

WELCOME TO EMMAUS LUTHERAN!



THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 4, 2024



GOD'S DIVINE SERVICE TO US:

The Son of God, Christ Jesus, Makes Us a New Creation

The Lord alone *"is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth"* (Is. 40:28). He *"sits above the circle of the earth"* and *"stretches out the heavens like a curtain"* (Is. 40:22). Yet, His almighty power is demonstrated chiefly by His mercy and compassion. *"He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength"* (Is. 40:29). The only begotten Son of the Father, the very Word by whom all things were made, becomes flesh and takes all the poverty and weakness of our sin and death upon Himself, bearing it in His body to the cross. As He dies for us there, He also raises us up, a new creation, in His resurrection from the dead. Thus, by the preaching of this Word, He heals *"many who were sick with various diseases,"* and He casts out *"many demons"* (Mark 1:34, 39). And His preaching continues through those whom He has sent, who are *"entrusted with a stewardship"* to *"preach the gospel"* (1 Cor. 9:16–17). Thus, we are set free by the Word of Christ, and we exercise our freedom in loving service to others.



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

551 When to Our World the Savior Came



1 When to our world the Sav - ior came The sick and
2 That good phy - si - cian! Night and day The peo - ple
3 His prais - es then were heard and sung By o - pened
4 Of long a - go: yet liv - ing still, Who died for
5 His sov - 'reign pur - pose still re - mains Who rose in



help - less heard His name, And in their weak - ness
thronged a - bout His way; And won - der ran from
ears and loos - ened tongue, While light - ened eyes could
us on Cal - v'ry's hill; Who tri - umphed o - ver
pow'r, and lives and reigns; Till ev - 'ry tongue con -



longed to see The heal - ing Christ of Gal - i - lee.
soul to soul, "The touch of Christ has made us whole!"
see and know The heal - ing Christ of long a - go.
cross and grave, His heal - ing hands stretched forth to save.
fess His praise, The heal - ing Christ of all our days.

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As we begin our worship service, we sing this hymn reminding us of Jesus' ever present work, His healing, and His triumph over cross and grave.
(Acts 10:38; John 9:1-41)

+ 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

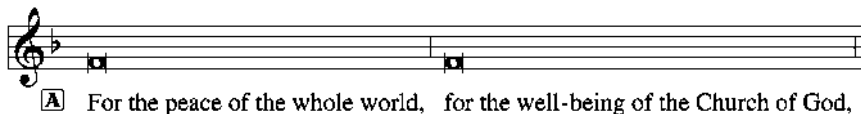
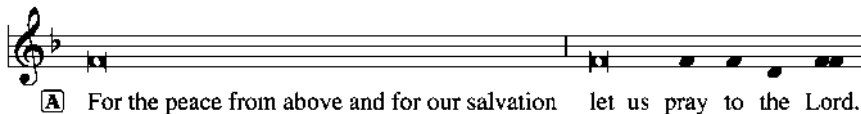
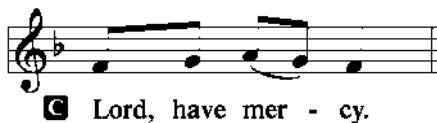
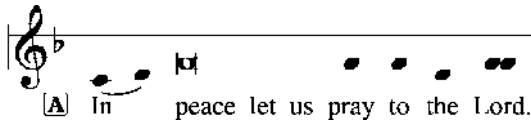


- P** I will sing | to the LORD,*
because he has dealt bountifully | with me.
- C** Consider and answer me, O | LORD my God;*
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the | sleep of death,
- P** lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed | over him,”*
lest my foes rejoice because I am | shaken.
- C** But I have trusted in your | steadfast love;*
my heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P** I will sing | to the LORD,*
because he has dealt bountifully | with me.

The Introit is a collection of passages from Scripture that set the tone for the services; verses are different each Sunday. Today's Introit is from Psalm 13.

Kyrie


Mark 10:47



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


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



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

let us pray to the Lord.

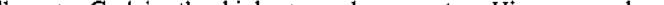


 **A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.

C A - men.

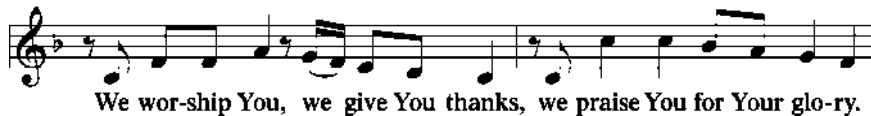
Hymn of Praise Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14: John 1:29


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

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

*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.*



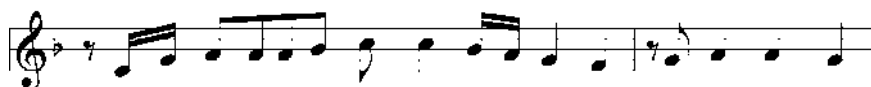
We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And al - so with you.

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

P Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

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: Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; ²³who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gradual



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

P Praise the LORD, all | nations! *
Extol him, all | peoples!

G For great is his steadfast | love toward us, *
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

P Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name; *
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

¹⁶For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. ¹⁸What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Summary:

Paul doesn't look first to his own "rights", but first considers others before himself, just as Christ did first.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the lyrics: 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the'. The second staff continues the melody and contains the lyrics: 'words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style with eighth and quarter notes.

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 1:29-39

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁹And immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." ³⁸And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." ³⁹And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Summary:

Jesus continues to heal the sick and cast out demons, not permitting them to speak, for they know who He is!


Sola Scriptura
SCRIPTURE ALONE

Hymn of the Day

398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;
 5 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
 To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;
 Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
 All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.
 From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
 To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
 Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;
 To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;
 The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.
 Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.
 And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
 His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.
 His name shall stand for - ev - er— That name to us is Love.

Text and tune: Public domain

*May his name
endure forever, his
fame continue as
long as the sun!
May people be
blessed in him, all
nations call him
blessed! Psalm
72:17*

*(Psalm 72:1-17; 2
Samuel 7:12; Acts 10:38;
Psalm 2)*

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.**

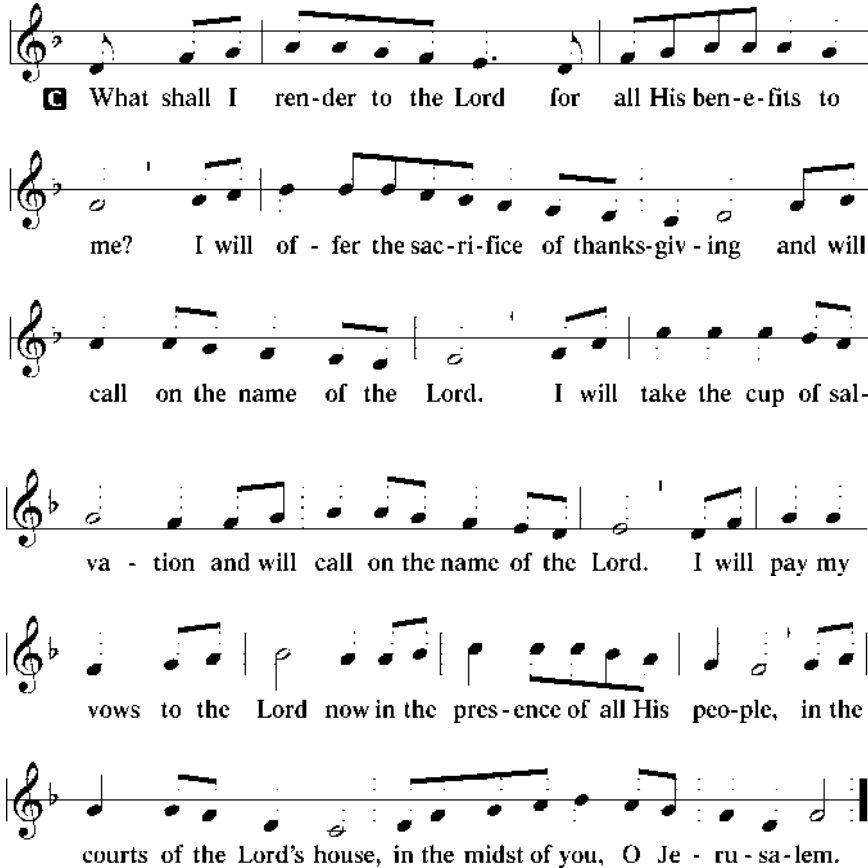
*The Creed is a
solemn confession
and response of
faith to the Word.
The Nicene Creed
was composed in
A.D. 325.*

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 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 +

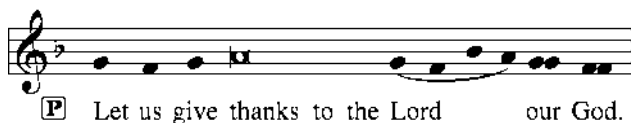
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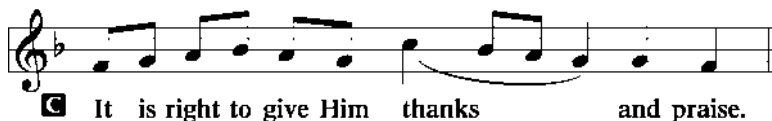
2 Timothy 4:22



[Colossians 3:1]



[Psalm 136]



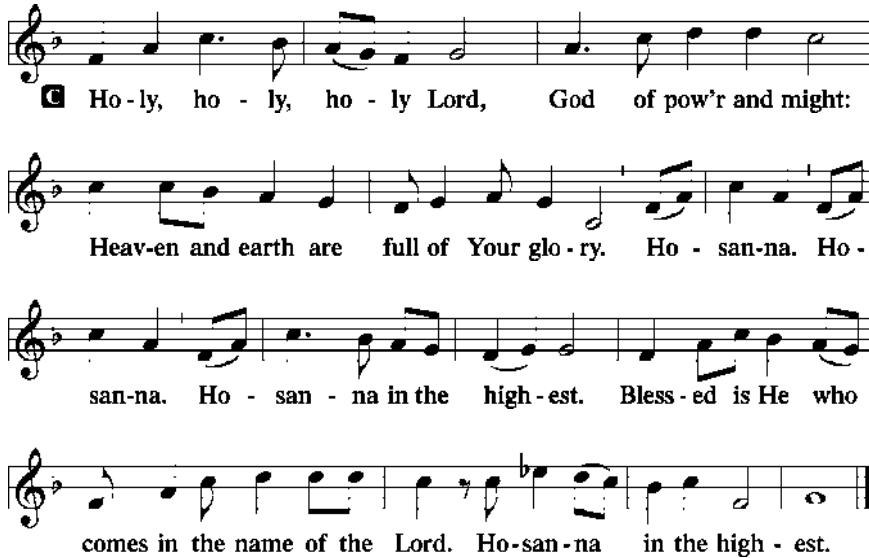
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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 ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

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

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

Pax Domini

John 20:19



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



C A - men.

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

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

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

693 O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace That we our Lord and Sav - ior
2 Help us that we Thy sav - ing Word In faith - ful hearts may trea - sure;
3 And when our earth - ly race is run, Death's bit - ter hour im - pend - ing,



In faith and fer - vent love em - brace And tru - ly serve Him ev - er.
Let e'er that Bread of Life af - ford New grace in rich - est mea - sure.
Then may Thy work in us be - gun Con - tin - ue till life's end - ing,



The hour of death can - not bring loss When we are shel - tered
O make us die to ev - 'ry sin, Each day cre - ate new
Un - til we glad - ly may com - mend Our souls in - to our

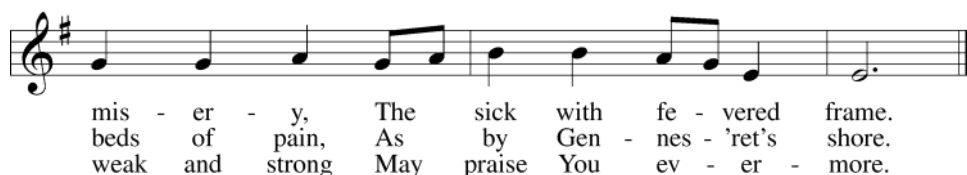
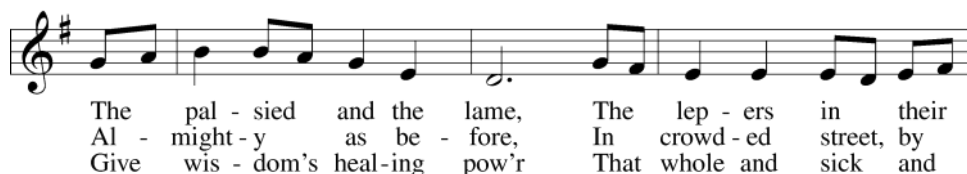
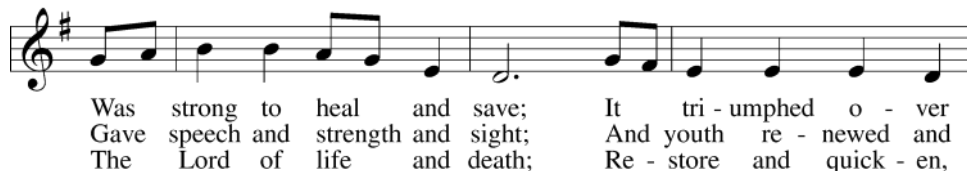


by the cross That can - celed our trans - gres - sions.
life with - in, That fruits of faith may flour - ish.
Sav - ior's hand, The crown of life ob - tain - ing.

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Bartholomäus Ringwaldt was a Lutheran pastor in Prussia during the later Reformation. Many of his hymns were written to bring comfort to those suffering from famine, pestilence, fire, and flood. (Romans 5:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:3; 1 Peter 2:21-25; 1 Corinthians 9:24-25)

846 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old



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We hear of Jesus' healing touch as recorded in the Bible. He still brings His healing touch through Word and Sacrament.

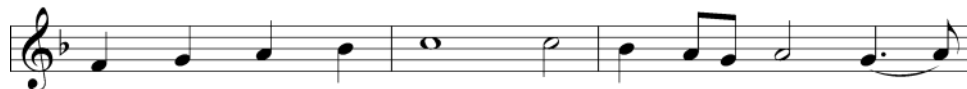
(Luke 19:10; Matthew 9:35; John 10:10; 1 Peter 2:9)

841 O Son of God, in Galilee



1 O Son of God, in Gal - i - lee You
 2 O lis - ten to the si - lent prayer Of
 3 The speech - less tongue, the life - less ear You
 4 Mean - while to them the lis - t'ning ear Of
 5 Then in Your prom - ised hap - py land Each

*As you sing this hymn, contemplate on the words that speaks of the Lord's healing.
 (Mark 7:32-37)*



made the deaf to hear, The mute to speak, the
 Your af - flict - ed ones. O bid them cast on
 can re - store, O Lord; Your "Eph - pha - tha," O
 stead - fast faith im - part, And let Your Word bring
 loss will prove a gain; All mys - t'ries we shall



blind to see; O bless - ed Lord, be near.
 You their care; Your grace to them make known.
 Sav - ior dear, Can in - stant help af - ford.
 light and cheer To ev - 'ry trou - bled heart.
 un - der - stand, For You will make them plain.

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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.

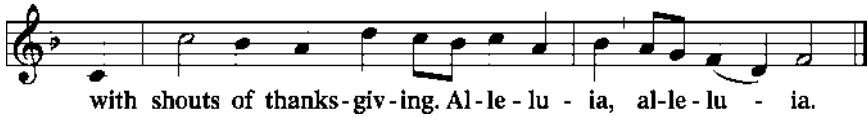


Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



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

The Post-Communion Canticle is a hymn of thanks.



Post-Communion Collect

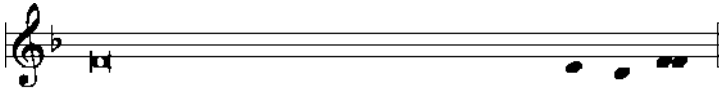
P Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



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

825 Rise, Shine, You People



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
 He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
 Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing.
 Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
 All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
 To all the world go out and tell the
 Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
 driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
 sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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This hymn begins with the work of Christ and ends with our telling of the work of Christ. (Ephesians 5:14; Colossians 2:13-15; Isaiah 60:1; Matthew 28:18-20)

Announcements

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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Sunday School & Bible Classes



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Grades 6-8 will meet in the Library (west hallway).

High School Students/Adults are invited and encouraged to gather in the gym for Bible Study .
Rev. Dr. Jon Bruss will be leading the class this morning.



Participating in Today's Service

Preacher: Seminarian Noah Dunsmore

Liturgist & Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Jon Bruss

Acolyte: Niko Spanos

Elder: Mr. Stan Veit

Organist: Mr. Timothy LaCroix

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, February 4

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

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:
Peggy Kreigh, Judi Mabee

Monday, February 5

8:20a.m. School Chapel

Wednesday, February 7

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

Thursday, February 8

6:00 p.m. Handbells

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Sunday, February 11

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

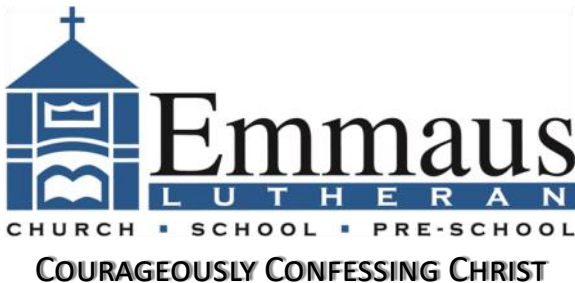
9:00 a.m. Divine Service - Holy
Communion

Acolyte: Trapper Durlacher

Elder: Stan Veit

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

Sunday School Nursery:
Laura Bruns, Hunter Durlacher



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Darlene Heeren, *Church Secretary*

Timothy LaCroix, *Music Director*

Karen Detwiler, *Family Care Coordinator*

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EMMAUS MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP FOCUS



FEBRUARY: STEWARDSHIP OF THE BODY OF CHRIST (KOINONIA)

Stewardship Goal:

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

*...that the members may have the same care for one another.
(1Co 12:25b ESV)*

Family Stewardship Discussion

Read the Bible verse above aloud first.

1. Are you anxious about anything? (Please be honest with one another.) Read Matthew 6:25-34. What does Jesus say about being anxious?
2. Here comes the curve ball. Is it ever good to be anxious? (Hint: the same Greek word in Matthew 6 for anxious is used in 1 Cor. 12 and translated , “same care.”)
3. So, is it good to be “anxious” for another person, to show care for them? We should not be anxious in the negative sense, but trust God. Knowing we do not need to be anxious about anything because He takes care of our physical through His provision and spiritual needs through Word and Sacrament, we can be “anxious” for our neighbor. God frees us up to take care of one another, to show care and concern. What are some ways that you can be “anxious” for another member in our church? In your neighborhood? At work or in school? Even your own family?

Bible Readings for Next Sunday:

Psalms 50:1-6; 2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6; Mark 9:2-9



Weekly Word & Prayer
We encourage you to take this insert home with you and use it as part of your family or
February 4, 2024

“LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR”

Transfiguration of Our Lord – We proclaim not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord (2 Corinthians 4:5) of body and sexuality. We proclaim not personal choice, but Jesus Christ as Lord of marriage and procreation. We proclaim not popular opinion, but Jesus Christ as Lord of hurts and healing. We proclaim not political debate, but Jesus Christ as Lord of life and death. Listen to Him who makes us beloved children of God (Mark 9:7).

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: **Layla Stockinger**, received bone marrow transplant on January 9th

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

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

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

Moses **Eric Hoffman**, recovering from surgery

Moses **Dave Kendall**, recovering at home

Moses **Pamela Richter**, experiencing health issues

Luke **John Stockinger**, recovering from bone marrow harvest

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

Lisa Reece, friend of the Rosenkoettters, who is nearing life's end

Birthday

Wini Fritz, will be celebrating her 102nd birthday on Monday, February 5th

Pray for

Kim Smith and her family, as her granddaughter, Adaija Okey, was called to her eternal home on Monday.

Luke Suzanne Ashton; Ellen Durnell, George & Carolyn Eldridge, Gail Everett, Jim & Darlene Heeren, Faith Korte, Joyce Nielsen, Megan Rosswurm, and the Stockinger Family.

FCG

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

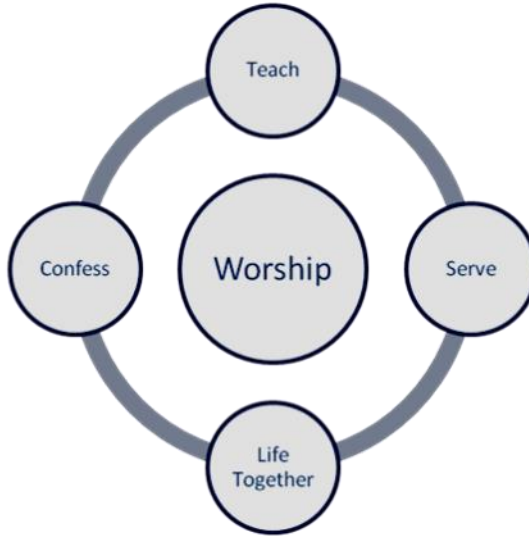
Please Note: As prayer requests come in we will keep them on the prayer list for one month, unless specifically requested otherwise.



EMMAUS NEWS & NOTES

For the week of February 4, 2024

DONE IN LOVE



ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

Join us on Wednesday, February 14, at 5:30 p.m. for our Soup Supper. Come and enjoy a delicious variety of soups and desserts before we gather for worship. All are welcome!



Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Wednesday, February 14

7:00 p.m.

Mutual Consideration

Psalm 41:1-2

Holy communion will be celebrated.

SERVING THE LORD

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

NURTURING THE FAITH

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

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Grades 6-8 meet in the Library (west hallway).

Adult Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this morning, as we read and study God's Word.

Rev. Dr. Jon Bruss will be leading the class today.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY - Wednesday, February 7th @ 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.

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.

LIFE TOGETHER

Worship Attendance
Sunday, January 28 Worship: **136**
Adult Bible Class: **44**

EMMAUS FY 2023-2024 OFFERINGS & TITHES NEEDED	
Offerings Needed Weekly Beginning July 1, 2023	\$6,894.00
Offerings Rec'd Last Sunday	\$10,963.00
Electronic Offerings Rec'd Last Week	\$1,338.70
Budgeted Overage (Shortfall)	\$5,407.70
Budgeted Offerings Needed YTD	\$213,714.00
Envelope Offerings Received YTD (includes Electronic Offerings) **	\$221,862.75
Budgeted Overage (Shortfall) YTD	\$8,148.75
LONG-TERM COMMITMENTS/OBLIGATIONS & INITIATIVES	
Mortgage Balance	\$1,020,503.34
Concordia Lutheran High School Congregation Assessment Balance	\$38,562.50
Bell Tower Funds Raised (target \$107,650.00) **	\$50,990.00
Sanctuary Fund/Foundation	\$304,082.95
** Due to delays in the start of the cell tower, Emmaus' grant for the refurb of the bells expired at the end of 2023 and will not be renewed. While there is a plan in place to pay the final bell refurb invoice, your continued financial support of Emmaus Lutheran Church is very much needed and appreciated.	

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 or 260-459-7722, ext. 1012.

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

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



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.

*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 or Paul Stockinger at 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.

**Saturday, February 24th
6:00-10:00 p.m.**

Fort Wayne Country Club
5221 Covington Road

Dinner Menu

Will be announced soon!

Featured Entertainment:

Yacht Party

Tickets

Individual: \$75.00

Table of 8: \$550.00

Tickets are available to purchase in
the school and church offices,
payable by cash or check

Tickets can also be purchased online by going to the church website:
www.emmausfortwayne.org. Click on News & Events and then Latest
Announcements for the link to get your tickets.

Deadline for purchasing tickets: Friday, February 9th.



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: **"For Better ... For Worse."** This booklet shares four principles of a healthy marriage and provides practical recommendations to maintain the love that brought you together in the first place.

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

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

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

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

GENERAL

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

ROYAL MESSENGER NEWSLETTER - The February/March 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 April/May 2024 issue is Monday, April 1st (no joke!).** Please send any info on upcoming events to the church office by e-mail to: dheeren@emmausfortwayne.org. Thank you!

OTHER

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

WORSHIP ANEW is broadcast weekly on Sundays at 7:00 a.m. on NBC’s Channel 21.2, 8:00a.m. on MyTV - Frontier 9, Digital 21.3 and Comcast 2 52; 11:30 a.m. on WINM-TV 12/38 - TCT; and 4:00 p.m. Sunday and 10:00 a.m. Monday on Comcast 55 and Frontier 25 [PA]. Today’s program: *Jesus Lifts You Up* - Think of every healing you experience, whether it be getting over a cold or the flu or something even greater, as more than dodging the bullet or getting a little favor from God. Think of it as a little resurrection. A little instance of being lifted up by the hand of God. Think of it, not as an end, but as a little sneak preview of a greater coming attraction—the day that Jesus comes to you and extends His hand to you and lifts you up from death to eternal life. Sermon Text: Mark 1:31. Speaker: Rev Shayne Jonker.

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

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

0213, ext. 105.

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

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

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

FISH FRY & BAKE SALE - 64th Annual Fish Fry and Bake Sale on **Saturday, February 10** from 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm. At Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6318 W California Road. Adult dinners are \$14.00, and children's dinners (Ages 4-12) are \$7.00. Children three and under eat for free. You may also purchase carry-outs of fish only for \$16.00 each. Meals include our famous all you can eat fish, potato salad, baked beans, and dinner rolls with a drink. Our Women's Ministry ladies have been busy making homemade noodles and apple dumplings for the bake sale. We look forward to seeing you there.

HYMNFEST 2024 Epiphany: God Manifested for You - Mark your calendars for the celebration of 16 years of Hymnody in Fort Wayne & 54 years of Shepherd of the City. Please join us on **Sunday, February 11**, at 4:00p.m. as we worship our Lord Jesus Christ during this special event at Shepherd of the City. Hunter Kinnison, a first-year seminarian at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, studied Parish Music at Concordia University Wisconsin, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts

in Parish Music in 2023. At CUY, he studied organ under Dr. James Freese and Dr. Craig Sproat focusing most of his study on service playing and the use and development of hymnody in the Lutheran church. Dr. Jon Bruss is Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and is considered an authority on the history of the Christian church. A reception will follow the service. This event is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken to support the restoration of their historic sanctuary.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

A Capella Choir Tour 2024

Concordia Choirs will be performing on **Sunday, February 4** as part of their choir tour. The performance will be at Kramer Chapel on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne and starts at 7:30 p.m. The tour also includes performances in Kokomo, IN, Collinsville, IL and St. Louis, MO.

24-Hour Theater Festival Public Performance, February 10, 7 p.m.

The 24-Hour Theater Festival is an event the CLHS Theatre Department sponsors each year to encourage students to give theater a try. Each year, upwards of 80+ students are involved. Students can participate as writers, directors, actors, dancers, tech crew, set design or stage crew. The event begins at 7 p.m. on Friday night, when the writers gather to pair up and write four shows. The next morning the directors meet with the writers to go over their shows and then are handed a list of students who will be their actors. Students then break up into their various casts and start preparing their shows, while the set, stage and tech crews also prepare for the show.

Performances of the four original student produced shows will be on Saturday, February 10 at 7 p.m., 24 hours after the writers first met to write the shows. It is open to the public! Cost is \$2.00 or a canned good, which will be donated to Canstruction.

CLHS Winter Musical - *Guys and Dolls*,

Friday, February 23 and Saturday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 25 at 2:00 p.m.

Considered by many to be the perfect musical comedy, *Guys and Dolls* ran for 1,200 performances when it opened on Broadway in 1950. Set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City, *Guys and Dolls* is an oddball romantic comedy. Gambler, Nathan Detroit, tries to find the cash to set up the biggest craps game in town while the authorities breathe down his neck; meanwhile, his girlfriend and nightclub performer, Adelaide, laments that they've been engaged for fourteen years. Nathan turns to fellow gambler, Sky Masterson, for the dough, and Sky ends up chasing the straight-laced missionary, Sarah Brown, as

a result. *Guys and Dolls* takes us from the heart of Times Square to the cafes of Havana, Cuba, and even into the sewers of New York City, but eventually everyone ends up right where they belong. This musical is directed by Mr. Chris Murphy, with musical direction by Mrs. Kathryn Peperkorn.