

*In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*

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*Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 8:45 AM*

*Divine Worship each Sunday 10:00 AM*

*Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday*

## **First Sunday after the Epiphany The Baptism of Our Lord January 10, 2021**

### *VISION STATEMENT*

*"The Mission of Emmanuel Lutheran Church is to be a mission-station to equip the diverse people in our area with the love and the power of Jesus."*

**WELCOME VISITORS!** Emmanuel is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, a family of congregations who pledge themselves to believe, confess, and practice the same doctrine.

**Worship Tip!** The pew hymnal is used throughout the service. Use the bulletin insert with the day's Introit to bookmark your place as we progress through the Divine Service. All the readings on the insert will be used during the service.

As you come into the house of the Lord we suggest you use the prayers located inside the front cover of the hymnal to help you focus on worship.

You'll find prayer request cards in the fellowship pads located in your pew or on the display table in the Narthex. They can be used to pass information along to the Pastor or an Elder prior to the start of service. They can also be completed and placed in the offering plate.

Thank you for worshiping with us today. Please sign the fellowship pad in the pew and visit us again! We invite you to consider membership at Emmanuel and to then regularly share in the gifts of the Divine Service. If you are interested in joining our congregation, you may indicate this on the fellowship pad or by inquiring with the pastor.

## † Divine Service, Setting Four †

Prelude	<i>“Putnam”</i>
Welcome	
Opening Hymn <i>“O Savior of Our Fallen Race”</i>	LSB #403
Invocation + Confession of Sins + Absolution	LSB Page 203
Introit of the Day (Spoken Responsively)	<i>(Insert)</i>
Kyrie	LSB Page 204
Gloria in Excelsis	LSB Page 204
Salutation	LSB Page 205
Collect of the Day	<i>(Insert)</i>
Old Testament Reading	<i>(Insert)</i>
Gradual	<i>(Insert)</i>
Choir Anthem <i>“Christ Be My Leader”</i>	LSB #861
Epistle Reading	<i>(Insert)</i>
Lutheran Confessions Responsive Reading	<i>(Insert)</i>
Verse	<i>(Insert)</i>
Alleluia and Verse	LSB Page 205
Holy Gospel	<i>(Insert)</i>
Apostles’ Creed	LSB Page 207
Hymn of the Day <i>“To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord”</i>	LSB #406
Sermon <i>“Baptismal Boasting!”</i>	1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Responsive Hymn <i>“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”</i>	LSB #594
Prayer of the Church	
P: Lord, in Your mercy,	
<b>C: hear our prayer.</b>	
P: Lord God, heavenly Father, . . . through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.	
<b>C: Amen.</b>	
Offering	<i>“Bachofen”</i>
Lord’s Prayer	LSB Page 209
Benedicamus and Benediction	LSB Page 212
Closing Hymn <i>“To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”</i>	LSB #405
Announcements	
Postlude	<i>“Winchester New”</i>

## Today

Acolyte:  
Greeters:

Eli Knepper  
FBI Youth Group

## Next Sunday (January 17<sup>th</sup>)

Acolyte:  
Greeters:

Maddie Knepper  
Sid & Ethan Kruse

**January 17<sup>th</sup> Readings:** *Amos 9:11–15; Ephesians 5:22–33; John 2:1–11*

## THIS WEEK

Today

### **THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD / FBI YOUTH SUNDAY**

Lutheran Hour (WGBF - 1280AM) - 7:30 AM

Bell Practice - 8:10 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class - 8:45 AM

Worship Service - 10:00 AM

Worship Anew on DirectTV Channel 377 - 10:30 AM

Guild Meeting after Worship with Mites Collection

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechesis Class - 11:30 AM

Monday

Pastor in Church Office - 8:00 AM til 2:00 PM

Tuesday

Evansville Circuit Pastor's Conference - 9:00 AM

Voter's Meeting - 6:30 PM

Wednesday

Pastor in Church Office - 8:00 AM til 2:00 PM

Supper & Scripture - 5:00 PM

WOW Kids & Bible Studies - 5:30 PM

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechesis Class - 6 to 7:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM

Thursday

Pastor in Church Office - 8:00-10:00 AM

Bible Study - 10:00 AM

Pastor in Church Office - 12:00-2:00 PM

Saturday

Men's Breakfast Bible Study at St. John's, Evanston - 7:30 AM

Next Sunday

### **LIFE SUNDAY / CLEF PRESENTATION**

Lutheran Hour (WGBF - 1280AM) - 7:30 AM

Bell Practice - 8:10 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class (**CLEF Presentation**) - 8:45 AM

Worship Service - 10:00 AM

Worship Anew on DirectTV Channel 377 - 10:30 AM

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechesis Class - 11:30 AM

**IN OUR PRAYERS . . .** Our prayers this week include those who are our Shut-Ins: David & Sharon McPike, Eva Mae Powell, and Randy Sandage. A visit, phone call, or card is always welcomed.

We thank the Lord for all His blessings, especially Becky Hedinger, Olivia Knepper, Rachel Meadors, Danita Landers, Sharon Warner, Vicky Sturgeon, and Lilly Knepper who are celebrating their birthdays this week.

We remember our members who serve God and country in our Armed Forces, especially Hunter Greubel & Josh Rusert. May the Lord protect them as they serve us.

May the Lord grant healing to Debbie Christensen, Irene Cole, and Wilson Knepper according to His good and gracious will.

We pray the Lord of the Harvest to send more laborers into His Vineyard. Especially that He would bless all missionaries, seminarians, and Daniel as they prepare to answer His call to serve.

**Today in Sunday school** we studied “A Tent for God.” Moses begins the process of building a portable house (called a tabernacle) for the Lord by gathering offerings from the Israelites. God provides detailed instruction for the creation of the ark of the covenant as well as the other fixtures of the tabernacle. When the tabernacle is finally assembled, the glory of the Lord descends on the tabernacle in the form of a cloud. As long as the presence remains, the people remain in that place.

**Supper and Scripture** are meeting again each Wednesday beginning at 5:00. **WOW Kids** heard a devotion about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. We learned how God saved them even in the fiery furnace! **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Catechesis** class is from 6 to 7:30.

Next Sunday we will calibrate **Life Sunday**. This year’s theme is “**Did God say?**” Lutheran’s for Life envelopes are included in today’s bulletin.

**Thanks to everyone** that helped yesterday “de-decorating” our church inside and out. Your help is much appreciated.

**THANK-YOU:** Pastor and Lori would like to thank the members of Emmanuel for their generous Christmas gift. We are humbled by your loving care and rejoice that you pray for us daily. May our Lord Jesus Christ preserve us in His Word and in loving care for one another.

The **Confessional Lutheran Education Foundation (CLEF)** was officially established on the March 18, 1993 with the purpose of building an endowment fund to provide scholarships to Lutherans enrolled in accredited advanced academic degree programs. The CLEF has since expanded her program offerings while remaining focused on her founding principles. Since 2012, the CLEF has been distributing electronic editions of its materials and other works throughout the world via e-readers. What is an e-reader? Short for "Electronic Reader", an e-reader is an electronic device that contains the texts of books in electronic form. Why e-readers? It is simple really: One e-reader that weighs less than a pound, can contain over 1000 pounds of books! Also: Many of the books available in electronic format are in the public domain, and so, free of charge! That means for a minimum of cost, the CLEF can give to a student almost all of the books they will need to complete their education, as well as a substantial reference library. Lord willing **NEXT SUNDAY**, the Rev. John Fehrmann, executive director of CLEF, will visit our congregation to share the ongoing work we carry out through them. His presentation will be during Sunday school.

**THE MANY WONDERS OF HEAVEN:** What happens after we breathe our last this side of eternity? Will we sit on clouds strumming harps? Will we know others and will they know us? Is "Heaven" it? Join us for **Sunday morning Bible Class** beginning January 24<sup>th</sup> as we study what the Holy Scriptures teach us of "The Many Wonders of Heaven.

Your **2021 Offering Envelopes and 2020 Contribution Report** are in your mailbox. If you have any questions please ask Naomi.

We are starting on the **2020 Annual Report**. The deadline for Board and Committee reports is **February 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please drop them by the church office or e-mail to [emmanuel@psci.net](mailto:emmanuel@psci.net).

Each month in 2021, the **Sunday School kids** will learn the first verse of a hymn that will be sung during church. The last Sunday of each month will have the hymn. In January, the kids will learn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." In 2019, we did the same hymns. Sing along with your children and listen closely at the end of each month when the hymns are sung for extra little voices!

**Portals of Prayers** for January thru March are available on the Deacon's table in the Narthex. Those who request "Large Print" and "Digest Size" will find them in your mailbox.

In preparation for the winter weather and the **2021 directory**, we would like to start updating our contact information that we have on record. If any home phone numbers have been disconnected or if you have a new cell phone number, please let us know by a note, phone call, or email. We appreciate your help!

Pick up their **latest newsletter and prayer calendar** from the display table in the Narthex from our Adopted Missionary family - Rev. Timothy and Beth Heiney.

**ARE YOU KEPT HOME BY COVID-19?** Pastor is willing to visit you at home and bring you Christ's comforting Word, private absolution, and His Supper. If you'd like to receive the Lord's Supper in our sanctuary or receive private absolution during the week - please call Pastor Rusert to schedule a visit.

Let's stay connected!!! Now you can access Emmanuel's newsletter/calender the "Good News" @ [tellcitylutheran.org](mailto:tellcitylutheran.org).

The title of the **Lutheran Hour** program for next Sunday is "**Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise!**". Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer proclaims God's Word from Mark 3. The word of Jesus turns us out from ourselves and our problems to the faith, hope, and love that He brings. Listen with a friend! The Lutheran Hour is broadcast each Sunday on WGBF (1280 AM) at 7:30 AM or listen anytime at <https://www.lutheranhour.org>.

Worship for Shut-Ins TV Program is broadcast every Sunday on **DirectTV Channel 377 at 10:30 AM** and anytime at [www.worshipanew.org](http://www.worshipanew.org). Next Sunday's program title is "**Your Connection to Heaven**" based on John 1:51. The Rev. Dr. Walter A. Maier III, professor at Concordia Theological Seminary proclaims: We tend to think of heaven as far removed from this earth, as a place we will go to someday. Indeed, we are not yet in heaven, but we are right now joined to heaven. How is this so, and what does this mean for us here on earth?

## **The Baptism of Our Lord (First Sunday after the Epiphany)**

Our Lord Jesus is baptized to "fulfill all righteousness." (Mt 3:13-17) He partakes of a baptism for sinners in order that He might be our substitute and bear the judgment we deserve. In the water Jesus trades places with us. Our sin becomes His sin. His righteousness becomes our righteousness. Our glory, therefore, is in "Christ Jesus, who became for us . . . righteousness and sanctification and redemption." (1 Cor 1:26-31) Jesus is the "Elect One," the chosen of the Father to release us from the prison house of sin and death. (Is 42:1-7) Baptized into Christ, we also become the elect ones, the beloved of the Father. We cross the Jordan with Jesus (Joshua 3) through death into the Promised Land of new life with God.

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**Introit:** (Liturgical Text, Psalm 89:20,1,26-28)

Pastor: Behold the LORD, the Ruler, has come,  
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in His hand.

**Congregation: I have found My servant David;  
With My holy oil I have anointed him.**

P: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD forever;  
With my mouth will I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

**C: He shall cry to Me, 'You are My Father,  
My God, and the Rock of My salvation.'**

P: And I will make him the Firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth.

**C: My steadfast love I will keep for him forever,  
And My covenant shall stand firm for him.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, Is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Behold the LORD, the Ruler, has come,  
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in His hand.

**C: I have found My servant David;  
With My holy oil I have anointed him.**

### **Collect Of The Day**

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

+ ISAIAH 42:1-7 +

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. (2) He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; (3) a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. (4) He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. (5) Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: (6) "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, (7) to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

**Gradual:** (Psalm 72:18-19)

Bless`ed be the LORD, the God of | Israel,\*

Who alone does | wondrous things.

Bless`ed be His glorious name for-| ever;\*

may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and | Amen!

+ 1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-31 +

(26) "For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. (27) But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; (28) and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, (29) that no flesh should glory in His presence. (30) But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God; and righteousness and sanctification and redemption; (31) that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.'"

**The Lutheran Confessions Responsive Reading:** The Small Catechism (1529)

*P: As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household.*

*What is baptism?*

**C: Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.**

*P: Which is that word of God?*

**C: Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". (Matthew 28:19)**

*P: What benefits does Baptism give?*

**C: It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.**

*P: Which are these words and promises of God?*

**C: Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned". (Mark 16:16)**

**Verse:** (Psalm 143:10)

*P: Alleluia. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!*

**C: Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground! Alleluia.**

+ MATTHEW 3:13-17 +

(13) "Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. (14) And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" (15) But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. (16) When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

(17) And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.'"