

Emmanuel Lutheran Church & School (Missouri Synod)



January 5, 2025

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (Missouri Synod)

Emmanuel "God With Us"

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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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 Fehring 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

HYMNEntrust Your Days and Burdens.....LSB 754

INVOCATION

P: On this first Sunday of a new year which will be filled with moments of joy, sorrow, peace and pain, we turn to the One who never changes and who is with us always.

C: **In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

PSALM 51:1-12

All: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only have I sinned and done what was evil in your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean, wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Knowing that with the Lord there is forgiveness, let us confess our sins to Him willingly and sincerely.

C: **Most merciful Father, we know we are Your sons and daughters by faith in Your Son; yet, because we are by nature sinful and unclean we fail to speak and act as Your children. Instead of being bold to speak of You and Your will we to often remain silent. Instead of bringing words of encouragement to others, often our words are sharp and cruel. Instead of being tender and compassionate in our relationships, at times we are harsh and selfish, putting our needs before the needs of others. Forgive these our sins and empower us to be Your people in all we say and do, united with Christ in serving others. (silence for self-examination and confession)**

P: Children of God, you are forgiven! Listen to His word through the Apostle John: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." This is His promise. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by the command of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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 46:2-5, 8-10

EPISTLE Philippians 1:12-30

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:22-38

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the 2nd 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..... I Know that My Redeemer Lives.....LSB 461

SERMON

HYMN For Me to Live is Jesus.....LSB 742

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 Amazing Grace.....LSB 744

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/emmanuelnyorkne.

Birthdays this week: Vic Jones, Lynette Naber, Maddox Robinson, Jeremy Haack, Carolyn Hoffman, Charlene Moore, Cole Ehlers, Shawn Hobbs, Logan Kaliff, Greg Staehr, Shelby Stolley, Ethan Thorne, Alexa Kush, Carleigh Lynch, Kit Sorgenfrei, Zachary Way, Craig Bethune, Isaac Haack, Glenda Starvaggi, Susan Stewart, Jackie Bittinger.

Wedding Anniversaries this week: Brian & Kim Hale.

SERVING TODAY

- Elders** - John Seim, Scott Nelson, Gaylen Thomsen
- Organist** - Jerrita Staehr
- Lay Readers** - Beth Miller, Chris Fenster
- Ushers** - Kent Chrisman, Kelly Driewer, Ladd Goff, Darrel Branz, Joel Troester, Josh Chrisman
- Technology** - Marissa Driewer, Kelly Driewer, Kaylie Hammer, Donovan Howard
- Acolytes** - Leighton Demuth, Landry Carlson, Adelyn Kadavy, Jolee Sorgenfrei

THIS MONTH'S BIBLE VERSE

"So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom." *Psalm 90:12*

Financial Stewardship	
Needed weekly.....	\$31,659.83
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 12/23/24	\$157,500.00
Attendance last week: Worship Service - 231; Christmas Eve – 522, Christmas Day - 105	

Parish News & Notes

UPCOMING MEETINGS - JANUARY 20
Church Council, 6:00 pm - Voter's Meeting, 7:00 pm

PRAYERS

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, Michelle Foss, Faith Lutheran, Family of Perry Rosenau, Armed Forces protecting our Country.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anniversary Celebration - Join in celebrating **Pastor Mike's 40th anniversary of ordination** on January 12, with a Special Guest Pastor and reception between services in the Fellowship Hall.

A new **Ladies Bible Study** on the book of Philippians (by Lydia Brownbeck - Flourish Bible Study) will begin January 8 at 7:00 pm in the Family Room. All ladies are welcome. Contact Jan Gray with questions.

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

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.

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@lfnf.org. for materials or to assist in these conversations.

This week at Emmanuel-Faith School

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

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

Thursday - Girls & Boys Basketball at St. Paul's, Plattsmouth, 4:30 pm & 5:30 pm

Saturday & Sunday - Girls Basketball Roundball at Juniata