

Emmanuel Lutheran Church & School (Missouri Synod)



December 29, 2024

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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

SONG**Shine, Jesus, Shine**.....(*Page 8-9*)

INVOCATION

P: In the name of God the Father,

C: **The Protector and Provider for all of our lives.**

P: In the name of God the Son,

C: **Jesus our Savior from sin, death and the devil.**

P: In the name of God the Holy Spirit,

C: **The Comforter and our Counselor, who leads us into the truth of God's Word.**

P: We gather in the name and in the presence of the one, true God: the Holy Trinity.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN**Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies**.....**LSB 873**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbor as myself. I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

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 Isaiah 9:2-7

EPISTLE Ephesians 5:1-21

HOLY GOSPEL John 12:35-47

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 12th 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..... Where Shepherds Lately Knelt.....LSB 369

SERMON

SONGHere I Am to Worship.....(Page 10)

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 Joy To the World.....LSB 387

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", Livestream

Today's **radio and internet broadcast** is sponsored by Lois Porath in thanksgiving to God for His many blessings.

Birthdays this week: Ross Ronne, Chris Brewster, Kaden Kaping, Scott Nelson, Easton Nicolaus, Tim Redman, Jonah Wagner, Gina Brahmsteadt, Landry Carlson, Donna Gerdes, Lisa Johnson, James Bauer, Jack Scamehorn,

Jaime Barajas, Jeff Beins, Lauren Kaliff, Lois Klone, McKenzie Brewster, Ben Hoffart, Kathie Law, Elizabeth Mason, Adam Reetz, Andrea Way.

Wedding Anniversaries this week: Kevin & Jeanne Blum, Byron & Diana Schlueter, Randy & Diane Drew, Bre & Eric Egr, Lucas & Crystal Peters, James & Corinna Bauer, Teresa & Steve Wright, Larry & Susan Robinson, Savannah & Aaron Mickelsen.

SERVING TODAY

Elders - Paul Hubert, Matt Wagner, Larry Norquest

Organist - Dylan Teut

Lay Readers - Dave Sjuts, Steve Ragoss

Technology - Tena Ehlers, Sam Ehlers, Skaggs family

Acolytes - Luke Scamehorn, Addyson Peters

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 Last Week - envelopes & loose plate, online.....	\$73,202.72
Summary through November 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 12/23/24	\$157,500.00
Attendance last week: Worship Service - 310	

Parish News & Notes

PRAYERS

Perry Rosenau, Remi Wiehn, David Buller, Rom Blum, Brent Bredenkamp, Sierra Barrett, Joan Bittinger, Lisa Johnson, Dale Haack, John Walbrecht, Pat Hoffart, Pete Walbrecht, Pastor Brad Birtell, Connie Loeske, Gail Staehr, Lynda Kreitzer, Lou Hoffman, Rick Stuhr, Isaac Robertson, Kim Peters, Leslie McKeown, Adriene Sanderson, David Kuel, Lori Eddmeiri, St. John, Waco, Armed forces protecting our Country.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Thies from Mission Central will be with us January 19 during Bible Class and worship to share news from the mission field.

2025 offering envelopes for your household are located outside the church office.

Applications are being accepted for the **Head Cook position** in the kitchen at Emmanuel-Faith School. Duties include record keeping, meal preparation, serving and cleaning the kitchen area. 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.

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

Join us for school chapel every Wednesday at 8:15 am. October chapel offerings will go to Operation Christmas Child shipping expenses.

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 - classes resume January 6