## WELCOME TO EMMAUS LUTHERAN!



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Sunday, February 11, 2024

#### GOD'S DIVINE SERVICE TO US:

## The Face of Jesus Christ Manifests the Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God

It was "a hard thing" that Elisha asked, but by his persistence he was able to see the prophet Elijah being taken "by a whirlwind into heaven." Although "chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them," Elisha received Elijah's cloak and a "double portion" of his spirit for preaching the Lord's Word (2 Kings 2:9–11). It was a hard thing, too, for Israel to see Moses and come near to him, when "the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God" (Ex. 34:29–30). Therefore, after "he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai," Moses "put a veil over his face" (Ex. 34:32–33). Only the Word of the Gospel lifts the veil, and "only through Christ is it taken away" (2 Cor. 3:14). Thus are we able to behold "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ," who is "the image of God" (2 Cor. 4:4–6). For the Law and the prophets are all fulfilled in Him. Therefore, "listen to him," and fix your sights on "Jesus only" (Mark 9:7–8).



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 Hs 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.

#### 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.

#### 2024-2025 Freshman Scheduling Nights

#### Monday, February 26 and Thursday, February 29

Mark your calendar for our Freshmen Scheduling Nights. This is the time to come in and set up the schedule for your incoming freshman. Dates are split based on your last name. The dates are Monday, February 26, 2023 and Thursday, February 29, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. You must have submitted an application for admission to attend. During this time, you will have the opportunity to select your classes and ask questions of your counselor before your freshmen year.

Students will be assigned dates based on their last names:

A-M:	6:30 6:30	PM PM	February February	26
N-Z:				29

Please arrive at the auditorium door for check-in. We will also take your photo for our High School Signing Day! Students and parents will be shown the calendar and other information about starting the school year as well as setting up your schedule.

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

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

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

#### CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 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.



#### **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

#### **Teaching Moment with Pastor**

Children are invited to come forward to sit and listen to a teaching from Pastor Olsen before the service begins. Parents are encouraged to discuss the topic with their children at home.

#### **Processional Hymn**

Congregation please stand and face the Processional cross.

#### 873 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies



3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Fill me, ra - dian - cy di-vine, Scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Till they in - ward light im - part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart. More and more Thy - self dis-play, Shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Text and tune: Public domain

In the hymnal this is under the "morning" section. How does this hymn relate to the Transfiguration of Jesus? (John 8:12: Malachi 4:2: 2 Peter 1:19: Luke 1:78-

79)

#### + 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 |P| = Pastor 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.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful | Confession is the and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, act by which one and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left | admits or confesses 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 | means "set free." and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and | This Latin term was 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.

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

- $|\mathbf{L}|$  = Liturgist/Lector
- C = Congregation

sin(s) and the guilt of sin.

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

CONCORDIA IRVINE @ CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY - FEB. 25 - The Concordia Choir from Concordia University Irvine performs their Midwest Tour 2024 through Indiana and Michigan in late February. The talented ensemble of 48 collegiate singers, under the direction of Dr. Michael Bush, presents a meaningful program of classics from sacred choral literature, while featuring the compelling music of living composers. Enjoy a beautiful evening of music as they perform at CTS Kramer Chapel, on Sunday, February 25, at 4:30 p.m.

THE KAPELLE - The Concordia University Chicago Kapelle is kicking off their spring tour at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Friday, March 1, 2024 @ 7 pm. The event is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be received to support the Kapelle.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL IN CONCERT AT CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL - Concordia Lutheran Church and School is thrilled to host the Singing Saints from St. Paul Lutheran High School, Concordia, Missouri on their 2024 domestic tour. The touring choir is made up of 46 students from the 60+ voice concert choir and they will be performing a varied program that includes classic German choral works by Mendelssohn, Bruckner, and Haydn, as well as some hymns, anthems and spirituals. St. paul Lutheran High School is the only remaining LCMS residential high school in the U.S. The choir, under the direction of Dr. Jerrode Marsh, will present their concert program at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1st. The concert is free, but donations are kindly requested to help cover expenses for their tour.

**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 plus. Send resume to kirkreber@crossconnectionscounseling.com or call 260-260-373-0213, ext. 105.

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 <u>Sundays</u> 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: *Significant Days Ahead* - Jesus transfigured Himself, revealing His glory to Peter, James, and John. He knew there would be significant days ahead, especially during Holy Week. By revealing His glory, Jesus was sharing with His disciples what was in store for them in the glory of heaven. As we have significant days in our lives, we remember the transfiguration of Jesus to encourage us in our life's journey. Sermon Text: Mark 9:2-9. Speaker: Rev. Paul Shoemaker.

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.

#### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

#### Introit



Choir: Exalt the LORD our God,

and worship at his holy | mountain;\*

for the LORD our God is | holy!

The LORD reigns; let the peoples | tremble!\*

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the | earth quake!

The LORD is great in | Zion;\*

he is exalted over all the | peoples.

## Let them praise your great and | awesome name!\* Ho- | ly is he!

Choir: The King in his might loves | justice.\*

You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in | Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his | footstool!\*
Ho- | ly is he!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

And to the Holy | Spirit: As it was in the be- | ginning,\*

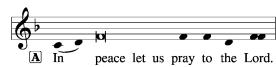
Is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Choir: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain:\*

for the LORD our God is | holy!

Mark 10:47

Kyrie





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.

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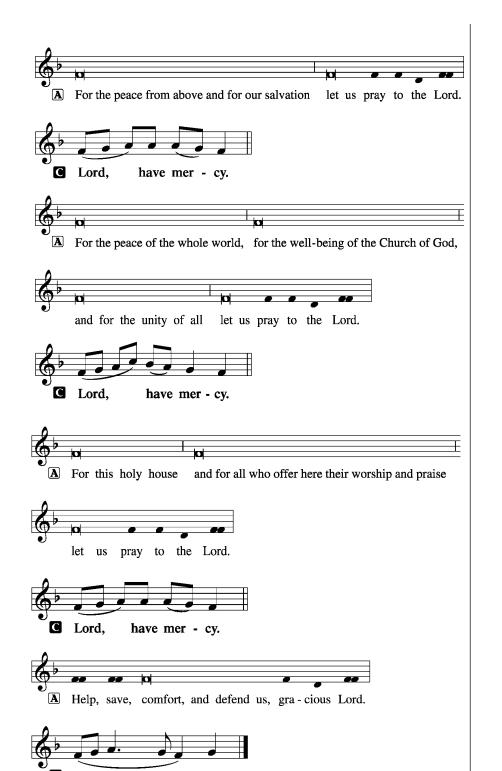
Scripture that set

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Sunday. Today's

Introit is from Psalm

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

GREETING CARDS - \$1.00 EACH - Our Women's Guild has 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



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=LOOJ4d 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.
- 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.

Thank you to all who are participating in the Kroger Community Rewards. The amount we are receiving has increase! We appreciate your support!

#### **Advantage Recycling**

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

#### PROJECT CONNECT BOOOKLETS

Lutheran Hour Ministries 'Project Connect' booklets combine a subject matter expert's practical guidance on a variety of topics that pose real-life challenges to us, within a Christ-centered, Law and Gospel context ... What a powerful combination! You can find a variety of these booklets in the circular rack just inside the entrance to the sanctuary. This week's "Helping Your Child Grow Through Faith featured brochure:

#### Hymn of Praise 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.

#### Salutation and Collect of the Day



2 Timothy 4:22



#### P Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 8Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

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

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

Summary: The Lord takes

Eliiah into heaven as his work is completed, leaving Elisha to continue serving.

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	\$3,300.95				
Budgeted Overage (Shortfall)	\$5,407.70				
Budgeted Offerings Needed YTD	\$220,608.00				
Envelope Offerings Received YTD (includes Electronic Offerings) **	\$228,294.80				
Budgeted Overage (Shortfall) YTD	\$7,686.80				
LONG-TERM COMMITMENTS/OBLIGATIONS & INITIATIVES					
Mortgage Balance	\$1,016,347.49				
Concordia Lutheran High School Congregation Assessment Balance	\$38,562.50				
Sanctuary Fund/Foundation	\$304,082.95				

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.

#### -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**

We invite you to join us as we study and learn God's Word. Please ask for help, if you need directions to these classes:

#### **Sunday School Classes**

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

**Preschool (3 yr. olds)** - **Gr 1 Students** will meet in Ms. O'Brien's/Kindergarten Room (front hallway).

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

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. This morning we will be focusing on today's readings. Pastor Olsen will be leading the class today.

#### **DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS**

<u>Higher Things Reflections</u> - Sunday the First Week in Lent - Holy Saturday (2/18 to 3/30/2024) 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.

<u>Portals of Prayer</u> - 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, February 4, Worship: 99
Adult Bible Class: 46

**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

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." <sup>10</sup>And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." <sup>11</sup>And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### Gradual

Choir: 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.

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

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6

<sup>12</sup>Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end.

<sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

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

#### Summary:

Christ removes the veil over our hearts and the light of His Gospel shines into our hearts.

#### **Gospel Procession**

Congregation please stand for the Gospel Procession.

#### Alleluia and Verse



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 9:2-9

**I** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.



<sup>2</sup>And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup> and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." 8And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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



For just a moment Jesus shines radiant with Elijah and Moses before His journey continues to the cross.

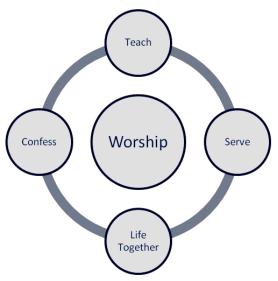




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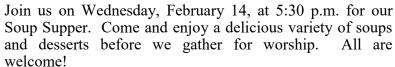
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#### **DONE IN LOVE**



#### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

#### Ash Wednesday Soup Supper







#### **Ash Wednesday Worship Service**

Wednesday, February 14 7:00 p.m. **Mutual Consideration** Psalm 41:1-2

Holy communion will be celebrated.

#### "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

#### Remember in Prayer this Week

FCG	<b>Hospitalized</b>	/Sick	/Recu	perating

Ruth LLV Rehab: Beverly Baals, for rehab for broken pelvis from a fall, congestive heart

failure.

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, continuing to recover at home

John Ruth LaBrash, diagnosed with diabetes
Moses Pamela Richter, experiencing health issues

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

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

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

Ruth Beverly Baals, Barbara Cox, Marti Evans, Barbara Kanning, Tammy Mook, William G.

FCG Schmidt, Schopp Family, Mark & Billie Uffelman, Stan & Kathy Viet, and Carl & Gwen

Woods.

#### Pray for

For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

<u>Serving in the Armed Forces:</u> James Rockrohr, brother of Theodore Rockrohr, serving in the U.S. Marines; **Paul Rockrohr**, brother of Theodore Rockrohr, serving as

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

#### **Gospel Recession**

Congregation please remain standing for the Gospel Recession You will be seated for the hymn.

#### Hymn of the Day 415 Jesus on the Mountain Peak



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

In this hymn we catch a glimpse of what Peter saw on

that mountain, yet

that this mountain is

we are reminded

not the final

destination. (2 Peter 1:16-19)

Sermon

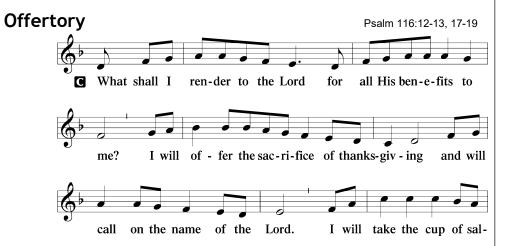
**C** I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
from thence He will come to judge the living and the
dead.

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

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]



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

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.

# 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.

Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. (1Co 10:16-17 ESV)

#### <u>Family Stewardship Discussion</u> Read the Bible verse above aloud first.

- 1. The Small Catechism reminds us regarding the Sacrament of the Altar, "For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation." Why is the forgiveness of sins so necessary?
- 2. When we partake of the Lord's Supper together, as one body, it is more than something personal between me and God. That is one aspect, but it also includes life together (koinonia) as one body confessing our faith as Scripture teaches and the historical church throughout the ages has practiced. Why are both aspects of the Sacrament, the vertical (me and God) and horizontal (me and my confessional agreeing brother/sister) essential? Who are those that should not receive the Sacrament? (HINT: pg. 342ff SC 2017 edition. There are five categories.)
- 3. In many churches, people are still staying home watching church services. When dealing with koinonia, our life together, and the necessity and blessings of The Lord's Supper, why would watching a service from home always fall short of the gathering together in person? (ONE HINT: Think incarnation.)

#### Bible Readings for Next Sunday:

Psalm 25:1-10; Genesis 22:1-18; James 1:12-18; Mark 1:9-15

#### This Week at Emmaus

#### Sunday, February 11

#### The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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

Light refreshments will be served after the worship service this morning. Everyone is welcome to join us1

Sunday School DoVotion & 10:20 a.m.

Adult Bible Class Sunday School Nursery: Laura Bruns, Hunter Durlacher

#### Monday, February 12

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

#### Tuesday, February 13

7:00 p.m.

Board of Christian Service 4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education

> School Board Finance Board Church Council

Wednesday, February 14

Soup Supper 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Divine 7:00 p.m. Service - Holy Communion Acolyte: John Stockinger

#### Thursday, February 15

Handbells 6:00p.m. 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

#### Sunday, February 18

1st Sunday in Lent

Ash Wednesday

Divine Service - Holy 9:00 a.m. Communion Acolyte: Hunter Durlacher Elder: Stan Veit

Adult Bible Class 10:20 a.m. Sunday School Nursery:

Becca Bultemeier, Stacey Durlacher

#### 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!

va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord.

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.

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

The voluntary is an offering of musical

praise.

#### Voluntary Choir

#### Adult

I will pay my

#### Fairest Lord Jesus (Hal Hopson)

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son, Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast. Beautiful Savior, Lord of all the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine.

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#### + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

#### **Preface**



P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times | The Proper Preface and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of 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.

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.

### Sunday School & Bible Classes

We invite you to join us as we study and learn God's Word. Please ask for help, if you need directions to these classes:

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

Preschool—Grade 8 Students and their parents will meet in the Library for DoVotion today... High School Students/Adults are invited and encouraged to gather in the gym for Bible Study with Pastor Olsen. Join us as we take a deeper ok into the readings for today.

#### Participating in Today's Service

Preacher: Rev. Roy C. Olsen, III Crucifer & Lector: Seminarian Brian Frank Book Bearer: Hunter Durlacher Acolyte: Trapper Durlacher Elder: Mr. Stan Veit Organist: Mr. Timothy LaCroix

Choirs: Emmaus Adult Choir, Emmaus Preschool Students

#### **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.

#### Recessional Hymn 417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness



#### **Announcements**

#### **Dismissal**

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

#### **Postlude**

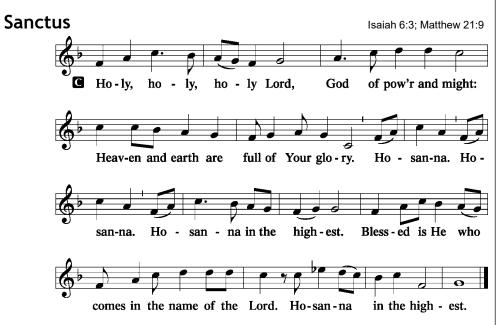
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We sing "Alleluia" one last time before the solemn season of Lent. The Alleluia does not return until Easter morning. (Psalm 137:1-6; Revelation 19:1-8)



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.

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#### **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 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

> > John 20:19

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 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 is Latin another.

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#### **Post-Communion Collect**

P Let us prav.

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.



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.



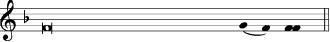
Congregation please remain standing for the Recessional Hymn.

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

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The Benediction is

Pax Domini



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



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

#### 416 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory



- 1 Swift ly pass the clouds of glo-ry, Heav-en's voice, the daz-zling light;
- 2 Glimpsed and gone the rev e la-tion, They shall gain and keep its truth, 3 Lord, trans fig ure our per-ception With the pur est light that shines,





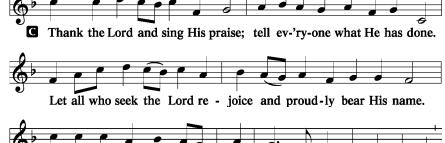
Pe-ter, James, and John fall si-lent, Turn - ing from the sum-mit's rise But by fol - low-ing the Sav-ior Through the val - ley to the cross Till we seek no oth - er glo-ry Than what lies past Cal-v'ry's hill



Down-ward toward the shad-owed val-ley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes. And by test - ing faith's re-sil-ience Through be-tray-al, pain, and loss. And our liv-ing and our dy-ing And our ris-ing by Your will.

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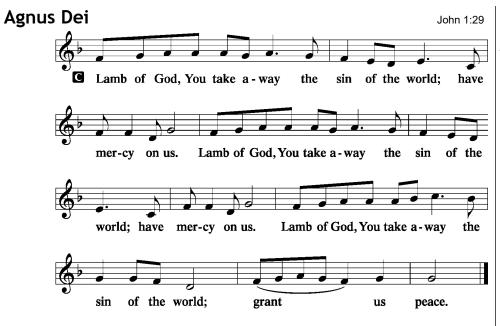
## Post-Communion Canticle Thank the Lord



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

The Post-Communion Canticle is a hymn of thanks.

We are called from the mountain to the valley, to the cross and to His loss, which is our gain. (Matthew 17:2-9; 2 Peter 1:16)



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**

#### **Choral Selection**

#### **Preschool Students**

Jesus Loves Me (LSB #588)

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong. *Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.* Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gates to open wide. He has washed away my sin, Lets His little child come in. *Refrain.* 

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#### 740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb



Following the parable that Jesus talked about the shepherd that went after the lost sheep. (Psalm 23: Isaiah 40:11; 49:10; John 21:15)

631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face



- Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
   Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
   Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
   Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
  The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
  The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
  Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above, Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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upon the body and blood of Christ as He serves us as Host. (John 6:35, 51, 58; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; 1 John 1:7; Revelation 19:7

The Lord's Supper is a special time for

Christians. We feed