

WELCOME TO EMMAUS LUTHERAN!



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

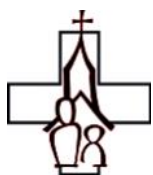
**Sunday, January 14, 2024**

## GOD'S DIVINE SERVICE TO US:



### *The Lord God Is with You and Reveals Himself to You by the Preaching of His Word*

The Lord Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael to “*come and see*” that He is “*the Son of God*” and “*the King of Israel*” (John 1:43–49). And they shall see even “*greater things than these*” (John 1:50). For His body is the temple of God on earth, and by His priestly sacrifice the heavens will be opened to all who believe and are baptized into Him. Therefore, He calls Philip and Nathanael, first to hear His Word and then to speak as apostles, even as He once called Samuel and established him “*as a prophet of the LORD*” (1 Sam. 3:20). As the Lord was with Samuel “*and let none of his words fall to the ground*” (1 Sam. 3:19), He also accompanies and upholds the preachers of His Word in our day. Thus, by the Gospel that is preached to you, “*your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you*” (1 Cor. 6:19). Since your body thus belongs to the Body of Christ, is meant “*for the Lord*” and shall be raised up like Him, now “*glorify God in your body*” (1 Cor. 6:13–20).



**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.

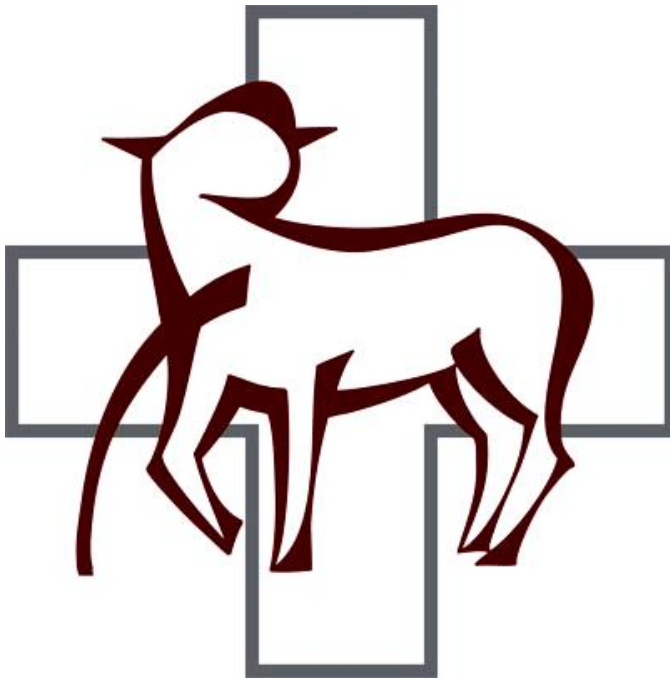
**DON'T UNDERSTAND THE WORSHIP SERVICE?** If it is your first time, some things may seem foreign. Worship does not come naturally we have to learn it. It does not come on the first try; the first hour in a foreign country the language and customs may be foreign. The liturgy is the special activity of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



# DIVINE SERVICE

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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

## 907 God Himself Is Present



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him  
 2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;  
 3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His  
 See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 Trust-ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in  
 ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and  
 an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease-less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne  
 an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:  
 ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!  
 Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.  
 Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

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*We are reminded of the gathering angels in worship and our posture like theirs, "Humbly, kneel in deepest reverence."*

*(Exodus 15:11-13; Hebrews 2:20; Revelation 7:9-12; Isaiah 6:2-3)*

## + 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.

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

**P** = Pastor

**L** = Liturgist/Lector

**C** = Congregation

**V** = Vocalist

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

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

**C** who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

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

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

Psalms 32:5

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

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

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

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

[John 20:19-23]

**C** Amen.

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

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

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

### Introit



**V** I have not hidden your deliverance with- | in my heart;\*

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your sal- | vation;

**C** I waited patiently | for the LORD;\*  
he inclined to me and | heard my cry.

**V** He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the | miry bog,\*

and set my feet upon a rock, making my | steps secure.

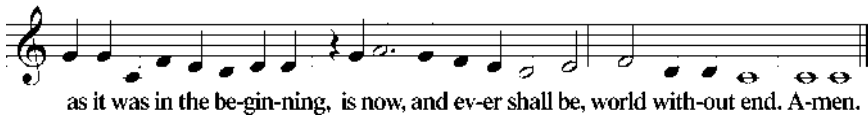
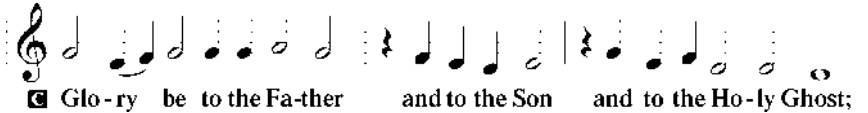
*The Introit is a collection of passages from Scripture that set the tone for the services; verses are different each Sunday. Today's Introit is from Psalm 40.*

**C** He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God.\*

**Many will see and fear, and put their trust | in the LORD.**

**V** Blessèd is the man who makes the | LORD his trust,\*  
who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray af- |  
ter a lie!

You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds  
and your thoughts toward us; none can com- | pare with you! \*  
I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than | can  
be told.



**V** I have not hidden your deliverance with- | in my heart; \*  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your sal- | vation.

## Kyrie

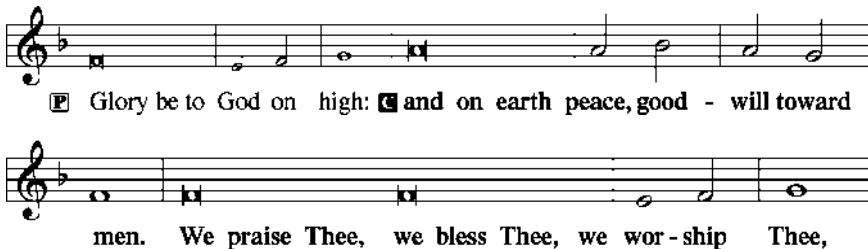
Mark 10:47



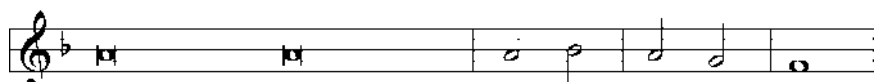
*Kyrie is Greek for "Lord, have mercy." It is the first prayer of the congregation in the Divine Service; it is a cry for mercy that our Lord and King will hear us and help us in our needs and troubles.*

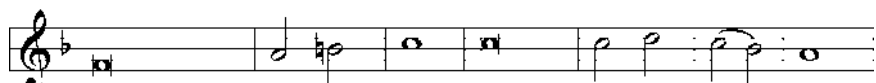
## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



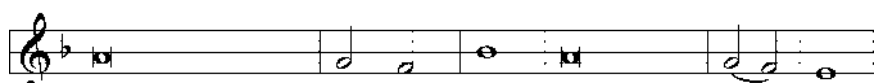
*Gloria in Excelsis: Confident that the Lord is merciful and has forgiven us, we join the whole Church and all the angels in singing glory to God.*

  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

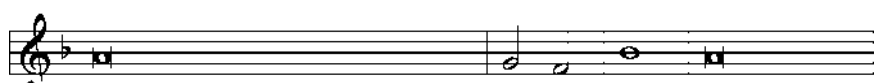
  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

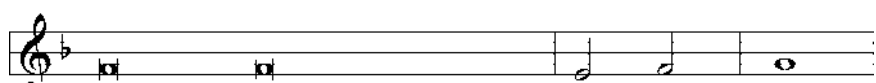
  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



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

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. <sup>3</sup>The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

<sup>6</sup>And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

<sup>8</sup>And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

**Summary:**  
*The Lord calls Samuel.*



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

**C** Thanks be to God.



## Gradual

**V** 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 for- | ever.

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

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

## Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

<sup>12</sup>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.

<sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup>for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

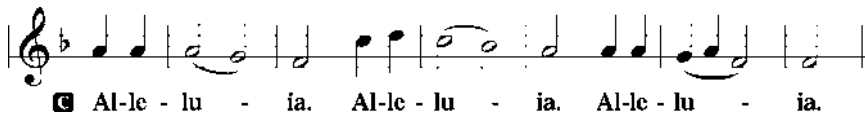
**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Summary:

*In a world filled with immorality, we are called to glorify God, especially with our bodies.*

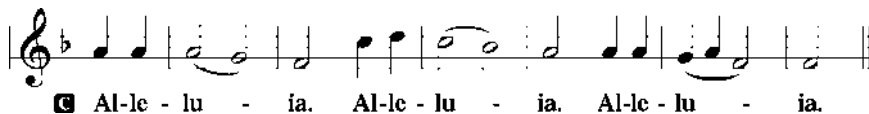
## Alleluia & Verse



**V** You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

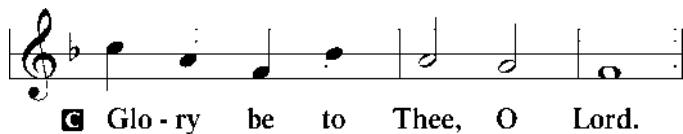
*Alleluia is Hebrew for “praise the Lord” and is a word of joy and gladness.*

*The Verse is a response sung between the epistle and gospel readings in the Divine Service.*



## Holy Gospel: John 1:43-51

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



<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

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



## Nicene Creed

**[C]** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,

**Summary:**  
*Christ reveals something about Himself to Nathanael after He calls him.*

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

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.



# Hymn of the Day

## 402 The Only Son from Heaven



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,  
 2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!  
 3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,  
 △ 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost



By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.  
 He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,  
 In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,  
 And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:



No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly  
 Grim death to van - quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -  
 That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en  
 Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.  
 fore us And bring us life a - gain.  
 prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.  
 ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

Text and tune: Public domain

Elizabeth Cruciger (1500-1535) was the first female Lutheran hymn writer and a friend of Martin Luther. This hymn was included in the first hymnal following the Reformation in 1524.

(Galatians 4:4-5; 2 Timothy 1:10; 1 John 4:9; Luke 1:30-35)

## Sermon

Text: 1 Corinthians 6:12–20

Stewardship of Life: My Body?

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

☐ Amen.

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

## Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

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



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

## 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!*

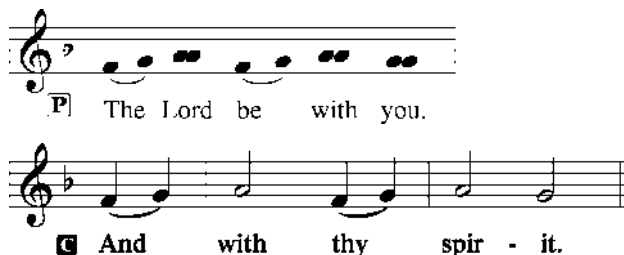
*The Offering symbolizes the "spiritual worship" of Christian lives offered in response to God and unites the faithful in an act of fellowship.*

## Prayer of the Church

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

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

## Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**G** And with thy spir - it.

2 Timothy 4:22

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



**P** Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]



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



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

Psalms 136



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

**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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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

## Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

*The Sanctus is Latin for "holy."*



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

## 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

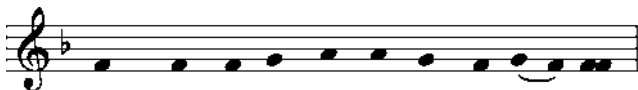
**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

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

## Pax Domini

John 20:19



**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

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

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

### 610 Lord Jesus, Think on Me



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin;  
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;  
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me A - mid the bat - tle's strife;  
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me Nor let me go a - stray;  
5 Lord Je - sus, think on me That, when this life is past,



From world-ly pas-sions set me free And make me pure with-in.  
Let me Your lov-ing ser-vant be And taste Your prom-ised rest.  
In all my pain and mis-er-y, O be my health and life!  
Through dark-ness and per-plex-i-ty Point out Your cho-sen way.  
I may the e-ter-nal bright-ness see And share Your joy at last.

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*This hymn, given to us by Synesius of Cyrene in the fourth century, calls to Christ and asks what only He can give.*

*(Psalm 51:6-12; Hebrews 4:15-16; Psalm 119:133; Luke 23:42-43)*

## 589 Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens



1 Speak, O Lord, Your ser - vant lis - tens, Let Your Word to  
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near You And to lis - ten  
 3 Lord, Your words are wa - ters liv - ing When my thirst - ing  
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let Your words in



me come near; New - born life and spir - it give me,  
 to Your voice; Let me ev - er love and hear You,  
 spir - it pleads. Lord, Your words are bread life - giv - ing;  
 me take root. May Your Spir - it e'er be near me



Let each prom - ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in - ward  
 Let Your Word be now my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,  
 On Your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, Your words will be my  
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing Your



strife, Wars a - gainst Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with  
 Lord, Flee in ter - ror at Your Word; But to all who  
 light Through death's cold and drea - ry night; Yes, they are my  
 praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my high - est



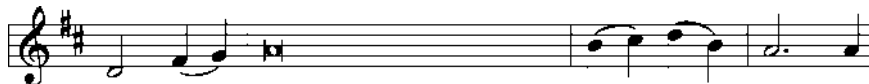
love's strong fer - vor That I cling to You for - ev - er!  
 feel sin's bur - den You give words of peace and par - don.  
 sword pre - vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing!  
 praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

Text and tune: Public domain

*Anna Sophia von Hessen-Darmstadt (b. 1638) wrote hymns and devotions having been educated in Holy Scripture and the Church Fathers. (1 Samuel 3:10; 1 Peter 1:23-25; John 6:63; 15:7-80)*

## Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

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

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

Psalms 107:1

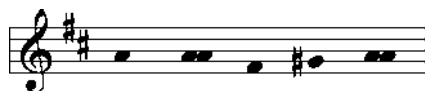
**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray.

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

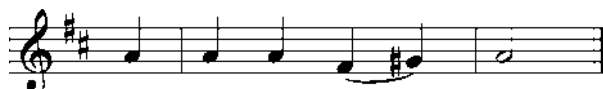
**C** Amen.

## Salutation and Benedicamus

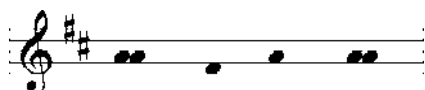


**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



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



**A** Bless we the Lord.

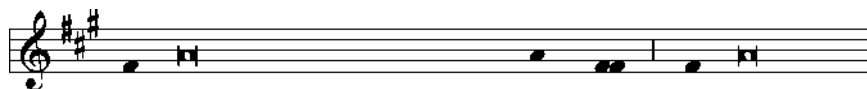
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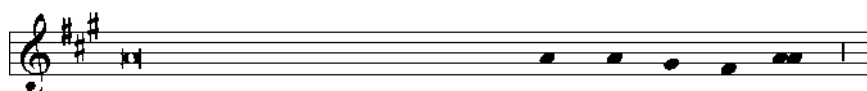
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

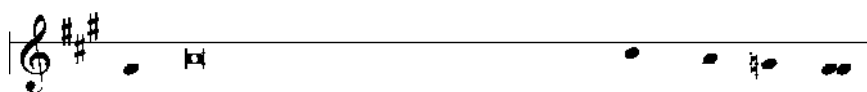
Numbers 6:24-26



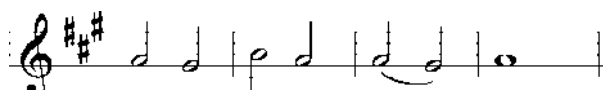
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

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

## Closing Hymn

### 830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;  
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,  
3 Tell of our Re-deem-er's grace, Who, to save our hu-man race  
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban - quet hall.  
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.  
And to pay re - bel-lion's price, Gave Him-self as sac - ri - fice.  
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work-ing both to will and do.

- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;  
Ripe the promise of its yield.  
But the reapers, oh, how few  
For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,  
Rouse to action heart and mind;  
Let the gath'ring nations all  
See Your light and heed Your call.

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*People often wonder what they should say to those who don't know the One True God. Listen as this missional hymn tells exactly what you can say and what they need to hear. (Psalm 96:1-5; Matthew 22:9-10; Luke 10:2; 24:47-48; Romans 8:32; 10:15)*

## Announcements

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

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## Sunday School & Bible Classes

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### Participating in Today's Service

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

**Lector:** Seminarian Noah Dunsmore

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

**Acolyte:** Hunter Durlacher

**Elder:** Mr. Stan Veit

**Organist:** Mr. Timothy LaCroix

**Vocalist:** Jesse Steinbacher

### MISSION OF EMMAUS LUTHERAN:

*Empowered by God's gift of never-ending love in Word and Sacrament and responding to the forgiveness won for us by Jesus Christ on the cross, the mission of the family of Emmaus Lutheran is to*  
**COURAGEOUSLY CONFESS CHRIST**  
*through worship, life together, teaching and service.*

UNITY ✝ FAMILY ✝ FAITHFUL ✝ EDUCATION ✝ CONFSSIONAL

# This Week at Emmaus

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## Sunday, January 14

### 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

10:30 a.m. Sunday School Devotion &  
Adult Bible Class

Sunday School Nursery:

Becca Bultemeier, Marian Hamilton

## Monday, January 15

### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Church Office Closed

NO School

## Tuesday, January 16

8:20 a.m. School Chapel

## Wednesday, January 17

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

## Thursday, January 18

6:00 p.m. Handbells

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

## Sunday, January 21

### Life Sunday

### 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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

Acolyte: John Stockinger

Elder: Jacob Bushur

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

Sunday School Nursery:

Zoe Dahnke, Beth Stockinger



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# EMMAUS MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP FOCUS



JANUARY: STEWARDSHIP OF LIFE

## Stewardship Goal:

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

*<sup>18</sup> Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup> for you were bought with a price.*

*So glorify God in your body.*

(1Co 6:18-20 ESV)

## Family Stewardship Discussion

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

1. We are told specifically to “flee” from this sin. Can you think of examples where the world tells us not to run away but run toward, to accept, what God calls sin?
2. We do not get to do whatever we want with “our” bodies. What two places in these verses tell us that “our” body doesn’t actually belong to us? Knowing these two truths, and knowing your body is the “*temple of the Holy Spirit*,” what difference does it make then what you do with your body?
3. Verse 20 says, “*<sup>20</sup> for you were bought with a price.*” What was the price and how was it paid? What does that have to do with the body?
4. “*So glorify God with your body.*” How is your body an issue of stewardship? (Remember, stewardship isn’t just about money! It is a whole life matter!)

## Bible Readings for Next Sunday:

Psalms 62; Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20



**Weekly Word & Prayer**  
January 14, 2021  
*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”

**Epiphany II** – Life issues like surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis come with uncertainty. But the Lord our God knows both our worries (Psalm 139:4) and the best way forward. He has already seen (John 1:48) what it will take to save, and He has still chosen life for all humankind, even when we behold only darkness and despair. We may not know what tomorrow holds, but we know who holds tomorrow.

*Life Thoughts in the Church Year* are designed to help pastors and congregations see the church year through the lens of the sanctity of human life. *Life*

*Thoughts* are based on the appointed readings from *Lutheran Service Book*.

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

### Remember in Prayer this Week

#### **FCG**      **Hospitalized/Sick/Recuperating**

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

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

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

**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 Rosenkoetters, cancer has progressed, prognosis not long-term

**Janet Shady**, Ron Crismore's sister, recovering at home

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

#### **Pray for**

For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and the Sacraments.

**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.

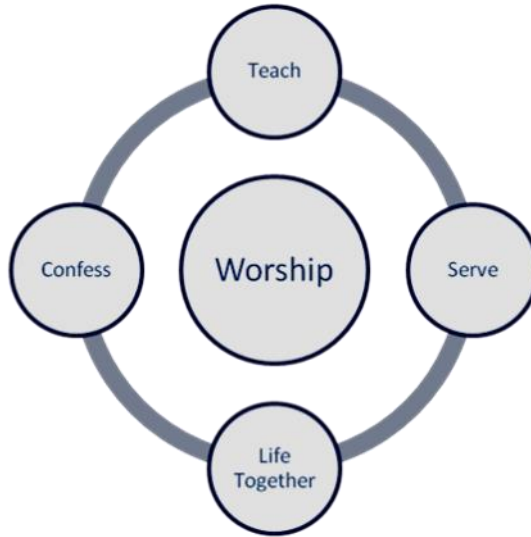
**Please Note:** As prayer requests come in we will keep them on the prayer list for one month, unless specifically requested otherwise.



# EMMAUS NEWS & NOTES

For the week of January 14, 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 - Wednesdays @ 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, January 7 Worship: **91**

Adult Bible Class: **39**

<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	\$4,556.25
Electronic Offerings Rec'd Last Week	\$3,452.45
Budgeted Overage (Shortfall)	\$1,114.70
<b>Budgeted Offerings Needed YTD</b>	<b>\$186,138.00</b>
Envelope Offerings Received YTD (includes Electronic Offerings) **	\$186,129.89
<b>Budgeted Overage (Shortfall) YTD</b>	<b>(\$6,902.11)</b>
<b>LONG-TERM COMMITMENTS/OBLIGATIONS &amp; INITIATIVES</b>	
Mortgage Balance	\$1,020,503.34
Concordia Lutheran High School Congregation Assessment Balance	\$38,562.50
Bell Tower Funds Raised (target \$107,650.00) **	<b>\$50,990.00</b>
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. We confirmed last week that it would not be renewed. While contributions toward this shortfall are greatly appreciated, we do have a plan in place to pay the final bell refurb invoice.	

**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.

**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](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)





**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#/)

### WAYS TO HELP EMMAUS:

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

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

### Advantage Recycling

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

### PROJECT CONNECT BOOOKLETS

Lutheran Hour Ministries 'Project Connect' booklets combine a subject matter expert's practical guidance on a variety of topics that pose real-life

challenges to us, within a Christ-centered, Law and Gospel context ... What a powerful combination! You can find a variety of these booklets in the circular rack just inside the entrance to the sanctuary. This week's featured brochure: *"Live the Six"* - This booklet is not about dramatic changes in your life. It's about inviting God into the life you're already living and finding ways to serve Him by meeting the needs of people around you. Learn how to be an everyday missionary. Inviting God into the life you're already living.

**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: ***See Greater Things*** - We SEE GREATER THINGS in daily living and eternity with Jesus in our lives. When Jesus entered a skeptical disciple's life, Nathanael's vision of God greatly increased. He promises and does the same in our lives! Sermon Text: John 1:51. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer.

**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.

**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@crossconnectionsounseling.com](mailto:kirkreber@crossconnectionsounseling.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](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.

**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**

#### **CLHS "Last Look" Open House, January 21, noon – 3 p.m.**

Our high school is hosting our "Last Look" Open House which starts at noon on Sunday, January 21 for any family interested in sending their student to Concordia. Students from **ALL GRADES** are welcome along with their parents and families! Those who attend will have an opportunity to see the school and learn more about programs we offer. You can meet with teachers and learn more about our academic and extracurricular opportunities. You can register online at [clhscadets.com/open-house](http://clhscadets.com/open-house). Please select a time for your guided tour. Our last guided tour will be offered at 2 p.m. If you have any questions, you can contact

Dawn Schuller, CLHS Director of Admissions and Retention, at (260) 483-1102, ext. 298 or [dschuller@clhscadets.com](mailto:dschuller@clhscadets.com).

**CLHS Nostalgia Night – Friday, January 26, 5:30 p.m.**

It is our pleasure to invite **past drama students and teachers** at Concordia Lutheran High School to be guests of honor at *Nostalgia Night 2024*. Our high school has a long and rich tradition of successful, entertaining and enriching theater productions and education in the dramatic arts. At Nostalgia Night, we honor the past and look forward to the future. Please join us!

The night will start off with a welcome reception in our Auditorium Lobby at 5:30 p.m. on **Friday, January 26** and then Nostalgia Night guests will be recognized on the court between games at our girls and boys basketball doubleheader. The girls game begins at 6:00 p.m. and the boys game will tip-off around 7:45 p.m. Tickets to the game will be provided to you at no charge.

Please RSVP by January 19 to Jenny Grisez at [jgrisez@clhscadets.com](mailto:jgrisez@clhscadets.com) or call 260.483.1102 ext. 253. Attendance is limited to 100 guests.

