

Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church

Sunday Divine Service is at 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Class begin at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Service is at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

Thursday Morning Bible Class is at 9:15 a.m. in Memorial Hall.

May God continue to reform our church to His Word and bless our May!



“And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.” Psalm 90:17

(Bible reference inscribed on our church cornerstone, circa 1916)



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Emmanuel News

TOGETHER AGAIN!

“For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his” (Romans 6:5 ESV).

Ever since this pandemic began, we have longed to be together again. This, in addition to being without a full-time pastor, has been difficult. At first, we were able to view the Divine Service only through YouTube. But being online is not the same as real, bodily presence. It’s like looking at a picture or going to a cemetery to remember a loved one—it is not the same as being present with them in the flesh.

Slowly but surely more of us are coming together again as the pandemic begins to fade. It is good to be together again. It is good to be able to come up to the altar rail to receive Holy Communion. It is good to be able to greet our Guest Pastor, Pastor Scheblein, at the end of the service. We have also received the news that we will have a full-time pastor once more among us. His name is *Rev. Paul Marks*.

And what a blessing it is to know that Jesus Himself comes among us every Lord’s Day in the flesh by His Spirit at work through His Word. He comes to give us His body to eat and His blood to drink and joins us together with angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven. We have communion with God and each other, and with those who have gone before us. The writer to the Hebrews reminds us of this when he says, *“we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses”* (Hebrews 12:1). And yet, we are guaranteed because of Easter and can look forward to it being even better than that.

We have been reminded by Pastor Scheblein and will be by our new Pastor Marks, that Jesus rose from the dead in His body. Jesus Himself highlighted that fact when He said to Thomas, *“Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here and put it into my side. Do not be unbelieving but believing”* (John 20:27). Since we are baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we, too, will experience the resurrection of our bodies at the end of all time. Our bodies will be resurrected and recreated to perfection, and they will never die. The prophet Isaiah reminds us of that when he says, *“Your dead will live; their bodies will rise”* (Isaiah 26:19). And John writes, *“[Jesus] will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away”* (Revelation 24:1). The apostle Paul puts it this way, *“Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself”* (Philippians 3:20-21).

In Christ, someday we will be together again bodily, in the flesh, with all those who have gone before us. We will be given an eternity to enjoy life as it was created and redeemed to be. As the apostle Paul reminds us, *“if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you”* (Romans 8:11). Jesus said, *“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also”* (John 14:1-2). We are brought together once more in celebration of a new Pastor and we have the joy of Easter. We are together again, together forever in the glory of God!

✠ Pastor Scheblein



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Highlights

- Quarterly Congregational Meeting on May 2, 2021.
- Sunday School Last-Day Celebration is May 23, 2021.

Thursday Morning Bible Class

Thursday Morning Bible Class will resume after Pastor Marks has been installed.

Sunday School Lessons

5/02—NO Sunday School
5/09—Jesus Teaches with Children
5/16—The Good Samaritan
5/23—Last Day Celebration

Sunday School Snack Schedule

5/02—NO Sunday School
5/09—Leftover snacks
5/15—Leftover snacks
5/23—Last-Day Celebration

Meet Our New Pastor

I was born on August 3, 1976, and baptized at St. John Lutheran Church in Meriden, Connecticut on September 5, 1976. I have been a lifelong LCMS Lutheran and am the grandson of an LCMS pastor who served in Minnesota for his entire ministry. My mother served as an LCMS teacher for a number of years and has been a church organist for over 60 years.

I graduated from Concordia College in Bronxville, NY, in 1998 with a BA in Behavioral Science, Concordia University in St. Paul, MN, in 2005 with an MA in Education and a DCE Certification; and, am currently enrolled in a EdD program in Organizational Leadership at Concordia University in Chicago. I will graduate on May 20 from Concordia Theological Seminary with an MDiv degree.

Over the past 24 years I have served in Christian Education positions in a congregation as well as the director of an LCMS camp and retreat center, worked for Thrivent Financial, completed my field work at Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco, IN and my vicarage at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Moline, IL. This past year I have remained active in ministry by serving as Assistant to the Pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco.

In 2007, I married Naomi (nee Valine) and we currently have six children and are expecting our seventh child in early November. We are committed to homeschooling our children and they are currently in 7th, 6th, 4th, 2nd and 1st grades. Our children are: Jonah (12) born August 19, 2008, Elizabeth (11) born September 7, 2009 (goes by Betsy), Timothy (10) born October 26, 2020 (goes by Tim), Karoline (8) born January 4, 2013 (goes by Kari), Margareta (6) born May 30, 2014 (goes by Greta) and Isaac (3) born August 17, 2017.

God's blessings to you and everyone at Emmanuel!

In Christ,
Pastor Elect Marks



Liturgy Parts — LCMS Worship

Meaning of Liturgy Part: *Nunc Dimittis*

Another Lutheran contribution to the church's liturgy is the use of the Nunc Dimittis as the post-communion canticle: "Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace."

At first glance it appears that we're taking the words of Simeon completely out of context. After all, what does his experience have to do with ours?

How can Holy Communion ever compare to Simeon's unique honor of holding the infant Jesus in his arms during the child's first visit to the temple at the tender age of 40 days (Luke 2:25-38)?

Of course, we would love to have been in the temple and shared in the experience with Simeon. For that matter, we would give anything to have been the first—along with the shepherds—to see the infant Jesus, or to have been with the Magi as they offered their gifts to him.

But, as Luther so insightfully taught, we don't find Christ in those places. Through the events of his incarnation, birth, crucifixion, and resurrection our Lord has accomplished our salvation.

But the benefits of his saving work—forgiveness, life, and salvation—are distributed to us through his means of grace, his Word and Sacraments. We can't go back to stand with Simeon in the temple. The good news is that we don't have to.

So when, following our reception of the Lord's Supper, we sing Simeon's ancient song of faith—"Lord, now let your servant depart in peace"—nothing could be more appropriate. Indeed, our eyes have seen his salvation. Better yet, we have tasted and seen that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8).

So, what could be better than holding the infant Jesus in our arms? How about eating and drinking his body and blood given for the forgiveness of our sins? This truly is heaven on earth, because here we have Jesus and all his benefits.

Mission of the Month—May

Our two Missions of the Month for May are:

- (1) *Lutherans for Life—equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated witnesses for Life.* Lutherans For Life strives to give a Gospel-motivated witness to the Church and society regarding legalized abortion-on-demand, assisted suicide and euthanasia, and other related issues such as chastity, post-abortion healing, and family living. They call God's people to compassionate action and foster life-affirming alternatives for those facing difficult situations. See its website for great information on these issues.
- (2) *Bethesda Lutheran Communities.* Bethesda provides people with intellectual and developmental disabilities with home, career, education and faith resources to live full and empowered lives.

We support these two missions through our gifts on the mission line of our May envelopes.



Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:13

News, Notes & Numbers

◆ **March Mission, A Place of Refuge Ministries of South Wisconsin**, raised \$715. We thank you for your gifts that supported this mission.

◆ **Concordia Seminary** thanked us for our wonderful gift of \$457.50. "Your partnership in our ministry of preparing future pastors, deaconesses, missionaries and leaders for many years of dedicated service to the church is such a blessing!"

Pastoral Preparation Meeting. The congregation will meet on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in Memorial Hall to prepare for our new pastor. At the meetings we will make plans for the move, the installation and celebration, discuss sending representatives to his ordination and finalizing parsonage improvements.

◆ **Website.** Check out our renovated and updated website at: emmanueladell.org

◆ **Facebook.** Facebook is another opportunity to get up-to-date information with what is happening at Emmanuel Lutheran.

Like us at "Emmanuel Lutheran Church-Mo Synod."

◆ **The congregation continues to be blessed** by our daily Bible reading schedule. Join us for the 31 days of May reading The Psalms, chapters 127-150, for our chapter-a-day challenge (use the inserted Bible Challenge bookmark to help you keep track).

◆ **Appreciation Dinner** for Pastor Scheblein is being planned for his last day of service with Greg's chicken and potluck sides to share. The date will be announced when it has been determined.

◆ **Didn't get to church last Sunday?** Emmanuel is offering its divine services on YouTube each week. Be sure to check it out and be enriched by God's Word. Watch for the YouTube link in your weekly email. God bless us all! If you don't get our weekly email, contact the church secretary (secretary@emmanueladell.org) with your email address to be put on the list.

A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother said.

The little girl bowed her head and said: "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

— via Charles Laine
Franklin, TN