

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.

### News, Notes & Numbers — continued

◆ The congregation continues to be blessed by our daily Bible reading schedule. Join us for the 30 days of November reading 2 Kings for our chapter-a-day challenge (use the inserted Bible Challenge bookmark to help you keep track).



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

“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

## KNOWING GOD...

Did you ever try to pick yourself by your own hair? It seems so silly even to think about it. But it much like the silly idea that you can fly up to heaven. You can't. How about trying to figure out God. You can't. Don't think that you can find God by your own spiritual powers. You can't. God must reveal Himself to you. That is the only way you will ever know Him. God must come to you as He chooses to come. There and only there can you meet, know, trust in, love and serve Him.

We Christians worship one God in trinity and trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance. The Holy Trinity is God. God is the Holy Trinity. There is no God but the Father, who has begotten the Son from eternity, and from whom the Holy Spirit eternally proceeds. There is no God but the Son, who is begotten of the Father from eternity, and from whom the Holy Spirit eternally proceeds. There is no God but the Holy Spirit, who from eternity proceeds from the Father and the Son. Yet there are not three gods: but one God.

We did not invent this God. We know that God is triune because of the clear teaching of the Holy Scriptures. We confess that God is triune in the creeds: the *Apostles'*, the *Nicene* and the *Athanasian*. We know that God is triune because God tells us He is in the words of Holy Scripture. All Christians believe in the Trinity.

Jesus sent out the disciples with the command to teach and make disciples of all nations. How? By baptizing and teaching. Baptizing and teaching go together. When God baptizes you, He lays claim to you by putting His name upon you. We don't choose God's name for Him. He is our Father. We are His children. Thus, His name comes before our name. His name is who He is. As He said to Moses, "I am who I am." Therefore, when Jesus says to His ministers that they are to baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, He is saying that God is the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. The name of God identifies God. That God would identify Himself by name and then join His name to us means that we are His children. Holy Baptism is how God makes you His child. You are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are not baptized in the name of the Creator and of the Redeemer and of the Sanctifier. You are baptized in the name that God chooses; not the name that you choose. That's because Jesus, who is God in the flesh, is the One doing the baptizing. We know this by what He says to His ministers whom He sends out.

He says: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them..." Matt. 28:18-20. Here Jesus is laying claim to all authority as He is sending out His disciples to baptize and to teach. This means that when Christ's ministers baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Christ is the one who is doing it. Ministers do what they do by His authority, and He has all authority in heaven and on earth.

You see, God baptized you. And yes, it is true that He used the hands and the voice of a pastor; but it was God who did the baptizing. Sometimes I hear people say I was baptized Lutheran, or I was baptized Catholic, or I was baptized Methodist, or I was baptized Baptist. Any Christian church that baptizes in the name of the Triune God baptizes you into Christ

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### Highlights

- Congregational Quarterly Meeting on November 1, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. in Memorial Hall.

## Thursday Morning Bible Class

We will NOT have Thursday Morning Bible Class in November.

## Sunday School Lessons

11/01—Job  
11/08—Return from Captivity/Rebuilding the Temple  
11/15—Zacharias  
11/22—Announcing a Miracle Child  
11/29—The Birth of Jesus

## Sunday School Snack Schedule

11/01—Fischer  
11/08—Michaels  
11/15—Dolezal  
11/22—Neumann  
11/29—Mumme

## Sunday Bible Class

Sunday Bible Class will meet after the Divine Service in Memorial Hall.

## Worship Attendance

Week of 9/27 ..... 51  
Week of 10/4 ..... 42  
Week of 10/11 ..... 49  
Week of 10/18 ..... 46

## Pastor's Article — continued

and not into a church. A church cannot save you; only Christ can do that. You or their false understanding about Baptism does not make you baptized into a denomination. It was not a decision you made or an act that you performed that saved you.

In your baptism you are connected to Christ's death and resurrection. Because He died you will not die eternally. Because He lives so shall you. If you do not understand your baptism, it means nothing to you. If you do understand your baptism, it means everything to you. I can't figure out God and neither can you. If you have ever read or listened to Jehovah's Witness propaganda against our Christian religion, you may have noticed how strongly they attack our belief in the Triune God. They argue that the doctrine of the Trinity is impossible to understand, whereas their god is easy to understand. Perhaps that's a reasonable argument, but it's a false one. We Christians don't claim that you must be smart to be a Christian or to know God. That God is three distinct persons and one divine essence is not a theological problem to be figured out by super-smart theologians. In fact, our faith in the Triune God is very simple. We look to Jesus on the cross dying for our sins, and there we see the Holy Trinity. There is the Father's love. There is the Son's forgiveness. There is the Spirit's power.

Three is the number of God throughout the Holy Scriptures. The word for God in the Hebrew is *ELOIM*, which is a masculine plural noun meaning three. St. Athanasius was a great defender of the trinity of God and the true deity and humanity of Christ. The creed that the church has named after him stands as one of the most beautiful confessions of the Christian faith ever written.

When God shows Himself to you as He really is so that you can worship the unity in trinity and the trinity in unity, He shows you how much He loves you. He doesn't leave it up to you to figure Him out. We can't. When He puts His name upon you in Holy Baptism, He forgives you all your sins. That forgiveness is not just a one-time pronouncement on the day you were baptized. It is a river of grace flowing through your entire life, keeping you pure and holy by washing you in the blood of Jesus every single day. In your baptism you claim the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit as your God—and He claims you, now and forever.

*Pr. Schellein*

## Liturgy Parts — LCMS Worship

The meaning of Liturgy Part: *Creed*

In the course of his earthly ministry, Jesus put this hard question to his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" He wasn't asking for the opinions of the crowds. He wanted a confession of faith.

In reality, this confession is no different than the confession of sins. In both, we acknowledge that what God has said is true. When we confess our sins, we acknowledge the truth that God speaks about us—that we are sinners. When we confess the faith of the church in the creed, our confession speaks about God—who he is and what he has done.

In every age, the same question is put to the church: who do you say that I am? As we open our mouths and begin, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty ...," we confess a profound truth that has passed over the lips of Christians in every generation.

This confession of the Triune God is the property of no single individual, but of the whole church, including the whole company of heaven. There are more than a few saints and martyrs who put their lives on the line as they defended the truths that we confess in the creeds.

Think of Athanasius, that faithful fourth-century pastor and confessor, who was exiled numerous times for his defense of the truth against the false teachers of his day. Or Luther, who stood firm against the combined might of the Roman Church and the Holy Roman Empire.

In our own day, there are faithful Christians who risk their lives—and sometimes die—to confess these truths.

In the Revelation to St. John, we find confession going on in heaven. Just listen to the snippets of the grand confession that swirls around God's throne:

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## Mission of the Month—November

Our District's Muslim Outreach sends trained ethnic missionaries to minister in partnership with congregations, bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to new Americans. Ebou Faye (*right*), who was brought up as a Muslim in West Africa but was brought to faith in Jesus Christ, works primarily with Muslim Somalis at Bethany and Mt. Calvary Lutheran Churches in Milwaukee.

Our November Mission, *People of the Book Lutheran Outreach*, brings the Gospel of faith in Christ and baptism to ethnic immigrants, and also helps to meet basic physical and social needs of immigrants and refugees. POBLO seeks to bring the gospel to people who have never heard the truth. The largest unreached people group in the world are those held captive by Islam. Any gift on the mission line of your November envelopes goes to support POBLO and the work of Ebou Faye.



Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with **thanksgiving**, present your requests to God.  
*Philippians 4:6*

## Liturgy Parts — continued

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come! (4:8b)

Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created (4:11).

Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on

## News, Notes & Numbers

♦ \$795.00 was received for the **September Mission, Anchor of Hope Pregnancy & Help Center of Sheboygan**. We thank you for your gifts that supported this mission.

♦ **Lutherans in Africa** sent an update on the things God is accomplishing through LIA. "We are getting more and more visits to our website, our donor base is growing and we have more supporting congregations. Your gifts continue to form African Lutherans to be teachers of the faith."

♦ **We will collect items for the Food Pantry** in November (*place items by the Jesus statue*). The Pantry encourages donations of *healthy* items. The following list can guide us. *Fruits*: dried fruits, fruit juices or canned fruit not sweetened with sugars; *Grains*: avoid anything that is not whole grain; *Vegetables*: avoid canned soups and vegetables with high sodium; *Protein*: canned or dried beans, canned chicken and seafood such as salmon, tuna, sardines, soups and stews with beans or meat, nuts and peanut butter; *Dairy*: shelf stable.

♦ Please mark your calendars and attend our **Congregational Quarterly Meeting** on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in Memorial Hall. A few of the items to be discussed are:

- Approval of the 2021 budget;
- Updates on the parsonage improvements;
- Update on the Call issued for a Pastor on October 26<sup>th</sup>; and
- Proposal from the Church Council to open a line of credit for borrowing to repave the parking lot and complete the parsonage basement remodel.

The parsonage will be open before the meeting to see the improvements that have been done, and what needs to be completed.

♦ **Website**. Our website has been renovated and updated. You will find our weekly bulletin and its inserts along with our monthly Newsletter. Check it out at: [emmanueladell.org](http://emmanueladell.org)

## Learning from our History



On February 7, 1960, a Special meeting to discuss school issues was held. Enrollment is at 44 and 52 is projected for next year; space and restroom facilities are inadequate. Resolved to build a new school, provided a survey is taken to insure adequate financial resources. Carried 21 to 13.

On February 28, 1960, a Special meeting was held to discuss a call received by Pr. Bolin from Zion Lutheran Church, Bunker Hill, IL. Pr. Bolin asked for a vote of confidence since he was inclined to decline the call. The vote carried.

On May 31, 1960, a Special meeting to discuss building a new school was held. Resolved that the congregation authorize an expenditure of \$55,000 to erect a new school. A ballot vote was 15 for and 14 against. A heated argument followed. The Constitution was invoked to accept the result of a slim majority vote. Resolved that completed bids be presented to the congregation for final approval. Resolved to order weekly envelopes for school building fund. Resolved to borrow \$45,000 toward construction of school.