

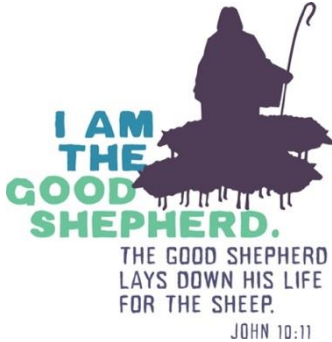


**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

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



## Welcome to Emmanuel !



### Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday

**April 21, 2024**

***“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!

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***He has been raised; he is not here***  
***(Mark 16:6)***

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## 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

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd’s willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love.



**Today, we welcome the Rev. Serena Sellers to lead us in Word and Worship. Rev. Sellers currently serves as Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Kulpsville. She is with us today as part of the Indian Valley Cluster Preacher Exchange, a program designed for congregations to become**

**familiar with other local Pastors. Pastor John is participating in the exchange by serving at Grace Lutheran in Hatfield.**

# THE SERVICE

## PRELUDES:

1. "Pastorale in D major" - W. Wolstenhom  
© 1900, W. Paxton London Co. Ltd.
2. "Voluntary No. 1" – A. Clarke  
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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia, The Lord is Risen!

**The Lord is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!**  
*(spoken three times)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.  
The ark carried your creation  
through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing  
as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.

**At the river  
your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.**

**By the baptism  
of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates  
of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.**

We rejoice with glad hearts,  
giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us (789)*

**1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
much we need your tender care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us,  
for our use your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us; we are yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us; we are yours.**

**2 We are yours; in love befriend us,  
be the guardian of our way;  
keep your flock, from sin defend us,  
seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear us children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear us children when we pray.**

**3 You have promised to receive us,  
poor and sinful though we be;  
you have mercy to relieve us,  
grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
early let us turn to you.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
early let us turn to you.**

**4 Early let us seek your favor,  
early let us do your will;  
blessed Lord and only Savior,  
with your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have loved us, love us still.**

## 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

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! (385)*

**1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our king!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;  
death's mighty stone is rolled away;  
let all the world rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**3 Praise we in songs of victory  
that love, that life, which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing today with one accord,  
the life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

A reading from Acts.

The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?"

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

This Jesus is  
'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHORAL ANTHEM

*"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"*

- J. Raney

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## SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

A reading from 1 John.

We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (172)*

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah**

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah**

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah**

**Hallelujah – Hallelujah**

*(Repeat)*

## GOSPEL: John 10:10b-18

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## GOSPEL RESPONSE

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (172)*

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah**

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah**

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah**

**Hallelujah – Hallelujah**

*(Repeat)*

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

**The Rev. Serena Sellers**

*Christ Lutheran Church, Kulpsville*

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

## SONG OF THE DAY

*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (362)*

**1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
praise to our victorious king,  
who has washed us in the tide  
flowing from his wounded side. Alleluia!**

**2 Praise we Christ, whose love divine  
gives his sacred blood for wine,  
gives his body for the feast--  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!**

**3 Where the paschal blood is poured  
death's dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!**

**4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
paschal victim, paschal bread;  
with sincerity and love  
eat we manna from above. Alleluia!**

**5 Mighty victim from the sky,  
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;  
you have conquered in the fight,  
you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!**

**6 Now no more can death appall,  
now no more the grave enthrall;  
you have opened paradise,  
and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!**

**7 Easter triumph, Easter joy,  
this alone can sin destroy!  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!**

**8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

*"Risen Lord, In Your Mercy."*

*The congregation responds:*

*"Hear our Prayer."*

## 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

*Offerings will not be collected. Please place your offering in the plate on the table at the entrance 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 (*Emmanuel Ringers*)

*"Ring in Triumph"*

- Jason W. Krug (ASCAP).
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*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING SONG

*Take My Life, That I May Be (583)*

*Refrain*

**Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**1 Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain***

**2 Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain***

## OFFERING PRAYER

Together, Let us pray

Risen One,

**you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.**

**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.**

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,  
for the glorious resurrection  
of our Savior Jesus Christ,

the true Paschal Lamb  
who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John,  
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels,  
cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ACS 1089)

**Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of might and mercy,  
your glory fills all heaven and earth.  
You are holy, God.**

**Blessed be the Savior,  
the one who comes in your name.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
You are holy, God.**

## 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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as  
Jesus taught us.

**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

The risen Christ is made known to us  
in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 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)*

## COMMUNION SONG

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is (502)*

**1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine forever.**





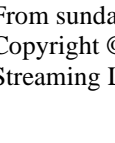

**2 Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth  
and, where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.**

**3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
thy rod and staff my comfort still;  
thy cross before to guide me.**

**5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**6 And so, through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.**

<b>ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP</b>		Host Families	Damiani Family and Julie Freed
		Leading Worship	Rev. Serena Sellers Christ/Kulpsville
		Assisting Minister	Dave Blaich
		Music Leader	Sang Mi Chung
		Singers	Merril Christman Jane Vogel
		Tech	Evan Freed Derek Toro Paz
		Sunday's KIDS	Ann Marie Heidgerd Cheryl Starke

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## COMMUNION SONG

*Have No Fear, Little Flock (764)*

**1 Have no fear, little flock;  
have no fear, little flock,  
for the Father has chosen  
to give you the kingdom;  
have no fear, little flock!**

**2 Have good cheer, little flock;  
have good cheer, little flock,  
for the Father will keep you  
in his love forever;  
have good cheer, little flock!**

**3 Praise the Lord high above;  
praise the Lord high above,  
for he stoops down to heal you,  
uplift and restore you;  
praise the Lord high above!**

**4 Thankful hearts raise to God;  
thankful hearts raise to God,  
for he stays close beside you,  
in all things works with you;  
thankful hearts raise to God!**

*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.

Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
+ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG - (VERSES 1-2)

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (836)*

**1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.**

**2 All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
call us to rejoice in thee.**

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia!

Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## SENDING SONG - (VERSE 3)

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (836)*

**3 Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine!**





# Emmanuel Worships



There  
Is Only  
Us!

*I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So, there will be one flock, one shepherd.*  
(John 10:16)

This fourth Sunday of Easter is always set apart for us as “Good Shepherd Sunday”. Each year we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd with the gospel reading from John 10. This way of thinking of the shepherd-leader goes back thousands of years into faith history back to Moses, King David, and the ancient prophecies that a shepherd-leader would come once again to lead the people. For us that prophecy takes shape in Jesus, our Good Shepherd, our Shepherd-King.

Seeing Jesus in this way reminds us that our leader will not rule by force, by coercion, by domination or by violent intimidation. Jesus’ leadership is never self-serving. It is always life-giving.

As a shepherd-leader, Jesus guides us with love and grace, with a firm hand at times, but always with our best interests in mind. As we read the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, we can be confident that Jesus is the one who leads us beside still waters and restores our souls. It is the voice of Jesus that leads us out of the valley of the shadow of death to bring us to the sources of abundant life that only Jesus knows. The sole purpose of Jesus as our Good Shepherd is summed up in his words “*I came that they may have life and have it abundantly*”.

The image of the Good Shepherd is a source of comfort and encouragement for us, but it is also so much more than that. Seeing Jesus as our Good Shepherd should also remind us of the unity in which we stand with Jesus as our shepherd-leader. This is a unity which is unbound by any human barriers or rules. Jesus desires that all belong to his flock and that all may hear his voice. We are therefore one flock with one shepherd.

These words challenge our human desire to create rules for who belongs and who does not. And this is very true for our churches and our tendency to see those inside the church as belonging (“us”) and those outside the church as not (“them”). Jesus, the Good Shepherd calls us to see the world as a much larger place than we can imagine. Because God so loved the world – the whole world – We are called to see all other people as “us”. In the church, there is no “them” – there is only “us”.

Churches have for decades focused attention on membership as the metric for success. A growing membership has been a visible indication that more and more people are joining the community of those who follow Jesus – our Good Shepherd. This is not a bad thing, but it tends to create barriers between who is “us” and who is “them”. In its worst forms, the focus on membership creates points of judgment, resentment, and stinginess. Churches then wrestle with the question of who the ministry is for and who it should serve – the “us” or the “them”.

If we listen – really listen - to the voice of Jesus, you can hear that Jesus does not call us to see the world in this way – to make judgements about “us” and “them”. Jesus’ desire is that we all be one flock with one shepherd who leads us to green pastures with the promise of abundant life ahead.

At Emmanuel, I am so encouraged that we have listened to the Good Shepherd’s voice and have offered love and generosity to so many people in our community – expanding the definition of “us” in the spirit of Jesus’ desire that we be one flock. We have done this without undue attention to adding members and increasing worship attendance. It’s not that these things are unimportant, but quantitative growth comes out of a community that values discipleship, engagement and mission and commits to follow the voice of the Good Shepherd for the long run.

The name of our church, Emmanuel, means “God With Us.” That name is a billboard to the community that we witness the God who is present with all of “us” in the world, Jesus - the Good Shepherd whose voice calls us to be one flock with one shepherd, and the Holy Spirit that sustains our work in the world to bring everyone together as one blessed “us”.

Blessed “Good Shepherd” Sunday to all, and listen to Jesus voice – the voice of abundant life for all.

+ Pastor John +



# Emmanuel Nurtures!

## Free Learning Event From Along the Way

### Why do Kids Act Out?

TUESDAY, MAY 14TH

5:30PM-8:30PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED!



#### We will cover:

- ✓ Protecting and providing safe spaces for young minds to grow and develop
- ✓ How to navigate the difficulties of outward behavior
- ✓ Identifying things your kid may need but you can't see
- ✓ Childcare and dinner will be provided

Only Limited Seats Available! Register Today!

Book Now!

free



Location:

Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
69 W Broad St  
Souderton, PA 18964

For More Info:  
maddie@alongthewaypa.org



## Community Yoga Practice

Wednesday, April 24 - 7PM  
Emmanuel Library

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

**CLICK HERE**

*for more information and to sign up*

<https://forms.gle/Rj1FwdBuHrMbFJCj8>



**Sunday  
June 2nd  
2024  
10 AM**

## 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration For Pastor Emeritus Richard Miller

- \* Special Music
- \* Pastor Miller to Preach
- \* Festive Reception

**Stay Tuned for More Information**



Emmanuel  
Nurtures !

# Sunday's KIDS



“A Different Kind of  
Sunday School”

The Lord is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

Sunday's KIDS learned the power of  
the resurrection means we can  
spread the love of Jesus  
all around the world.

Sundays at 10 AM

You don't want to miss

**SUNDAY'S KIDS !**



Next Event,  
May 3, 2024 6 PM – 8 PM

## BBQ and Game Night (weather permitting)

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

Every First Friday of the month!

Mark your calendars  
for upcoming “First Friday” events:

May 3    June 7  
July 5    August 2

## Junior ← → Youth @ Emmanuel



Emmanuel's Junior Youth  
got together during Holy Week  
to fill 200 boxes of food for E-Meal's  
Easter Family Box Distribution.  
What a great way to have fun and learn what it  
really means to love and serve in Jesus' name.



# Emmanuel Nurtures !

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## First and Third Sundays

Starting at 9AM  
In Emmanuel's Parlor



**Next meeting – May 5 – 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:  
Sunday, May 5 – 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.

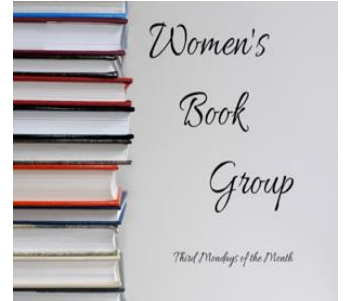
*Please take the information attached to the shawl which explains the prayer shawl's meaning.*

## Upcoming Activities At Emmanuel

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### Next Meeting

Monday  
May 20, - 7PM  
"The Address"  
by Fiona Davis



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

For information, e-mail Sharon Cassel  
[srcassel@comcast.net](mailto:srcassel@comcast.net)

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### Don't Miss Lunch Bunch!

**24 friends gathered at the April 10<sup>th</sup> event at the Energy Station.**

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

**Wednesday, May 8, 2024 – Noon**  
**Franconia Heritage**  
**508 Harleysville Pike, Telford**

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 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 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as it listens, discerns, and deliberates about renewing the church for future generations.
- + For the people of God to look to Jesus, our Good Shepherd to lead us to places of nourishment and that we listen to his voice as we are called to love and to serve.
- + For those suffering with mental illness, that they receive the help they need and a removal of the stigma attached to their suffering.
- + In Thanksgiving to God for four years of Emmanuel's E-Meal Ministry and for those who face food insecurity in our communities.
- + For an end to the hostilities throughout the Middle East and for peace to come to the region. For restraint in the face of looming escalation with Iran. For humanitarian efforts to be supported to all in need.
- + For victims of mass shootings and for an end to the plague of gun violence in our nation.
- + For families and friends of those whose lives were lost during the earthquake in Taiwan.
- + For peace to come to the nation of Haiti and for civil government to be formed that can stabilize a nation that faces so much unrest.
- + For God's blessings as we continue in our mission to serve our sisters and brothers in Honduras, particularly and for those building the school that we have helped finance.
- + 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 whose lives have been torn apart.

***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.***

### Special Prayer Request and Appeal

For Erik Heckler, grandson of Gloria and Jerry Heckler, who is in need of a kidney transplant. If you know someone who might be interested in kidney donation, please send email to [kidneydonor4erik@gmail.com](mailto:kidneydonor4erik@gmail.com) for more information.

## For Health and Healing Members of Emmanuel

Elaine Cash	Shirley Heller	Shirley Treichler
Alice Cole	Bob Kulp	Carole Ann Vogel
Bob Cole, Jr.	June Kulp	Faye Wetzel
Bill Darragh	Neal Quinn	Floyd Yothers
Helen De Turk	Bob Renner	Ruth Yothers
Mailyn Detwiler		

## For Members Serving in the Military

Philip Coll – Now stationed in Central America

## 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)  
 Catherine Busser (E-Meal client)  
 Josh Butler (friend of the McElwees)  
 Irene Casta (Jen Casta's mother-in-law)  
 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)  
 Falco Family (friends of Shawn Natali)  
 Sabrina Haap (Ruth Miller's Niece)  
 Erik Heckler (Grandson of Gloria & Gerry Heckler)  
 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)  
 Valerie Landis (daughter-in-law of Caren and Doug Landis)  
 Zach Landis (son of Caren and Doug Landis)  
 Christopher Marley (Son of Juanita Marley)  
 Kai and Sharon McKeon (friends of Anise Hemond)  
 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)  
 Don Stroman (friend of Pat and Debbie McElwee)  
 Brian, Michael, Johanna Sweeney  
 (friends of Caren and Doug Landis)  
 Dorothy Tarallo (Pastor John's mother)  
 Rev. Erika Wesch (pastor at Little Zion)



# Emmanuel Serves !



## Emmanuel E-Meal Update 570,000 Meals “Handed Up” And Counting Thanks Be To GOD!

Last Saturday was a blustery day in early April, but several Emmanuel members joined the Souderton Telford Rotary Club for a morning of service at the Garden of Health Farm in Hatfield. We helped to get the farm ready for the 2024 growing season by laying some weed cover and mulch between the rows of growing beds. Thank you to Jessmy Trochez and Kiria Paz who joined Pastor John in the effort.

By now, most of you are aware that the Garden of Health is a vital partner in providing food for our E-Meal Ministry. Last year, the farm provided tons of fresh produce for our families and we expect it will provide even more this year. The Garden of Health expects to increase the amount of acreage under cultivation this year as it works to develop the entire 8-acre plot over the next several years.

While we wait for seeds to be planted and for the warm sun and rain to bless the farm, the Garden of Health is busy in its warehousing operation, bringing many tons of food into our communities that are being shared with E-Meal and other feeding ministries in our area. This week we have gotten lettuce, mushrooms, eggplant, cucumbers and pears as well as salad dressing, canned corn and more. Say a prayer of thanksgiving for our friends at the Garden of Health!

### 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

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

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



# Emmanuel Serves !

Grace Hatfield Hosts Community VBS This Summer

FREE Recycling Event Hosted by our friends At St. Paul's Telford

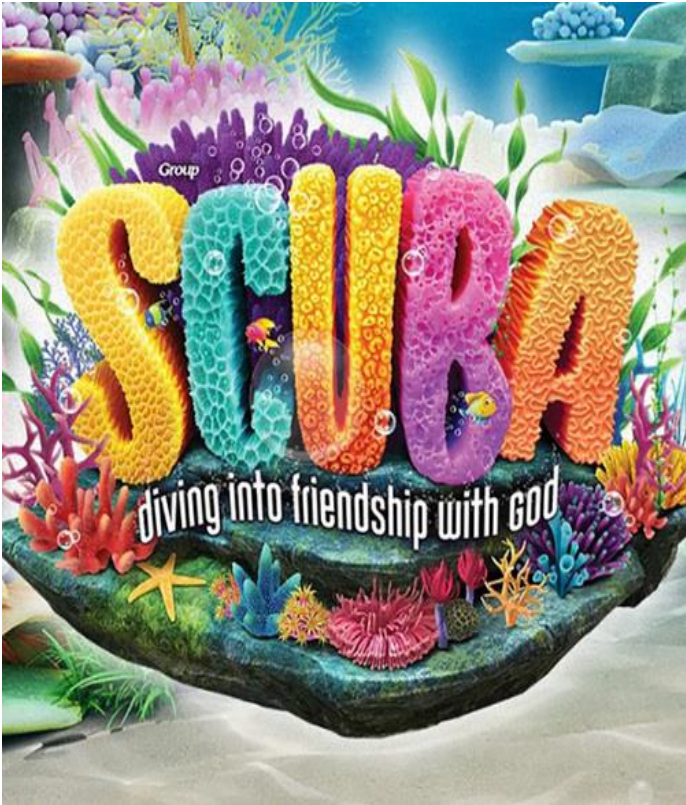
ST. PAUL'S GREEN TEAM  
 ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTRY  
**SCRAP METAL RECYCLING EVENT**  
 SATURDAY, MAY 11<sup>th</sup>  
 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon  
 PARKING LOT BEHIND ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
 107 W LINCOLN AVE, TELFORD, PA

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Drop off these items free of charge: All scrap metal including Steel, Iron, Brass, Copper, Aluminum, and products such as Lawn Mowers, Benches, Bicycles, Washers, Dryers, Water Heaters, Swing Sets, Car Batteries, Radiators, Insulated Wire, Christmas/Holiday Light Sets and much more!

We will also accept Room Air Conditioners and Dehumidifiers! No charge!

**DO NOT BRING:** Tin Cans, Paint Cans, Vacuum Cleaners, Microwaves, Refrigerators, Freezers, Hazardous Material or Electronics.



Grace VBS Summer 2024  
 July 14, 2024 – July 18, 2024  
 5:30pm (EDT) to 8:00pm (EDT)  
 40 N. Main St.  
 Hatfield, PA 19440

Take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God.

At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living





# Emmanuel Reaches Out !

Join Pastor John and Ann Marie  
As E-Meal is recognized  
As SEPA Advocate Honoree For 2024!

Dear Saints of Emmanuel Lutheran Church,

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania is pleased to share that you will be recognized on May 9 with the "Serve.Pray.Speak." award in recognition of this congregation's devotion to service and justice, following the example of Jesus. You were nominated by Bishop Davenport and will be recognized at our 45th anniversary celebration along with advocates from every synod in Pennsylvania on the evening of our annual Lutheran Day in the Capitol.

We invite you to join us in Harrisburg for a day of education, advocacy and inspiration as we gather as church together for the sake of the world God loves. [Register here for the whole day or join us for the evening celebration.](#) We hope to see you there!

Tracey DePasquale  
Director, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania



## Lutheran Day in the Capitol MAY 9, 2024

LAMPa's 45th Anniversary  
Advocacy + Celebration

Join Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa) on Thursday, May 9, for a day of learning, inspiration, advocacy, and celebration!

We're also marking ELCA World Hunger's 50th anniversary in a celebration of all the ways Lutherans show up to feed and care for our neighbors in PA and around the world!

Find out more and register  
using the QR Code  
or go to  
[www.lutheranadvocacypa.org](http://www.lutheranadvocacypa.org)



Discounts are available for students and for teams of 3 or more from a congregation. Use promo codes at checkout. Childcare will be available if there is enough interest.





**Emmanuel  
Reaches Out!**

**Our next American Red Cross  
Blood Drive  
Tuesday – April 30, 2024**



**18 Slots Remaining**  
**[CLICK HERE](#)**  
**to sign up today**

# **Blood Drive**

## **Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

**Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**2:00PM – 7:00PM**

**Emmanuel Fellowship Hall**  
*Park and Enter at Rear of Church  
off Lumber St.*

Sign up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code:

**Emmanuel**

**SCAN TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT**



Race to give: April 29-May 19 and get a coupon for free haircut  
by email, thanks to Sport Clips Haircuts!

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

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**“I am the good shepherd.”** *John 10:11*



# Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

*This week's bulletin is sponsored by Marlene and Dave Natali in memory of parents, grandparents and beloved friends.*

## 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

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Michael Shoemaker, Facilities Manager  
Patricia Shoemaker, Parish Administrator

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## What's Happening @ Emmanuel 4/21/24 – 4/28/24

Sun 4/21	9:00 AM 10:00 AM  11:00 AM	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday</b> Indian Valley Cluster Preacher Swap  Adult Forum Worship Service Rev. Serena Sellers Preaching Coffee Hour
Mon 4/22	10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	E-Meal Distribution Bush Karate AA Meeting Property Ministry Meeting
Tue 4/23	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 Bush Karate
Wed 4/24	9 AM – 2PM 10:30 AM – 1PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	MCIU Pre-K and Head Start E-Meal Distribution Emmanuel Ringers Emmanuel Choir
Thu 4/25	9 AM – 2PM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM	MCIU Pre-K and Head Start E-Meal Distribution Bush Karate
Fri 4/26	9AM – 2PM 10:30 AM – 1PM	MCIU Pre-K and Head Start E-Meal Distribution
Sat 4/27	10:30 AM – 1 PM	E-Meal Distribution
Sun 4/28	10:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>  Worship Service Coffee Hour



Monday – Saturday 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM



**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
"Souderton's Community Church"

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## 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  
-MEAL  
Ministry**



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



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