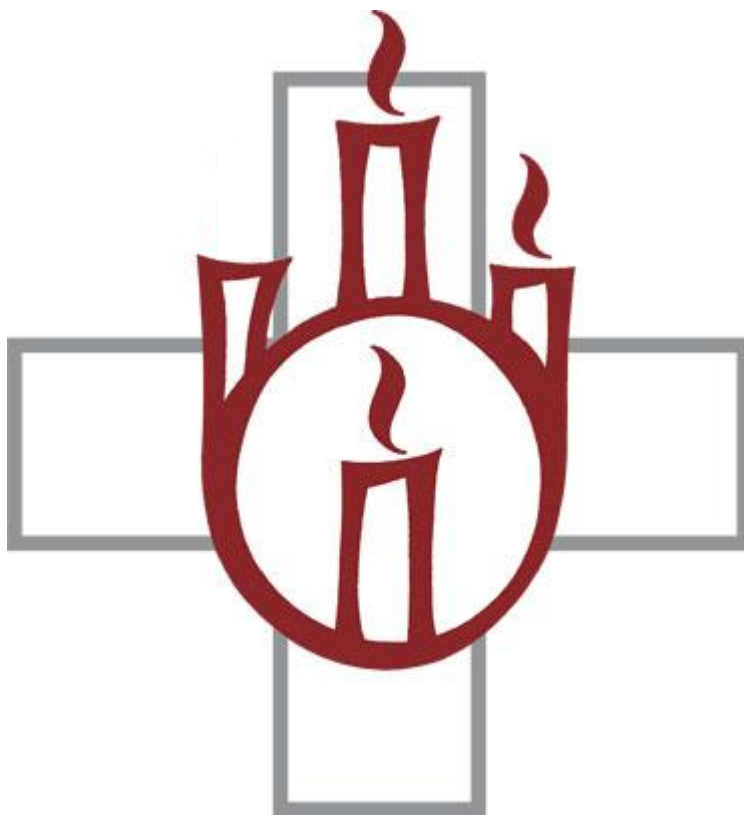


WELCOME TO EMMAUS LUTHERAN!



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**Sunday, December 17, 2023**



## GOD'S DIVINE SERVICE TO US:

### *The Coming of the Christ Brings True Rejoicing in His Forgiveness*

When he preaches repentance, John the Baptist points us to Christ Jesus. John was sent by God *“as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him”* (John 1:7). He baptizes with water in order to *“make straight the way of the Lord,”* who shall redeem His people from their sins (John 1:23). That Lord Jesus *“who comes after”* John now stands among us and makes Himself known to us (John 1:26–27). He has been anointed by the Holy Spirit *“to bring good news to the poor”* and *“to bind up the brokenhearted”* (Is. 61:1). By the washing of the water with His Word and Spirit, He clothes His Church with *“the garments of salvation”* and adorns her with His own righteousness *“as a bride adorns herself with her jewels”* (Is. 61:10). Therefore, we *“rejoice always”* in the Lord, *“pray without ceasing”* and *“give thanks in all circumstances”* (1 Thess. 5:16–18). For *“the God of peace,”* who has called you by the Gospel, will surely *“sanctify you completely,”* so that *“your whole spirit and soul and body”* will *“be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ”* (1 Thess. 5:23–24).

**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.



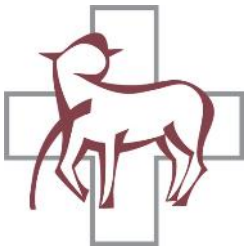
**DON'T UNDERSTAND THE WORSHIP SERVICE?** If it is your first time, some things may seem foreign. Worship does not come naturally we have to learn it. It does not come on the first try; the first hour in a foreign country the language and customs may be foreign. The liturgy is the special activity of 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 Three

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## 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.

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Opening Hymn

### 332 Savior of the Nations, Come



Choir 1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a  
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.  
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
God was there up - on His throne.  
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

Choir 5 God the Father was His source,  
Back to God He ran His course.  
Into hell His road went down,  
Back then to His throne and crown.

Ambrose of Milan composed this hymn in the late 300's during a period when the church forgot how to sing. When we consider the "Savior of the nations," who reigns eternally, we certainly have a lot to sing about.  
(John 1:1, 14; Luke 2:30-32)

**C** 6 For You are the Father's Son  
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
By Your mighty pow'r make whole  
All our ills of flesh and soul.

Choir 7 From the manger newborn light  
Shines in glory through the night.  
Darkness there no more resides;  
In this light faith now abides.

△ **C** 8 Glory to the Father sing,  
Glory to the Son, our king,  
Glory to the Spirit be  
Now and through eternity.

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## + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

### Invocation

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their 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** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

*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** = Pastor

**L** = Liturgist/Lector

**C** = Congregation

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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.

*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 & Lighting of the Advent Candles 350 Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

**C** 1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for  
sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!  
O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty  
let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.

*Watch for the Kingly language that is used in this hymn as it points to Christ. (Matthew 20:28; 21:5; 1 Timothy 2:6; Psalm 49:7-8; Revelation 5:9)*

*The choir is singing the Introit this morning. 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 85.*

Choir: Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to

folly. Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

**C**2 Enter now my waiting heart,  
Glorious King and Lord most holy.  
Dwell in me and ne'er depart,  
Though I am but poor and lowly.  
Ah, what riches will be mine  
When Thou art my guest divine!

Choir: Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

**C**4 Hail! Hosanna, David's Son!  
Jesus, hear our supplication!  
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown,  
Bring us blessing and salvation,  
That forever we may sing:  
Hail! Hosanna to our King.

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*During Advent, the Gloria in Excelsis is omitted.*

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father 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.*

## Old Testament: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

<sup>1</sup>The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the

brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; <sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup>to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. <sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. . . .

<sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. <sup>9</sup>Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

Come, Thou Long – Expected Jesus (Kenneth Kosche)

Come, O long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free; From our fears and sins release us by Your death on Calvary. Israel's strength and consolation, hope to all the earth impart, Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart. Born your people to deliver, born a child and yet a king; Born to reign in us forever, now your gracious kingdom bring. By your own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; By your all sufficient merit raise us to Your glorious throne.

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## Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast what is good. <sup>22</sup>Abstain from every form of evil.

### Summary:

*Here we find more prophecy speaking about the Messiah, Christ Jesus, and The Good News He brings.*

### Choir

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

### Summary:

*St. Paul writes of the sanctified life of the believer through the work of the Holy spirit, evidenced in our daily life, and sealed by Christ, who is faithful.*

<sup>23</sup>Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Verse

**Lift Up Your Heads** (M. Hauptmann / Matthew Lundquist)

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits; the King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here; life and salvation He doth bring, Wherefore rejoice, and gladly sing: All praise and glory be to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, our King eternally. O blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the Ruler is confest! O happy hearts and happy homes to whom the King in triumph comes! The cloudless Sun of joy He is, who bringeth pure delight and bliss. All praise and glory be to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, eternally.

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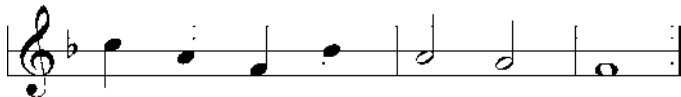
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## Choir

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

## Holy Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.

<sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. . . .

<sup>19</sup>And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup>He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." <sup>22</sup>So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup>He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

<sup>24</sup>(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) <sup>25</sup>They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" <sup>26</sup>John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, <sup>27</sup>even he who comes after me, the strap of

**Summary:**  
*It's not about John the Baptizer, but The One he prepared the way for, The Lamb of God.*



whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.”<sup>28</sup> These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the  
Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the  
living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church,

*The Creed is a solemn confession and response of faith to the Word. The Nicene Creed was composed in A.D. 325.*

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.



## Hymn of the Day

### 345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is  
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the  
3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with  
4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the  
△ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the  
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all  
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with  
world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us  
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"  
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;  
with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.  
liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

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*This ancient hymn depicts the full story of Christ from the prophesy about His first arrival, through His second, and on into glory.*

*(Luke 1:76-79; Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-20; Ephesians 5:8-14; Isaiah 25:7-9)*

## Sermon

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

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

## Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

*The Offertory is a prayer in preparation for the Service of the Sacrament.*

## 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](http://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 Offering symbolizes the "spiritual worship" of Christian lives offered in response to God and unites the faithful in an act of fellowship.*

## Voluntary

**Choir**

**Oh, Come, Divine Messiah** (by Dale Grotenhuis)

Oh come, divine Messiah, the world in silence waits the day when hope shall sing its triumph and sadness shall flee away. Dear Savior, haste! Come to earth. Dispel the night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace. Joy shall come even to the wilderness, and the parched land shall then know great gladness; as the rose shall deserts like a garden blossom. For living springs shall give cool water, in the desert streams shall flow. Joy shall come even to the wilderness, in the desert streams shall flow. You come in peace and meekness and lowly will your cradle be; all clothed in human

*The Voluntary is an offering of musical praise.*

weakness shall we your blessed God-head see. Dear Savior, haste!  
Come to earth. Dispel the night and show your face, and bid us hail  
the dawn of grace.

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# Prayer of the Church

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

**G** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

**G** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

Psalms 136

**G** It is meet and right so to do.

*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 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.*

**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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. 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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.


*The Sanctus is Latin for "holy."*

## 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

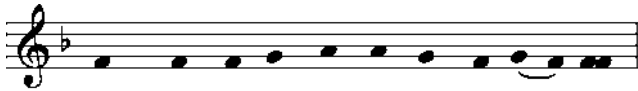
**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take eat; this is My  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

*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



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



**С** А - мен.

*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** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



**tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.**



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

*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

## 354 Arise, O Christian People



1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre - pare your - selves to -  
 2 Pre - pare the way be - fore Him; Pre - pare for Him the  
 3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God rais - es up on  
 4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; Turn not from me a -



day; Pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, Who takes your  
 best. Cast out what would of - fend Him, This great, this  
 high; Be - neath His feet in ter - ror The haugh - ty  
 side, And help me to re - ceive You This bless - ed



sins a - way. To us by grace a - lone The  
 heav'n - ly guest. Make straight, make plain the way: The  
 soul shall lie. The heart sin - cere and right, That  
 Ad - vent - tide. From stall and man - ger low Come



truth and light were giv - en; The prom - ised Lord from  
 low - ly val - leys rais - ing, The heights of pride a -  
 heeds God's in - vi - ta - tion And makes true prep - a -  
 now to dwell with - in me; I'll sing Your prais - es



heav - en To all the world is shown.  
 bas - ing, His path all e - ven lay.  
 ra - tion— It is the Lord's de - light.  
 glad - ly And forth Your glo - ry show.

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*This hymn by  
 Valentin Thilo is  
 founded on Luke  
 3:4-5, was first  
 published in 1642,  
 and speaks to the  
 need to prepare  
 ourselves for the  
 Savior with a  
 humble heart.  
 (Luke 3:4-5; 1 Peter 5:5b  
 -6; Psalm 51:10-12)*

## Choral Selection Choir

Arise the Kingdom is at Hand (Dana Mengel)

Arise, the kingdom is at hand, the King is drawing nigh; Arise with  
 joy, thou faithful band, to meet the Lord most high! Look up, ye  
 souls weighed down with care, the Sovereign is not far; Look up,  
 faint hearts, from your despair, Behold the Morning Star! Look up,  
 ye dropping heart, today the King is very near; O cast your griefs and

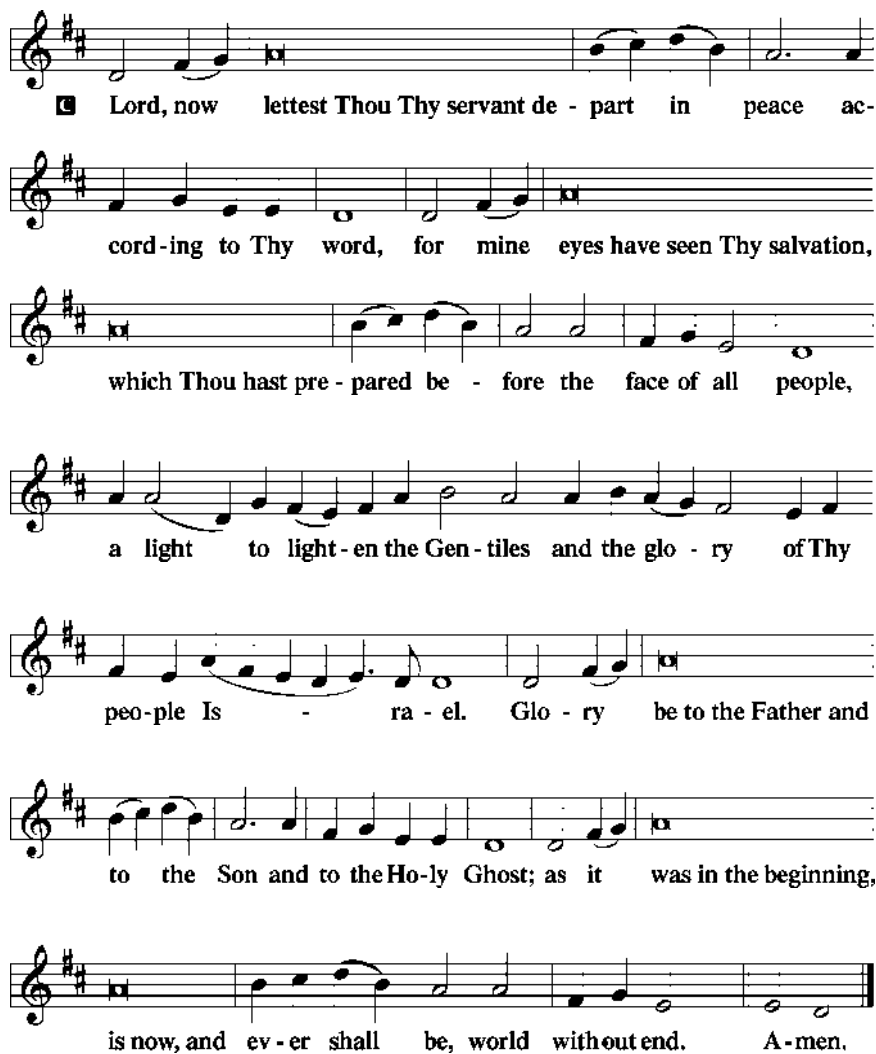


fears away, For lo, your help is here! Hope on, ye broken hearts, at last the King comes in his might; He loved us in the ages past, when we lay wrapped in night.

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## Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

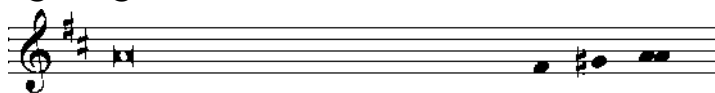


Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men,

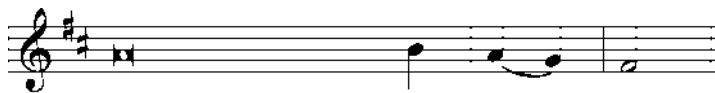
*The Post-Communion Canticle is a hymn of thanks.*

## Thanksgiving

Psalms 107:1



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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.

## Salutation and Benedicamus

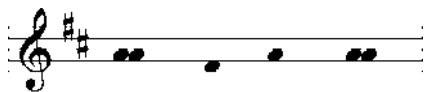


**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**A** Bless we the Lord.

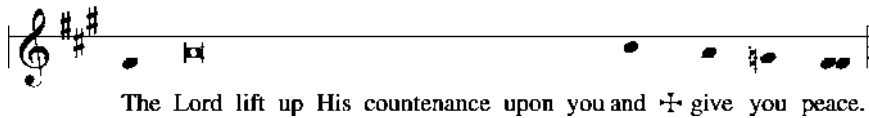
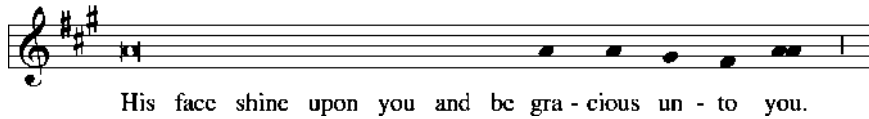
[Psalm 103:1]



**C** Thanks be to God.

# 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

### 349 Hark the Glad Sound



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him  
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

*The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn. Isaiah 61:1-2 (Luke 4:18-19; Isaiah 40:3; 61:1-2; Matthew 21:9)*

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## Announcements

## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace to serve the Lord!

**G** Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

## Acknowledgments

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## **MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICE**

### **WEDNESDAY**

### **7:00 P.M.**

### **PEACE CAME TO EARTH**

Seeking peace by our own efforts is an endless pursuit, but God instructs us with a peace that surpasses understanding. He gives us peace in five separate ways that meet our needs, perhaps before we even know them. This peace comes through the birth of Jesus. Using a five-point Christmas star as a metaphor, see the five ways Jesus brings us peace from God as the Prince of Peace.

### **Wednesday, December 20**

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### **Participating in Today's Service**

**Preacher:** Seminarian Noah Dunsmore

**Celebrant:** Rev Roy C. Olsen, III

**Lector & Communion Assistant:** Rev. Dr. Jon Bruss

**Acolyte:** Trapper Durlacher

**Elder:** Mr. Stan Veit

**Organist:** Mr. Timothy LaCroix

**Choir:** Emmaus Adult Choir

### **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

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## Sunday, December 17

### 3rd Sunday in Advent

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service

Morning Worship Service

*Light refreshments will be served after the worship service this morning. Everyone is welcome to join us!*

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

Sunday School Nursery:  
Laura Bruns, Cecilia Diehm

## Monday, December 18

8:20 am. School Chapel

## Wednesday, December 20

7:00 p.m. Mid-week Advent Worship

## Thursday, December 21

6:00 p.m. Handbells

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

## Sunday, December 24

### 4th Sunday in Advent

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

Acolyte: John Stockinger

Elder: James Heeren

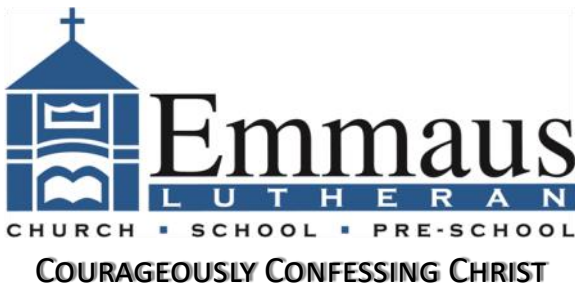
Our Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes will not meet today. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 7th.

### Christmas Eve

7:00 p.m. Divine Service - Holy Communion Candlelight

Acolyte: Hunter Durlacher

Elder: TBS



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Darlene Heeren, *Church Secretary*

Timothy LaCroix, *Music Director*

Karen Detwiler, *Family Care Coordinator*

A member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.





# Weekly Word & Prayer

*We encourage you to take this insert home with you and use it as part of your family or individual devotions.*

## Bible Readings for Next Sunday:

Psalm 24; Isaiah 7:10-17; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

## Catechism Review

**LUTHER'S  
SMALL  
Catechism**

### The Lord's Prayer

### The Fifth Petition

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

*What does this mean?*

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

## A Reading from the Book of Concord, Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Article V, Love and Fulfilling the Law



We tell godly minds to consider the promises, and we teach about free forgiveness of sins and about reconciliation, which happens through faith in Christ. Afterward, we add also the teaching of the Law. It is necessary to distinguish these things aright. We must see what Scripture says about the Law and about the promises. For it praises works in such a way that it does not remove the free promise.

Good works are to be done because of God's command and for the exercise of faith—confessing the faith and giving thanks. Good works are done in the flesh, which is not as yet entirely renewed. The flesh hinders the Holy Spirit's motives and adds some of its uncleanness to the works. Yet, because of Christ, they are holy, divine works, sacrifices, and acts belonging to the rule of Christ, who in this way displays His kingdom before this world. For in these works He sanctifies hearts and represses the devil. In order to retain the Gospel among people, He openly sets the confession of saints against the kingdom of the devil and, in our weakness, declares His power. Consider the dangers, labors, and sermons of the apostle Paul, Augustine, and the rest who taught the churches. These deeds are holy works and true sacrifices acceptable to God. They are Christ's battles through which He repressed the devil and drove him away from those who believed. (paragraphs 67-69)

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## “LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR”

**Advent III** – Those who believe cannot help but speak. God’s love for every human life has filled our mouths with shouts of joy (Psalm 126:2). We have His permission to give voice to this Gospel in all circumstances and without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18). Our time has come to bear witness to the Light (John 1:6-7). Confess and do not deny (John 1:20) the sanctity of life!

*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](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).

## Remember in Prayer this Week

### FCG Hospitalized/Sick/Recuperating

Luke St. Jude Children's Hospital, Memphis TN: **Layla Stockinger**  
Ruth Life Care Center: **William G. Schmidt**  
Mark LLV at Inverness: **Wini Fritz**  
Deborah Ashton Creek: **Carol Rose**, for rehab  
Ruth **Beverly Baals**, experiencing health related issues  
Matthew **Sue Behny**, as she continues to recover  
Ruth **Marti Evans**, as she continues to experience health issues  
Moses **Eric Hoffman**, recovering from surgery  
Mark **Bonnie Robbins**, continuing to experience health issues  
Joseph **Karen Sollberger**, continuing to experience health problems  
Ruth **Kathy Veit**, recovering from a cornea transplant  
**Faith Ells**, (26 years old, friend of Barbara Cox, undergoing cancer treatment  
**Garret Griffey**, nephew of Ron & Sandy Crismore, who was seriously injured in an accident on September 6th  
**David Knoll**, cousin of Karen Detwiler, undergoing cancer treatment  
**Eliana Miller**, friend of Karen Detwiler, doing better and taking a break from cancer treatment  
**David Munson**, friend of Lisa Kanning, who is recovering at home.  
**Lisa Reece**, friend of the Rosenkoettters, cancer has progressed, prognosis not long-term  
**Janet Shady**, Ron Crismore's sister, hospitalized with COVID  
Paul Barkdull Family, Bronson Family, Bushur Family, Graft Family, Tom Klein, Peggy Kreigh,  
FCG Reavis Family, William A. Schmidt, and the Sewell Family.

### Pray for

For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.

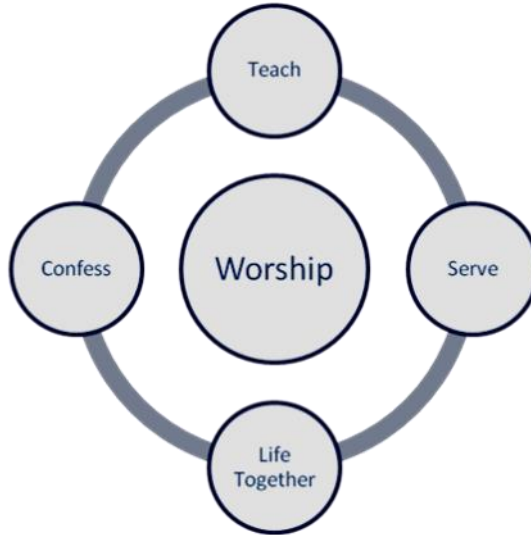
**Serving in the Armed Forces:** **James Rockrohr**, brother of Theodore Rockrohr, serving in the U.S. Marines; **Paul Rockrohr**, brother of Theodore Rockrohr, serving as Chaplain in the U.S. Navy; and **Travis McGehee**, who has returned from training.



# EMMAUS NEWS & NOTES

For the week of December 17, 2023

## DONE IN LOVE



### Mid-Week Advent Worship

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**THANK YOU** - God has richly blessed us with

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## SERVING THE LORD

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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.

**THANK YOU** to David Bruns for donating a cart and to Larry Lunz for making modifications so that it can be used to carry some of our sanctuary items, making it much easier to set up and take down our worship area. Thank you so much for the gift and sharing your time and talents!

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## NURTURING THE FAITH

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### BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

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### DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS

**Higher Things Reflections** - The 1st Week in Advent—Ephiphany (12/3/2023-1/6/2024 ) 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.

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

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## LIFE TOGETHER

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### Worship Attendance

Sunday, December 10 Worship: **104** Adult Bible Class: **42**

December 13, Mid-Week Advent Worship: **37**

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped with the Christmas decoration and allowed me to be able to do what I so love. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! You are so amazing and so appreciated!

*Marti*

<b>EMMAUS FY 2023-2024 OFFERINGS &amp; TITHES NEEDED</b>	
<b>Offerings Needed Weekly Beginning July 1, 2023</b>	<b>\$6,894.00</b>
Offerings Rec'd Since Last Sunday	\$6,173.10
Electronic Offerings Rec'd Last Week	\$2,443.70
Budgeted Overage (Shortfall)	\$1,722.80
<b>Budgeted Offerings Needed YTD</b>	<b>\$165,456.00</b>
Envelope Offerings Received YTD (includes Electronic Offerings) **	\$155,483.84
<b>Budgeted Overage (Shortfall) YTD</b>	<b>(\$9,972.16)</b>
<b>LONG-TERM COMMITMENTS/OBLIGATIONS &amp; INITIATIVES</b>	
Mortgage Balance	\$1,024,646.67
Concordia Lutheran High School Congregation Assessment Balance	\$36,633.34
Bell Tower Funds Raised (target \$107,650.00)	<b>\$107,650.00</b>
Sanctuary Fund/Foundation	\$304,082.95



preschool news

**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](mailto: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.

**VIDEO MESSAGES FOR LAYLA & PAUL** - One of the suggestions that was made at the meeting for ways to help the Stockinger family was to make and send video messages to Layla and Paul while they are away. We are still scheduling times, so be sure to sign-up at the table in the front hall.. You can share a favorite Bible verse, say a prayer, tell a joke, sing a song, etc. See Margie Crabtree or Amanda Heeren, if you have any questions or would like to schedule a time to video your message.





**PRAYER REQUESTS** - Did you know...You can share your prayer requests or praises by clicking "Prayer" on the Emmaus homepage at [emmausfortwayne.org](http://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*

**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 please send them to either Kirsten Bohnke at [kirsten.bohnke@gmail.com](mailto:kirsten.bohnke@gmail.com) or Paul Stockinger at [paul\\_stockinger@yahoo.com](mailto:paul_stockinger@yahoo.com)

#### **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).
4. Under "organization Name" enter "Emmaus Lutheran School and Church" or use "organization Number" BF171.


#### **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:





**A NIGHT AT THE RACES**

**Saturday, February 24**

Emmaus Lutheran School's Annual  
Dinner, Silent and Live Auction, Dancing

Our annual auction is in the planning stages and we need volunteers. There are going to be a lot of different areas to help out with. Those areas include ticket sales, fundraising, decorating, prep work with the auction items, setup, assisting at the event, and take down. Whether you are able to help for a day, a few hours, or to be a supporter of the event we can't do this without you!

**Interested in joining the committee?**

We would love to have you join us!  
[signupgenius.com/go/20F044EA9AE23A1FE3-annual#/](https://signupgenius.com/go/20F044EA9AE23A1FE3-annual#/)

**"Helping Your Child Grow Through Faith Conversations"** - This Barna research-based booklet helps parents grow their child's faith through spiritual conversations by discovering how to use Jesus' methods and cover Jesus' topics in conversations in their everyday lives.

**GREETING CARDS - \$1.00 EACH** - Our Women's Guild has just replenished our supply of new Dayspring cards on the carousel at the back table. Stop by before or after service and browse all the many categories and choices. Just refilled are 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 are 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.

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## GENERAL

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**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 December 2023/January 2024 issue of The Royal Messenger is available to pick up in the front hallway for those who have requested a printed copy. **The deadline for submitting information for the February/March 2024 issue is Monday, January 29th.** Please send any info on upcoming events to the church office by e-mail to: [dheeren@emmausfortwayne.org](mailto:dheeren@emmausfortwayne.org). Thank you!

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## OTHER

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**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](http://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: **The Way of the Lord** - The message of Advent is



not that we should get better or get busy. This is not a time to show God how qualified we are for the kingdom. Instead, Advent calls us to despair of our efforts and let go of our past performance and to die at the foot of the cross of Jesus Christ where our burden was carried, our sin was punished, comfort is given, salvation is found, and we receive the righteousness of Christ. And this is the way of the Lord. Sermon Text: John 1:23. Speaker: Rev. Thomas Eggold.

**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.

**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](http://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.

**WORSHIP ANEW - Job Posting for Donor Database Specialist:**

Join an amazing ministry team at Worship Anew as the Donor Database Specialist. Worship Anew is a ministry, headquartered in Fort Wayne, IN, that reaches thousands of people each week across the nation and around the world with its weekly television program. The ministry is currently growing and produces a daily devotional, Hope-Full Living, a care package ministry, and is striving to be the foremost provider of resources for aging adults. The ministry is seeking a part-time Donor Database Specialist to be responsible for all database entry, reporting, and upkeep. This position also assists with viewer requests and performs other administrative duties as needed. This candidate needs to have database skills, and be proficient in Microsoft Office, especially Word and Excel. They must possess strong customer service skills. We are

seeking someone with an Associate degree or 2 years equivalent experience in related field or area. This person must have a basic understanding of the church teachings and how Worship Anew fits into it. Knowledge of Lutheran Church Missouri Synod principles and values is a plus. They must be supportive of the ministry's values and have a passion for the ministry's work with a genuine commitment to the fulfillment of the organization's mission. To apply, please contact Worship Anew at (260) 471-5683.

**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](http://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.

**CHRISTMAS TREES & WREATHS** - The Concordia Lutheran Church Men's Club will once again be selling Christmas trees and wreaths this year to help fund the church and school. The tree lot is located at the Church-School, 4245 Lake Avenue. Christmas tree sales will begin on Saturday, November 18th. The lot will be open 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturdays, and 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sundays. The proceeds from this fund raiser are used to support various projects and functions of the Concordia Church and school. A selection can be made from Scotch Pine, Douglas Fir, Fraser Fir, and Blue Spruce. Decorated wreaths are also available. Please assist us in this effort by purchasing your Christmas tree from the Concordia Men's Club. Your patronage would be greatly appreciated.

### **CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL**

**Priority Application Deadline** - If you are the parent of an eighth grade student or a high school student who is considering transferring to Concordia, please note that the priority application deadline for the 2024-25 school year is **December 15**. You can find more information online at [becomeacadet.com](http://becomeacadet.com)!