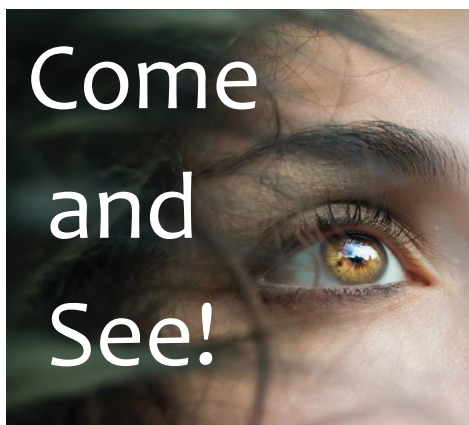




**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

Making Christ Known  
Through Worship, Nurture, Service, and Outreach



**Third Sunday After Epiphany  
January 21, 2024**

**Welcome to Emmanuel !**

***“It is wonderful to worship with you today!”***

**All are welcome** here at Emmanuel regardless of your faith affiliation.

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.

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.

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

Restrooms are located in the hall off the Gathering Space immediately to the left. Please see a member of our host families for assistance.

Parents with children are welcome to use the children’s activity bags, located by the entrance to the Worship Space. If needed, our nursery room is at the end of the hall off the Gathering Space and may be used with appropriate supervision.

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!

## **Emmanuel Worship is Online**

This worship service will be broadcast and live streamed through our Facebook page, and on our website. Even if you are not able to watch live, the services will be recorded. You can find us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/EmmanuelSouderton/>

and on our website at:

<http://www.elcsouderton.org>

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Please check the Facebook Page or Website for ongoing updates of all the great things happening at Emmanuel.

If you need to contact Pastor John, please call or text his mobile phone at 914-275-3106 or email him at [jheidgerd@gmail.com](mailto:jheidgerd@gmail.com)

## **Introduction to the Day**

All the baptized have a calling in God’s world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. God calls those who doubt and are disillusioned about life, like Nathanael.

The story of the calling of Nathanael challenges our assumptions about prejudice. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth, a small remote town.

But where we come from isn’t important; it’s where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called “the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven” (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

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***Arise, shine;  
for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord  
has risen upon you.***

***Isaiah (60:1)***

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## THE SERVICE

### PRELUDES

“Prelude in C” - J.S. Bach,  
*BWV 553 - Wayne Leupold Editions, Inc.,*

“Voluntary No.4 for Organ Solo” - Arlen Clarke  
*- St. James Music Press 2020.*

### 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.**

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 (VERSES 1-2, 4-6) *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright! (308)*

**1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!  
You shine with God's own truth and light,  
aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob's line, King David's son,  
our Lord and Savior, you have won  
our hearts to serve you only!  
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious,  
all victorious, rich in blessing!  
Rule and might o'er all possessing!**

**2 Come, precious diamond, light divine,  
and deep within our hearts now shine;  
there light a flame undying!  
In your one body let us be  
as living branches of a tree,  
your life our lives supplying.  
Now, though daily earth's deep sadness  
may perplex us and distress us,  
yet with heav'nly joy you bless us.**

**4 Almighty Father, in your Son  
you loved us, when not yet begun  
was this old earth's foundation!  
Your Son has ransomed us in love  
to live in him here and above:  
this is your great salvation.  
Alleluia! Christ the living,  
to us giving life forever,  
keeps us yours and fails us never!**

**5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,  
our voices gaily blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way--  
today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation!**

**Exultation! Tell the story!  
Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!**

**6 What joy to know, when life is past,  
the Lord we love is first and last,  
the end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
transport us to that happy place  
beyond all tears and sinning!  
Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!  
Crown of gladness! We are yearning  
for the day of your returning.**

## 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

*This Little Light of Mine (677)*

**1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful  
redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits  
you give. May we know you more clearly, love you  
more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day  
praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

A reading from 1 Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD  
under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those  
days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow  
dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his  
room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and  
Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD,  
where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called,  
“Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” and  
ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.”  
But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he  
went and lay down. The LORD called again,  
“Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said,  
“Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did  
not call, my son; lie down again.” Now Samuel did  
not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD  
had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called  
Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went  
to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.”  
Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the  
boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down;  
and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for  
your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay  
down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as  
before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said,  
“Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHOIR ANTHEM

"I Want To Walk as a Child of the Light"

Thomerson/Arr. Hayes

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## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (VERSES 1-2)

*Go Tell It on the Mountain (290)*

*Refrain*

**Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!**

**1 While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light. *Refrain***

**2 The shepherds feared and trembled  
when, lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain***

## GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## GOSPEL RESPONSE (VERSE 3)

*Go Tell It on the Mountain (ELW 290)*

### *Refrain*

Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!

3 Down in a lonely manger  
the humble Christ was born;  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn.

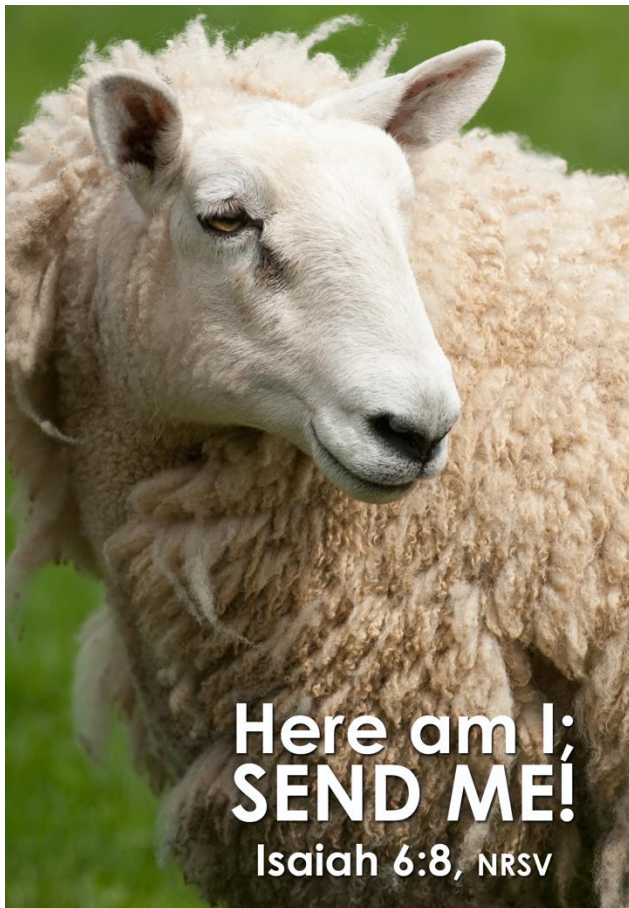
### *Refrain*

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

The Rev. John T. Heidgerd

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



## SONG OF THE DAY

*Here I Am, Lord (574)*

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?"

### *Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?"

### *Refrain*

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?"

### *Refrain*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

*"God, the light of the world"*

*The congregation responds:*

*"Show us your love."*

## 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.

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please place your offering in the plate on the table at the entrance to the gathering space. Offerings may be submitted electronically using the link on Emmanuel's website, by US Mail, or by delivery to the office during E-Meal distribution hours.*

## OFFERTORY

“Chimings of Great Joy” – Edwards

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*Emmanuel Ringers*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING SONG

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (ELW 674)*

**1 Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

*Refrain*

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**2 Christ is able to make us one,  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express. *Refrain***

**3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Emmanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain***

## OFFERING PRAYER

Together, Let us pray,

Blessed are you, Holy One,

**for all good things come from you.  
In bread and cup, you open heaven to us.  
Meet us at this table,  
that we receive what we seek  
and follow your Son, Jesus,  
in whose name we pray.**

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

By the leading of a star  
he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan  
you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water  
turned to wine he revealed your glory.

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

*O Morning Star, How Far and Bright (308-v.3)*

3 Lord, when you look on us in love,  
at once there falls from God above  
a ray of purest pleasure.

Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood  
refresh our souls with heav'nly food.

You are our dearest treasure!

Let your mercy  
warm and cheer us!

Oh, draw near us!

For you teach us

God's own love through you has reached us.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

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

Again, after supper, 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.*

## 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

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.  
Come and see.

**Thanks be to God.**

*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 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.*

*Lutherans hold to the understanding that Christ's  
Real Presence is there with the bread and the  
gathered community of saints.*

*When the ministers are standing at the front of the  
aisles, please approach, starting with the first row  
and using the middle aisle.*

*Please proceed to the Pastor or Assisting Minister  
where a communion wafer will be placed  
in your cupped hand.*

*All wine or grape juice is in individual cups, with  
signs next to each respective tray. After receiving  
the bread, please take a cup of wine or grape juice to  
drink. As you return to your seat via the side aisles,  
please deposit the used communion cup in the  
designated container.*

*If you wish to receive gluten-free bread, please  
signal to the Pastor or Asst. Minister.*

*If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you  
may receive a blessing. As you approach, please  
place your hands across your chest in the form of the  
St. Andrew's cross. (X)*

*(when all have been communed,  
please rise as you are able)*



SONGS DURING COMMUNION  
*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies (553)*

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true and only light,  
Sun of righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine,  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiance divine,  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

SONG DURING COMMUNION  
*Lord, Be Glorified (ELW 744)*

1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in my life, Lord, be glorified today.

2 In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in our song, Lord, be glorified today.

3 In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in your church, Lord, be glorified today.

4 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

5 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in my life, Lord, be glorified today.

*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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Giver of every gift,






Christ's body is our food,  
and we are Christ's body.  
Raise us to life by your power  
for the benefit of all and to your glory,  
now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

God who names you,  
Christ who claims you,  
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

Amen.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP		Host Families	Julie Freed & McCauley Family
		Leading Worship	Pastor John
		Assisting Minister	Corey Gilbert
		Music Leader	Sang Mi Chung
		Singers	Jen Casta Jane Vogel
		Tech	Evan Freed Derek Toro Paz
		Sunday's KIDS	Ann Marie Heidgerd Cheryl Starke



## SENDING SONG (VERSES 1-4)

*Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult (696)*

**1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice sounding,  
saying, "Christian, follow me"**

**2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for Jesus' sake.**

**3 Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."**

**4 In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SENDING SONG (VERSE 5)

*Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult (696)*

**5 Jesus calls us! By your mercy,  
Savior, may we hear your call,  
give our hearts to your obedience,  
serve and love you best of all.**

## Guest Preacher Next Week Welcome Regina Wenger



Regina Wenger is the Educational Curator at the Mennonite Heritage Center in Harleysville. She graduated from Hesston College, Eastern Mennonite

University, and Duke Divinity School before pastoring for several years in Archbold, Ohio. Regina is currently a PhD Candidate in History at Baylor University writing her dissertation in religious and educational history. In her spare time, she enjoys sports, music, and exploring southeast Pennsylvania. Regina lives in Souderton with her husband, Ryan Schlotterback, and two cats, Finch and Robin.

It is great to have Regina with us as we approach Pastor John's fifth anniversary and another year of "Harleysville Hank". Let's give Regina and Ryan a warm Emmanuel welcome next week.

## Epiphany 2024 Worship Series "Shine With Christ's Light"

January 21 – "Come and See"

*Shining Christ's light through invitation & hospitality*

January 28 – "Come Follow Me"

*Shining Christ's light means putting Christ first.*

February 4 – "Come Serve with Me"

*Healing the world with the light of Christ.*

February 11 – "The Transfiguration of Jesus"

*Christ shines for all the world to see*

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**Emmanuel  
Worships**

# ANNUAL MEETING

**NEXT Sunday, January 28, 2024  
11:30 AM**

**Emmanuel Fellowship Hall**

*All Emmanuel Voting Members  
are Requested to Attend*

The Agenda for the meeting includes:

- Approval of 2024 Budget
- Pastor's Report for 2023
- Election of Church Council Members
- Election of Representatives to Synod Assembly and Conference Assembly

**Annual Report is available online  
at Emmanuel's website.**

**A limited supply of printed reports  
are available in the gathering space  
for those who prefer the printed version.**

## ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS

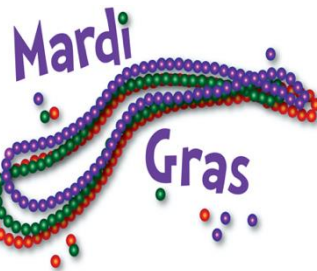
**2023 Annual Giving Statements  
will be E-Mailed to givers  
with E-Mail addresses on file  
during the week of 1/21/24.**

**Printed statements will be available for pickup  
for those without E-Mail addresses  
on Sunday, 1/28/24.**

**Printed statements not picked up will be  
mailed to givers on Monday 1/29/24.**

**Thank you for your generosity in supporting  
Emmanuel's ministries.**

**Fastnacht  
Day**



**Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

**6PM – 8PM**

**Advent Lutheran Church  
470 Landis Road - Harleysville**  
*A great event for the whole family*

*The Indian Valley Cluster of Lutheran Churches will  
gather for a Pancake and Fastnacht Dinner as we observe  
a great tradition on the night before the beginning of Lent.*

Dinner will be followed by burning palms and  
making ashes for Ash Wednesday and a time of  
worship and prayer as we enter into Lent.

**[CLICK HERE](#)**

to sign up so our hosts can prepare  
for the number of people coming.

Or go to:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0949AAAB2E  
AAFF2-47265285-fastnacht](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0949AAAB2EAAFF2-47265285-fastnacht)



**Tuesday, February 20 - 7PM**  
**Emmanuel Library**

*Restore your mind and body  
with a session of gentle Yoga led by  
Emmanuel member Jen Casta*



## Emmanuel Worships



### Daytime Ashes & Prayer

**Wed, February 14, 2024**

**10:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

**During E-Meal Distribution**

**All are welcome**

**Drive Up to receive ashes and  
join in prayer.**

### Ash Wednesday Worship Service

**Wed, February 14, 2023**

**7PM - At Emmanuel**

**Imposition of Ashes**

**Holy Communion**

**Joint worship  
with Zwingli UCC**



**Wednesday Evenings at 6PM**

**February 21, 28, March 6,13,20**

**Gather around a simple supper,  
informal worship, and discussion.**

*\*Ends around 6:45PM for those involved in choirs.*



### Palm and Passion Sunday

**March 24 - 10 AM**

**including dramatic reading  
of St. Mark's Passion**

### Maundy Thursday

**March 28 – 7PM**

**Joint Worship Service at Zwingli UCC  
Holy Communion and Hand Washing**

### Good Friday

**March 29**

**6AM-6:45 PM - Stations of the Cross –  
Walk the way of the cross in person or with  
hourly online devotions**

**7PM –Worship Service at Emmanuel  
Joint Worship with Zwingli UCC  
Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross.**





# Emmanuel Worships



Come  
And  
See

*Nathanael said to [Philip], "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." (John 1:46)*

Much has been written and much more has been discussed about the condition of the church, especially in our home country. The facts are what they are, and from the perspective of the number of people affiliating with a church community, those facts show a sharp decline. In the last 25 years, more than 40 million people have left the church. That is a huge number of people who began the 21st century as part of a church community that today are no longer connected.

It's hard to pinpoint any singular reasons for this shift, though many have tried to assess some dominant causes. While there is some resentment and hurt directed at church communities that explains some of the decline, the general trends show church community as no longer being relevant to the lives of people we have traditionally welcomed into our ranks.

Knowing that gives us a bit of a silver lining inside the storm clouds. In general, people are not hostile toward church communities, and in fact, many still have a deep sense of faith that shapes their lives in some way. Some data surveys even suggest that people would resume affiliation if they found a church to which they could feel connected. Of course, that leads us to the question, how do we show them a church that welcomes them, nurtures them, and offers a sense of connection and well-being? How do we do this when people have already judged the church as no longer relevant.

There is one overwhelming cause for hope in all the data analysis being done – and it relates to why people come to church, and what might make them return or at least give it another try. By far, the largest reason people will attend a particular church is if they are invited by a friend or relative.

In other words, asking people to “Come and See” may be the single most effective strategy to helping people establish a connection to a faith community.

In this season of Epiphany, we are treated with several “Come and See” moments as we hear stories of how Jesus came to be known in the world. The star of Bethlehem invited the wise men to come and see. The wonder of Jesus’ baptism was another “Come and See” moment for those that witnessed it. And this week, we are given one more “Come and See” story in a dialog between Nathanael and Philip, two men who would soon become one of the twelve disciples.

When Philip approaches Nathanael about his first meeting with Jesus, Nathanael asks a cynical question – one that exposed his own learned biases – “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” We might think that those who are not affiliated with the church might ask a similar question today, out of their own learned biases– “Can anything good come out of the church?” If we do face this type of question when we invite others to come to church, maybe the best response is to do as Philip did – just say “Come and See”.

Now before we get too simplistic about this approach, we need to consider what it is that Philip was asking Nathanael to “Come and See”. Philip’s invitation was to come and see – Jesus.

Certainly, I encourage you to be liberal in inviting others to church. Some studies show that only 2% of church members will invite someone to church this year – just 2%. But the most important aspect of inviting others to church is what they will see when they come. Will they see Jesus?

A church that offers a chance to come and see Jesus regularly practices the things that Jesus taught us – to love God, and to love others. We show this love by offering people boundless hospitality, extravagant generosity, overwhelming compassion, abiding concern for the poor and marginalized. We show Jesus by demonstrating that we have a love for doing what Jesus asks us to do, with unswerving commitment and with a zeal for Jesus’ mission to re-create the world around us in God’s image.

At Emmanuel, I like to think that we offer people a chance to come and see Jesus alive and at work through our various ministries. I pray that we all work together to ask people to come and see Jesus at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

+ Pastor John +



Emmanuel  
Nurtures !

# Sunday's KIDS



## "A Different Kind of Sunday School"

Last week, Sunday's KIDS  
learned that God created  
each of them as unique as a  
snowflake. Just another way  
they know that they are  
beloved children of God.

Sundays at 10 AM  
You don't want to miss

SUNDAY'S  
KIDS !



On January 5,  
Emmanuel's Youth enjoyed the  
first meeting of the new year  
by seeing the movie "Migration"  
at the Broad Theatre

Next Event,  
Friday, February 2nd  
6PM – 8:00 PM

## E-Meal Challenge and Game Night at Emmanuel

For middle and high school youth.  
Fun – Faith – Friends

Every First Friday of the month!

Mark your calendars  
for upcoming "First Friday" events:

February 2, 2024  
March 1, 2024  
April 5, 2024  
May 3, 2024





# Emmanuel Nurtures !

## Upcoming Activities At Emmanuel

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### First and Third Sundays

Starting at 9AM  
In Emmanuel's  
Parlor



**Next meeting – Jan 21 – 9AM**

**Topic: "Growing Older and Wiser"**

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### Knitters and Crocheters



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

**Next Meeting:**  
**February 4 – 1PM**  
**And every first Sunday  
of the month**

**In Emmanuel's Parlor**  
*Instruction available  
for all who are interested.*

### ***Did you Know?***

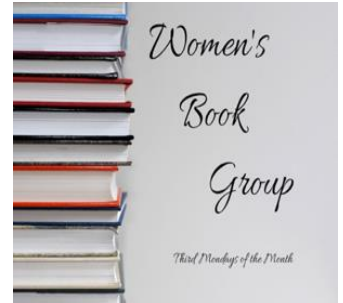
**Prayer Shawls**  
are available on a rack  
in the gathering space  
for anyone to take  
to give to someone  
who needs comfort  
from the loving arms of Christ.

*Please take the information  
attached to the shawl  
which explains  
the prayer shawl's meaning.*

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### Next Meeting

Monday  
February 19, - 7PM  
*"Faith Bass Darlings  
Last Garage Sale" by  
Lynda Rutledge*



*Join the women 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)

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## **The Lunch Bunch is Back!!!**

**We had a great group of 26 at  
January's lunch.**

**You are invited** to join friends for  
lunch and conversation.

**Where:** Franconia Café  
513 Allentown Road, Souderton  
**When:** Tuesday, Feb 13, 2024  
12:00 noon

**Contact:** Ginger Hoyt  
@ 215-272-5794  
If you plan to attend.



# Emmanuel Nurtures !



- + For our Bishop, Rev. Patricia Davenport and the synod staff. For Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the ELCA Churchwide staff. For Bishop Eaton during her leave of absence. In gratitude for those who will step forward and act in her stead.
- + For the Southeastern PA Synod as it discerns who will serve as its next Bishop. For the Holy Spirit to guide discussions, nominations and voting.
- + For the year 2024 to bring us close to God's love and to be a year of healing, peace and hope for all.
- + That many people will come and see the work of Christ through us and find hope, faith, and love within a Christian community.
- + For peace in Israel and Palestine and for patience and wisdom to prevail and humanitarian efforts to be enabled.
- + For an end to the hostilities in Yemen and for peace to come to the region.
- + For victims of mass shootings in our nation this year. For the peace of God to comfort the families in their grief and for an end to mass gun violence.
- + For God's blessings as we continue in our mission to serve our sisters and brothers in Honduras, particularly for our campaign to raise \$20,000 to support the building of a school.
- + For those experiencing homelessness that they find shelter and safety from the cold and harsh weather.
- + For an end to the war in the Ukraine and for both sides to resolve to live peacefully in the future. For help to those who lives have been torn apart.

## For Members Serving in the Military

Philip Coll – if you want to send a message, letter, or a care package to Phil, please use this address:

**1712 House Avenue, Apt 1  
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001**

## For Health and Healing Members of Emmanuel

Elaine Cash	Helen De Turk	Shirley Treichler
Alice Cole	Marilyn Detwiler	Carole Ann Vogel
Bob Cole, Jr.	John Garner	Faye Wetzel
Fred Crouthamel	Shirley Heller	Floyd Yothers
Bill Darragh	June Kulp	Ruth Yothers

## For Friends of Emmanuel

Erin Bauer (friend of Alison Laird)  
 John Becker Sr. (Kathy Becker's father-in-law)  
 Craig Benner (Vanessa Benner's father-in-law)  
 Barry Bowman (husband of E-Meal volunteer, Marge Bowman)  
 Josh Butler (friend of the Mc Elwees)  
 Jim Collins (Father of Caren Landis)  
 Luca Condo (friend of Ruth Miller)  
 Bill Curtis (E-Meal Volunteer, Linda Curtis' husband)  
 Tom Dunlap (friend of Cheryl Starke)  
 Steve Faix (friend of Caren & Doug Landis)  
 Alma Jeanette Finley (Grandmother of Meghan Meyers)  
 Sabrina Haap (Ruth Miller's Niece)  
 Eric Heckler (Grandson of Gloria & Gerry Heckler)  
 Deborah Holcombe (Pastor John's sister-in-law)  
 Mary Rose Himes (friend of Pastor John)  
 Juliet Himes (Mary Rose's daughter)  
 Tammy Houston (sister of MCIU teacher, Miss Sharon)  
 Tom Krupp (Friend of the Beckers)  
 Family of Hildegard Lamparter (Mother of Priscilla Lamparter Landis)  
 Valerie Landis (daughter-in-law of Caren and Doug Landis)  
 Zach Landis (son of Caren and Doug Landis)  
 Christopher Marley (Son of Juanita Marley)  
 Dennis Morral (nephew of Elaine Cash and Bill Morral)  
 \*\*serving in the Middle East  
 Ed Natali (David's Brother)  
 Saturnino Paz (Kiria and Jimmy's father)  
 Connie Petrie (Friend of the Harubins)  
 Wesley Quinn (Son of Toni and Neal Quinn)  
 Alicia Ranberg (Friend of the Crouthamels)  
 Steven Schrauger (Julie Freed's Brother)  
 Stewart Schrauger (Julie Freed's Brother)  
 Eleanor Steinhilber (friend of Ruth Miller)  
 Brian, Michael, Johanna Sweeney  
 (friends of Caren and Doug Landis)  
 Dorothy Tarallo (Pastor John's mother)  
 Rev. Erika Wesch (pastor at Little Zion)  
 Family of Ruth Zeiher (friend of Werner Buschmann)

*Please help us manage the prayer list by letting us know  
 when God has granted healing and wholeness  
 so we can rejoice and remove a name  
 that no longer needs to be especially recognized.*





# Emmanuel Serves !



## Emmanuel E-Meal Update

**517,000 Meals “Handed Up”  
And Counting  
Thanks Be To GOD!**

We’ve often commented that the E-Meal Ministry has some really great volunteers. They are the backbone of our ministry and little would happen without them.



One local family has been volunteering at E-Meal since the beginning, and in fact were regular volunteers at the Community

breakfast that Emmanuel hosted for many years. The Thomas family live in Souderton and when they were off from work and school on MLK day, did a family day of service at E-Meal. Five family members gathered and assembled over 500 base meal bags, giving us a great head start to our inventory for the week ahead.

In addition to this day of service, Chaya Thomas, a student at SAHS, makes her own ice cream, called the Sweet Freeze. She sells the ice cream to raise funds for local charities she is passionate about. This winter Chaya has named Emmanuel’s E-Meal Ministry as the benefitting charity. Details will be coming soon as to how to participate by enjoying a delicious treat and raising funds to help our neighbors in need.

The Thomas family have long been blessings to us at Emmanuel. If you would like your family to participate in a similar way, just reach out to Ann Marie.

## E-Meal Volunteers Are Needed!



Please take time today and sign up to volunteer. Dates are available through **June 30, 2024**. Signing up is easy. Scan the QR Code above or click the following link to sign up.

<https://rb.gy/47vkgh>

## E-Meal Donations Are Needed!

And, if you can support the E-Meal ministry financially, please click here for a link to do so easily and securely:

[Online Giving to Emmanuel](https://bit.ly/3iRyXn2)  
(bit.ly/3iRyXn2)

Or Scan the QR Code  
to the right.



## Emmanuel E-Meal Sponsorship Semi-Monthly Blessings of Hope Pick Up

I/We will sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ pickups at Blessings of Hope  
at a cost of \$350 each.  
(covers approximately 1,300 lbs. of food!)

Total Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check Enclosed

Online Donation

I am dedicating this sponsorship  
in honor of / memory of

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Emmanuel Reaches Out

5 Appointments  
Still Available –  
**CLICK HERE**  
to sign up.

The need is constant.  
The gratification is instant.  
Give blood.



**American  
Red Cross**



## Emmanuel Lutheran Church January Blood Drive

Emmanuel Fellowship Hall

69 West Broad St.  
Souderton PA 18964

*\*Park and enter at rear of church (Lumber St.)\**

**Tuesday, January 30, 2024**

**2PM – 7PM**

Sign up at: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Emmanuel>

[redcrossblood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) | 1-800-RED CROSS

A learning opportunity  
offered by Along the Way

## The Secret to Connection

JANUARY 23RD  
5:30PM-8:30PM  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED!



### We will cover:

- ✓ Explore essential forms of communication
- ✓ Learning how to create protective factors
- ✓ Building emotional and relational health muscles
- ✓ Childcare and dinner will be provided

Only Limited  
Seats Available!  
Register with the QR  
Code Below

Book Now!

*free*



SCAN ME

Location:

Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
69 W Broad St  
Souderton, PA 18964

For More Info:

[maddie@alongthewaypa.org](mailto:maddie@alongthewaypa.org)



## Harleysville Hank is Coming Back Soon

**Friday, Feb. 2, 2024**

**6:45 AM – 7:30 AM**

**Mennonite Heritage Center  
565 Yoder Road, Harleysville**  
Coffee, Cocoa, Treats and Scrapple

**Pastor John will give  
the invocation at the event.**



# Philip and Nathanael Meet Jesus





# Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Current Sunday Schedule

Adult Discussion Forum – 9AM  
(1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays)

Online and In-Person Worship – 10AM

Sunday's KIDS – 10 AM

Coffee Hour – 11:00 AM

## Contact Us:

69 W. Broad Street • Souderton, PA 18964  
Church Telephone: 215-723-7514

Email: [Emmanuel@emmanuelchurch.net](mailto:Emmanuel@emmanuelchurch.net)

Website: [www.elcsouderton.org](http://www.elcsouderton.org)

Facebook.com/EmmanuelSouderton

## Church Staff

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Mobile Phone: 914-275-3106

Email Address: [jheidgerd@gmail.com](mailto:jheidgerd@gmail.com)

Sang Mi Chung – Director of Music Ministries  
Ann Marie Heidgerd – E-Meal Coordinator  
Rev. Richard G. Miller, Jr., Pastor Emeritus  
Marlene H. Natali, Parish Deacon  
Michael Shoemaker, Facilities Manager  
Patricia Shoemaker, Parish Administrator

*Today's bulletins are sponsored  
in memory of loved ones who have passed  
by Bette and Merril Christman*

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## What's Happening @ Emmanuel

1/21/24 – 1/28/24

Sun 1/21	9:00 AM 10:00 AM  11:00 AM	<b>Third Sunday of Epiphany</b>  Adult Forum Worship Service Sunday's KIDS Coffee Hour
Mon 1/22	9 AM – 2PM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM 8:00 PM	MCIU Pre-K and Head Start E-Meal Distribution Bushu Karate AA Meeting
Tue 1/23	9 AM – 2PM 10:00 AM - Noon 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM	MCIU Pre-K and Head Start Upper Bucks Pastor's Study E-Meal Distribution Bushu Karate
Wed 1/24	9 AM – 2PM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	MCIU Pre-K and Head Start E-Meal Distribution Bushu Karate Choir Rehearsal
Thu 1/25	9 AM – 2PM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM	MCIU Pre-K and Head Start E-Meal Distribution Bushu Karate
Fri 1/26	9AM – 2PM 10:30 AM – 1PM	MCIU Pre-K and Head Start E-Meal Distribution
Sat 1/27	10:30 AM – 1 PM	E-Meal Distribution
Sun 1/28	10:00 AM  11:00 AM 11:30 AM	<b>Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</b>  Worship Service Guest Preacher: Regina Wenger Sunday's KIDS Coffee Hour Annual Congregational Meeting



Monday – Saturday 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM



## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

"Souderton's Community Church"

[www.elcsouderton.org](http://www.elcsouderton.org)

69 West Broad St. Souderton, PA 18964 215-723-7514

[emmanuel@emmanuelchurch.net](mailto:emmanuel@emmanuelchurch.net)

[facebook.com/EmmanuelSouderton/](https://facebook.com/EmmanuelSouderton/)

## E-Meal Volunteers

Please sign up  
online

<https://rb.gy/47vkgh>

Or scan  
QR code →





# You Are Invited

*Serve With Us*



*Worship With Us*



*Grow With Us*



***Come!***

Be part of Souderton's  
Community Church

**The  
E-MEAL  
Ministry**



Home  
of

***Provided With Love. For Those In Need.***



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