

ALL ARE WELCOME

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”

1 Cor. 12:27

A pictorial guide familiarizing participants with space, important parts of the service and key people involved in the service is available by contacting the church office.
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Welcome

Emanuel Lutheran Church....
cultivates the Love and Lessons of God
among all people, for the Growth of
Body, Mind and Spirit

Everyone is welcome to attend all
congregational activities.

Sunday Worship
8:00a.m. Contemporary
10:30a.m. Traditional

Sunday School
9:15a.m. (September - May)

Praise Service
Thursdays 7:00p.m.
(Not held during Lent)

Gentle Worship Service
4th Sunday
1:30p.m.

Senior Pastor Mark Schuring
Associate in Ministry Kevin Kehn

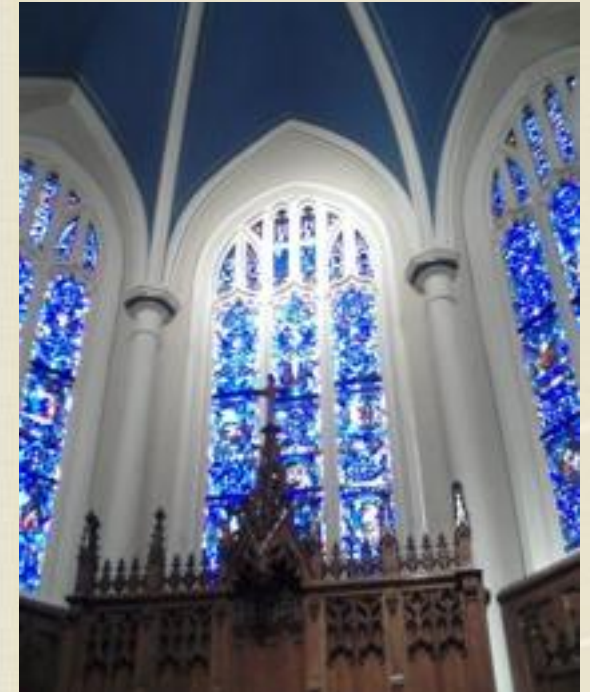
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GENTLE WORSHIP

~for extraordinary families~



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A congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

WHAT IS GENTLE WORSHIP?

This special service is so that all may worship! Gentle Worship is a worship service for families with individuals who are challenged by special needs, including down syndrome, hearing or visually impaired, autism, etc. The 30 minute service is casual, in a low-key setting and features quiet and familiar songs. Holy Communion is served. Those who will be attending are welcome to tour the church in advance.



GENTLE WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Gentle worship services, for extraordinary families, are held the 4th Sunday of the month at 1:30p.m. in the Sanctuary at Emanuel Lutheran Church.

SERVICE FORMAT

The 30-minute service will follow traditional Lutheran worship - confession and forgiveness, scripture, message, creed, prayer, communion, soft and familiar music. The offering will be designated to a special cause. The worship service is casual. Worship bulletins have words with corresponding icons indicating when to stand, sing, pray, etc.

FACILITIES & ACCOMMODATIONS

- Accessible automatic doors located at the south side church parking lot.
- Elevator to the second floor sanctuary is to the left of the stairway as you enter the church.
- Accessible restrooms are located on the first and second floors.
- Gathering space adjacent to the sanctuary is available for individuals needing to leave the service area.
- Assistive listening devices.
- Sign Language Interpreter.

Please inform the church office of specific individual needs so that we may make this a meaningful worship for all.

Anonymous:

Going to church can be a real struggle for families with autistic children. We have had several moments in church where the boys are too loud; don't behave appropriately when the children are called to the front of the church, etc. Some of it is typical kid stuff and some of it is the autism. However, I feel that the more people in church understand children with differences, the better the experience is for us all.

“Faith at Home” Work* - Some Tips for Parents

- + Say basic prayers every night with your child.
- + Listen to religious songs with your child.
- + Play a matching game with pictures of people important to your faith community.
- + Take photographs of important elements and places in your house of worship. Make flash cards out of them or a “tour.”
- + Have the child match the picture to the actual object in your house of worship.
- + Visit your house of worship with your child when no one is around.
- + Tell him/her how long the service will be.
- + Incorporate the rituals, practices and expressions of faith into your home and family life as much as possible.

+ A PRAISE Resource - Persons Recognized Accepted Included in Spirit-filled Education. Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark.