
Ed Braun	June 23, 2026
Carol Salge	June 27, 2026
Peg Davis	July 16, 2026
Vicki Rodemeyer-Meyers	July 17, 2026
Georgia Rieck	July 27, 2026
David Brock	August 4, 2026
Wayne McClure	August 14, 2026
Cindy Barron	September 16, 2026
Art Klausmeier	October 21, 2026



"We were buried therefore with Him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His" (Romans 6:4-5).

THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: "I Will Rise"
There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail.
There's an anchor for my soul, I can say, "It is well."
Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed.
The victory is won; He is risen from the dead.

(Chorus)
And I will rise when He calls my name;
No more sorrow, no more pain.
I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God fall on my knees
And rise, I will rise.

There's a day that's drawing near when this darkness breaks to light,
And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes.
Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed,
The victory is won; He is risen from the dead. (Chorus)

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb."
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb.
And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb."
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb.
Worthy is the Lamb." (Chorus)

I will rise.
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(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. O Lord, faithful God, we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things into Your keeping. Deliver us in Your righteousness from all that would harm the body or assault the soul. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Gentle Lord, visit the homes of Your people, that they may be places where faith is nurtured and where we learn to live our new lives in holiness and righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Blessed are You, O God, and blessed are the persecuted, who suffer for Your sake and whose witness calls all to faithfulness. Bring peace to the nations; make our leaders wise, just and honorable; and deliver us from terror, violence and oppression. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, comfort us by Your abiding presence and satisfy all who call on You in need. Grant them patience in the midst of suffering and, according to Your will, release them from their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Leader: O Lord, be with Your Church and all her members who belong to You. At the bidding of the Lamb, our Shepherd, give us ears to hear Your Word and faith to receive Him in His blessed Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, grant that we may be brought to everlasting life with the faithful who have gone before us who now rest from their labors. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty Father, we give You thanks that You have washed us in the blood of the Lamb, written our names in the Book of Life, and made us a royal priesthood and heirs of an eternal inheritance. Though we are unworthy of Your saving grace, we pray You to hear us in the name of Jesus Christ, in whom, with whom, and through whom all honor and glory is Yours, heavenly Father, with 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 blessed those who have gone before us, giving His life for theirs and rising in triumph over death. 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 (Spoken together)
During the Lord's Prayer, the church bell tolls three times to encourage those outside the sanctuary to join with the church in corporate 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

"Jesus Messiah"
He became sin who knew no sin,
That we might become His righteousness.
He humbled Himself and carried the cross.
Love so amazing. Love so amazing.

(Chorus)
Jesus Messiah, Name above all names.
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven.
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine,
Broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, love so amazing. (Chorus)

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You.
All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world. (Chorus)

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.
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“It Is Well”
Grander earth has quaked before, moved by the sound of His voice.
Seas that are shaken and stirred can be calmed and broken for my regard.

Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You.
Through it all, through it all it is well.
Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You,
And it is well with me.

Far be it from me to not believe, even when my eyes can’t see.
And this mountain that’s in front of me
Will be thrown into the midst of the sea.

Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You.
Through it all, through it all it is well.
Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You,
And it is well, it is well.

So let go, my soul, and trust in Him.
The waves and wind still know His Name.
So let go, my soul, and trust in Him.
The waves and wind still know His Name.

It is well with my soul. It is well with my soul.
It is well, with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.

Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You, and it is well with me.
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THE DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: “My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)”
When the enemy surrounds and my heart grows faint within,
When the darkness overwhelms and my fears are pressing in,
I will trust in You, O Lord, in the silence I will wait,
I will stand upon Your Word.
You’re my solid rock and my salvation,
My steadfast hope that won’t be shaken,
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.

You’re my stronghold and my shield, in the midst of ev’ry threat,
Though the wicked never yield, they will vanish like a breath.
Yes, I know the outcome’s sure, Satan’s evil plans will fail,
In Your power I’m secure.
You’re my solid rock and my salvation,
My steadfast hope that won’t be shaken,
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.
You’re my comfort when I feel forsaken,
My refuge and my sure foundation,
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.

This is love I can't explain, this is mercy unreserved,
Through Your sacrifice so great I have peace that's undeserved,
For the battle has been won, and I fear no shame or loss,
Now the sting of death is gone.

You're my solid rock and my salvation,
My steadfast hope that won't be shaken,
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.
You're my comfort when I feel forsaken,
My refuge and my sure foundation,
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.
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THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Amos 5:18–24; Ps.70; 1 Thess. 4:13–18; Matt. 25:1–13

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Steve Sappenfield and his 84th birthday from his family; in loving memory of Cody Reuille, from Mike and Wanda Reuille; in loving memory of Walter and Donna Dornseif and Alex and Mary Sakowicz, from Cindy and Jack Sakowicz, Aaron, Stacey, Bryan, Tierney and Ashtyn Augenstein, and Jack, Melissa, Olivia and Audrey Sakowicz; and in loving memory of Rosalie Miller Howe, from her family.

USHERS: Dave and Tammy Bair

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Tom McLaughlin

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 Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Alycia Williams, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie Kidwell (mother of Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Deb Percy, Norv McClure, Janine (friend of Lauryn Longworth), Gracelynn Anderson (granddaughter of Tim and Cindy Anderson), Stan Thompson, Deb Epperson, Faith Behling, LuAnn Reichhart (mom of Brent Reichhart), Renee Bleke, Mark Wasson (brother of Cheri Maxwell), Laura Herrick (Caroline Eber's niece), Kevin Hoffman, Jeff Springer, Jodie Karrick, Jen Harless, Matt Bennett (Ty Bennett's brother), William Kieser (godson of Caleb and Hannah Swor)

- Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Linda Barnes, Caroline Eber, Renee Bleke, Mary Gynn, Bob Dietrich, Pam Bryan, Edna Heckber, Bob Klausmeier, Jen Harless

- Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Karen Burtch (sister-in-law of Lori Richey), Amy Krontz (daughter-in-law of David and Karen Wyss), Mary Grosjean, Sherry (friend 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), Dennis McFadden, 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, 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), Linda Raatz, Jeff Dunham (brother-in-law of Scott and Christi Everson), Doug Bennett (father of Ty Bennett), Sean Breininger, Herb Schumm, Karen Bickhart (daughter of Barry Doege), Tara Bustos (sister of Sean Breininger), Jeff Bennett (father of Faith Harless), Carol Yeoman (friend of Dave and Joni Scheppele), Amy (daughter of Bruce and Linda Novak), Mark Schmotzer (father of Jacob Schmotzer), Tyrone Woods (friend of Chris Smith), Judy Kalb

- 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 for Yaiden.

- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
  - Paul Klepper
  - James and Raquel Klug
  - Linda Knopf
  - LimHuy and YouSong Koa, Aaron
  - Paul and Monica Kobylensky
  - Matt and Jennifer Koerner, Hannah and Aubrey
  - Susan Kohlmeyer, Samuel and Elise
  - Dale and Lindsay Koler, Ava and Carter
  - Ann Konow
  - Matt and Amy Konow

- 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 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	Mordecai Austin	Theodore Vachon
Emerson Ross	Esther Burns	Cameron Etzler	Niyanni Berry
Callum Dan	Natalie Sheafer	Jacob Wiehe	Shaylee Epperson
Willow Hoffman	Endsley Gabet		

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)
3-5 Year Olds	School Room A4
K-1st Grade	School Room A1
2nd-3rd Grade	School Room B3
4th-5th Grade	School Room B5
6th -7th Grade Confirmation	School Room D3
8th Grade Confirmation	Cafeteria
High School	Loft
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall
Ephesians	Sanctuary
Faith, Life, and Worship	LL Ebenezer

Weekday Bible Classes…

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Clay & Iron Devotion	Brandt Hall	Monday	6:30 a.m.
Monday Morning Moms	Loft	Monday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
Lifelight	Ebenezer	Monday	5:30 p.m.
Lifelight	Ebenezer	Tuesday	3:30 p.m.
David – The Anointed One	LL Ebenezer	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.
Women's Bible Study	Brandt Hall	Wednesday	8:45 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesday	10:00 a.m.
Friends in the Word	Loft	Thursday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
@917 Bible Class	Ebenezer Hall	Thursday	7:00 p.m.
This Is Most Certainly Brew	Brandt Hall	Friday	6:30 a.m.

Guest Bible Study: The Missouri Synod as a Singing Church – Benjamin Kolodziej, who is an LCMS author, composer, choirmaster and lecturer, will be at Emmanuel on November 8th to lead a bible study entitled "Faithful, Practical, Musical: How the Missouri Synod Became a Singing Church." This will align with the new bible class, "Faith, Life and Worship" lead Pastor Mark Shafer and Matt Johnston's bible class starting tomorrow, November 1, in the Ebenezer Lower Level. Mr. Kolodziej will discuss how the Synod became and still is an active "singing Church." He will also be the Organist for the Sunday worship services that morning.

The News of the Church

The Story Continues: A Renewed Vision for Emmanuel – After months of prayer, discussion, and planning, *The Story Continues: A Renewed Vision for Emmanuel* is ready to share. This renewed vision shifts our focus from buildings to ministry and mission as we look toward the next chapter of Emmanuel's story. Members are encouraged to review the vision plan and learn more at a Vision Forum on Sunday, November 15, at 12:00 p.m. in LL Ebenezer. Our annual **Congregational Voters' Assembly** will be held Sunday, November 22, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, where members will vote on the 2027 budget, elect congregational leaders, and consider approval of the vision plan. Please see the weekly newsletter for details, registration information, and access to the vision plan. As God continues to bless Emmanuel's ministry, we invite you to join us in celebrating His work and discerning the next chapter together.

Upcoming Events & Ministries

American Heritage Girls Open House (November 2) - Looking for faith, service, and fun for your daughter? Come learn about American Heritage Girls (AHG), a Christ-centered program where girls from ages 5-18 grow in faith, build friendships, develop leadership and life skills, serve others, and enjoy outdoor adventures! Open House: Monday, November 2, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in LL Ebenezer. Girls and parents are invited to learn about troop meetings, activities, and registration. Questions? Contact Kirsten Moravec at KMoravec8@gmail.com.

Visual Faith Ministry (November 3)- Join us for our Visual Faith workshop: 2027 Gratitude & Prayer Journals on Tuesday, November 3, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall. What can we learn from our pastors about growing in prayer and drawing closer to God? **Join us for a special evening with Pastor Eggold and Pastor Sheafer** as they share insights into their personal prayer lives and practices. Then, we'll get creative as we begin putting together our 2027 Gratitude & Prayer Journals! Come explore this meaningful practice, enjoy fellowship, and discover a fresh way to grow in your faith. All supplies are provided! Please sign up at the Connections Counter. We look forward to sharing this special evening with you!

First Impressions: "Friendsgiving," (November 4) – Join on us Wednesday, November 4, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall! First Impressions is a monthly gathering where women of all ages connect, refresh, and encourage one another through fellowship and conversation. This month, we'll celebrate friendship with a soup-supper potluck! Bring a soup or side to share, and feel free to bring a friend. We look forward to connecting as we approach Thanksgiving!

LWM/LWML (November 5) - Our next Lutheran Women in Mission meeting will be on Thursday, November 5; 1:00-3:00 p.m. in LL Ebenezer. Our Bible Study will be led by Judy May and will conclude with a service project. We hope to see you there!

Veterans Luncheon Invitation (November 8) - To all veterans: The Life Team at Emmanuel warmly invites you to a luncheon in your honor on **November 11 at 11:30 a.m.** as we thank you for your service to our country. The luncheon will be held in Lower Level Ebenezer, with elevator access available. You are welcome to bring a guest. Please RSVP by **November 8** by calling the church office. Thank you for your service. We hope to see you on November 11!

Grief Share "Surviving the Holidays" (November 14) - Holiday grief can be tough, emotionally, relationally, physically and spiritually. In this two-hour gathering, we will explore how the holidays can be both manageable and meaningful… "Surviving the Holidays" will take place on Saturday, November 14 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Brandt Hall. Please RSVP to Lana Hille at 260.417.5639 or you can sign up at the Connections Counter by Sunday, November 8. A brunch will be provided, and books

will be gifted by Thrivent. Feel free to bring a Christmas culinary treat of your own to share.

Chili Cook-Off and Bingo Night! (November 21) - Get ready for a night of food, fun, and friendly competition at Emmanuel's Chili Cook-Off and Bingo Night on Saturday, November 21, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in the gym! The evening begins with an hour of chili sampling, along with hot dogs, sides, and desserts, followed by Bingo for gift card prizes. Chili supper is $5 per person, and Bingo boards are $2 each or 3 for $5. This family-friendly event, sponsored by the Emmanuel Youth Group, supports the 2027 Servant Event to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. You can get involved by entering a chili in the competition using the QR code or donate a $10 gift card for Bingo prizes. Gift cards may be dropped off in the church office or at the Connections Counter on Sunday mornings.

Missions & Outreach

Belize Mission Trip: The Beginning of an Exciting Partnership! – From November 14 – 21, Bret and Bonnie Walker will represent Emmanuel on a mission trip to Belize, serving alongside the Belize Mission Society and fellow LCMS congregations from Florida and Colorado. The team will serve the community of Seine Bight through a variety of ministries, outreach efforts, and service projects. More than a week of service, this trip marks the first step toward what we hope will become an ongoing partnership with the Belize Mission Society, paving the way for future mission trips involving more members of our Emmanuel family. Following the trip, Bret and Bonnie will share their experiences and help us explore future opportunities. Please keep the Walkers and the people of Belize in your prayers as we seek new ways to be a caring family sharing God's love and forgiveness around the world!

King's Community Outreach Christmas Food Distribution - Once again, Emmanuel is partnering with Rev. Lewis King and King's Community Outreach to help provide Christmas meals for families in our community. Last year, Emmanuel generously donated more than 1,000 cans of green beans! This year, we hope to collect 1,000 cans of green beans and 500 boxes of instant mashed potatoes. These donations may be dropped off in Ebenezer Hall throughout November. Volunteers are also welcome to help with the food distribution on Saturday, December 19, at 9:30 a.m., at McMillen Park Community Center. Thank you for helping share Christ's love with our neighbors this Christmas season!

Washington School is in need of winter coats ,gloves, hats, and pants for both boys and girls, sizes of 5 to12. Thank you for your generosity!

Wellspring's Child's Full Plate Initiative - For many local children, winter break means losing access to the breakfast and lunch they receive at school. Wellspring's Child's Full Plate initiative helps fill that gap by providing free boxes of nutritious, kid-friendly food that children can prepare themselves. Just $50 provides a box of food for one child, helping ensure they have meals throughout winter break. Please consider supporting this important ministry and helping make sure no child goes hungry this holiday season. Donations can be made online at Child's Full Plate or by mailing a check to Wellspring, 1316 Broadway, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

Emmanuel-St. Michael News & Opportunities

ESM November Dine-to-Donate Night – Save the date! Join us at Portillo's on Coliseum Blvd. from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. on November 12 and support ESM 8th graders fundraising for their Washington, D.C. trip. Present the flyer or use code PORTILLOS63 when ordering online or in the app. Enjoy dinner while supporting our students!

Save the Date! ESM is hosting their annual Grandparents' Day celebration on November 20. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the connections that ESM students have across generations. They are looking for volunteers to "adopt" a student for a day who does not have a grandparent or special guest to attend the event. Save the date now and look for more information to come! If you would like to help in this way, please contact Joy Kreider at the school office 260.422-6712 or email at office@esmeagles.com.

Community Connections

The Forgotten Stones Art Show and Fundraising Event - You are invited to a special evening supporting The Forgotten Stones on Friday, November 20, at WunderKammer Company, 3412 Fairfield Avenue, Fort Wayne. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The evening will feature live painting, poetry, photography, an interactive exhibit highlighting The Forgotten Stones and its future expansion plans, a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, and dessert. A cash bar will also be available. Tickets may be purchased at the Forgotten Stones website. For questions, contact Brandi Schorey at Brandi.Schorey@anthem.com.

Bridge 20/30 is a Christian group for adults in their 20s and 30s focused on building community, friendships, faith, and fellowship through social events, devotion, and activities throughout the Fort Wayne area. New participants are always welcome! The next event is on November 3 at 7:00 p.m.: Porch Night: 1 Peter Series (Holy Cross Youth Center, 3420 N. Anthony Blvd..)

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: $1,884,697	Anticipated Need Through November: $2,199,305

DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: $130	Year to Date: $12,205

CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: $35	Year to Date: $4,392

IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received:	Mortgage Balance:	Total Cost*
$6,997,200	$455,770	$7,479,993

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

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, November 2
6:30 a.m. Clay & Iron Weekly Devotion
4:00 p.m. Heritage School's Open House
5:30 p.m. Lifelight Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 3
3:30 p.m. Lifelight
6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Visual Faith

Wednesday, November 4
6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. ESM Chapel
8:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion
9:30 a.m. ESM Preschool Chapel
10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Communion Service
3:30 p.m. PALS
6:00 p.m. First Impressions

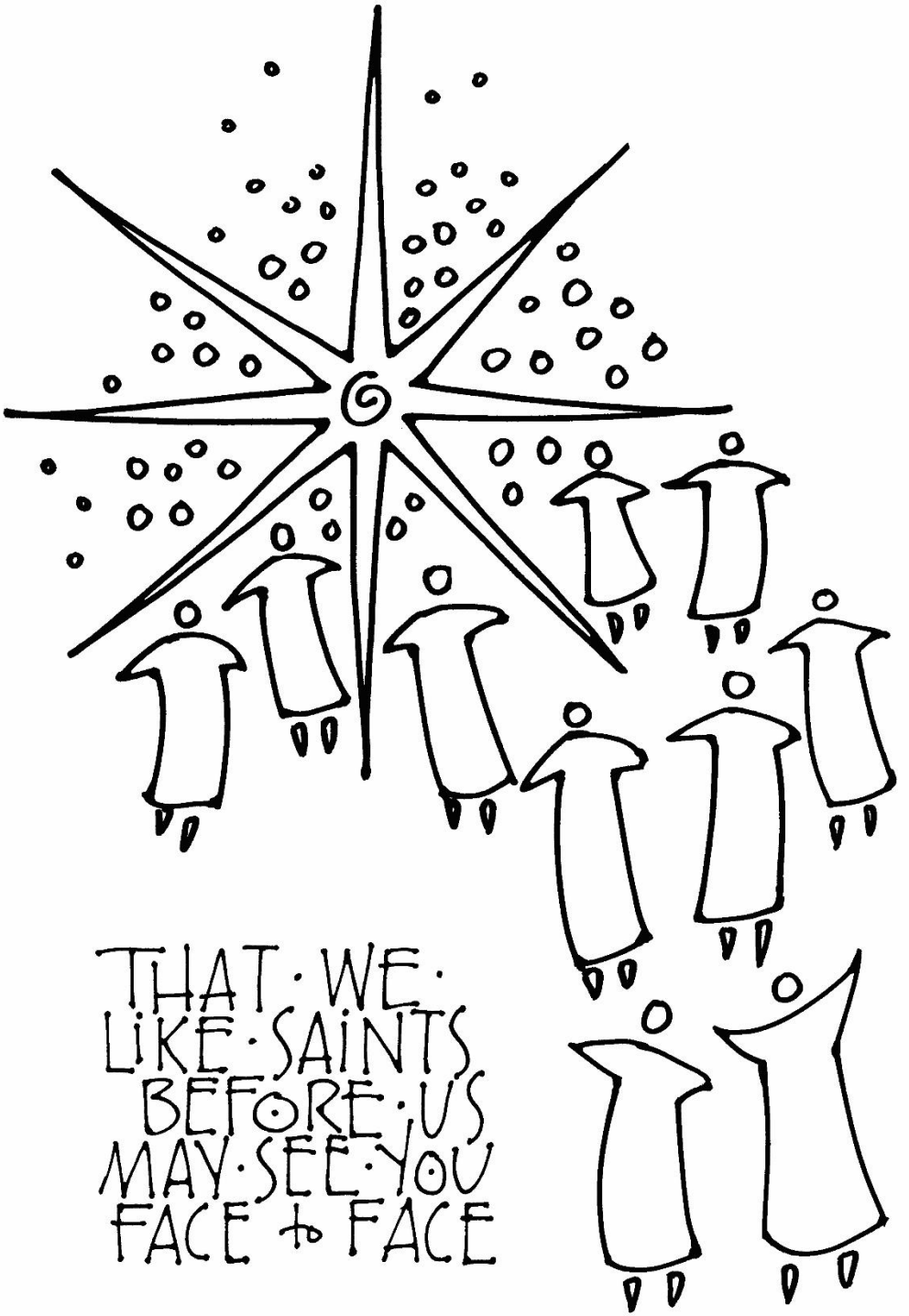
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 5
8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
1:00 p.m. LWML Service Project
2:00 p.m. Visitation for Art Klausmeier
5:00 p.m. Junior Chorale Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Visitation for Art Klausmeier

Friday, November 6
6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Visitation for Art Klausmeier
11:00 a.m. Funeral for Art Klausmeier
4:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, November 7
10:00 a.m. Clay & Iron Men's Fellowship
2:00 p.m. Wedding – Gentile/Jacobwitz
5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Sunday, November 8
8:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service
6:00 p.m. SNA


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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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