

WELCOME TO EMMAUS LUTHERAN!



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 14, 2024



GOD'S DIVINE SERVICE TO US:

The Preaching of Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins Makes Us Pure

The risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples *“that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead”* and *“that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations”* (Luke 24:46–47). Therefore, St. Peter preaches repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem.

As he proclaims that Jesus fulfilled all that *“God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets”* (Acts 3:18), he also convicts the people of their sin, because they *“delivered over and denied”* this Lord Jesus and *“killed the Author of life.”* Yet God *“glorified his servant Jesus”* and raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:13–15). St. Peter calls the people to repent, so that their *“sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord”* (Acts 3:19–20). Through this forgiveness of sins and by faith in this forgiveness, the Father shows His love for us in order that *“we should be called children of God; and so we are”* (1 John 3:1). Thus, we hope in Him and are made pure even *“as he is pure,”* because *“he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin”* (1 John 3:3, 5).



WELCOME! What a blessing to gather together to worship the One True God! The Lord will bless your worship as he brings His gifts to you through Word and Sacrament. May we all respond with prayer, praise and thanksgiving. **We invite you to prepare for worship in silence and prayer.** Remembering your Baptism, you are encouraged to make the sign of the cross when you see this symbol ✝ in the bulletin. **If you are a guest, Pastor Olsen would love to meet you and we ask that you sign our Guest Book located in the front hallway.**



WORSHIP WITH CHILDREN: Worship is a time for the entire family to be together to hear the Word of God, for faith comes by hearing (Rom. 10:17). Therefore we encourage parents and children of all ages to sit together in the service. Understanding it is difficult for little ones to sit for long periods, **Totes for Tots** activity bags are available as you enter church (*by the information table*) for children to use during the worship service. Each bag contains books and quiet toys. Please return the bags and their contents after the worship service. Thank you! A **Cry Room** is also available in the Preschool/Mrs. MacKenzie's room (east hall), where you can listen to the worship service.

DON'T UNDERSTAND THE WORSHIP SERVICE? If it is your first time, some things may seem foreign. Worship does not come naturally we have to learn it. It does not come on the first try; the first hour in a foreign country the language and customs may be foreign. The liturgy is the special activity of the baptized people of God. It has its own special language like we do in our workplaces. It has its own customs like we do in our families. Every Sunday we learn more of worship and faith. The liturgy is where God reveals Himself to us and gives us His gifts. Here we learn who He is and how to respond to Him. The words of worship come from the Scriptures and its form has been used for 2,000 years. So don't worry if it all seems strange. You learn by practicing - join us each week!

“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the House of the Lord...’” Psalm 122:1



PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

RESTROOMS are located on each side of the sanctuary. There is a baby changing table located in the girl's locker room on the west side. We also have a **Family Restroom** (handicap accessible & baby changing station) located at the southwest corner of the building, just outside the Church Office.



DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

Pg 151

Prelude

“Morning Bells II” (Philipp Nicolai; arr. Erin Mac Gorman)

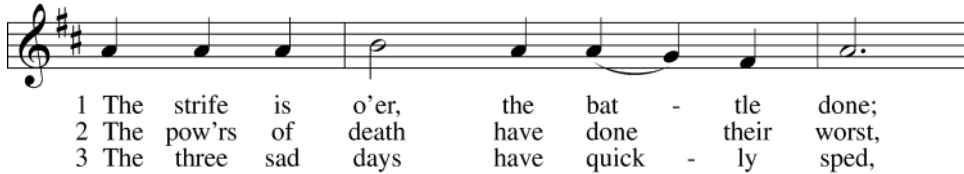
Handbells

Welcome

Divine Service
Lutherans follow an order of worship based exclusively on Scripture and focused completely on Jesus. Through the Word and Sacraments, God speaks to His people.

Opening Hymn

464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



- 4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.
Alleluia!
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free
That we may live and sing to Thee.
Alleluia! Refrain

Text and tune: Public domain

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Note the pattern of this hymn: we see first the forces of evil that tried to conquer Christ but were beaten; a positive expression that Christ has won, He opens heaven; and finally we respond with shouts of joy: Alleluia! (1 Corinthians 15:55-57; 2 Timothy 1:10; Ephesians 2:1, 4-6; Isaiah 53:5)

Invocation is from the Latin for "call upon"; the words spoken at the beginning of the service; serves as a reminder of Holy Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

C Amen.

P = Pastor

L = Liturgist/Lector

C = Congregation

S = Soloist

Confession is the act by which one admits or confesses sin(s) and the guilt of sin.

*Absolution literally means "set free." This Latin term was used as a translation of the biblical word *aphiemi*, meaning "to set free, cancel, or forgive."*

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit



S In your presence there is full- |
ness of joy;*

at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up*
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.

C O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,*
and you have | healed me.

The Introit is a collection of passages from Scripture that set the tone for the services; verses are different each Sunday. Today's Introit is from Psalm 133..

S O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;*
you restored me to life from among those who go down | to
the pit.

C Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,*
and give thanks to his | holy name.

S For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a |
lifetime.*

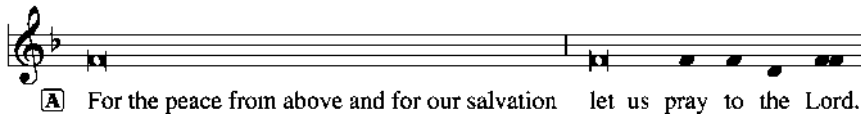
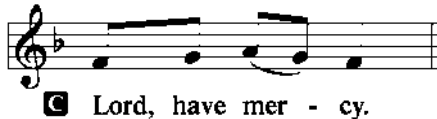
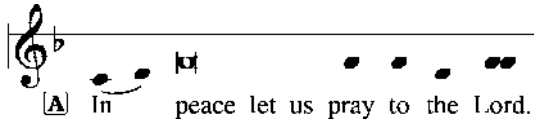
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the |
morning.

All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

S In your presence there is full- | ness of joy;*
at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



*Kyrie is Greek for
“Lord, have mercy.”
It is the first prayer
of the congregation
in the Divine
Service; it is a cry
for mercy that our
Lord and King will
hear us and help us
in our needs and
troubles.*



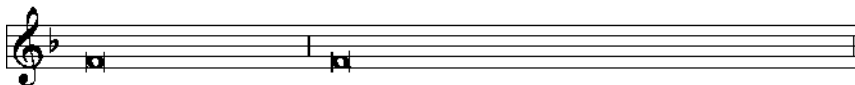
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



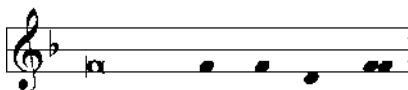
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



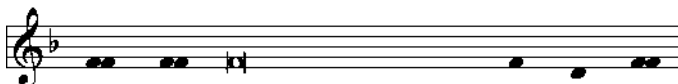
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



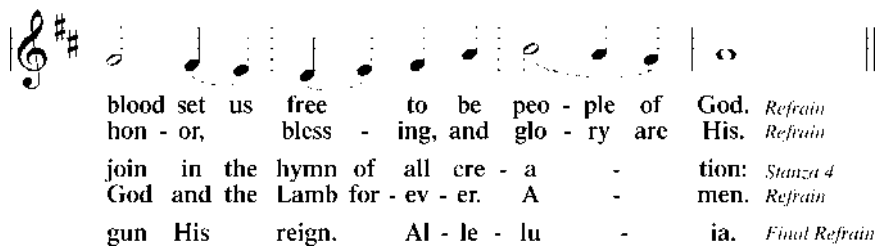
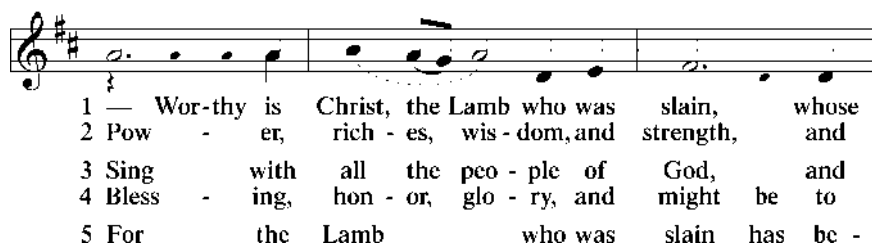
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



G A - men.

Hymn of Praise This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9



Our Hymn of Praise
is based partially on
Revelation 5.
(Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9)

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Salutation shows the special relationship between the congregation and the pastor, God's representative. It is a greeting found often in the Bible.

The Collect is the pastor's first prayer in the name of the people, as he speaks for the congregation. It "collects" the theme for the day in a concise way.

First Reading: Acts 3:11-21

¹¹While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Summary:
Peter points the crowd to Christ, highlighting their sin, calling for repentance, and sharing ultimately that God's grace in Christ forgives and restores.

Gradual

S Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,

C He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*
he has put all things un- | der his feet.



The Gradual is a response of praise between the Old Testament and Epistle readings.

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-7

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Summary:

God claims us as His own children; and as His children our desire is for Him, His Will and His Ways, and not wanting to keep on sinning.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

S Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.

Alleluia is Hebrew for "praise the Lord" and is a word of joy and gladness.

603 We Know That Christ Is Raised, v. 1



C 1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.



Em-braced by death, He broke its fear - ful hold;



And our de - spair He turned to blaz - ing joy.

The Verse is a response sung between the Epistle and Gospel readings in the Divine Service.



Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: © John B. Geyer. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001612
Tune: Public domain

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36-49

L The Holy Gospel according to St. , the chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Summary:

Once again, the resurrected, living Lord removes fear and doubt, and His message of repentance and forgiveness should be boldly proclaimed.

Hymn of the Day

483 With High Delight Let Us Unite



1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great
 2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
 3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
 all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van - quished lie;
 ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us
 His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall
 To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
 be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who
 love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
 gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
 free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

Text: © 1969 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001612
 Tune: Public domain

We continue to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior in this Easter hymn.

(Isaiah 52:9-10; 1 Corinthians 15:20-23; Mark 16:15)

Sermon

The Sermon: The preacher proclaims God's Law and Gospel for the hearers.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

The Apostle's Creed is a statement of what we believe, teach and confess. The word "creed" comes from a Latin word meaning, "I believe."

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 The holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church [1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Offering

The offering will not be collected during the worship service this morning. Please place your offering in one of the collection plates located at the back of the sanctuary. Extra offering envelopes are available on the hymnal cart. If you would like to contribute electronically, please sign up at www.emmausfortwane.org and click on "Give Online" or use Vanco Mobile, available from the App Store. Thank you for your support of the ministry at Emmaus!

The Prayer of the Church includes prayers that what has been heard may be taken to heart and that God would take care of our needs.

The Offering symbolizes the "spiritual worship" of Christian lives offered in response to God and unites the faithful in an act of fellowship.

Voluntary

"Fairest Lord Jesus" (arr. Kirsty Mitchell)

Handbells

The Voluntary is an offering of musical praise.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface



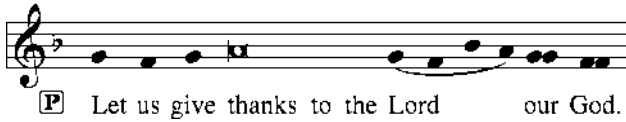
2 Timothy 4:22



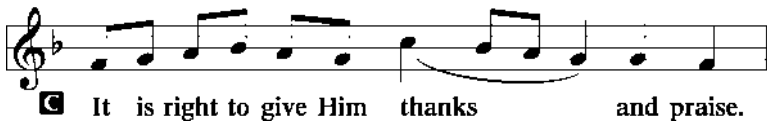
The Preface is a proclamation of praise and thanksgiving that begins the Service of the Sacrament. A dialogue between pastor and the people used since the Early Church.



[Colossians 3:1]



[Psalm 136]

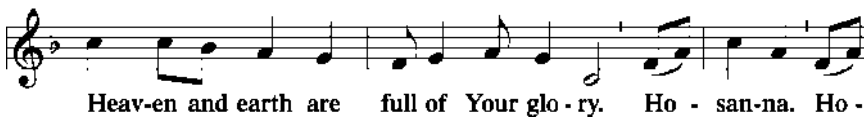


P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

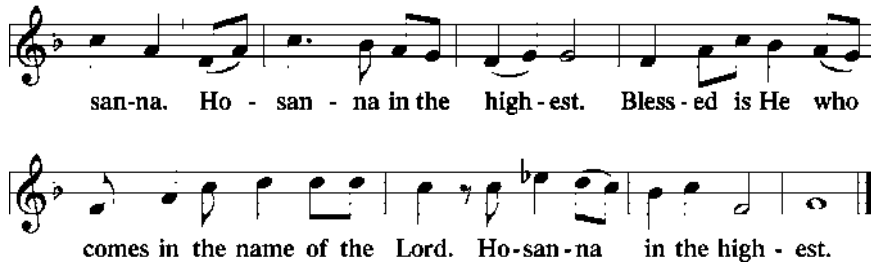
The Proper Preface is a special prayer said before the Lord's Supper that emphasizes the key themes of the feast, occasion, or season of the Church Year.

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



The Sanctus is Latin for "holy."



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Prayer of thanksgiving is offered at the altar by the pastor on behalf of the congregation. It thanks God for instituting the Sacrament for our forgiveness.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

The Lord's Prayer is the model prayer Jesus taught to the disciples (Matthew 6:9-13). Sometimes it is called the Our Father, after the first words of the prayer.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

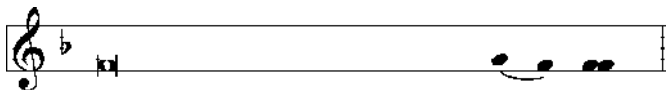
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

The words spoken by Christ when He instituted the Sacrament of the Altar; the pastor speaks these very words of Christ at the consecration of the bread and wine.

Pax Domini

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Pax Domini is Latin for "peace of the Lord." In anticipation of the blessings to be received, the pastor and people announce the peace of God to one another.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Agnus Dei is Latin for "Lamb of God"; we adore the Savior who is present in the Holy Meal.

Distribution

Our Holy Communion Practice

In Holy Communion we are joined in a personal way with Christ and with one another as we receive the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins.

Therefore, out of faithfulness toward God, and in sincere love that seeks to guard the spiritual well-being of all who would commune, Emmaus practices Closed Communion.

Holy Scripture clearly teaches that those communing together be unified in their confession of the faith, and also that those who commune unworthily do great harm to themselves. When a person partakes of the sacrament, he/she is also confessing his/her unreserved agreement with the doctrine and practice that is proclaimed from the altar and pulpit of which the Sacrament is administered. Therefore, we ask you to refrain from communing if you are not a member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. All others are still welcome to come forward, crossing your arms to receive a blessing. Please speak with the pastor about receiving instruction to learn what Scripture teaches and our church confesses. We pray fervently for the day when Christ returns and all divisions will cease.

Thank you for respecting our practice.

In the Distribution we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

Distribution Hymns

463 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text and tune: Public domain

The grave has been "boasting" of its power since Eden; but now has finally met its match. Our Champion, Jesus Christ, fought and won - He has won the victory!

(Matthew 28:5-7; 1 Corinthians 5:7-8; John 1:29; Romans 6:9)

Musical Selection

Handbells

"Adoremus Te, Christe" (Theodore Dubois; arr. K. Snyder)

466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
 4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;



Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.
 He has a - ris - en this world to save.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go;
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 And in its con - quest His might did show.
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."

Refrain



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

*We joyfully sing the
 praises of The One
 who has defeated
 death! Alleluia!*

*(Matthew 28:5-7; 1
 Corinthians 15:55-57)*

- 5 Christ has arisen; He sets us free;
 Alleluia, to Him praises be.
 Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
 He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. Refrain
 Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
 Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
 Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
 Jesus is living, alleluia!

Text: © 1977 Howard S. Olson. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001612
 Tune: Public domain

392 God Loves Me Dearly



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -
 2 I was in slav - 'ry, Sin, death, and
 3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -
 4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did
 5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.
 dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.
 deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.
 of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.
 ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.



Refrain
 There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

Text and tune: Public domain

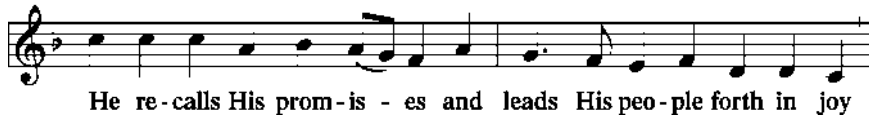
*A simple, yet Gospel-filled hymn given to us by August Dietrich Rische, a 19th century German pastor.
 (1 John 4:9-10; John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 2:4-5)*

Post-Communion Canticle Thank the Lord



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.

The Post-Communion Canticle is a hymn of thanks.



Post-Communion Collect

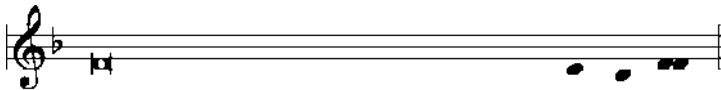
P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



The Benediction is God's blessing for the congregation given through the pastor at the very end of the service.

Closing Hymn

488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled

is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.

My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -

rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.

O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,

Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

Alleluia! Christ has risen. . . .
(1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 12-23)

Text and tune: Public domain

Announcements

Dismissal

- P** Go in peace to serve the Lord!
- G** Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture quotations are from *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version*, copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House.



Sunday School & Bible Classes



We invite you to join us as we study and learn God's Word.

Please ask for help, if you need directions to these classes:

Nursery (for Infants through 2 year olds) will be open during Sunday School/Bible Class time in the Pre-School Room (east hallway).

Preschool—Grade 1 Students will meet in Ms. O'Brien's/Kindergarten Room (front hallway).

Grades 2—5 will meet in Mrs. Dahnke's/Grade 5 Classroom (west hallway).

Grades 6-8 will meet in Mr. Dahnke's/Grade 8 Classroom (west hallway).

High School Students/Adults are invited and encouraged to gather in the gym for Bible Study with Pastor Olsen. Join us as study Scripture and learn more about God's Word.



Participating in Today's Service

Preacher: Rev. Roy C. Olsen, III

Lector: Seminarian Noah Dunsmore

Communion Assistant: Rev. Dr. Jon Bruss

Acolyte: Hunter Durlacher

Elder: Mr. James Heeren

Organist: Mr. Timothy LaCroix

Soloist: Jesse Steinbacher

Choir: Emmaus School Handbells

MISSION OF EMMAUS LUTHERAN:

Empowered by God's gift of never-ending love in Word and Sacrament and responding to the forgiveness won for us by Jesus Christ on the cross,

the mission of the family of Emmaus Lutheran is to

COURAGEOUSLY CONFESS CHRIST

through worship, life together, teaching and service.

UNITY ✝ FAMILY ✝ FAITHFUL ✝ EDUCATION ✝ CONFSSIONAL

This Week at Emmaus

Sunday, April 14

3rd Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Divine Service - Holy Communion

Light refreshments will be serviced after the worship service. Please feel free to join us!

10:20 a.m. Sunday School Devotion & Adult Bible Class

Monday, April 15

Preschool Grandparents' Day

8:20 a.m. School Chapel

Wednesday, April 17

7:00 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

Thursday, April 18

6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Friday, April 19

School Carnival
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 21

4th Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Divine Service - Holy Communion

Acolyte: Erik Olsen

Elder:

10:20 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes

Sunday School Nursery:
Zoe Dahnke, Stacey Durlacher




COURAGEOUSLY CONFESSING CHRIST

8626 Covington Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

Phone: 260-459-7722 FAX: 260-459-7766

Church: www.emmausfortwayne.org

School: www.emmauslutheranfw.org

Check out our YouTube Channel:  **YouTube**
Emmaus Lutheran Fort Wayne

The Ministry of Emmaus is eager to serve you!

Rev. Roy C. Olsen, III, *Pastor*
Home: 260-267-5180
revolsen@emmausfortwayne.org

Darlene Heeren, *Church Secretary*

Timothy LaCroix, *Music Director*

Karen Detwiler, *Family Care Coordinator*

A member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.



EMMAUS MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP FOCUS



APRIL: STEWARDSHIP OF THE EARTH PART II

Stewardship Goal:

Courageously Confess Christ through the vocational aspects of Whole Life Stewardship now and into the next generations.

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."
(Gen 1:27-28 ESV)*

Family Stewardship Discussion

Read the Bible verse above aloud first.

1. Continuing this week in our discussion of the Stewardship of the Earth, we see that God created man, male and female, in His own image, special unique unlike any other creature. Then He instructed them to subdue the earth and have dominion over it. Look up the words “subdue” and “dominion.” What do they mean? Now remembering that sin had not come into the world yet, and that God had entrusted man and woman to care for the earth as managers of God’s creation, how is “subdue” and “dominion” a good thing? However, because of sin, how can they be evil and dangerous things?
2. I have often heard it said, “Christians only care about going to heaven. They don’t care about the earth.” How might there be truth to this? If there is truth to this, should we repent before God? Considering our study last week and in light of Genesis 1, should we be concerned with the earth or are we free to do with it whatever we want? If God created all as He did, Ps.95:5, and He has put us in charge, being a steward, Gen. 1:28, then what can we do as good and faithful Stewards of the Earth?

Weekly Word & Prayer
We encourage you to take this insert home with you and use it as part of your family or
April 14, 2024

“LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR”

Easter III – With St. Peter and the Pentecost Apostles, we confess Jesus Christ alone as “Author of life” (Acts 3:15). This means no one else has right or responsibility to decide what kind of life a neighbor may have or when any human life ought to end. Rather, we rejoice to repeat the message of repentance and forgiveness (Luke 24:47) for every sinner and every sin – abortion and assisted suicide included.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year are designed to help pastors and congregations see the church year through the lens of the sanctity of human life. *Life Thoughts* are based on the appointed readings from *Lutheran Service Book*. www.lutheransforlife.org

Remember in Prayer this Week

FCG Hospitalized/Sick/Recuperating

Ruth LLV Inverness Lakes: **Beverly Baals**

Luke Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis: **Layla Stockinger**, received bone marrow transplant on January 9th

Moses Ashton Creek: **Doris Snyder**, for rehab after having hip surgery and invertiplasty procedure

Deborah Ashton Creek: **Carol Rose**, for rehab

Matthew **Sue Behny**, recovering from pneumonia

Ruth **Marti Evans**, as she continues to experience health issues

Moses **Pamela Richter**, experiencing health issues

Adam Connelly, friend of Karen Detwiler, continued trouble with cancer

Faith Ells, (26 years old), friend of Barbara Cox, undergoing cancer treatment

Mercury, grandson of Steve & Bev Lee, pray for courage and strength

Crystal Wilson, friend of Amanda Heeren, undergoing treatment for a brain

Mark Peggy Calloway, Colbert Family, Durlacher Family, Wini Fritz, Marian Hamilton,
FCG Peters Family, Bonnie Robbins, Jim Rose Family, David & Amy Rosenkoetter.

Wedding

Brad Bultemeier & Anna Arnold who were married yesterday

Pray for

For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed;

Serving in the Armed Forces: **James Rockrohr**, brother of Theodore Rockrohr, serving in the U.S. Marines; **Paul Rockrohr**, brother of Theodore Rockrohr, serving as Chaplain in the U.S. Navy; and **Travis McGehee**, who has

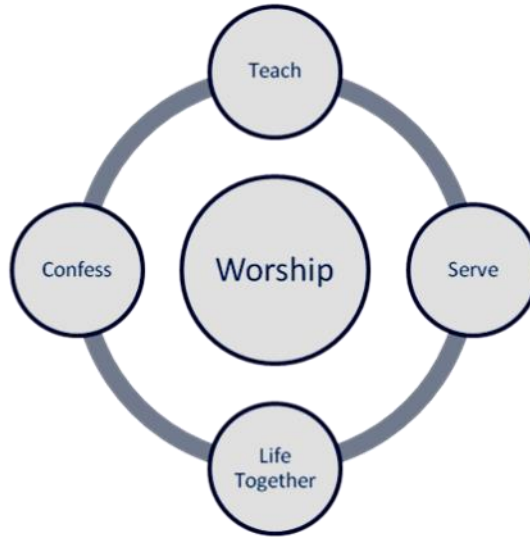
Please Note: As prayer requests come in we will keep them on the prayer list for one month, unless specifically requested otherwise.



EMMAUS NEWS & NOTES

For the week of April 14, 2024

DONE IN LOVE



SERVING THE LORD

THANKS! - Thank you to all those involved with changing the decorations around our building. It's wonderful to see the different displays for the changing times of the church year and the seasons. It's always beautiful!

THANK YOU OUTREACH TEAM! We would like to thank the Outreach Team for taking the time to decorate the bulletin boards for us and for all to see the wonderful news of the Gospel as they come into the building each day.

THANK YOU - God has richly blessed us with many gifts in our congregation! Among the most blessed is one another. Thank you for working together, side by side as the Body of Christ, to serve the Lord and our neighbor.

NURTURING THE FAITH

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Our Sunday School Classes will not meet this morning. Join us next Sunday for Devotion for parents and their children.

Adult Bible Class will meet this morning. resume next Sunday, April 7th.

Sunday School Classes will resume on Sunday, April 14th.

DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS

Higher Things Reflections - Easter Sunday—the Seventh Week of Easter (3/31 to 5/18/2024) booklets are available as you leave from the table in the front hallway. Please feel free to pick up a copy and take one for a friend. Daily Reflections are provided by Higher Things. www.higherthings.org.

Portals of Prayer - We have the devotion booklets for April to June 2024. Please feel free to pick one up from the table in the front hall.

Worship Attendance

LIFE TOGETHER

Maundy Thursday: **58** Good Friday: **72**
Easter Sunday: 6:30 a.m. **57** 9:30 a.m. **101**
Sunday, April 7
Worship: **106** Bible Class: **46**

PRESCHOOL AIDE NEEDED - Emmaus Lutheran Preschool, 8626 Covington Road, is in need of an afternoon aide for the remainder of this school year. Hours are Monday thru Friday, 12:30-4:30 p.m. If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested, please contact Joann Olsen, Preschool Director, at jolsen@emmauslutheranfw.org or 260-459-7722, ext. 1012.

SUBSTITUTES FOR TEACHERS & AIDES NEEDED - If you or someone you know would be interested in substituting for a teacher or a classroom aide, please contact Mrs. Spanos for more information, 260-459-7722, ext. 1002.

CHAPERONES NEEDED - Want to spend time deepening your faith and connecting with our congregational youth? Consider attending Higher Things, 2024! We are looking for interested chaperones for the June 25-28 conference in Mequon, WI. You can find out more by texting or calling Laura Bruns at: 219.670.6454 or scanning the QR code!



Bridging the Gap Under Construction

Watch for reformatted
Financial
Information
coming soon!



EMMAUS FY 2023-2024 OFFERINGS & TITHES NEEDED <i>Please note that the information below shows the budgeted amount for offering income only and <u>does not</u> reflect our overall budget status,</i>	
Offerings Needed Weekly Beginning July 1, 2023	\$6,894.00
Offerings Rec'd Last Sunday	\$12,632.00
Electronic Offerings Rec'd Last Week	\$3,993.05
Budgeted Overage (Shortfall)	\$16,855.30
Budgeted Offerings Needed YTD	\$282,654.00
Envelope Offerings Received YTD (includes Electronic Offerings) **	\$301,251.39
Budgeted Overage (Shortfall) YTD	\$18,597.39
LONG-TERM COMMITMENTS/OBLIGATIONS & INITIATIVES	
Mortgage Balance	\$1,007,998.09
Concordia Lutheran High School Congregation Assessment Balance	\$40,420.83
Sanctuary Fund/Foundation	\$304,082.95

EMMAUS FACEBOOK PAGE! - Emmaus has a new Facebook page. Follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089549997428&mibextid=LQQJ4d> or scan the QR code to view the page! If you have any event photos

FATHER TO SON EVENT:



Saturday, May 4, 2024

The Great American Cleanup is the nation's largest community improvement program that Fort Wayne has participated in for nearly 30 years. It is a time when we can show our community pride by lending a hand to clean up littered roadsides, parks, trails and river ways. Emmaus Lutheran wants to be an active part of our community.

Please be sure to sign up at the table in the front hall, or call the church office by Sunday, April 14th, so that we can order sufficient supplies and T-Shirts for everyone.

**FATHER AND SON WORKING
TOGETHER, SIDE BY SIDE, TO SERVE OUR
NEIGHBOR.**

SAVE THE DATES!

UPCOMING
FUNDRAISERS
FOR
HIGHER THINGS

PULLED PORK LUNCH
SUNDAY, APRIL 28

PARKING LOT SALE
SATURDAY, MAY 11

If you cannot participate in these events, you will also have the opportunity to donate in the collection containers labeled for Higher Things. Thank you!

please send them to either Kirsten Bohnke at kirsten.bohnke@gmail.com or Paul Stockinger at paul_stockinger@yahoo.com.



PRAYER REQUESTS - Did you know...You can share your prayer requests or praises by clicking “Prayer” on the Emmaus homepage at emmausfortwayne.org.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6

WAYS TO HELP EMMAUS:

Kroger Community Rewards This program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper’s Card. It’s easy! Here’s how:

1. Go to Kroger.com and set up an account (if you don’t have one) or log into your account.
2. Under your account options select “My Account.”
3. Scroll down the page and select “Community Rewards” (left side of screen). (continued on pg. 6)
4. Under “organization Name” enter “Emmaus Lutheran School and Church” or use “organization Number” BF171.

Thank you to all who are participating in the Kroger Community Rewards. The amount we are receiving has increased four times the amount that we received in September 2023! We appreciate your support!

Advantage Recycling

We are accepting empty printer ink cartridges, old cell phones, and laptops. This helps keep those items out of the landfill and helps us as we will receive payment from the recycling company. Items can be placed in the box located inside the west entrance to the gym/sanctuary from the front hall. Monies from this program will be used for school supplies.

PROJECT CONNECT BOOOKLETS

Lutheran Hour Ministries 'Project Connect' booklets combine a subject matter expert's practical guidance on a variety of topics that pose real-life challenges to us, within a Christ-centered, Law and Gospel context ... What a powerful combination! You can find a variety of these booklets in the circular rack just inside the entrance to the sanctuary. This week’s featured brochure: "Helping Your Child Have A Relationship with God." Parents have high hopes for their children's faith, but don't always know how to get them there. This Barna research-based booklet helps parents nurture their child's relationship with God by exploring how to

partner with God using two rhythms that will help their child learn how to pray to God."

GREETING CARDS - \$1.00 EACH - Our Women's Guild has a nice variety of Dayspring cards on the carousel at the back table. Stop by before or after service and browse all the many choices. Pick up a beautiful "thinking of you" and "praying for you" cards which are perfect for our Care Groups, family and friends. ALSO, If you want unique, blank notecards, how about our Emmaus cards at \$6.00 for a 12 pack? They were designed by Bill Schmidt and are perfect for ANY occasion. We all love to receive cards and notes. Take the time to do it, and share your love and prayers.

ELECTRONIC GIVING - Please be sure to set up your electronic giving on the Vanco Mobile app. You can download the Vanco Mobile app for free from the App Store or Google Play. From there, you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Just select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation. If you have questions or need assistance with our new mobile app, please stop by the church office or call us at 260-459-7722. We also have an info sheet that shows how to make gifts with the app available from the table in the front hall.

WEEKLY SHUT-IN VISITS - If you are physically unable to attend the Sunday morning worship service, including short-term recoveries, we would be happy to drop off a bulletin, the News & Notes, as well as a copy of the sermon. (We deliver on Mondays). Please contact the church office, 459-7722 and press "3". *Dave & Joan Kendall*

MEMBER CALLER - We have set up our account for the new service to call all our members. Please add the phone number of **855.248.7295** to your caller id or your phone address book and entitle that contact as the Church Call so that it will be identified properly on your caller id. If your phone number has changed or you need to add an additional number for your household, please see Darlene so that she can update the call list.

GENERAL

DEADLINE FOR EMMAUS NEWS & NOTES: Please submit information to the Church Office by Noon on Wednesday to be included in Sunday's publication.

ROYAL MESSENGER NEWSLETTER - The April/May 2024 issue of The Royal Messenger is available to pick up in the front hall for those who requested a printed copy. **Deadline for the June/July issue is Friday, May 24th.** Please send any info on upcoming events to the church office by e-mail to: dheeren@emmausfortwayne.org. Thanks!

OTHER

ISSUES, ETC. LUTHERAN RADIO IN EXILE...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can tune into interviews on subjects like “Answering Tough Questions About the Christian Faith: Common Objections”, “Bad Uses of the Law of God”, “Signs and Symbols in the Church” and more. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org.

WORSHIP ANEW is broadcast weekly on Sundays at 7:00 a.m. on NBC’s Channel 21.2, 8:00a.m. on MyTV - Frontier 9, Digital 21.3 and Comcast 2 52; 11:30 a.m. on WINM-TV 12/38 - TCT; and 4:00 p.m. Sunday and 10:00 a.m. Monday on Comcast 55 and Frontier 25 [PA]. Today’s program: ***Resurrection Assurances*** - Because Jesus arose from the dead we have the greatest, the most important, assurances. These assurances give us tremendous peace. Sermon text: Luke 24:36-48. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III,

CTS EASTER EVENING PRAYER - Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, extends an invitation to an Easter Evening Prayer service on **TODAY**, at 4:00p.m. EDT at Kramer Chapel, featuring Bach Cantata 67, “Hold in Remembrance Jesus Christ,” performed by the Schola Cantorum and Kantorei choirs under the direction of Kantor Kevin Hildebrand. This event will also be livestreamed. For additional detail, visit ctsfw.edu/events.

SHEPHERD’S HAND 4TH ANNUAL 5K RUN &WALK - Sign up now for The Shepherd’s Hand 4th Annual 5K Run & Walk that will take place on **Saturday, May 4th**, at 1231 S Anthony Blvd. Early Registration Fee: \$20.00/person and includes t-shirt. Ribbons for finishers, Prizes for winners, and family fun! Register online at: runsignup.com. For more information, please email: theshepherdshand5k@gmail.com.

CAMP LUTHERHAVEN - Adventure awaits you this summer at Camp Lutherhaven! Race your friends in a kayak, make craft out of things found in nature, or gaze up at the starry night sky. There are so many activities at Camp Lutherhaven the only question is “What one will I try today?” There are programs for all ages: youth programs for k-12, family programs, and Servant Events for grades 8-12. Camp has something for everyone! Register online today at www.lutherhaven.org or call for more information at 260+636-7101. There are a few camp brochures on the bulletin board as you enter church.

CROSS CONNECTIONS - S.O.S. at Cross Connections: The Biblical counseling ministry at Cross Connections has a Serve our Servants fund (S.O.S) that provides free counseling for all active duty military, police, fire, and EMT personnel and their families. If you or somebody you know would benefit from these services please speak with pastor or call Cross Connections at 260-373-0213 to learn more.

PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST NEEDED - Cross Connections Counseling Ministries is currently hiring a Part Time Receptionist. Responsibilities will include maintaining confidentiality, answering phones, scheduling, greeting clients, supporting counselors, minor bookkeeping, general hospitality and miscellaneous clerical duties. 20-28 hours a week, weekday hours. Positive, ministry work environment. Pay varies based on experience. Knowledge of QuickBooks, accounts payable & receivable a plus. Send resume to: kirkreber@crossconnections counseling.com or call 260-260-373-0213, ext. 105.

NIPSCO ENERGY ASSISTANCE - Beginning December 1, income-eligible customers, seniors, active military and veterans experiencing financial difficulty paying their gas utility bill may apply for additional NIPSCO energy assistance programs. Available programs include NIPSCO Hardship, SERV (Supply Energy Resources to Veterans) and SILVER (Seniors in Indiana Low-Income and Vulnerable Energy Resource) that will allow customers to receive a one-time benefit of up to \$400 per year if they qualify. To see the full list of requirements for SERV and SILVER, customers should visit NIPSCO.com/IncomeEligible. There, customers may also apply for the appropriate program by completing and submitting an online self-attestation form and uploading documentation, if required. Applicants should allow 30 business days for the form to be received and processed. If program requirements are met, a one-time credit will be applied to the applicant's NIPSCO gas residential utility account.

FORT WAYNE LUTHERAN We have copies of the current issue of The Fort Wayne Lutheran available at the table in the front hallway as you leave today. The issue is also available online at www.myfwl.org for those who have computer/internet access.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY MAGAZINES - We have copies of the magazines from both Ft. Wayne Campus and St. Louis campus available from the Information Rack. These publications provide information on what's happening at our seminary campuses. Please feel free to pick up a copy.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Concordia Theatre Department Presents: Mutually Assured Destruction –

Spring Comedy | Saturday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 21 at 2:00 p.m.

A century's worth of sibling squabbles is boiled down into ten vignettes in this era-hopping tribute to family. Each short play explores a distinct facet of brother and sisterhood, from fights over who caused mom and dad to split to daring escape plots that only two sisters could pull off. No matter the decade, audiences will see themselves in these ten distinct shorts about the undeniable bond between siblings through the ages. This comedy is directed by Mr. Chris Murphy.

CLHS Summer Programs Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for summer camps and classes at Concordia! CLHS hosts a number of Summer Camps and Summer Academic programs for students of all ages (K-12 during the 2023-24 school year). Camps range from sports to computers to band and drama. There's something for everyone! And if you're looking to get ahead on your classes, sign up for one of our Academic programs. Classes are available onsite or online. Students from all schools in grades 8-12 are welcome!

We are offering an online registration and payment system for all Summer Camps and Classes through CampBrain. To learn more about our summer programs or to register, go to:

clhscadets.com/apps/pages/summer-at-CLHS

Payment is due at the time of Registration. Many camps offer a t-shirt to campers, included in their registration fees. The registration deadline to be guaranteed a t-shirt is May 10, 2024. After that date, a t-shirt is not guaranteed.

For any questions, please contact our athletics office at (260) 969-6868 or athletics@clhscadets.com.

For questions regarding the summer classes, please call Nancy Koehler, summer classes coordinator, at (260) 483-1102, ext. 313 or email nkoehler@clhscadets.com.