

# Emmanuel Lutheran Church & School (Missouri Synod)



*July 2, 2017*

## **EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (Missouri Synod) Emmanuel "God With Us"**

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**WELCOME!** We are glad you have joined us in praise and worship to our Lord Jesus Christ. Our regular worship times are Sunday - 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Please sign the Attendance pad passed during the offering. Join us for fellowship, coffee and rolls in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. and Bible Class at 9:15 a.m. If you have no church home we invite you to consider making us your church family.

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 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 sincere conviction:

- 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 for those who are unable to partake of the wine. **Gluten-free communion wafers** are available. Notify the pastor at the communion rail that you desire a "gluten-free host".]

**OUR NURSERY** is located in the lower level of the north basement of the church. The service is broadcast through closed circuit TV. **HEARING DEVICES** are available on the west wall next to the steps to the balcony. **FIRST AID KITS** are located in the usher's closet, church kitchen, family room and Sunday School room with piano. AED's are located near the church mailboxes and the stairs next to the school kitchen.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY** - Our Stephen Leaders need your help in identifying people who might benefit from a Stephen Minister

relationship. If you see a friend, coworker, neighbor, relative or someone else who could use some extra Christian care, tell that person about our Stephen Ministry and get permission to refer him or her to a Stephen Leader or pastor.

## ***July 2, 2017 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost***

### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**All: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.**

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG**

**All: I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands; one Savior, crucified, risen and coming again, with life and liberty to all who believe.**

**OPENING MUSIC** .....“Build Your Kingdom Here”.....(page 9-10)

**HYMN**.....“Before You, Lord, We Bow” .....#966

#### **INVOCATION**

**P:** Blessed be the Lord, God Almighty

**C:** **who was and is to come**

**P:** Blest be God the Father

**C:** **our Creator and the preserver of our lives.**

**P:** Blest be God the Son

**C:** **Jesus, our Savior and Lord who sacrificed His life so that we might have eternal life.**

**P:** Blest be God the Holy Spirit

**C:** **Our Sanctifier who has called us from darkness to the light of faith and leads us into all truth.**

**P:** Blessed be the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C:** **One God in three Persons, who reigns forevermore.**

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P:** God promises that if we, His people, humble ourselves, pray, seek His face and turn from our wicked ways, He will hear our prayers, He will forgive our sin and He will heal our land. Therefore, let us confess in deep humility our unworthy thoughts, our unthinking words, and our self-centered deeds to the Lord who loves us with a steadfast and enduring love.

**C:** **Heavenly Father, we come before You today to ask for Your forgiveness and to seek Your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, “Woe to those who call evil good,” but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor’s possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, oh, God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every**

**sin and set us free. Gracious God, I have sinned against You and forfeited my right to be called Your child. I am sick at heart, for I have dared to offend You; I am ashamed that I have shown so little concern for my fellow man. I beg Your forgiveness, O gracious God. Be merciful to me, and for Jesus' sake forgive me.**

**P:** God is true to His Word. As you in humility have honestly confessed your sins, earnestly repented of them and called upon the name of the Lord, so God forgives you all your sins in the name and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C:** **Amen.**

**RESPONSE OF PRAISE "It is Well With My Soul" v. 2**

**My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought, My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul. It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**8:00 a.m. Service**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH The 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**

**10:30 a.m. Service**

**BAPTISM HYMN**....."I Am Jesus Little Lamb".....#740, v. 1,2

**BAPTISM OF VERA ROSE HUBBARD** ..... Hymnal Page 268  
Parents: Trev Hubbard & Natasha Barrett  
Sponsors: Jazzmyn Martin & Miranda Beck

**BAPTISM HYMN**....."I Am Jesus Little Lamb".....#740, v. 3

**+ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD +**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** ..... Proverbs 14:34.....Pew Bible page 538

**EPISTLE**.....1 Timothy 2:1-6 .....Pew Bible page 991

**HOLY GOSPEL**..... Matthew 22:15-22 .....Pew Bible page 827

**P:** The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

**C:** **(sung) Glory to You, O Lord.**  
*following reading:*

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **(sung) Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN**....."God of our Fathers" .....(page 11)

**SERMON**

**SONG**

**"America, the Beautiful"**

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain.  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and  
crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**

**O beautiful, for pilgrim feet, whose stern impassion'd stress,  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness.  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw, Confirm  
thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law.**

**O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more  
than self their country loved, and mercy more than life.  
America! America! May God thy gold refine. Till all  
success be nobleness, and every gain divine.**

**O beautiful for patriot dream, that sees beyond the years.  
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears.  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and  
crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**

**+ We Come To God +**

**GATHERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE LORD**

(Sign and pass the Friendship pad during the offering)

**+ FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION +**

The Fourth of July is a holiday celebrated throughout our country. We watch parades light fireworks, barbeque, picnic and decorate in red, white and blue. But let's not forget: "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for ...all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness" (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

**SONG OF RESPONSE ..... "America" ..... v. 1,4**

**My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;  
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride!  
From every mountain side, let freedom ring.**

**Our fathers' God to Thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing,  
long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light,  
protect us by thy might, great God our King.**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER.....8:00 am service**

**+ We Receive God's Blessing +**

**BENEDICTION**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever.

C: **Amen**

**CLOSING HYMN**....."God Bless our Native Land".....#965

**POSTLUDE**

**SERVING THIS MORNING**

Elders.....John Ellis, Fred Stuertz, Doug Knapp  
 Organist.....Ronda Gerken  
 Ushers 1st.....Kent Chrisman, Larry Jacobsen, Kelly Driewer, Ladd Goff  
 Ushers 2nd.....Joel Troester, Matt Staehr, Jordan Staehr, John Biel, Mark Way, Ryan Koch  
 Acolytes 1st.....Kadence Foreman, Garrett Gassman  
 Acolytes 2nd.....Kaleb Heiden, Carter Hablitzel  
 Greeters 1st .....Clarence & Carolyn Hoffman, Penny Jacobsen  
 Greeters 2nd.....Derek & Chris Fenster, Doug & Nancy Knapp  
 Reader 1st.....Beth Miller  
 Reader 2nd.....Doug Knapp  
 Technology 1st.....Tena Ehlers, Christian Deepe  
 Technology 2nd.....Lisa Hoffman, Doug Knapp

**BIBLE CLASS HOUR**  
**9:15 a.m.**

All Bible Studies.....Fellowship Hall

*Visit the Family Resource Center for materials for all ages*

Radio Ministry - KAWL Radio - 1370 AM KOOL 103.5 FM - 10:30 a.m. Service  
 Lutheran Hour - KAWL Radio - 1370 AM - 6:30 a.m. Sunday  
 Our church services online - [www.emmanuelnyork.com](http://www.emmanuelnyork.com), "Join us online", Livestream

**The radio and internet broadcast** of today's service is in loving memory of Betty Stahr.

**Birthdays this week:** Ashtyn Demuth, Brian Haug, Reva Kaiser, Nick Nienhueser, Chastity Jones, Seth Staehr, Ronda Gerken, Jasmine Beesley, Creighton Chrisman, Chris Fenster, Alan Chrisman, Claudia Foreman, David Kohtz, Ayanna Miller, Matthew Staehr, Ashley Barajas, Stan Dinkelman, Carter Hablitzel, Cindy Morris, McKenzie Shepherd.

**Anniversaries this week:** Pastor & Kelli Kaiser.

**ATTENDANCE** Sunday Worship. 302 Sunday School. . . Adult Bible Study. .45.

**Financial Stewardship**

Needed weekly.....	\$26,772.13
Received Last Week.....	\$15,077.00

# ***Parish News & Notes***

Bulletin announcements deadline - Wednesday at Noon

## **PRAYERS**

Lois Hoeft, Doris Dahlke, Daryl Watson, Diane Drew, Mary Kohtz, Howard Mapel, Marvin Haack, Jaci Landers, Lana Hoffschneider, Les Schievelbein, Craig Broers, Megan Aker, Kevin Brown, Justin Weldon, Barbara Buelt, Carol Ourada,  
Armed forces serving our Country

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have moved or changed your phone service, please notify the church office so we can update our records!

Celebrate the **500th anniversary of the Reformation** with a special Lutheran worship service and German dinner at the Walz Arena, Concordia University, Seward, October 29th at 3:30 pm. For more information visit [reformation.cune.edu](http://reformation.cune.edu).

Join us this summer for **VBS "Mighty Fortress"**, July 10-14, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon. To register at the display in the church hallway or online visit our website at the Education tab, [www.emmanuelnyork.com](http://www.emmanuelnyork.com). To volunteer as a **teacher or helper**, call Cami Bolte at 402-362-7561 or sign up in the church hallway or on the website at the volunteer tab. **VBS Need** - please save your empty paper towel and toilet paper tubes.

**TIME TO THINK ICE CREAM** - LWML Ice Cream Social will be July 27th, 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Donations of pies and cakes are appreciated.

**St. Peters Lutheran Church, Hampton, Ice Cream Social** will be July 5th, at 7:00 pm. Bring your family & friends! Freewill offering to HLS-Angel fund.

**LWML Nebraska South District** is seeking photos or other memorabilia from the past 75 years. Contact Deb Dahlke or email photos to [dd.dahlke@hotmail.com](mailto:dd.dahlke@hotmail.com).

**Orphan Grain Train Fish Feed** will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran, Hampton, on July 15th, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Freewill offering with proceeds to Orphan Grain Train, Heartland Lutheran and Hampton Lutheran School.

Call 402-362-7454 to order **York Lions Club peaches and pears**. The York Lions Club supports Emmanuel-Faith School with sight and hearing screenings each fall. Utica Lions Club is also taking orders at 402-534-4791 or 402-534-2281.

**First United Methodist Church Free Movie Mondays** begin July 10th at 2:00 pm with Pete's Dragon. Visit [www.fumcyork.com](http://www.fumcyork.com) for guidelines. Their Ice Cream Social will be July 11th, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm with freewill offering towards local mission projects.

**Prairie Fire: Building Bridges** a workshop to equip and encourage building caring relationships within your family, church and community, will be held at Concordia University, Seward, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am- 4:30 pm, at a cost of \$20.00 per person. Registration forms, breakout sessions and more information is available online at [www.ndlcms.org/prairie](http://www.ndlcms.org/prairie) fire or emailing [nicholeh@ndlcms.org](mailto:nicholeh@ndlcms.org).

**Radio and Internet Broadcasts** - To sponsor one of these services, contact the church office. The cost of the radio broadcast is \$70.00 and the internet is \$50.00 per Sunday.

**Follow Emmanuel-Faith School** on Twitter @EFYork!

**KEEP SAVING FOR EMMANUEL SCHOOL** - Boxtops for Education, ink cartridges, and old cell phones.

Contact Gaye Nelson, Joy Lessig, 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?** Thrivent will donate money in your name to Emmanuel Lutheran Church or Emmanuel Lutheran School. Call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 and at the prompt say "Thrivent Choice". If you have problems, Drew Woodburn at 402-362-3395.

**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 Jennifer Jurgensen, [tlcjennifer@charterinternt.com](mailto:tlcjennifer@charterinternt.com) or Trinity Lutheran Church, 507-289-1531.

## **THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL**

### **Today**

8:00 am Worship Service  
9:15 am Bible Class  
10:00 am Worship Service

### **Monday**

10:00 am Willow Brook Bible Study  
6:30pm Christian Nurture  
7:00 pm Stewardship, School Board

### **Tuesday Church Office closed in observance of Independence Day**

### **Wednesday**

9:00 am Chances "R" Bible Study  
noon Women's Bible Study

### **Thursday**

10:00 am Hearthstone Service  
2:30 pm Willow Brook Service

### **Friday**

6:00 am Chances "R" Men's Bible Study

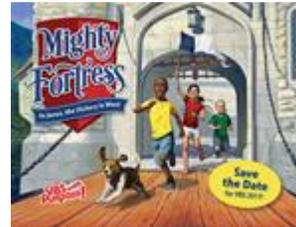
### **Saturday**

7:00 am Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

## **SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS**

### **Mighty Fortress**

**July 10 - 14, 2017**



## **The Cost of Freedom**

**On July 4, 1776, the thirteen colonies in America declared their freedom from Great Britain in the Declaration of Independence. July is a month when Americans are especially grateful for the privilege of living in this country. Much blood was shed and many lives lost. We remember and honor these brave individuals who banded together against great odds to fight for a cause in which they believed with all their hearts. We recognize that our freedom has been won at great cost, and, at this time of year, we take time to honor those who fought to liberate us.**

**Our spiritual freedom, too, was won at great cost. We were slaves to the Law which we could never fulfill, but Christ satisfied its requirements for us. He shed His blood and gave His life to pay the penalty for the sin we incurred, for the freedom we now have as we live in Him. Let us honor Him as we express our gratitude by sharing with others the message of our freedom in Christ.**

**"Now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom"  
2 Corinthians 3:17**

