



## Welcome to Emmanuel ! November 10, 2019

*It is wonderful to worship with you today!*

All are welcome regardless of your faith affiliation.

If you are a visitor worshipping with us today, we are blessed by your presence. Please sign the guest book in the Gathering Space, so we can keep in touch.

All parts of today's worship service are printed in this bulletin, including words for the songs. If you would like to sing with music, books are provided in the racks on the back of the seat in front of you. The song or page number is provided for easy look up.

This is a service of Holy Communion. All God's people are invited to the table by our Lord Jesus Christ. You will find instructions for Holy Communion later in the bulletin.

Assistive hearing devices are available in the Gathering Space.

Restrooms are located in the hall off the Gathering Space immediately to the left. Please see one of our ushers for assistance.

Children age 3 and above are invited to participate in Sunday's Kids, a program providing age-appropriate worship, education and activities. Follow the signs in the gathering space to find the classroom.

Parents with children are welcome to use the children's activity bags, located by the entrance to the Sanctuary. If needed, our nursery room is at the end of the hall off the Gathering Space.

Please silence your phones, but feel free to post pictures, videos, tweets or texts to social media. We love using technology to share the Word of God!

## Introduction to the Day

We worship on the first day of the week because our Savior was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter.

This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts reflect the reality of the resurrection.

Live it up this Lord's day.

Our God is the God of the living.

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*Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.  
(Psalm 100:4)*

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## THE SERVICE

### PRELUDE

"Let All Things Now Living"  
(Burkhardt and Hobby, arr)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are  
clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your  
Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you  
created the world, calling forth life in which you took  
delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered  
Noah and his family.

**Through the sea you led your people Israel  
from slavery into freedom. At the river  
your Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.**

By water and your Word, you claim us as daughters  
and sons, making us heirs of your promise and  
servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that  
sustains life, and above all we praise you for  
the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower  
us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives  
with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ  
our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and  
forever.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

*Dearest Jesus, at Your Word (520)*

**1 Dearest Jesus, at your word  
we have come again to hear you;  
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
and in glowing faith be near you  
as the promises here given  
draw us wholly up to heaven.**

**2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
till your Spirit breaks the night,  
filling us with light unclouded.  
All good thoughts and all good living  
come but by your gracious giving.**

**3 Radiance of God's glory bright,  
Light of light from God proceeding,  
Jesus, send your blessed light;  
help our hearing, speaking, heeding,  
that our prayers and songs may please you,  
as with grateful hearts we praise you.**

**4 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
praise to you and adoration!  
Grant us what we need the most:  
all your gospel's consolation  
while we here on earth await you,  
till in heav'n with praise we greet you.**

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

*Come All You People (819)*

**1 Come, all you people,  
come and praise the Most High;  
come, all you people,  
come and praise the Most High;  
come, all you people,  
come and praise the Most High;  
come now and worship the Lord.**

**2 Come, all you people,  
come and praise the Savior;  
come, all you people,  
come and praise the Savior;  
come, all you people,  
come and praise the Savior;  
come now and worship the Lord.**

**3 Come, all you people,  
come and praise the Spirit;  
come, all you people,  
come and praise the Spirit;  
come, all you people,  
come and praise the Spirit;  
come now and worship the Lord.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also, with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27a

A reading from Job.

“O that my words were written down!  
O that they were inscribed in a book!

O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock forever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;

and after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,

whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**



**PSALM: Psalm 17: 1-9**

*(Read responsively)*

Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;  
listen to my prayer,  
which does not come from lying lips.

**Let my vindication come forth from your  
presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down;  
you will find no impurity in me.

**I have not regarded what others do;  
at the word of your lips  
I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;  
and my feet do not slip.

**I call upon you, O God,  
for you will answer me;  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,  
O Savior of those who take refuge  
at your right hand  
from those who rise against them.

**Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
hide me under the shadow of your wings,**

from the wicked who assault me,  
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

**Amen.**

**SECOND READING:**

**2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17**

A reading from 2 Thessalonians.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here.

Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup>For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil (509)*

*Please sing once before, and once following the reading of the Gospel.*

**Lord, let my heart be good soil  
open to the seed of your Word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil  
where love can grow,  
and peace is understood.**

**When my heart is hard,  
break the stone away.  
When my heart is cold,  
warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost,  
lead me on your way.**

**Lord, let my heart  
Lord, let my heart  
Lord, let my heart be good soil.**



**Gospel**

## GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question,

“Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally, the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

Jesus said to them,

“Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## GOSPEL RESPOSE

*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil (512)*

*(words in previous column)*

*Please be seated*

## SERMON

**The Rev. John T. Heidgerd**

*At conclusion of the sermon, please stand as you are able for the Hymn of the Day*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*O Savior, Precious Savior (820)*

**1 O Savior, precious Savior,  
whom yet unseen we love;  
O name of might and favor,  
all other names above:  
we worship thee; we bless thee;  
to thee alone we sing;  
we praise thee and confess thee,  
our holy Lord and King.**

**2 O bringer of salvation,  
who wondrously hast wrought,  
thyself the revelation  
of love beyond our thought:  
we worship thee; we bless thee;  
to thee alone we sing;  
we praise thee and confess thee,  
our gracious Lord and King.**

**3 In thee all fullness dwelleth,  
all grace and pow'r divine;  
the glory that excelleth,  
O Son of God, is thine.  
We worship thee; we bless thee;  
to thee alone we sing;  
we praise thee and confess thee,  
our glorious Lord and King.**

**4 Oh, grant the consummation  
of this our song above,  
in endless adoration  
and everlasting love;  
then shall we praise and bless thee  
where perfect praises ring,  
and evermore confess thee,  
our Savior and our King!**

## THE APOSTLES CREED

Let us now profess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*At the end of each petition, the minister will say*

*"Let us pray."*

*The congregation responds:*

*"Have mercy, O God."*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also, with you.**

Let us now share a sign of God's peace with each other.

## OFFERING

*Please be seated as we gather our offerings and present them to God.*

## OFFERTORY

“Dance and Sing for the Lord Will Be With Us”  
(H. Hopson)

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING SONG

*As the Grains of Wheat (465)*

### *Refrain*

**As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you.**

**1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our  
midst, may we share the presence of your love.**

### *Refrain*

**2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come  
when all creation shares this feast with you.**

### *Refrain*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Together, let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.  
Through your goodness you have blessed us  
with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our  
possessions.**

**Use us, and what we have gathered, in  
feeding the world with your love, through the  
one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*(Spoken by pastor)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you,  
almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way  
of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (473)

*(please sing)*

**Holy, holy holy,**

**My heart, my heart adores you.**

**My heart is glad to say the words**

**You are holy, God.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent to us to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight.

He took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

*Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

*This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet. The feast is now ready.

**Thanks be to God.**

## LAMB OF GOD (195)

*(Please sing)*

**Lamb of God, you take away  
the sin of the world;**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away  
the sin of the world;**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away  
the sin of the world;**

**Grant us peace.**

**Grant us peace.**

*Please be seated.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All God's people are invited by our Lord Jesus Christ to receive Holy Communion. We receive these gifts of bread and wine, of Christ's body and blood in faith, trusting that in this meal our Lord comes to us, forgives our sins, renews us in faith and leads us into new life.*

*Emmanuel's tradition is that communion is distributed continuously. After the sacraments are consecrated, the ushers will direct those in the congregation by row to proceed down the center aisle toward the pastor or assisting minister who will distribute the bread.*

*If you prefer gluten-free bread, please signal to the pastor or assisting minister as you approach. As you walk down the aisle on the left or right side, there are tables on which there are trays holding individual cups. If you wish to receive wine, please take an empty cup with you prior to receiving the bread. If you prefer grape juice, please take a pre-filled cup as you pass.*

*After receiving the bread turn to the left or right where an assistant will pour wine into the empty cup. After you have consumed the bread and wine (or juice), please return to your seat via the side aisle, placing the empty cup in the receptacle provided on your way to your seat.*

*If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please come forward with your arms folded across your chest in the form of the St. Andrew's cross. (X)*

## SONGS DURING COMMUNION

*Now We Join in Celebration (462)*

**1 Now we join in celebration  
at our Savior's invitation,  
dressed no more in spirit somber,  
clothed instead in joy and wonder;  
for the Lord of all existence,  
putting off divine transcendence,  
stoops again in love to meet us,  
with his very life to feed us.**

**2 Lord, as round this feast we gather,  
fill our hearts with holy rapture!  
For this bread and cup of blessing  
are for us the sure possessing  
of your loving deed on Calv'ry,  
of your living self, our vict'ry,  
pledge of your unfailing presence,  
foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.**

**3 Lord, we share in this communion  
as one fam'ly of God's children,  
reconciled through you, our brother,  
one in you with God our Father.  
Give us grace to live for others,  
serving all, both friends and strangers,  
seeking justice, love, and mercy  
till you come in final glory.**



*Come, Let Us Eat (491)*

**1 Come, let us eat,  
for now the feast is spread,  
come, let us eat,  
for now the feast is spread.  
Our Lord's body let us take together,  
our Lord's body let us take together.**

**2 Come, let us drink,  
for now the wine is poured,  
come, let us drink,  
for now the wine is poured.  
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together  
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.**

**3 In Jesus' presence  
now we meet and rest,  
in Jesus' presence  
now we meet and rest.  
In the presence of our Lord we gather,  
in the presence of our Lord we gather.**

**4 Rise, then, to spread  
abroad God's mighty word,  
rise, then, to spread  
abroad God's mighty word.  
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,  
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Together, let us pray.

**O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give  
you thanks for sustaining us with the body and  
blood of your Son.**

**By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body  
in the world, that more and more we will give  
you praise and serve your earth and its many  
peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
Lord. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you  
peace.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Let All Things Now Living (881)*

**1 Let all things now living  
a song of thanksgiving  
to God the creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us,  
protected and stayed us,  
who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us,  
God's light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished  
and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.**

**2 God rules all the forces:  
the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing  
our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise  
till all things now living  
unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and thanksgiving to love and serve the  
Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

“Dearest Jesus, At Your Word (*M. Burkhardt*)



**Today – Nov. 10,**

Ministers: All God’s people gathered  
Acolytes: Dylan Drissel, Jacob Gilbert  
Assisting Minister: Julie Freed  
Altar Guild: Pat Conard, Teresa Drissel, Deb McElwee  
CD Delivery: Rich Landis  
Communion Assts: Harry Seeley, Jane Vogel  
Counters: Team 5: Melinda Ferrara & Bob Renner, Co-Captains.  
Greeters: Michelle and Cory Gilbert  
Lector: Carole Darragh  
Ushers: Team 2, John Wellington, Capt.



**Next Week – Nov. 17**

Ministers: All God’s people gathered  
Acolytes: Cole Pifer, Abram Vasey  
Assisting Minister: Brian Pifer  
Altar Guild: TBD  
CD Delivery: Brenda Nace  
Communion Assts: Cindy Crouthamel, Deb McElwee  
Counters: Team 5: Melinda Ferrara & Bob Renner, Co-Captains.  
Greeters: Gloria and Gerald Heckler  
Lector: Teresa Drissel  
Ushers: Team 3, Bill Morral, Captain

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*Attendance for Sunday, November 3, 2019 – 100*

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# Emmanuel Worships !



**Join Us For Worship!**  
**TODAY – Nov. 10 at 4 PM**  
**And Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 4 PM**  
*“United in One Body”*

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**NEW at  
Emmanuel  
First Friday  
of Each  
Month**

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**Next Meeting – December 6**

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A light supper will be available at 7 pm.  
RSVPs are requested to  
<mailto:info@kairoscommunities.org>.

New Path is a faith community where people in recovery and the people who love them can worship God, explore spiritual practices for recovery, and find company on the journey.  
*Come as you are and experience God’s grace and unconditional love.*

**First Friday evening of the month**

**7 pm – Refreshments and Fellowship**

**7:30 pm – Worship and Conversation**

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# Emmanuel Worships!



Musical Notes from  
Deacon Ethel Geist,  
Dir. of Music



## Weekly Schedule

*\*Sundays at  
11:30 AM*

*\*Wednesdays at  
7:30 PM*

*Singers may come to either or both rehearsals. A second rehearsal gives singers the option of coming for extra work, or to make up for a missed session.*



## Weekly Schedule

*Wednesdays at 6:30 PM*

*You don't need to know much  
about music, just how to count!*

## Joint Worship with our friends at Zwingli UCC



Wednesday, November 27 – 7:00 PM

At Zwingli UCC

350 Wile Ave.

Souderton

**"WE GATHER TOGETHER  
TO ASK  
THE LORD'S BLESSING"**

## Singing the Hymns of Faith "Let All Things Now Living" (ELW 881)

The lyrics to "Let All Things Now Living" were written in 1925 by Katherine Kennecot Davis, and set to the tune of "The Ash Grove", a Welsh folk song with roots dating back at least to the 17<sup>th</sup> century. The melody was written for the harp and became known to harpists outside Wales during the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Katherine Davis is more well-known for composing the famous Christmas song "The Little Drummer Boy". She was born in St. Joseph, Missouri in 1892, composing her first piece of music at the age of 15.

After high school, she went to Wellesley College, and taught there after being graduated. She then studied with Nadia Boulanger in Paris, France. From 1923 to 1930 she taught in Philadelphia at the Shady Hill School. After a nervous breakdown in 1930 she devoted her life to arranging, composing, and editing music. Her 800 choral works and other pieces were published by E.C. Schirmer of Boston.

The hymn was originally published by Schirmer as a 4-part choir anthem. She probably wrote the text under the pen name "John Cowley", one of her two pseudonyms (with "C.R.W. Robertson), women composers being rarely published at the time.

Each of the two stanzas of the hymn is in two parts. The first stanza begins with a call to give thanks to God the creator, protector, and guide. The second half recounts God's protecting care.

The second stanza begins by singing praise to God for the beautiful order of creation and then closes by calling us as part of "all things now living" to return the joy of thanksgiving in praise to God.

Davis died in 1980, leaving all the proceeds and royalties from her work to her alma mater, Wellesley College to support musical instrument instruction.

Come Celebrate  
Christmas  
at Emmanuel

Schedule of Events

<p>Friday, Dec. 13 7:00 PM</p> <p>“Deck the Halls” Come Decorate the Church for Christmas Special Christmas Treats</p>	<p>Saturday, Dec. 14 8:30 - 10 AM</p> <p>Free Community Breakfast  With Santa Claus and Christmas Carols</p>	<p>Sunday, Dec. 15 3:00 PM</p> <p>Christmas Pageant ‘To Hear the Angels Sing’  The Souderton Premiere</p>
<p>Christmas Eve Dec. 24 7:00 PM</p> <p>Family Service <i>Featuring</i> <i>“Las Posadas”</i> An interactive retelling of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem</p>	<p>Christmas Eve Dec. 24 9:00 PM</p> <p>Candlelight Service  Traditional Lessons and Christmas Carols including “Silent Night” by Candlelight</p>	<p>Christmas Day Dec. 25 10:00 AM</p> <p>Service of Holy Communion  Welcome  the Christ Child on Christmas Morn</p>

Mark Your Calendars Now !



# Emmanuel Nurtures !

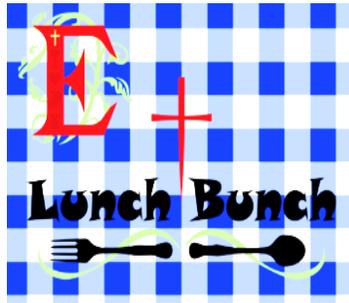


**Coming Up Soon:**

**Wed. Nov. 20th**

**@ Noon**

**Location:  
Franconia Heritage**

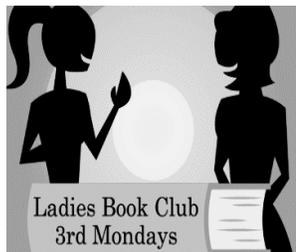


For information, and transportation needs,  
contact: Gloria Heckler 215-799-2264

**Join us for lunch, conversation and  
fellowship every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday**



**“A New Kind of Sunday School”**



### Next Meeting

November 18  
@ 7:00 PM

**November's Book:**  
“The Gown”  
by Jennifer Robson

### Last Week at Sunday's Kids...

We learned how God sent people to protect Moses from being killed by Pharaoh. God is our protector too!

*Join the ladies of Emmanuel for fun conversation  
and fellowship – and always a good read!*

For information, e-mail Mary Anne Morral  
[morral@verizon.net](mailto:morral@verizon.net)

This week: God speaks to Moses  
from a burning bush.

Next week: God sends 10 plagues to  
convince Pharaoh to release the  
Hebrews from slavery.

### Knitters and Crocheters !

*“Come and gather  
to make shawls for those  
in need of comfort.”*

**Next Meeting:  
December 1st @ 1PM**

**And every first Sunday of the month.**

*Instruction available for all who are interested.*



**Have fun!**

**Form faith!**

**Make friends!**

**Sundays at 10AM**

**Don't miss Sunday's Kids !!!**



# Emmanuel Nurtures !

**TODAY– Nov.10th**



**THRIVENT  
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*Connecting faith & finances for good.™*

**Thrivent  
Sunday at  
Emmanuel**

*“Come and hear important information from our local Thrivent Representatives.”*

9:00 AM - Adult Forum on Stewardship led by Thrivent Reps

10:00 AM – Worship and Sunday’s Kids

11:00 AM – Fellowship Time sponsored by Thrivent.

11:30 AM – Charitable Giving Workshop led by Thrivent Reps



Q: Are you a Thrivent Member?

Q: Did you know Thrivent grants up to \$500 per year per member, to churches for various projects?

That’s right. **Thrivent Action Teams** make it easy for you to bring people together to make a positive change in your community! When you see a need, apply to lead a volunteer **team**—and bam! Once your idea is approved, a **Thrivent Action Kit** is delivered to your door. It is packed with everything you need to make your project a success, even a \$250 gift card for “seed money”.

Many types of projects can qualify, but they must fit the following three categories: fundraisers, service projects, or educational events.

Members can sponsor 2 projects per year. For more information, go online to [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com) and Search for ACTION TEAMS.



Join Us for the Souderton Premiere  
At Emmanuel’s Annual Christmas  
Children’s Worship and Pageant

Sing Christmas Songs  
Hear the Christmas Story  
Sing Happy Birthday to Jesus  
Enjoy Christmas Treats



Pageant Casting Needs

Talent – Singing, Instrumental, Dance, Poetry	Adults and Children
Narrators	Middle School + High School
Main Pageant Roles	Children who are good readers and speakers
Other Speaking Roles	Children who can memorize short parts
Non-Speaking Roles	Children of any age
Stage Crew and Support	Adults and Older Teens

**Sign Ups start November 10 !**



# Emmanuel Nurtures !



## Two Great Discussion Groups Each Week !

<p><b>Sundays</b> <b>9:00 AM</b></p> <p><i>“The Gospel for Today”</i></p> <p>Led by our own Deacon Marlene Natali</p> <p><i>A great way to start Sunday morning and get more out of the day’s theme.</i></p>	<p><b>Wednesdays</b> <b>6:30 PM</b></p> <p><i>“Making Sense of The Christian Faith”</i></p> <p>Led by Fred Crouthamel</p> <p><i>A multi-media led discussion using materials from the ELCA’s Book of Faith Initiative</i></p>
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*Feel the power  
of God’s Word revealed  
through Scripture  
and conversation.*

### “Apartment Needed”

A local woman has approached Pastor John looking for an apartment. She currently lives and works in Souderton and is looking for a quiet place to make her home.

If you have an apartment to rent, or know someone who does, please let Pastor John know.



### For our Homebound Members

Doris Alderfer	John Kemmerer
William & Helen De Turk	Kitty Kramer
Norma Detweiler	Jane Niemczyk
Mary & Bill Frank	Kathryn Stover
Betty Frese	Joseph Sykes
Rita Fritz	Faye Wetzel
Louella Gehringer	Dorothy Wohlgemuth

*Current addresses for our homebound are posted in the Gathering Space*

### For Health and Healing Members of Emmanuel

Roy Becker	Keira Drissel
Werner Buschmann	Craig Kulp
Anthony Campolei	Faye Landis
Elaine Cash	Kermit Schnable
Pat Conard	Anita Sykes
Dominick DeSalvo	Robert Ziegler

### Friends of Emmanuel

Donna Clemens (friend of Janel and Barry Gibson)
Dennis Beer (friend of the Kulpes)
Jim Clark (friend of Caren and Doug Landis)
Luca Condo (friend of Ruth Miller)
Helen Freed (Craig Freed’s Mom)
Sabrina Haap (Ruth Miller’s Niece)
Donald Heller (Shirley’s Brother-in-law)
Dixie Kephart (Darlene’s Mother)
Marvin Krupp (Friend of Roy Becker)
William Lewis (Anita Vogel’s Brother)
Ed Natali (David’s Brother)
Samir Nowar (friend of Pastor John)
Alicia Ranberg (Friend of the Crouthamels)
Stewart Schrauger (Julie Freed’s Brother)
Michael Smith (friend of Cheryl Starke)
Eric Sykes (Anita & Joe’s Son)
Pam Valenti (Lou Gehringer’s Sister)
Alexander & Sylvia Wagwicz (Friends of DeSalvos)
Suzanne Willauer (Ed Cash’s Sister)
Al Winters and Family (Friend of Werner Buschmann)
Chase Ziegler (Christman’s Great-Grandson)

### While Away at School

David Henry	Samantha Plinke	Abby Steinly
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*In order to keep our Prayer List up to date, names will remain for four weeks unless otherwise notified*



# Emmanuel Nurtures !



## Thoughts on God's Word for Today

Nov. 10, 2019

Let's start by reading the Gospel lesson on page 5.

*I don't wanna be a Pharisee.*

*They are not fair-you-see.*

*I don't wanna be a Sadducee.*

*They are so sad-you-see.*

How many of you remember that little poem, or something like it from your Sunday School days? It's what is known as a mnemonic device, a catchy tool to help us remember important some facts.

With all the people Jesus encounters in the bible, it can be hard to keep track. Pharisees, Sadducees, Samaritans, Galileans and more. How do we tell them apart? How do we keep it all straight?

It's not always important, except in passages like this one where we need to understand something about Jesus' audience to decode what Jesus is saying.

When Jesus speaks to the Pharisees, it is helpful to know that they were a group of good religious people but were so picky about following the rules, that they often did harm to other people. The Pharisees were not "fair-you-see" and Jesus often let them know it with some hard talk!

The Sadducees were a different group of religious people who did not believe in life after death. That seems sad for we who believe in resurrection, so the Sadducees were "sad-you-see".

In today's text, Jesus is speaking to the Sadducees, so it's important to know that the Sadducees do not believe in life after death. Because of this, the question they ask of Jesus is not an honest one. It brings up an absurd situation designed to trick Jesus and to mock the whole idea of life after death. Jesus, of course is up to the task of responding.

The question the Sadducees ask is about marriage, and to point to the absurdity of the after-life if we have to figure out who is married to whom when death created opportunities on earth for people to have multiple marriages.

Now, I've had similar questions posed to me from people with real concerns about what happens when they die. In that case, it's important to be careful in how to respond because a person may be grieving and looking to hear comforting words.

Jesus knows that the Sadducees are not asking him honestly but to trap him. So, instead of providing a comforting answer, Jesus responds with a rebuke that sounds something like – "marriage is only important in this life. It has no meaning in heaven".

Now I know that sounds pretty harsh. Does Jesus really mean that we won't be reunited with our spouses – or even our loved ones? Well- not exactly.

The Sadducees are not in need of comforting but are in need of correcting. Jesus points out the flaw in their question, by letting them know that what is law and order on earth, is not the same in Heaven. Our new life in heaven is incomparable to life on earth.

Jesus is not saying that we don't reunite with loved ones in the afterlife. But he is saying that worrying about what happens after death is not nearly as important as taking care of life today.

For a God that has dominion over death, life is the only thing that matters. That's why Jesus says:

*"Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."*

Did you catch that? **"For to God – all are alive"**.

To God, no one is dead. We are all alive in Christ, made new by the God who creates life, and who renews life. Our God is truly a God of the living.

Jesus tells the Sadducees that they are thinking about the wrong things – their question shows how far they are from the point. Consumed by the matter of what happens after death, they are looking past the truth that God is a God of the living – a God of life.

And that's the lesson of this story to us all. That is the power of resurrection. That God raised Jesus from the dead to defeat death – so that we would not be consumed by the fear of death – but instead live generously in the land of the living, because that is where we'll find our loving God.



# Emmanuel Serves !



Sponsored by:

Emmanuel's Men in Mission

Please bring your Keystone Food Pantry Donations to Church each week and place them on or under the collection table in the gathering space.

Members of Emmanuel's "Men in Mission" will transport them to Keystone every 1 - 2 weeks.

Thank You!

Saturday, Dec. 14

8:30 - 10:00 AM



## IMMEDIATE NEEDS

(The week of November 4)

Keystone Opportunity Center

### Housing

- Mini refrigerator
- Kitchen trash cans
- Table lamp shades
- Table lamp finials
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper

### Food Pantry

- Tuna, Applesauce
- Beans (Baked, Black Garbanzo, Kidney)
- Toothpaste, Dish soap
- Laundry soap
- Toilet paper
- Hotel size toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner

Did we say it's **FREE!**

Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage  
Community and Conversation

Join us every 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Saturday!

## Thank You

to everyone who donated groceries and gift cards to make Thanksgiving food bags.

Your gift makes a difference!



# Emmanuel Reaches Out !

## **Pastor John joins Advisory Board for Salvation Army Children's Services.**



Expanding our connections to the local community as we make Christ Known through our outreach, Pastor John has recently joined the advisory board for Salvation Army Children's Services, the area's largest Foster Care placement and adoption agency.

The recently formed board consists of local business and community leaders who care about the needs of children and support the agencies efforts to recruit foster families and raise financial support.

In the coming weeks, you will be hearing more about how Emmanuel can help this agency with its vital work caring for children of our community.

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From "SEASON OF DOUBT"  
ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton  
Living Lutheran – 11/1/19



When serving as parish pastor, I would sometimes be asked if it was possible to be a faithful Christian and also doubt – to be a disciple, and also question?

Parishioners would be hesitant to ask for fear that they would face judgment. Somehow, we've gotten it into our heads that doubt has no part of faith, that questions are disloyal, and that anguish and even anger are an offense to God.

We think of the heroes of the Bible, strong and steadfast. We consider the lives of the saints and martyrs as they stood resolute in the face of death. Surely these heroes, saints and martyrs must be models of faith. Our doubts and questions reveal how short we have fallen.

When my family and I moved from Columbus to Ashtabula, Ohio, we were able to find a house that had a little bit of land, about a quarter of an acre. I could mow the lawn of our Columbus house with a weed whacker. Now I had room for a proper garden.

I had to break through the grass in the backyard to get to the good dark earth. I felt like the Norwegian pioneers from *Giants in the Earth*, and I probably had enough sod squares to start a prairie sod house.

I laid out my garden according to a plan I saw in *Martha Stewart Living*. Then I planted. Carrots were just some of the seeds I sowed, envisioning a bountiful harvest. I had pretty good luck that first year: corn, potatoes, radishes, tomatoes and carrots.

Then winter came.

Ashtabula is in the snow belt. Before Lake Erie freezes, storms can whip across the lake, pick up moisture and dump snow when they hit land. We call this lake-effect snow. Buffalo, N.Y., has been known to get 7 feet of snow in a single storm. Ashtabula isn't far behind.

Snow and cold are fine in November and December. Thanksgiving feasts, Advent anticipation and Christmas joy make weather and long nights seem cozy - "the close and holy darkness" that poet Dylan Thomas describes in *A Child's Christmas in Wales*.

The snow and cold are accepted grudgingly in January and February, but by March we are so over it. We long to see new life. We long to see green. I remember a snowplow accidentally went too far and uncovered 3 feet of lawn. We just stared at it.

When the snow began to melt, I inspected the garden, thinking about a new season and new growth. Then I noticed the green tops of carrots – some had wintered over. Through the snow, through the cold, through the long nights, life had been happening. Without my knowing it, without my doing anything about it, the carrots made it through.

Doubt can seem like winter—long, cold, barren. It can feel isolating and lonely. These are natural and true experiences. What is not true is that doubt is the absence of faith. Doubt is part of faith. We hear it in Scripture. Jesus never shies away from it. A father seeking healing for his son cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!" and Jesus healed the boy. The risen Christ appeared to his disciples and some disbelieved for still, Jesus sent them out to tell the good news.

Faith, like wintering-over carrots, still lives even in our winters. God still acts and nurtures even when we cannot. Doubt and questioning draw us into a deeper relationship with God. God can take it, and God will carry us through the winter.



# Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Sunday Schedule

Bible Study/Discussion – 9AM  
Worship and Sunday’s Kids – 10 AM  
Fellowship Time – 11 AM

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*While we are between office administrators,  
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John, please call one of the following:*

***Pastor John: 914-275-3106***

***Ashley Bromley 215-723-8981***

*\*Ashley is the administrator at St. Paul’s Telford  
and is assisting us in the transition.*

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**Here is What’s  
Happening  
@ Emmanuel**

**11/10 – 11/17**

### *Thrivent Sunday at Emmanuel*

Sun	9:00 AM	Thrivent Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Worship
	10:00 AM	Sunday’s Kids
	11:30 AM	Thrivent Workshop
	4:00 PM	Rejoicing Spirits
Mon	5:30 PM	Bushi Karate
	7:00 PM	Church Council
	8:00 PM	AA Group
Tue	5:30 PM	Bushi Karate
	7:30 PM	AA Step Group
Wed	5:30 PM	Bushi Karate
	6:30 PM	Bible Study/Discussion
	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thu	5:30 PM	Bushi Karate
Sat	9:00 AM	Bushi Karate
Sun	9:00 AM	Bible Study/Discussion
	10:00 AM	Worship
	10:00 AM	Sunday’s Kids
	11:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal