

Divine Service at 8:00



## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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



## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP



We are so happy you are here!

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

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

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS



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

## CONNECTIONS COUNTER



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

## SPECIAL NEEDS



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

## GATHERING TIME



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

## EMMANUEL APP



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RESTROOM

Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

**BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY**

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost      September 14, 2025

## “Lost and Found”

### AS WE GATHER

In our readings this weekend, the people of Israel, Paul, a sheep, and a coin all share a similar story. They were lost and then were found. These readings highlight our Lord's faithful and loving work of searching for the lost so that they might be found in Him. Their story is our story too! Jesus has come for you and for you He has offered Himself upon the cross, was laid in the tomb, and rose again. Our Lord's search and rescue mission is the heavenly joy of the angels above, and it is our earthly joy as well. Christ came for us!

### + THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE AT 8:00 A.M. +

#### THE GATHERING TIME

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

THE PRELUDE: “Partita on ‘St. Denio’”

Ashdown

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Hymn 802

THE PRESENTATION OF PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please stand as you are able)

THE INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: O Lord, my God, I cry to You for help.

People: Heal and restore me, O Lord.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: Most holy and merciful Father,  
People: like sheep, O Lord, we have strayed and wandered from You. We have sinned against You and one another. We have done the evil You forbid, and we have not done the good You desire. There is no health in us. O merciful and divine Shepherd, cover our sins with Your forgiveness, clothe us with Your perfect righteousness, and preserve us in this faith, that we may be kept to the day when Your Son comes to judge all people. Have mercy, O Lord, and fulfill Your Word to us in Christ, our Savior. 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.

Leader: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. His peace be with you.

People: Amen.

#### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

#### THE FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-24

"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. <sup>17</sup>"As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. <sup>18</sup>Is it not enough for

you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? <sup>19</sup>And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? <sup>20</sup>“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:5-17

The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. <sup>6</sup>Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, <sup>7</sup>desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions. <sup>8</sup>Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, <sup>9</sup>understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, <sup>10</sup>the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, <sup>11</sup>in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted. <sup>12</sup>I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup>though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup>"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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 SERMON HYMN: "I Love to Tell the Story"

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

(Chorus)

I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

(Choir) I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems  
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.  
I love to tell the story; it did so much for me,  
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. (Chorus)

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word. (Chorus)

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. (Chorus)

Tune: HANKEY (Fischer); Text: Public Domain

THE SERMON

Pastor Dan Sheafer

## 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: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Choir

## THE BLESSING OF THE STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING CLASS

(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 merciful Shepherd, You came into the world to save sinners. Grant to us forgiveness of our sins, renewal of our lost lives, and the grace to serve You in willing obedience all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: O merciful Shepherd, guard against all false doctrine and against those who teach in conflict with Your Word that the sheep of Your flock be preserved in faith to know and believe rightly by the power of Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: O merciful Shepherd, give us good and faithful leaders who will govern us according to Your will and lead us and all nations in the ways of peace, justice, and virtue, that we live good, holy, and upright lives without fear or threat. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: O merciful Shepherd, You do not abandon Your sheep even when they are wounded and infirm. Deliver the weak, the suffering, the troubled in mind, and those with hearts weighed low with grief. We pray that they be healed and comforted according to Your will and delivered from all that afflicts them on the day when You raise Your people to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: O merciful Shepherd, You set Your Table before us in the presence of our enemies. Grant to all who commune this day repentance and faith that they receive this holy food for their good and keep us united as one in doctrine and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: O merciful Shepherd, hear us and grant us all things beneficial to us and profitable for our salvation, but keep from us all things harmful. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Into Your hands, O merciful Shepherd, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, and confident that You will hear and answers us, O Lord.

People: Amen.

## + THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION +

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.

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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS (Congregation sings)

LSB, 208



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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 AGNUS DEI (Congregation sings)

LSB, 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)

### 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 HYMNS:

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

"I Know My Faith is Founded"

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

"Savior. Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Choir  
Hymn 587  
Hymn 685  
Hymn 711

## THE DISMISSAL

### THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Leader:** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

### THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

**Leader:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

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

**People:** Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Glory Be to God the Father"

Hymn 506

THE POSTLUDE: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Varner

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Amos 8:4-7; Ps. 113; 1 Tim. 2:1-15; Luke 16:1-15

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in honor of the 25th Wedding Anniversary of David and Vikki Birdwell; in loving memory of Eric Kurtz, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Prange and Mr and Mrs. Frank Cowan, from Diane Kurtz; and in honor of the 35th Wedding Anniversary of Randy and Rene Thompson.

### SERVING

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Liturgist   | Seminarian Brad Larson  |
| Organ       | Myra Schmidt  |
| Harp        | Bev Williams  |
| Flute       | Anna Snodgrass  |
| Oboe        | Pauline Benner  |
| Trumpet     | Craig Dahlkamp  |
| Acolyte     | Leah Staub  |
| Altar Guild | Anita Kuker, Noni Hoham, Diane Kurtz, Lindsay Lopez, Ruth Anne Teeple |
| Opener      | Don and Maureen Gentry  |

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| <b>Usher Crew 2</b>   | Jim Braun, Mike Huesner, Jason Kaiser, Fred Peterson, Dave Scheppele, Nick Terrell, Joshua, Simeon, and Isaiah Vandercar, John Wright, Daniel Wunderlich |
| <b>Communion</b>      | Tom Matson, Dave Smith, Doug Perry, Bryan Stout  |
| <b>Audio Engineer</b> | Tom Anderson   |

## 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:
  - Please pray for the following Emmanuel members who will begin training this week to be Stephen Ministers: Janet Fisher, Chris Larimer, Roxanne Pratt, John Ripke, Chris Sauer, Sarah Schwantz, Peggy Krueger, Cole Strader and Becky Lutz. We thank God for them and ask Him to guide their studies and to bless them in their upcoming ministry.
  - We pray for Quinn Sue Brimmer on the occasion of her Baptism. We ask God to strengthen Quinn as she grows and to bless her parents, Derek and Alexa, and her sponsors, Alyse McLaughlin and Seth Meyer, as they raise and nurture Quinn in her Baptismal faith.
  - 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, Devon Jewel and Niko L. Christlib (friends of Ilona Clenny), Deb Percy, Ed Braun, Norv McClure
  - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Jenny Scheiderer, Dave Bieberich, Cathy Paff, Jan Reche, Vernene Miller, Kelsey Westrick, Roxanne Moore, Evan Westrick, Cheri Maxwell, Jayne Sheaffer, Justin Arkkelin
  - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Bonnie Havener (sister-in-law of George and Becki Elonzae), Karen Burtch (sister-in-law of Lori Richey), Amy Krantz (daughter-in-law of David and Karen Wyss), Mary Grosjean, Peg Davis, Ashley Edge (niece of Barb and Gary Lesh), Barb Hambrock, Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Shelly Koenig (friend of Matt & Amy Konow), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith), Tina Bennett, Dennis McFadden, Lisa Toth (Pepple), Laura Herrick (Caroline Eber's niece), Art Klausmeier, Roger Kuehnert, John Jennings

(friend of Dave and Tammy Bair), Bruce Williams, Herb Schumm, Mike Huesner, Rob Roehm, Cheri Maxwell, Ann Schwartz

- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
  - Andy and Marisa Wegner, Noah
  - Tim and Brenda Wegner
  - Tim Wegner, Jacob
  - Cameron Weikart
  - Aaron and Cara Wentland, Piper and Ethan
  - Ken Wentland
  - Jeff and Jennifer Werling, Dalton
  - Michele Werling, Micah and McKaelon
  - Richard Werling, Michael
  - Chuck and Kelly Werth, Owen, Leah and Carter
- Please pray for the missions supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
  - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf – Ponce, Puerto Rico
  - Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)
  - Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
  - Heidi Wilkinson – Ethiopia
  - The Lutheran Heritage Foundation
  - Luther Academy
  - Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM)
  - Lutherans For Life (LFL)
  - Lutheran Bible Translators

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

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

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|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Dolores Harper      | Parker Schultheis | Mason Gilliom    | Atlas Arnold      |
| Renae Smith         | Rafael Alberto    | Lois Altheide    | Lincoln Griffin   |
| Virginia Miller     | Amelia Adair      | Forrest Clarke   | Brandon Cirilo    |
| Charlotte Schmotzer | Lilyth Tittman    | Anna Vandercar   | William Vogt      |
| Bennett Hoyle       | Liam Hill         | Rowen Lomont     | Owen Light        |
| Kollin Vanderford   | Klaire Vanderford | Khloe Vanderford | Walter Vanderford |
| Wilma Vanderford    | Vada Gillum       | Valerie Miller   | Gary Keller       |
| Terry Buffington    | Desirae Rider     | Payton Caudill   | Benjamin Rider    |
| Alice Gynn          | Quinn Sue Brimmer |                  |                   |

# The Teaching of the Church

**Want Help Growing in the Word?** Regularly visit Pastor Brunow's website <http://www.genesbrunotes.com>. The website offers notes on each chapter of Scripture, Bible studies, tips for preparing for worship, and a weekly devotion based on the Gospel reading for the coming week. You can find these devotions under the "Sermon Notes Plus" option.

## Sunday School and Bible Class 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

| CLASS                                  | LOCATION                       |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Little Flock (Birth - Age 3)           | School Room A5 (Extended Care) |
| 4-5 Year Olds                          | School Room A3                 |
| K-1 <sup>st</sup> Grade                | School Room A1                 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade | School Room B3                 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade | School Room B5                 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Grade | School Room D3                 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade                  | LL Ebenezer                    |
| High School                            | Loft                           |
| Adults: I Love to Tell the Story       | Sanctuary                      |

**I Love to Tell the Story: A Brief History of the LCMS** - Join Dr. Cam Mackenzie in the sanctuary as he tells the story of our denomination.

## Weekday Bible Classes...

| CLASS                       | LOCATION      | DAY                    | TIME       |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------------|------------|
| Monday Morning Moms         | Loft          | Monday (every other)   | 8:30 a.m.  |
| Lifelight: Luke             | Ebenezer Hall | Mondays                | 3:30 p.m.  |
| Lifelight: Luke             | Ebenezer Hall | Mondays                | 5:30 p.m.  |
| Men's Lectionary Study      | Ebenezer Hall | Wednesdays             | 6:30 a.m.  |
| Women's Bible Study         | Brandt Hall   | Wednesdays             | 8:30 a.m.  |
| Pastors' Bible Study        | Ebenezer Hall | Wednesdays             | 10:00 a.m. |
| Friends in the Word         | Loft          | Thursday (every other) | 8:30 a.m.  |
| Bible Study & Fellowship    | Chapman's     | Thursdays              | 6:00 p.m.  |
| @917 (Ages 25-45)           | Ebenezer Hall | Thursdays              | 7:00 p.m.  |
| This is Most Certainly Brew | Brandt Hall   | Fridays                | 6:30 a.m.  |

# The News of the Church

**"I Love to Tell the Story: A Congregational Journey"** - The story of Emmanuel Lutheran Church is an inspiring account of God at work. This fall, we invite you to join us on a journey entitled, "I Love to Tell the Story." This engaging exploration will include every member of our church family as we revisit the stories that have shaped our ministry, and rediscover our mission as a Caring Family Sharing God's Love and Forgiveness. From September 14 through October 26, each Sunday will include a presentation, service project, or celebration. Stay tuned for more details!

**Food Bank** - Thank you so much for your continued support of Emmanuel's food bank. We are in need of strong volunteers the third Thursday of every month from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Please contact Anita at 260.414.2258 if you can help. We also have a need for adult Depends (large size and up), toothbrushes, and toothpaste. If you can donate any of these items over the next few months, it would be greatly appreciated! Please place items in the cabinet labeled "Food Bank" at the bottom of the stairs from the Sanctuary into Ebenezer Hall. Thank you!

**Celebrating A Successful Capital Campaign with Peter Mayer** - The Lord has provided more than \$6 million of the \$7.4 million it cost us to renovate our Union Street school building. On December 15, we will celebrate this remarkable blessing with a special Christmas concert in our sanctuary by recording artist Peter Mayer. We'd like to make this unique experience available to anyone who contributed to the "In All Generations" campaign. If you would like to reserve a free ticket (\$39.50 value) for this special concert at no cost, please scan the QR code:



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**Big News from Concordia Lutheran High School:** Groundbreaking is set for September 23! The 'A Bold Step' capital campaign, renovating the academic building and auditorium, has reached a major milestone with financing secured, and construction on Project 1 set to begin after Labor Day. But we're not done yet: campaign fundraising continues so that Project 2, the auditorium renovation, can be included in this historic effort. In the coming weeks,

Concordia will host public meetings in congregations and community venues to share how this campaign will bless generations to come, and your attendance and participation will make the difference—pray, attend, and spread the word!

**CLHS Worship Service** - Please join us on September 28, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. for a worship service at the Concordia High School auditorium open to all alumni, family, and friends of CLHS. The Service will be led by 1975 classmates, Pastor Dan Dahling, Pastor Steven Ensley, and Pastor Steven Schlund. Help us commemorate our 50th Class reunion! Following the worship service, take a guided tour to see what's new at CLHS and hear about exciting plans for the future of our campus.

**Bridge 20/30: September Events & Connection Opportunities** - Are you in your 20s or 30s and looking for real friendships and a deeper faith life? Bridge 20/30 is a space for post-high school young adults (single or married) to connect, grow, and have fun in community with others who share similar values. This week, on Tuesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m., we'll be meeting at Empowered Sports Club (12124 Lima Rd.) for Sand Volleyball Free Play!

**The Friends of Wyneken** will host a Germanfest at the historic Wyneken House on Saturday, September 27, from 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. There will be German and American food and beverages, a silent auction, music by the duo String Theory, and plenty of gemutlichkeit. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Call or text 260.437.0420 for information or to reserve tickets. The Wyneken House is located at 11730 NW Winchester Road, Decatur, Indiana.

**From Teen Heartthrob to Faithful Witness:** - At 17, Kirk went from self-proclaimed atheist to passionate believer, and now he's using his platform to speak for life and truth. Come hear his incredible testimony at the 28th Annual Right to Life of Northeast Indiana Fall Banquet on October 14, 2025, at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. For tickets call Carolyn Beitz 260.433.7188 for early seating.

# The Stewardship of the Church

## EMMANUEL’S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

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| Year to Date: \$1,548,679 | Anticipated Need Thru September, 2025: \$1,620,684 |
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## DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

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| Last Week: \$370 | Year to Date: \$8,225 |
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### **CUP OF KINDNESS**

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

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| Last Week: \$65 | Year to Date: \$3,310 |
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### **IN ALL GENERATIONS**

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

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| "IAG" Total Received:<br>\$6,066,086 | Mortgage Balance:<br>\$1,394,590 | Total Cost*<br>\$7,408,920 |
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\*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

## **The Calendar of the Church**

### **Monday, September 15**

- 3:30 p.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice
- 7:00 p.m. WC Neighborhood Association Meeting

### **Tuesday, September 16**

- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Training

### **Wednesday, September 17**

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Wednesday Morning Study
- 9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Communion Service
- 3:30 p.m. PALS
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, September 18**

- 8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
- 3:30 p.m. Food Pantry
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study & Fellowship at Chapman's Brewery
- 7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

### **Friday, September 19**

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 4:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal



**Saturday, September 20**

2:00 p.m. Hartman Wedding

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

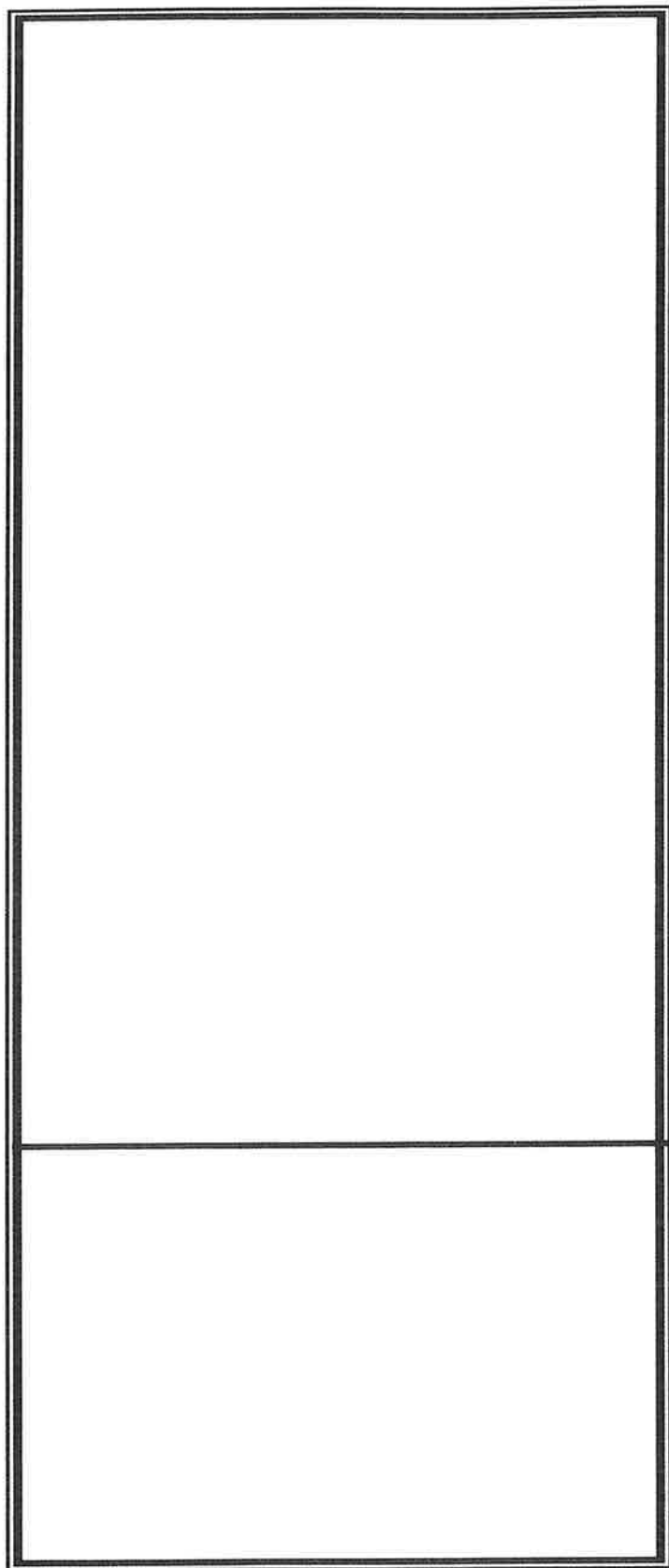
**Sunday, September 21**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:00 a.m. Bible Classes and Sunday School

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

6:00 p.m. SNA



This Visual Faith resource is designed to help visual and tactile learners take worship into the week. You can find more Visual Faith resources at <https://www.visualfaithmin.org>.

# EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Building faith in the city*

We are a caring family of baptized Christians bound together in the forgiveness which God has provided all people through His Son, Jesus.

This family exists to announce this gift of forgiveness to individuals of all nations and cultures through the preaching of God's Word and the administration of the Sacraments. Emmanuel instructs young and old according to the confessional standard of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and reaches out through forgiving relationships, working to connect all members of the family through caring friendships.

Emmanuel serves as shepherds of the sheep; seekers of the lost; friends of sinners; and caregivers to the poor, lonely and broken-hearted. It is a family that cares for all people and reaches out to witness to the love and forgiveness found in Jesus Christ.

**Emmanuel Worship Services** are designed to share God's love and forgiveness through the ministry of Word and Sacrament. We offer a variety of worship styles and we encourage you to worship in the liturgical style that best meets your needs.

**Saturday Evening Divine Service**—This service offers a contemporary setting and is held on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Morning Divine Services**—These services are held on Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. and feature worship in a traditional liturgical setting.

## Church Staff

Thomas A. Eggold, Senior Pastor  
Dan Sheafer, Associate Pastor  
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Lana Hille, Dir. of Congregational Care  
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Liz Bejot, Dir. of Children's Ministry  
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## 802 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—  
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;  
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree  
 All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
 Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.  
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

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# 587 I Know My Faith Is Founded



1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my  
2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by  
3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though per - se - cu - tion,



God and Lord; And this my faith con - fess - ing, Un -  
night and day To rob me of this trea - sure And  
grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver - whelm me, Let



moved I stand on His sure Word. Our rea - son can - not  
take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with You be -  
me a stead - fast trust re - tain; And then at my de -



fath - om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in hu - man  
side me, I shall be un - dis - mayed; And led by Your good  
par - ture, Lord, take me home to You, Your rich - es to in -



wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is  
Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with  
her - it As all You said holds true. In life and



all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure; And  
me, O Sav - ior, A firm - er faith be - stow; Then  
death, Lord, keep me Un - til Your heav'n I gain, Where



trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.  
I shall bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.  
I by Your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

# 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to  
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion  
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that  
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.  
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

# 711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we  
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the  
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures  
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -  
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -  
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.  
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.  
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



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 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

# 506 Glory Be to God the Father



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to  
 2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each  
 3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the  
 4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:  
 spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,  
 Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;  
 an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,  
 Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,  
 Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,  
 Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!  
 glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!  
 glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!  
 glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

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