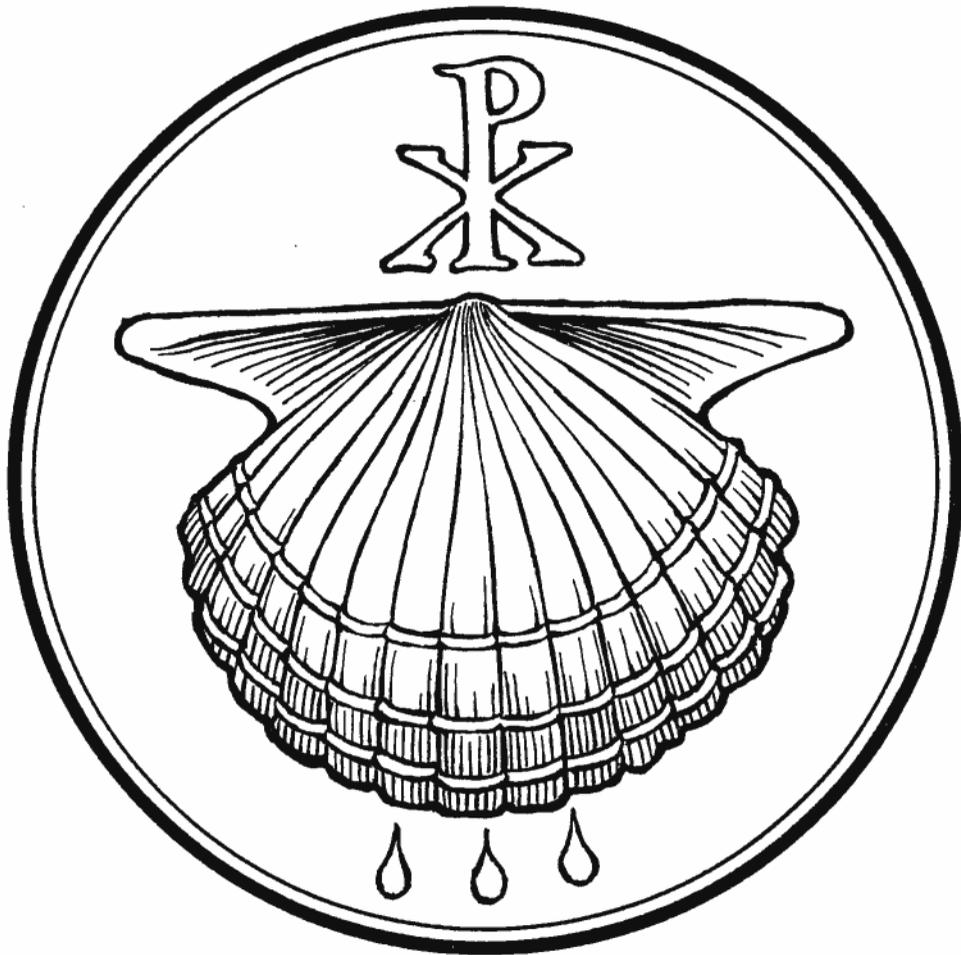


WELCOME TO EMMAUS LUTHERAN!



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

**Sunday, January 7, 2024**



## GOD'S DIVINE SERVICE TO US:

### *In Holy Baptism, the Triune God Reveals Himself and Recreates Us in His Image*

*"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth"* (Gen. 1:1). Then, as *"the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters"* (Gen. 1:2), God spoke His Word: *"Let there be light, and there was light"* (Gen. 1:3). In the same way, *"the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ"* (Mark 1:1) brings about the new creation through the waters of Baptism by the same Word and Spirit of God. When John the Baptist came, *"proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,"* Jesus also came *"and was baptized by John in the Jordan"* (Mark 1:4, 9). Although He had no sins of His own, He took His stand with sinners in His Baptism and took the sins and mortality of the world upon Himself. He was baptized into His own death, by which the heavens are opened and the Spirit is given to us. God the Father is well pleased with His beloved Son and raises Him from the dead. As we share His Baptism and are *"united with him in a death like his"* (Rom. 6:5), we also share His resurrection unto *"newness of life"* (Rom. 6:4).



**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

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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

397 As with Gladness Men of Old



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;  
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,  
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,  
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;  
5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;  
There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;  
So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,  
And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.  
So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.  
All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.  
There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

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*This Epiphany hymn begins with the men following the star and concludes with our time in eternity. (Matthew 2:1-11; Isaiah 60:19; Revelation 21:23)*

## + 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** 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

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

*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 +

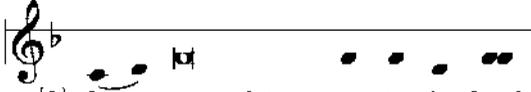
## Introit

- L** Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.
- C** **I will tell of the decree:**  
**The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**
- L** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.
- C** **You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”**
- L** Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- C** **Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling,**
- L** for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.
- All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- L** Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

*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 2.*

## Kyrie

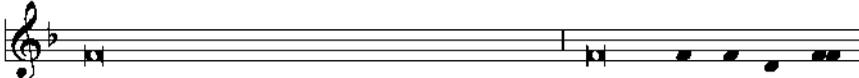
Mark 10:47



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

*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.*



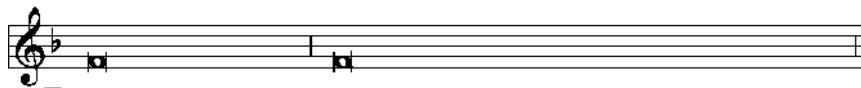
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



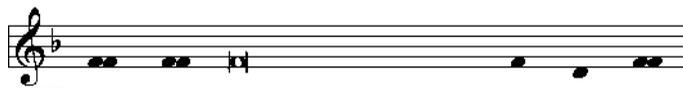
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** A - men.

# Hymn of Praise Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

*Gloria in Excelsis:  
Confident that the  
Lord is merciful and  
has forgiven us, we  
join the whole  
Church and all the  
angels in singing  
glory to God.*

## 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.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same 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.*

## Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.

<sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Summary:**

*All is brought forth by God's creative act, His work through His Word.*

## Gradual

**L** Praise the LORD, all nations!  
Extol him, all peoples!

**C** For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

**L** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

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

## Epistle: Romans 6:1-11

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Summary:

*God's act in Christ Jesus brings about a new beginning for you through the words of Baptism, no longer under sin's power.*

## Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

The image shows two lines of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first line is for the Alleluia, starting with a common time signature and a C-clef. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). Below the staff is the text: **C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

The second line is for the Verse, also in G major with a common time signature. The melody is: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). Below the staff is the text: words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

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

## Holy Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

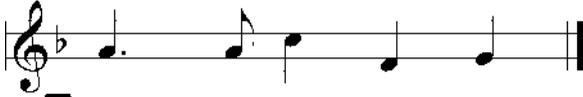
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<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the

river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Summary:**  
*Jesus ushers in for all mankind a new beginning at His Baptism, as He goes forward in His mission with His Father's blessing and the presence of the Holy Spirit.*



# Hymn of the Day

## 405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom  
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of  
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -  
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the  
 God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the  
 tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
 Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.  
 heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.  
 His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight  
 Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
 As God's own choice, from Adam's fall  
 To save the world and free us all.
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;  
 This man is Christ, our substitute!  
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
 Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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*In This Epiphany hymn, we hear of the mystery of former ages now revealed.  
 (Isaiah 60:3-6;  
 Revelation 21:22-27;  
 Matthew 2:11)*

## Sermon

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

## Nicene Creed

**☩** 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,  
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.

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

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

*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.*

### Offertory



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

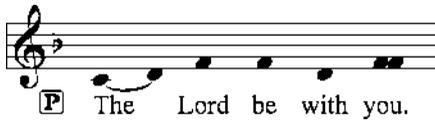
### Offering

*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.*

# + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

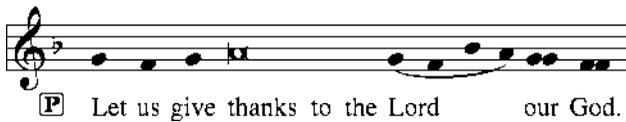
## Preface



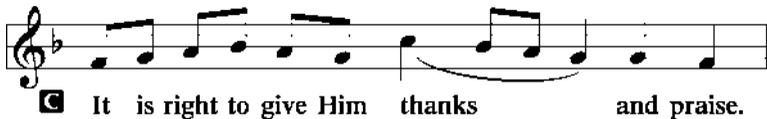
2 Timothy 4:22



[Colossians 3:1]



[Psalm 136]



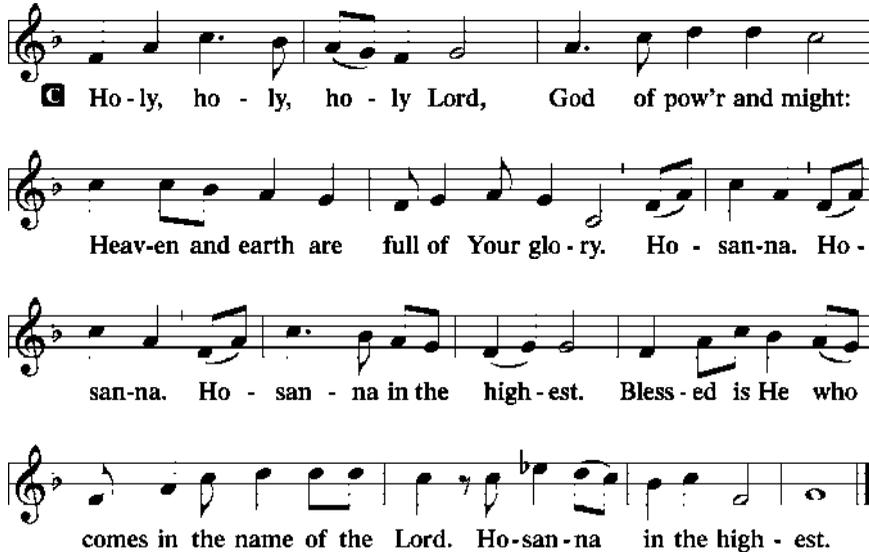
**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. 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 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.*

*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 pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

*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  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

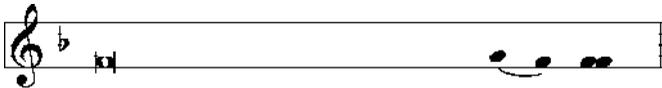
*The words spoken by Christ when He instituted the Sacrament of the Altar; the pastor speaks these very words of Christ at the consecration of the bread and wine.*

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."

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

## 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

**G** 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

## 409 Hail, O Source of Every Blessing



1 Hail, O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Fa - ther of our  
2 Once far off but now in - vit - ed, We ap - proach Your  
3 Hail, O all - in - vit - ing Sav - ior! Gen - tiles now their



hu - man race! Gen - tiles now, Your grace pos - sess - ing, In Your  
sa - cred throne, In Your cov - e - nant u - nit - ed, Rec - on -  
of - f'rings bring, In Your tem - ples seek Your fa - vor, Je - sus



courts ob - tain a place. Grate - ful now, we fall be - fore You,  
ciled, re - deemed, made one. Now re - vealed to east - ern sa - ges,  
Christ, our Lord and King. May we, bod - y, soul, and spir - it,



In Your Church re - joice to live, See Your glo - ry  
See the Star of Mer - cy shine, Mys - t'ry hid in  
Live de - vot - ed to Your praise, Glo - rious realms of



and a - dore You, Thank - ful for the grace You give.  
for - mer a - ges, Mys - t'ry great of love di - vine.  
bliss in - her - it, Grate - ful an - thems ev - er raise.

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*In This Epiphany hymn, we hear of the mystery of former ages now revealed.*

*(Isaiah 60:3-6;  
Revelation 21:22-27;  
Matthew 2:11)*

## 400 Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
 2 Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
 3 Shall we not yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

*The star guides us  
 where our  
 Redeemer is laid.  
 (Matthew 2:1-11; Psalm  
 51:17)*



Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;  
 Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
 Fra - grance of E - dom and of - f'rings di - vine,  
 Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure.  
 Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;



Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
 An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
 Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
 Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion;  
 Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
 Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.  
 Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?  
 Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
 Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

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## Post-Communion Canticle Thank the Lord



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

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



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

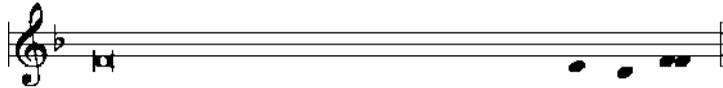
**P** Let us pray.

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



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



**C** A - men.

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

# Closing Hymn

## 395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vv. 1, 5, 6



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's  
5 O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all  
6 What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love



own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
with mu - sicrowned, Our voic - es glad - ly blend - ing!  
is first and last, The end and the be - gin - ning!



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -  
For Christ goes with us all the way— To - day, to - mor -  
He will one day, oh, glo - rious grace, Trans - port us to



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!  
row, ev - 'ry day! His love is nev - er end - ing!  
that hap - py place Be - yond all tears and sin - ning!



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,  
Sing out! Ring out! Ju - bi - la - tion! Ex - ul - ta - tion!  
A - men! A - men! Come, Lord Je - sus! Crown of glad - ness!



Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
Tell the sto - ry! Great is He, the King of Glo - ry!  
We are yearn - ing For the day of Your re - turn - ing!

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*Author Philipp Nicolai was universally esteemed, was a most popular and influential preacher, and was regarded as a "pillar" of the Lutheran church.*

*(Revelation 22:16; Luke 1:68-79; Ephesians 1:3-7; Psalm 33:1-5)*

## Announcements

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

### Acknowledgments

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### Participating in Today's Service

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

**Lector:** Seminarian Brian Frank

**Communion Assistant:** Rev. Dr. James Bushur

**Acolyte:** Niko Spanos

**Elder:** Mr. James Heeren

**Organist:** Mrs. Joann Olsen

### 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, January 7

### The Baptism of Our Lord

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

*Light Refreshments will be served after  
the worship service. Please join us!*

10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult  
Bible Classes

Sunday School Nursery:  
Hunter Durlacher, Esther Spanos

## Monday, January 8

### Classes Resume

8:20 a.m. School Chapel  
6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting

## Tuesday, January 9

4:30 p.m. Christian Service  
6:00p.m. Christian Ed  
Finance  
School Board  
7:00 p.m. Church Council

## Wednesday, January 10

9:00 a.m. Women's Guild  
4:30 p.m. JV Girls vs LSU  
5:45 p.m. JV Boys vs LSU  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study

## Thursday, January 11

Handbell practice will resume next week.  
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

## Sunday, January 14

### 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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

Acolyte: Hunter Durlacher  
Elder: TBS

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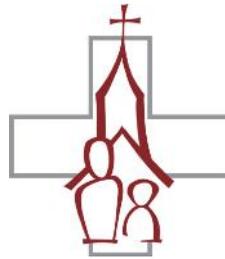
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Timothy LaCroix, *Music Director*

Karen Detwiler, *Family Care Coordinator*

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# Emmaus Monthly Stewardship Focus



## January: Stewardship of Life

*For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.*  
(Psa 139:13-14 ESV)

### Stewardship Goal:

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

### Family Stewardship Discussion

**Read the Bible verse above aloud first.**

1. Take a few minutes and each talk about how God has “wonderfully made” you. Also take note of the wonderful blessings in the differences that God created us as Genesis 1 reminds us “male and female he created them.”
2. Talk about the difference knowing that God Himself “knitted you,” as opposed to the lie of evolution that teaches you exist by pure accident or chance.
3. Through Jesus Christ, how does God show us that life matters? (HINT: Think about the Church Year Calendar)
4. Stewardship is about our whole life, not just money as some people mistakenly believe. Verse 14 says, “I praise you...” What are ways that you can praise God with your whole life?

### Bible Readings for Next Sunday:

Psalms 139:1-10; 1 Samuel 3:1-10; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51



**Weekly Word & Prayer**  
January 10, 2024  
*We encourage you to take this insert home with you and use it as part of your family or*

## “LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR”

**Baptism of Our Lord** – Nothing and nobody comes into existence apart from the will and the Word of the Lord God Almighty (Genesis 1:3). This means God desires the survival of every human life from fertilization to forever. We court great danger if we go against this intent or counsel others to do so (Psalm 29:7-8). Instead let us receive neighbors as blessings and enjoy our Father’s favor (Mark 1:11)!

*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

- Luke      Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis: **John Stockinger** who will undergo bone marrow harvest and **Layla Stockinger** who will receive the bone marrow transplant on Tuesday
- Deborah      Ashton Creek: **Carol Rose**, for rehab
- Ruth      **Marti Evans**, as she continues to experience health issues
- Moses      **Eric Hoffman**, recovering from surgery
- Moses      **Dave Kendall**, recovering at home
- Ruth      **William G. Schmidt**, as he continues to recover at home
- 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, receiving physical therapy  
**David Knoll**, cousin of Karen Detwiler, undergoing cancer treatment  
**Eliana Miller**, friend of Karen Detwiler, doing better and taking a break from cancer treatment  
**Lisa Reece**, friend of the Rosenkoettters, cancer has progressed, prognosis not long-term  
**Janet Shady**, Ron Crismore's sister, recovering at home
- Deborah      Dawn Behny, Jim Behny Family, Bruns Family, Kyle & Donna Calloway, Stacy & Teri  
FCG      Owens, Carol Rose, Marley Rose, and the Spanos Family.

### Pray for

For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God’s Word on the Lord’s Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ’s holy gifts.

**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.

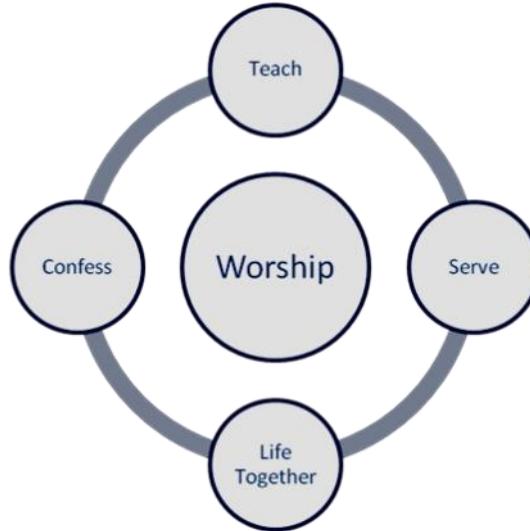
**Please Note:** As prayer requests come in we will keep them on the prayer list for one month, unless specifically requested otherwise.



# EMMAUS NEWS & NOTES

For the week of January 7, 2024

## DONE IN LOVE



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## SERVING THE LORD

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**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.

### **GIVING TREE FAMILY THANK YOU!**

I received many thanks from both Giving Tree families. They both shared that tears were shed because of our congregation's generosity. Thank you so much for blessing these families this year!

*Jessica Barkdull*

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## NURTURING THE FAITH

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## **MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY** -Beginning Wednesday, Jan 10, 7pm **"Main Character vs. Cruciform Life"**

Join us as we discover our human tendency to place ourselves at the center of the story and how this alienates us from God and others. We will seek to reorient our life based upon the cruciform way of Christ. We will begin our session on January 10 as a group, then we will split as Deaconess Fieldworker Haley Randolph takes the women and Pastor Olsen takes the men for our study as we work through God's Word exploring our topic as it affects us as men and women, both how God created us to be and how we struggle each uniquely with suffering and

sin. By the end of this Epiphany season class you will have a better understanding of what the cruciform life looks like and how we walk in the way of Christ each day as the man or woman He has created, redeemed and sanctified us to be.

## **DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS**

**Higher Things Reflections** - The Baptism of Our Lord - Saturday the Week of Transfiguration (1/7 to 2/17/2024) 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](http://www.higherthings.org).

**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 31 Worship: **120**

<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	\$3,176.15
Electronic Offerings Rec'd Last Week	\$1,592.20
Budgeted Overage (Shortfall)	(\$2,125.65)
<b>Budgeted Offerings Needed YTD</b>	<b>\$186,138.00</b>
Envelope Offerings Received YTD (includes Electronic Offerings) **	\$178,121.19
<b>Budgeted Overage (Shortfall) YTD</b>	<b>(\$8,016.81)</b>
<b>LONG-TERM COMMITMENTS/OBLIGATIONS &amp; INITIATIVES</b>	
Mortgage Balance	\$1,024,646.67
Concordia Lutheran High School Congregation Assessment Balance	\$38,562.50
Bell Tower Funds Raised (target \$107,650.00)	<b>\$107,650.00</b>
Sanctuary Fund/Foundation	\$304,082.95

**2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES** - Envelopes are available to pick up from the table in the front hallway.

**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, 260-459-7722, ext. 1002.

**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](http://Kroger.com) and set up an account (if you don’t have one) or log into your account.

**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#/)

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 BOOKLETS**

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: ***"Cancer: Courage through Christ."*** Hearing the diagnosis of cancer brings fear, discouragement, resignation, regret, sorrow--but hanging on to those emotions will block the individual from seeing the bigger picture that God is in control, even when confronting

cancer. In this booklet, inspiration comes from God's Word and the real-life stories of people, who have been through this disease themselves. Their words--candid and sincere--offer first-hand insights.

**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.

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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: *Epiphany Light* - The prophecy from the prophet is profound. Light in the darkness. Kings and nobility bear witness to the Light. Rare gifts given from love. This is Epiphany and so much more! Come and worship. Bow down with the Magi and discover, along with a boy named Gunther, Epiphany Light. Sermon Text: Isaiah 60:1-6. Speaker: Rev. William Mueller.

**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](tel: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.

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL**

**Christmas Break:** Classes will resume on Monday, January 8th.