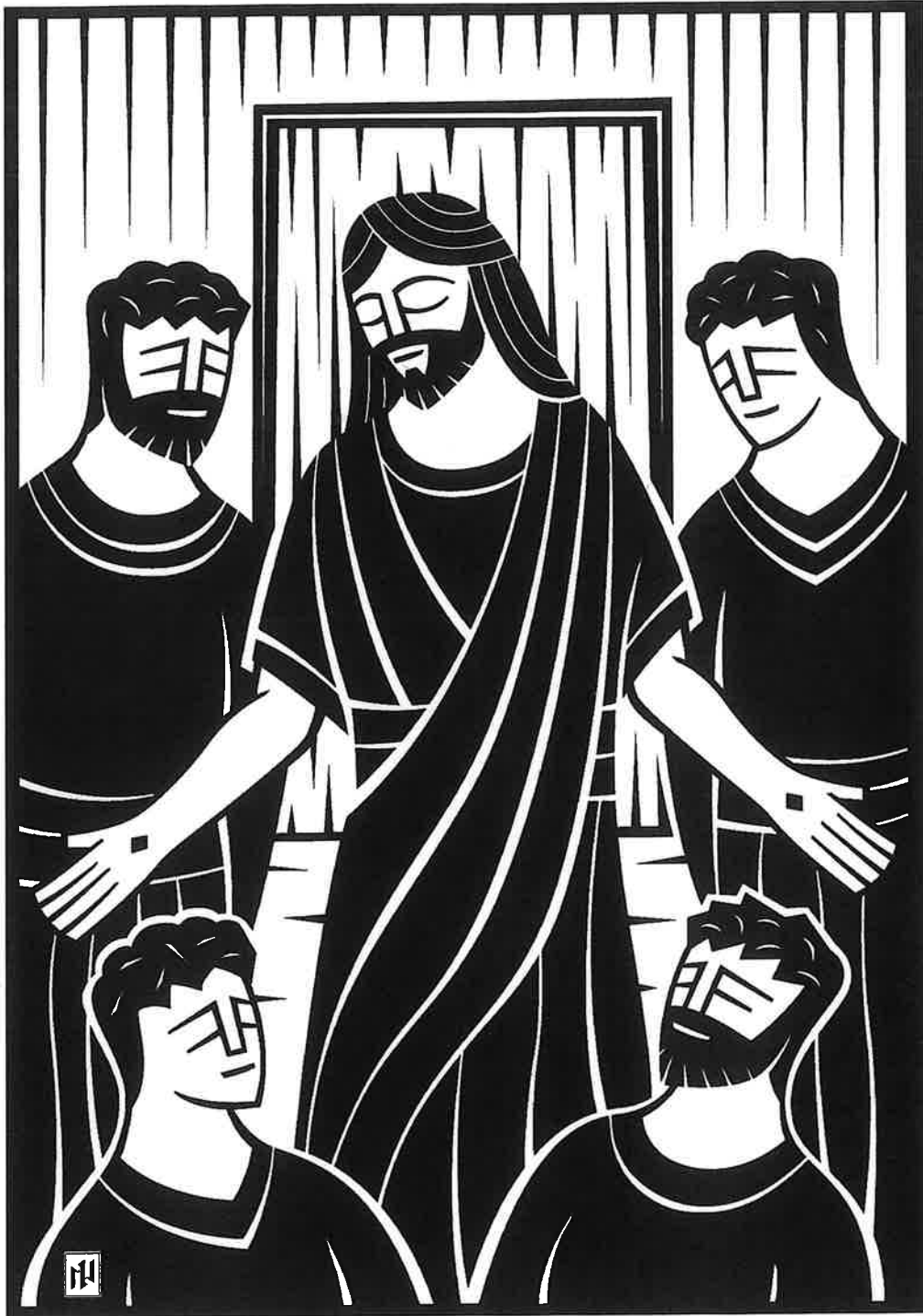


Divine Service at 5:00



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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



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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RESTROOM

Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

“Peace Be with You”

AS WE GATHER

The joy of Easter continues! The initial appearance of the Lord on the Day of Resurrection now has expanded into a series of appearances by Jesus to His disciples and others. Once again, He is God in person on earth, assuring His faithful that He is with them always. To the disciples gathered together in fear and apprehension, He brings a word of peace and assurance. His presence among them gives a full sense of “shalom” - of complete well-being. Jesus is present among us in our worship this day as well, assuring us that all is well and that we are truly at peace with God and with one another. As we worship, we receive and celebrate that peace which passes all human understanding.

THE GATHERING TIME

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

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE GATHERING SONG: “Across the Lands”

You're the Word of God the Father, From before the world began;
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet Has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together By the power of Your voice:
Let the skies declare Your glory, Let the land and seas rejoice!

(Chorus)

You're the author of creation, You're the Lord of ev'ry man;
And Your cry of love rings out Across the lands,

Yet You left the gaze of angels, Came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven For the anguish of the cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry, With a word You stilled the sea.
Yet how silently You suffered That the guilty may go free. (Chorus)

With a shout You rose victorious, Wresting victory from the grave,
And ascended into heaven Leading captives in Your wake.
Now You stand before the Father Interceding for Your own. From each tribe
and tongue and nation You are leading sinners home. (Chorus)

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THE INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (1 John 1:5:10; 2:1b-2)

Leader: This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

People: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Leader: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Leader: If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. Therefore as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THE SHARING OF PEACE

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save;
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine! Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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THE FIRST READING: Acts 4:32–35

The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1–2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19–31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE' CREED (Spoken together)

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THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.

(Chorus)

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! For the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven's gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin, Lets His little child come in. (Chorus)

Jesus loves me! He will stay Close beside me all the way.
He's prepared a home for me, And some day His Face I'll see. (Chorus)

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THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

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

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

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

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Merciful Father, at Your bidding we come to You in prayer, trusting in Your mercy to supply us with all that is needful and beneficial. Silence the doubts that plague us and deliver us from fear, that believing in You we may know the full comfort of Your gracious presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Deliver us from pride and humble us by Your Spirit so that, confessing all our sins, we know the peace of a clear conscience and serve You with all our heart, mind, body, and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Make Your Church bold in the confession of Your name before the world and give Your blessing to all pastors and church workers as they accomplish Your bidding in their service to us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Guard us from all enemies and bless our nation with good government and good leaders, that we enjoy justice before the law, equality of opportunity in the marketplace, and peace in our communities and between the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Give comfort, healing, patience, and strength to the sick, to those suffering a troubled mind, and to those carrying the heavy burden of grief, that they may know Your presence in their hour of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Accept the praise and thanksgiving of our lips, the tithes and offerings we bring, and our labors for Your glory, that we not suffer from ingratitude or the pride that believes all we have is the fruit of our own work. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Remembering blessed Thomas and all the disciples, the saints and the martyrs, and those who taught us the faith and now rest from their labors, bring us with them through the day of trouble into the dawn of peace and the place of everlasting life and light through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

THE PREFACE (Spoken responsively by the Congregation)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

THE PROPER PREFACE

Leader: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

“SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)”

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Heavenly Hosts,

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Heavenly Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Blessed is he who comes,

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

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (Served by stations)

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

THE DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"When Peace Like a River"

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way; When sorrows, like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

(Chorus)

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

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control, That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate And hath shed His own blood for my soul. (Chorus)

He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Chorus)

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; Even so it is well with my soul. (Chorus)

Lutheran Service Book. Arrangement by Craig Dahlkamp

"Thank You, Lord"

**I Come before You today, and there's just one thing that I want to say.
Thank You Lord, Thank You, Lord.
For all You've given to me; For all the blessings that I cannot see
Thank You Lord, Thank You, Lord.**

(Chorus)

**With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,
With an outstretched arm I will bless your name.
Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord.
Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord. Thank You, Lord.**

**For all You've done in my life, You took my darkness and gave me Your light.
Thank You Lord, Thank You, Lord.
You took my sin and my shame, You took my sickness and healed all my pain
Thank You, Lord; Thank You, Lord. (Chorus, two times)**

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THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "Not to Us"

**The cross before me, the world behind, no turning back,
raise the banner high. It's not for me, it's all for You.
Let the heavens shake and split the sky,
let the people clap their hands and cry.
It's not for me, it's all for You.**

(Chorus)

**Not to us, but to Your name be the glory;
Not to us, but to Your name be the glory.**

**Our hearts unfold before Your throne, the only place for those who know
It's not for us, it's all for You.
Send Your holy fire on this offering,
let our worship burn for the world to see.
It's not for us, it's all for You. (Chorus)**

**The cross before me, the world behind, no turning back,
raise the banner high. It's not for me, it's all for You.**

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 3:11-21; Ps. 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36-49

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of their sister, Candice Kay Hurless from Pam, Deb, and Lee; and in loving memory of Bob and Phyllis Havener, and Ann Dahlkamp from George and Becki Elonzae.

COMMUNION: Eric Dirig

USHERS: Dale and Pat Bultemeier

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:
 - We give thanks for the birth of a baby girl, Nova Faye Dillion, born to Austin Dillion and Autumn Reed. We ask God to strengthen and protect Nova as she grows, and to be with her family as they welcome Nova into their home.
 - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Larry Linnemeier, Janet Doege, Sharon Kammeyer, Janet Yost, Keely Lowe, Steve Herman, River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Pat Yeiter, Jim Croxton, Jodie Karrick, Cheryl Parker, Gary Curtis, Parker Vachon, Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Colsen Gage (nephew of Annalissa Smith), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia Merkler, Rachel and Josh (family of Sarah Schwantz), Deb Bryan (sister-in-law of Steve and Pam Bryan), Julie Harper, Dewey Senger, Carly Robbins (friend of the Brown family), Dick Reinking, Ed Braun, Dottie Coppolino (sister of Sherry Baker), Maury Springer, Curt Rees (brother-in-law of Sandra Nahrwold), David Merkler.
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Leah Nichols, Cindy Sakowicz, Susie Klausmeier, Mike Huesner, Sharon Springer, Elaine Ahrens, Larry Rast.
 - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Mary Grossjean, Gretchen Schilb, Jolene Rider, Gavin Wedeven, Peg Davis, Ashley Edge (niece of Barb and Gary Lesh), Barb Hambrock, Jeannine Felabom and Ruth Walters (friends of Janet Bircheff), Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Rod Teeple (cousin of Ruth Anne Teeple), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Jamie McConnell, Shelly Koenig (friend of Matt & Amy Konow), Karen Bickhardt (daughter of Janet Doege), Ronald Knepper (son of Janet Doege), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Angela Osborn, Beth Woodward, Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), and Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith).

- Join our staff in praying for the following members this week:
 - Tammy Fox
 - Eric and Hannah Freeman, Abe, Fitz and Iggy
 - Ricci Freeman
 - Andy and Jennifer Freimuth, Isabella and Isaiah
 - Kathy Freimuth
 - Manfred and Linda Fremder
 - Chris and Heather Frietas, Grace, Peyton, Rylan
 - Dennis and Cindy Frietas
 - Adam Fritsch, Adian, Caleb, Cooper and Tyler
 - Mike and Coleen Fritsch

- Please pray for the missions supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
 - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf - Ponce, Puerto Rico
 - Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)
 - Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
 - The Lutheran Heritage Foundation
 - Luther Academy
 - Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM)
 - Lutherans For Life (LFL)
 - Lutheran Bible Translators

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

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.

The following Sunday morning Bible classes begin April 14 and run through May 19:

"Lord, Teach Us to Pray" - We all cry out to Jesus with the words of the disciples, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1). Do you struggle with prayer; with finding the "right" words, feeling heard, wondering if it matters, if God actually answers prayers, etc.? Join us as we explore the gift of prayer through Scripture,

answer difficult questions, wrestle with God, and pray together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

“Clay and Iron: A Gathering for Men” - “Men of God, you are not alone! Formed by God (clay) and encouraging each other (iron) all men and their wives/girlfriends are welcome to be an active part of this real-life, topical discussion focused on encouraging the men of our congregation and community.”

Adult Sunday Bible Classes 9:15 - 10:30 A.M.

CLASS	LOCATION	DATES	INSTRUCTOR
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall	1/7-4/14	Eggold, Sheaffer, Hille
Sunday School for Grown Ups	School Rm C4	1/7-5/19	Pastor Mark Sheaffer
Lord, Teach Us to Pray	School Rm C3	4/14-5/19	Wes Williams
“Clay & Iron: A Gathering for Men”	School Rm A1	4/14-5/19	Discussion Based

Sunday School Classes 9:15 - 10:15 A.M.

CLASS	LOCATION
Little Flock (Birth - Age 2)	School Room A5 (Extended Care, Day)
3-5 Year Olds	School Room A3 (Miss Kanning’s)
K-1 st Grade	School Room B3 (Mr. Eggold’s)
2 nd -3 rd Grade	School Room B4 (Mrs. McCoy’s)
4 th -5 th Grade	School Room B5 (Mrs. Palmreuter’s)
6 th -7 th Grade Confirmation	School Cafeteria
8 th Grade Confirmation	Ebenezer, Lower Level
High School	The Loft

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Women’s Bible Study	The Loft	Every Other Monday	8:30 am
Mom’s Bible Study	The Loft	Every Other Monday	8:30 am
Women’s Bible Study	The Loft	1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays	7:30 pm
Men’s Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 am
Women’s Bible Study	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays	8:45 am
Pastor’s Bible Study	Sanctuary	Wednesdays	10:00 am
Men’s Lectionary Study	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 am

The News of the Church

Emmanuel to Host the LCMS Black Clergy Caucus Worship Service - On Tuesday, April 9, hundreds of pastors and church leaders from around the U.S., Caribbean, and Canada will come to Fort Wayne, for *The Black Clergy Caucus of the Lutheran Church*. In support of this historic event, Emmanuel will host a special worship service on Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m. (pre-service music begins at 6:15 p.m.), featuring Gospel music and dance by the New Covenant and Pilgrim Praise Teams, and organ music by our own organist, Myra Schmidt. This worship service is open to the public and, as members of Emmanuel, this is a wonderful opportunity to welcome our brothers and sisters from the Black Clergy Caucus. Please consider attending this special worship event.

Lutherans For Life - The next meeting for the Ft. Wayne chapter of Lutherans For Life will be Friday April 12 at 9:30 a.m. at Emmanuel in Ebenezer. Join us to participate, as Susan Frincke presents a Bible study entitled "Death Stinks - a study of the Aroma of Christ."

Ladies of Emmanuel: Please come to our upcoming LWM meeting!

Date: Thursday, April 4 *Time:* 1:00-3:00 pm *Location:* Lower Ebenezer

What is LWML? Lutheran Women in Mission (LWM) is an organization of women committed to supporting the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod (LCMS) mission through prayer, Bible study, and service. LWML women help make a difference in people's lives worldwide.

What to expect at the meeting:

- A warm welcome and fellowship with other women of faith
- Amy Rast will share her experiences in Tanzania, Africa with us
- Bible study led by Jan Werth: "I Am Trusting the Lord Jesus"

LWML Spring Three-Zone Gathering - Lutheran, women in mission of Fort Wayne are hosting a three-zone gathering for women of all ages on Saturday, April 13 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Anthony Boulevard. Based on Mark 16:15. The theme will be "Into All the World." The gathering begins at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast and fellowship, and will include an uplifting devotion and keynote address from Sergui Trifa, a Romanian student attending Concordia Theological Seminary, who will talk about how people are reached through the Romanian ministry. To register, please contact Jan Werth at 260-452-4769 by **Sunday, April 7**. Registration is \$7, and the ingathering will be monetary donations to support the Romanian ministry. Your presence and contribution will make a tangible difference in spreading faith and love in every corner of the world!

Lunch Bunch - Inviting those around 60 and over to join us for our next Lunch Bunch activity scheduled for Tuesday, April 16 when our guest speaker will be Registered Dietitian, Julia Reick. Julia (who is Georgia Reick's daughter-in-law) will share her ideas about healthy cooking for one or two, including information

about good nutrition in all of our meals. Join us for fellowship beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the lower level of Ebenezer Hall, followed by a delicious lunch served at noon at a cost of \$9, payable that day. Our guest speaker will present following our lunch. You are encouraged to stop by the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall on the weekends, visit the Welcome Center during the week, or call the church office at 423-1369 to sign up for this event.

Visual Faith Ministry Invites You to join us on Saturday, April 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., as we explore the Visual Faith practice of “Around the Word.” This practice calls us to surrender our own voice for a time and to listen to God through His Word. We’re seeking God’s face, as He tells us to do. As we listen, we make note of the lessons learned. In this practice, we are not adding to God’s Word or expecting Him to say something He’s not already said in His Word, but instead giving God our full attention (as much as we are able to do that) and setting aside the distractions that badger us all day long. “Around the Word” using a Bible passage is an exercise in listening, with our mouths closed and our hearts open. A time of silence, a time to share if you choose, and a time to learn with one another. Please sign up at the Connections Counter! Refreshments will be provided. We hope you will join us!

Now Enrolling for 2024-25 School Year - Emmanuel—St. Michael School, in partnership with our congregations and families, is raising up the next generation of students who know the love of Christ and are prepared to serve Him in their families and communities. ESM is now accepting applications for Preschool-8th grade. Schedule a visit today! Contact Erin Clark, Director of Admissions | 260-422-6712 | eclark@esmeagles.com | www.esmeagles.com.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Volunteer Opportunities - Vacation Bible School (VBS) returns to Emmanuel from June 10-14, running from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We’re currently in the planning stages and would greatly appreciate your assistance. If you’d like to lend a hand with VBS, please take a moment to complete the form provided via a link in the weekly email. Keep an eye out for upcoming announcements! VBS registration details and supply wish lists will be available soon. Stay tuned!

CLHS Sermon Report Forms - In case your Concordia High School student forgets to bring a “Growth in Worship” sermon report to church, we have extras at the Connections Counter.

The Shepherd’s Hand Community Outreach Center 5K - The Shepherd’s Hand Community Outreach Center, located at 1231 S. Anthony Blvd., is an organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod that seeks opportunities to enhance health and wellness for community members in southeast Fort Wayne. On Saturday, May 4, you can help raise funds for this vital ministry by participating in the 4th annual 5K walk/run held in the neighborhood surrounding the center. Families are encouraged to attend and enjoy a fun, healthy activity together! If

you are unable to participate in the race, you can support the ministry by sponsoring a race slot to benefit another participant or make a general donation. For more information, to register, visit the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall.

Camp Lutherhaven 2024 - Adventure awaits you this summer at Camp Lutherhaven! Race your friends in a kayak, make a craft out of things found in nature, or gaze up at the starry sky. There are so many activities at Camp Lutherhaven, the only question is "What will I try today?" There are programs for all ages: youth programs for K-12, family programs, and Servant Events for grades 8-12. Camp has something for everyone! Register online today at www.lutherhaven.org, or call for more information at 260-636-7101.

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

Mental Health Moment - In looking at The Lutheran Foundation's Mental Health survey results, the data showed that many feel some depression and anxiety. This is very common coming out of winter and there are many ways to support yourself. Go to the weekly email from the pastors to find links to the following free support groups you may want to attend sponsored by Mental Health America of Northeast Indiana:

- o Anxiety and Depression Support Group
- o Peer-Led Art Support Group

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$546,750	Anticipated Need Thru April, 2024: \$678,312
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$259	Year to Date: \$3,113
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$140	Year to Date: \$1,688
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$4,705,505	Projected Cost: \$7,200,000
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The Calendar of the Church

Monday, April 8

- 1:00 p.m. Caregivers' Support Group
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Task Force Meeting

Tuesday, April 9

- 5:00 p.m. Stephen Leader Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting
- 6:15 p.m. Black Clergy Caucus Worship Service with Communion
- 7:00 p.m. West Central Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 10

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 7:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 8:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Home School Religion
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Communion Service
- 6:00 p.m. First Impressions Meeting

Thursday, April 11

- ESM 2-hour delayed start
- 8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
- 9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University

Friday, April 12

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Lutherans For Life

Saturday, April 13

- 5:00 p.m. Divine Worship Service

Sunday, April 14

8:00 a.m. Divine Worship Service with Communion

9:00 a.m. Gathering Time in Ebenezer Hall

9:15 a.m. Lutheran Christianity

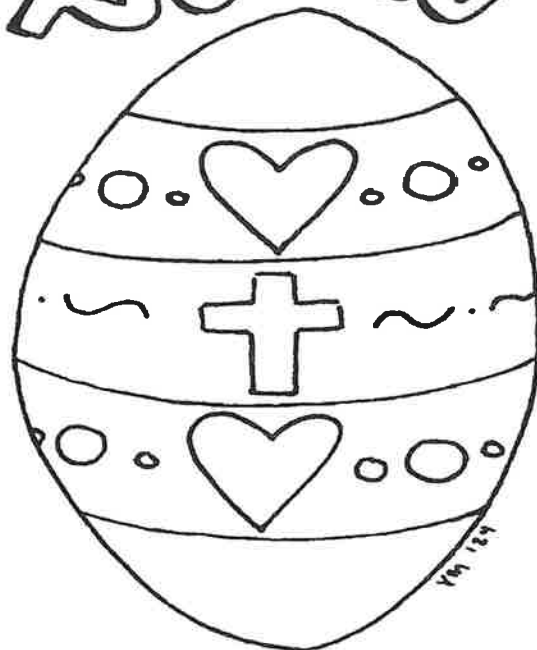
10:30 a.m. Divine Worship Service

Find Words from the Scripture Readings

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DISTRIBUTED	DARKNESS	SHINING
FELLOWSHIP	PROCLAIM	TESTIFY
CREATURES	MANIFEST	NATIONS
BELIEVERS	MESSAGE	LIGHT
SPLENDOR	TOUCHED	JOY

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ACTS 4:32

The Sacraments

Today we celebrated the Lord's Supper ...

Yes No

Today we had a baptism ...

Yes No

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

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Building faith in the city

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

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

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

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

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

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

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