

Emmanuel Lutheran Church & School (Missouri Synod)



December 15, 2024

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (Missouri Synod)
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WELCOME! *We are glad you are worshiping with us today! It is our desire to have a welcoming and safe worship atmosphere. Please silence your cell phone.*

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month in the confidence of receiving from the Lord of the Church all He promises when he gives His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. If you commune with us, we ask that you be in confessional agreement with the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and that the following be your belief:

- I believe that I am a sinful human being without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ.
- I believe that Jesus is God's Son, my personal Savior and together with the bread and wine I receive the true Body and Blood of Christ.
- I dedicate myself anew to the Lord through regular worship, the study of His Word, faithful witness, fervent prayer and loving service.

[Non-alcoholic drink is offered in the middle section of each tray. Notify the pastor if you desire a gluten-free communion wafer.

STEPHEN MINISTRY - Every day you see people who are hurting - those who have lost a job, lost a loved one, going through divorce...Stephen Ministers are God's Ministry and can help you through a difficult time. Contact Jim Fehringer if you or someone you know could be helped by this ministry.

DID YOU KNOW...Trinity Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minnesota, **TLCare** ministry offers hospitality to those receiving medical care at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. TLCare has lodging to offer to LCMS brothers and sisters at no cost. Contact Trinity Lutheran Church at 507-289-1531 or Tricia at 507-218-1531.

Contact Gaye Nelson, Sue Luethje or the church office if you know of members who could use help from **Care Circle** with transportation needs to medical appointments or to welcome the arrival of a new baby.

Do you have a **Thrivent account**? Eligible Thrivent members may direct "choice dollars" donations to Emmanuel Lutheran Church or Emmanuel Lutheran School. Call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 and at the prompt say "Thrivent Choice".

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Worship Services - 8:00 & 10:30 am

Adult Bible Class Dig In Sunday School 9:15 am

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ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMNO Savior of Our Fallen Race.....LSB 403

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: But when the fullness of time had come

C: **God sent forth His Son**

P: born of woman

C: **born under the law**

P: to redeem those who were under the law

C: **so that we might receive adoption as sons**

P: and because you are sons

C: **God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"**

P: So you are no longer a slave, but a son

C: **and if a son, then an heir through God.**

All: **Almighty and ever-living God, You make us both to will and to do those things that are good and acceptable in Your sight. Let Your fatherly hand ever guide us and Your Holy Spirit ever be with us to direct us in the knowledge and obedience of Your Word that we may obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

HYMNO Come, O Come, Emmanuel.....LSB 357, v. 1,2,4,7

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: O God, help us to free our souls for profitable worship by uninhibited confession of all that bars us from real relationship with You.

C: **I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before You, O God, of all sins. I have lived as if You did not matter and as if I mattered most. Your name, O Lord, I have not honored as I should; my worship and my prayers have faltered. I have not let Your love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace. I want to do better. (*silence for self-examination and confession*)**

P: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant this Lord unto us all.

C: **Amen.**

HYMNGod Loves Me Dearly.....LSB 392

Confession of Faith - Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin

Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Children’s Message

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 25:1-10

EPISTLE Ephesians 4:1-16

HOLY GOSPEL John 18:28-40

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 18th chapter.

C: ***(spoken)* Glory to You, O Lord.**

Following reading:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***(spoken)* Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN..... Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus.....LSB 338

SERMON

HYMN Christ the Eternal Lord.....LSB 829

BRINGING FORTH OUR OFFERINGS

(Sign and pass Friendship Pad)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH/LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

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

C: **Amen.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND SUPPORT

HYMN Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go.....LSB 920

RADIO MINISTRY - KAWL Radio - 1370 AM & KOOL 103.5 FM- 10:30 am Service

LUTHERAN HOUR - KAWL Radio - 1370 AM & KOOL 103.5 FM- 7:30 am on Sundays

Our church services online - www.emmanuelnyork.com, "Join us online", [vimeo.com/emmanuelyorkne](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmmanuelyorkne).

Today’s radio broadcast is sponsored by Jeanne Huff in loving memory of Doug and Jerry Yowell.

Birthdays this week: Pat Brockvelt, Eldon Eklund, Blake Mosel, JoAnn Burnham, Teegan Rathke, JoAnn Staehr, Jane Thompson, Elle Brownwood, Jenna Merrill, Wilson Ragoss, Nicolas Boyden, Lily Pohl, Lori Richter, Chantelle Redman, Linda Watson, Elizabeth Deprez, Logan Faller, Spencer Oxley, Joel Troester, Ruth Jones.

Wedding Anniversaries this week: Cody & Jessica Holoch, Kelly & Marissa Driewer, Derek & Chris Fenster, Mark & Jan Gray.

SERVING TODAY

- Elders** - Jim Fehringer, Ryan Koch, John Seim
- Organist** - Jerrita Staehr
- Lay Readers** - Scott Nelson
- Ushers** - Matt Wagner, Troy Otte, Alan Pohl, Ryan Koch, Richard Kant, Nathan Beck
- Technology** - Koch Family, Tierney Schoch, Addison Meers
- Acolytes** - Clayton Branz, Kannon Cool

THIS MONTH'S BIBLE VERSE

"She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." *Matthew 1:21*

Financial Stewardship	
Needed weekly.....	\$31,659.83
Received 12-01-24 - envelopes & loose plate, online.....	\$40,748.78
Received 12-08-24 envelopes & loose plate, online.....	\$31,267.83
Summary through December 2024	
Offerings received.....	\$880,463.95
School funds received.....	\$341,798.31
Debt retirement received.....	\$32,863.03
Other receipts.....	\$37,284.39
Total receipts.....	\$1,292,409.68
Actual expenses.....	\$1,447,136.45
Net loss.....	\$(154,726.77)
Bank Note Balance as of 12/10/24	\$175,000.00

Parish News & Notes

PRAYERS

Perry Rosenau, Remi Wiehn, David Buller, Ron Blum, Brent Bredenkamp, Sierra Barrett, Joan Bittinger, Lisa Johnson, Marcia Friesen, Dale Haack, John Walbrecht, Pat Hoffart, Pete Walbrecht, Pastor Brad Birtell, Connie Loseke, Gail Staehr, Lynda Kreutzer, Lou Hoffman, Rick Stuhr, Isaac Robertson, Kim Peters, Leslie McKeown, Adrienne Sanderson, family of Bob Ocken, family of Mike Steube, St. Paul, Utica, Armed Forces protecting our Country.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pick up your **2025 offering envelopes** outside the church office. Please do not use them until the new year.

Applications are being accepted for a 6-7 hour per day **Head Cook position** in the kitchen at Emmanuel-Faith School. Duties include record keeping, meal preparation, serving and cleaning the kitchen area. Applicants must be able to lift at least 40 lbs. A full job description can be found in the Emmanuel-Faith School office or contact Mr. Brad Wellmann at bwellmann@efyork.org or 402-362-6575. Submit a letter of application and/or resume to Mr. Wellmann.

Faith Lutheran Church Annual Community Christmas Dinner will be December 25, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. This free dinner is a gift to the community.

St. John's Waco Escape Room will be December 15, 20, 21 and 22. Gather friends and combine your skills to break out of the room before time is up. Call 402-728-5261 for available times. Donations to National Youth Gathering.

Greeters wanted to welcome members and visitors at our church services. Please sign up at the Information Center or contact the church office.

Support our **Little Blessings Preschool** by donating toward their Amazon wish list found on Emmanuel's facebook page and Little Blessings' facebook page.

Support Emmanuel-Faith School through fundraising opportunities at www.emmfaith.org/page/support-us. **Scrip gift cards** are available on Sundays after services and at the School office during summer hours, typically 9:00 am - noon.

Emmanuel-Faith Little Blessings Preschool is accepting registrations. Contact Preschool Director Libby Brouillette at lbrouillette@efyork.org, faithlutheranyork.com, or Faith Lutheran Church at 402-362-3000.

UPC symbols from **Best Choice** brand food items are collected by the VFW Auxiliary. Place them in the container at the Information Center.

Follow Emmanuel-Faith School on Twitter @EFYork!

If you would like to sponsor either the radio or internet **broadcast of our Sunday service**, contact the church office. The cost is \$70.00 for the radio and \$50.00 for the internet.

LCMS Gift Planning - Ideally, if you have children, you will share with them your plans, both for use of inheritance as well as your heart for creating a ministry gift. Contact Craig Stirtz, LCMS Gift Planning Counselor, at 402-616-0312 or craig.stirtz@lfnd.org for materials or to assist in these conversations.

This week at Emmanuel-Faith School

Monday - Chapel at Little Blessings at 8:45 am & 12:30 pm

Tuesday - Chapel at Little Blessings at 9:15 am & 1:15 pm;

Arby's Night, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday - No School, Christmas Break

Saturday - YMS Boys wrestling in Seward