

WELCOME TO EMMAUS LUTHERAN!



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

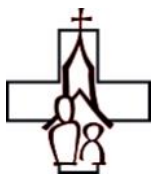
**Sunday, February 25, 2024**



## GOD'S DIVINE SERVICE TO US:

### ***By the Cross of Our Lord Jesus, We Inherit Life Everlasting with God***

In His covenant with Abraham, the Lord promised to be with him, to bless him and to make him *“the father of a multitude of nations.”* It is *“an everlasting covenant”* in Christ Jesus, the seed of Abraham who is blameless before God Almighty. All who believe in this Lord Jesus are the offspring of Abraham and are blessed *“throughout their generations”* (Gen. 17:1–7), because the Christ has suffered many things. He was rejected and killed, and after three days He rose again (Mark 8:31). To comprehend this theology of the cross, we must set our minds *“on the things of God,”* and not *“on the things of man”* (Mark 8:33). *“God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”* (Rom. 5:8). Therefore, having been *“reconciled to God by the death of his Son,”* much more *“shall we be saved by his life”* (Rom. 5:10). Baptized into His cross and resurrection, *“we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,”* and by faith we rejoice in the hope of His glory (Rom. 5:1–2).



**WELCOME!** What a blessing to gather together to worship the One True God! The Lord will bless your worship as he brings His gifts to you through Word and Sacrament. May we all respond with prayer, praise and thanksgiving. **We invite you to prepare for worship in silence and prayer.** Remembering your Baptism, you are encouraged to make the sign of the cross when you see this symbol ✝ in the bulletin. **If you are a guest, Pastor Olsen would love to meet you and we ask that you sign our Guest Book located in the front hallway.**



**WORSHIP WITH CHILDREN:** Worship is a time for the entire family to be together to hear the Word of God, for faith comes by hearing (Rom. 10:17). Therefore we encourage parents and children of all ages to sit together in the service. Understanding it is difficult for little ones to sit for long periods, ***Totes for Tots*** activity bags are available as you enter church (*by the information table*) for children to use during the worship service. Each bag contains books and quiet toys. Please return the bags and their contents after the worship service. Thank you! A ***Cry Room*** is also available in the Preschool/Mrs. MacKenzie's room (east hall), where you can listen to the worship service.

**DON'T UNDERSTAND THE WORSHIP SERVICE?** If it is your first time, some things may seem foreign. Worship does not come naturally we have to learn it. It does not come on the first try; the first hour in a foreign country the language and customs may be foreign. The liturgy is the special activity of the baptized people of God. It has its own special language like we do in our workplaces. It has its own customs like we do in our families. Every Sunday we learn more of worship and faith. The liturgy is where God reveals Himself to us and gives us His gifts. Here we learn who He is and how to respond to Him. The words of worship come from the Scriptures and its form has been used for 2,000 years. So don't worry if it all seems strange. You learn by practicing - join us each week!

**“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the House of the Lord...’” Psalm 122:1**



**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

**RESTROOMS** are located on each side of the sanctuary. There is a baby changing table located in the girl's locker room on the west side. We also have a **Family Restroom** (handicap accessible & baby changing station) located at the southwest corner of the building, just outside the Church Office.



# DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

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## Prelude

## Welcome

## Opening Hymn

### 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His  
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the  
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the  
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in  
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,  
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to  
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the  
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.  
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.  
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.  
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

## 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.

*What a blessing to confess that we are sinners and place ourselves under the merciful care of Jesus, "who died that I might live on high."*

*(Romans 5:8-11; 1 John 4:10; Hebrews 4:15-16; Ephesians 3:17b-18)*

# + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

## Invocation

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

**C** Amen.

*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

*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

Choir: Remember your mercy, O  
LORD, and your | steadfast  
love,\*

for they have been | from of old.

**C** You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD! \*  
He is their help | and their shield.

Choir: The LORD has remembered us; he will | bless us; \*  
he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house  
of | Aaron;

**C** he will bless those who | fear the LORD, \*  
both the small | and the great.

Choir: We will | bless the LORD \*  
from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

**C** 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.

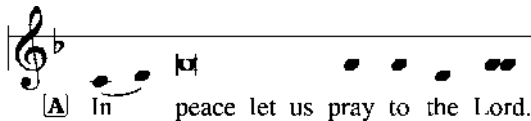
Choir: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love, \*  
for they have been | from of old.



*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 115.*

## Kyrie

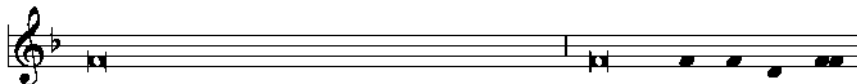
Mark 10:47



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



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



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



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

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



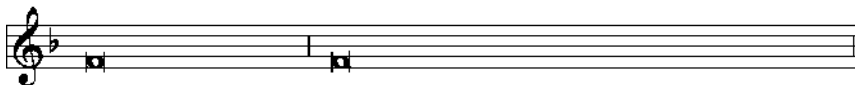
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



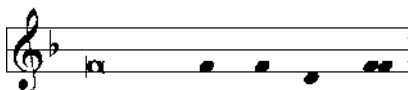
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



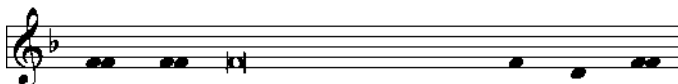
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



**G** A - men.

*During Lent, the Hymn of Praise is omitted.*

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup>that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

<sup>15</sup>And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Summary:**  
*God makes a promise with Abram to bless him.*

## Gradual

## Adult Choir

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus the founder and perfecter of our faith. Who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

## Epistle: Romans 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—<sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Summary:

*Romans 5 has so much good news for us.*

## Verse

## Adult Choir

If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

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

*The Alleluia is omitted during Lent*

## Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.



<sup>27</sup>And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?”  
<sup>28</sup>And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup>And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

<sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>34</sup>And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his life? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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



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

## Hymn of the Day

### 708 Lord, Thee I Love with all My Heart

V.1: Choir

v. 2 & 3: Choir and Congregation

- 1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,  
 With tender mercy cheer me. Earth has no pleasure I would share.  
 Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.  
 And should my heart for sorrow break, My trust in Thee can nothing  
 shake.  
 Thou art the portion I have sought; Thy precious blood my soul has bought.  
 Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord, Forsake me not!  
 I trust Thy Word.

## Summary:

*We are mindful on the things of God, not the things of man.*

*This hymn serves as a humble prayer to God.*

(1 John 4:19; 1 Peter 1:18  
 -19; 4:11; 1  
 Thessalonians 4:14-17)

2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun - ty gave My bod - y, soul, and  
 3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om  
 all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,  
 bear me home, that I may die un - fear - ing; And  
 grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy  
 in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in  
 lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false  
 peace - ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from  
 doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.  
 death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,  
 Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my  
 O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior  
 cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
 and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -  
 Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.  
 tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

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## Nicene Creed

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

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

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

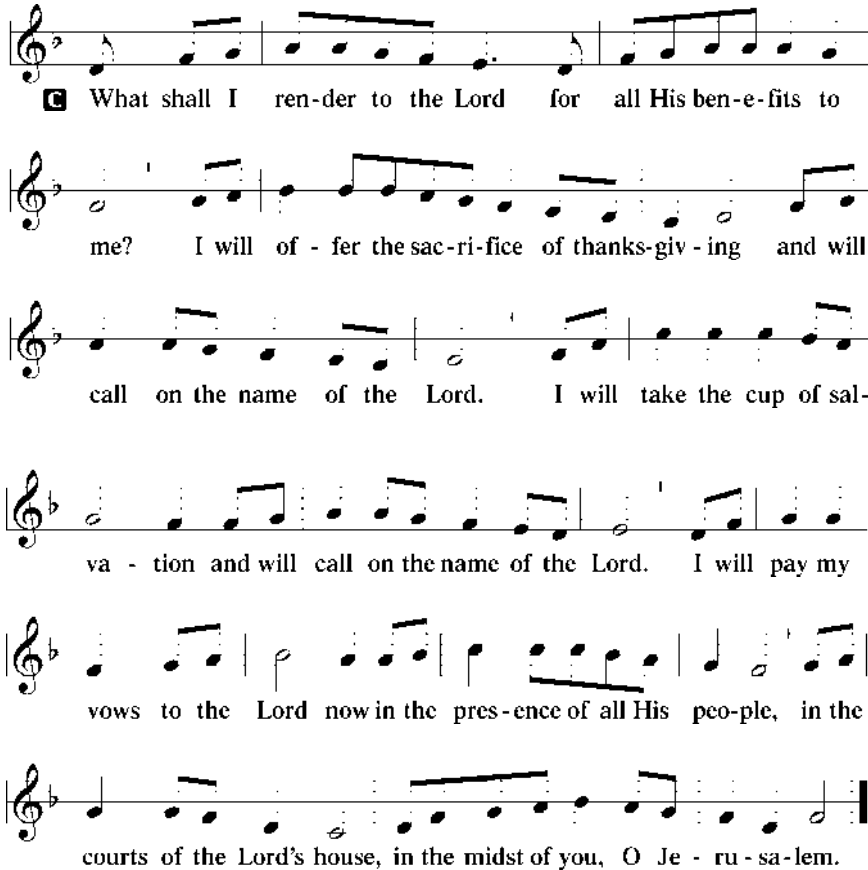
*The Sermon: The preacher proclaims God's Law and Gospel for the hearers.*

*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.*

## Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



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

## Offering

*The offering will not be collected during the worship service this morning. Please place your offering in one of the collection plates located at the back of the sanctuary. Extra offering envelopes are available on the hymnal cart. If you would like to contribute electronically, please sign up at [www.emmausfortwane.org](http://www.emmausfortwane.org) and click on "Give Online" or use Vanco Mobile, available from the App Store. Thank you for your support of the ministry at Emmaus!*

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

## Voluntary

**Adult Choir**

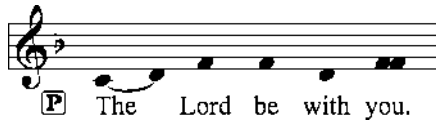
Lord, Have Mercy (William Byrd/Hopson)

Lord, have mercy according to your love, renew my heart, O God. Restore your peace and joy, O Lord, I will praise you forever.

*The Voluntary is an offering of musical praise.*

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

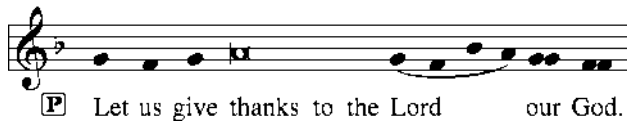
### Preface



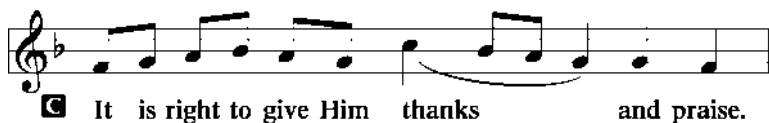
2 Timothy 4:22



[Colossians 3:1]



[Psalm 136]



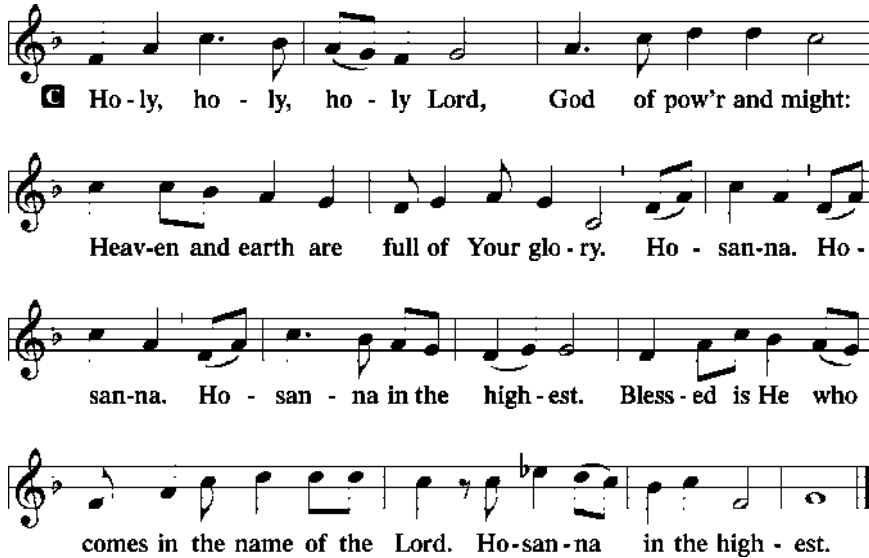
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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

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

## Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



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

*The Sanctus is Latin for "holy."*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.


*The Prayer of thanksgiving is offered at the altar by the pastor on behalf of the congregation. It thanks God for instituting the Sacrament for our forgiveness.*

# Lord's Prayer

**C Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer is the model prayer Jesus taught to the disciples (Matthew 6:9-13). Sometimes it is called the Our Father, after the first words of the prayer.*

# The Words of Our Lord

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

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  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.*

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

# Pax Domini

John 20:19



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

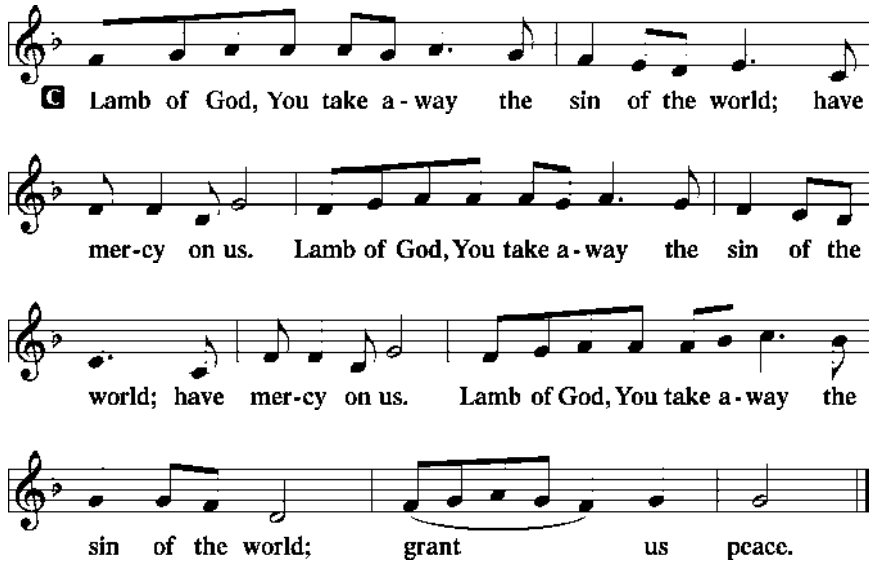


**С** А - мер.

*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



*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

## 562 All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall



1 All man - kind fell in Ad - am's fall; One com - mon  
2 Through all our pow'rs cor - rup - tion creeps And us in  
3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone, Flow thoughts and  
4 But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came To bear our



sin in - fects us all. From one to all the  
dread - ful bond - age keeps; In guilt we draw our  
deeds of sin a - lone; God's im - age lost, the  
sin and woe and shame, To be our life, our



curse de - scends, And o - ver all God's wrath im - pends.  
in - fant breath And reap its fruits of woe and death.  
dark - ened soul Seeks not nor finds its heav'n - ly goal.  
light, our way, Our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.

- 5 As by one man all mankind fell  
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,  
So by one Man, who took our place,  
We all were justified by grace.
- 6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,  
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.  
This grace our ev'ry way attend  
Until we reach our journey's end.

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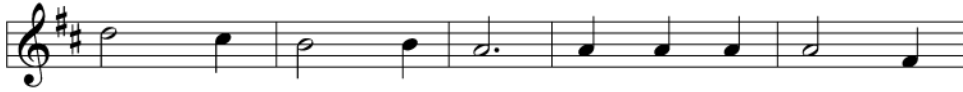
*This hymn takes us back to Romans 5:18-19: Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.*

*(Romans 5:12-21; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22, 45; Romans 3:12; Genesis 3:1-19)*

## 563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty  
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -  
 3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the  
 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in  
 deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through  
 mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'  
 on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.  
 these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
 lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.  
 ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise  
 To claim my mansion in the skies,  
 This then shall be my only plea:  
 Jesus hath lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
 Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
 For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
 An everlasting ransom paid.

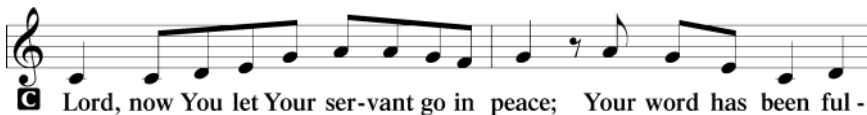
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*Of the 2,000 hymns written by Count Nicolaus von Zinzendorf, this is perhaps the best known. His life motto was, "I have but one passion, and this is He and only He."*

*(Isaiah 61:10; Hebrews 12:24; 1 John 1:7; Revelation 7:9-14)*

## Post-Communion Canticle Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

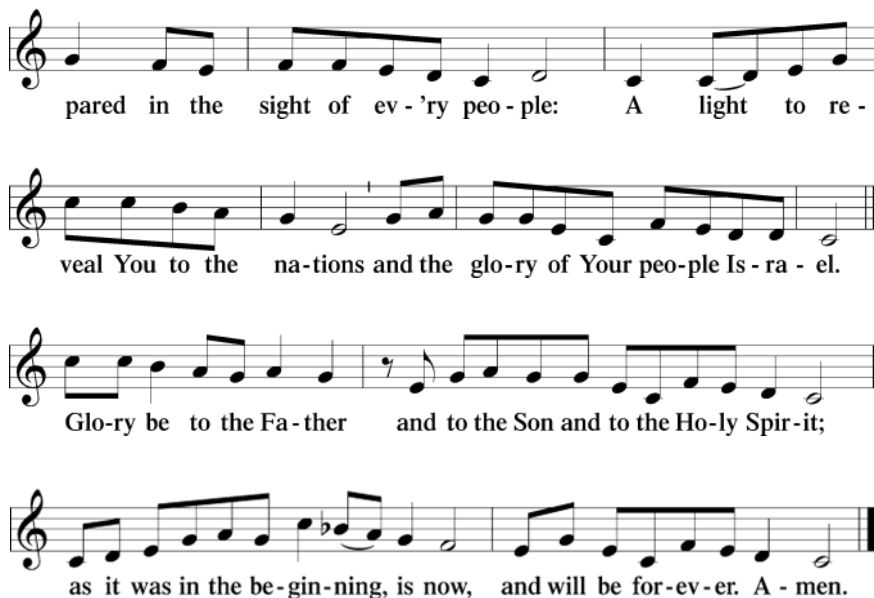


Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -

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



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -

veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

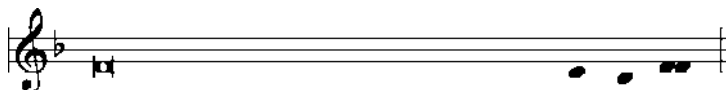
## Post-Communion Collect

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

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



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

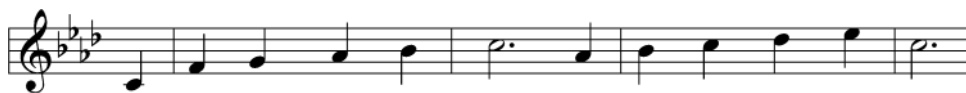


**C** A - men.

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

## Closing Hymn

### 798 The God of Abraham Praise, vv. 1, 3, 8, 9



1 The God of A-br'ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;  
3 The God of A-br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace  
8 The God who reigns on high The great arch - an - gels sing,  
△ 9 The whole tri - um - phant host Give thanks to God on high.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.  
Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.  
And "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" cry, "Al - might - y King!  
"Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" They ev - er cry.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;  
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.  
Who was and is the same And ev - er - more shall be:  
Hail, A-br'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'n - ly lays:



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.  
And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.  
Je - ho - vah, Fa - ther, great I AM! We wor - ship Thee!"  
All might and maj - es - ty are Thine And end - less praise!

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## Announcements

## Dismissal

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

**C** Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

### Acknowledgments

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## Sunday School & Bible Classes



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**High School Students/Adults** are invited and encouraged to gather in the gym as we continue our study of our Lenten theme, Be Gracious to Me - I Have Sinned. Seminarian Brian Frank will be leading the class this morning..



### Participating in Today's Service

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

**Lector:** Seminarian Noah Dunsmore

**Communion Assistant:** Rev Dr, Robert H Bennett

**Acolyte:** Niko Spanos

**Elder:** Mr. Jacob Bushur

**Organist:** Mr. Timothy LaCroix

**Choir:** Emmaus Adult Choir

### MISSION OF EMMAUS LUTHERAN:

*Empowered by God's gift of never-ending love in Word and Sacrament and responding to the forgiveness won for us by Jesus Christ on the cross,*

*the mission of the family of Emmaus Lutheran is to*

**COURAGEOUSLY CONFESS CHRIST**

*through worship, life together, teaching and service.*

UNITY ✝ FAMILY ✝ FAITHFUL ✝ EDUCATION ✝ CONFSSIONAL

# This Week at Emmaus

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## Sunday, February 25

### 2nd Sunday in Lent

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

*Donuts, coffee, and juice will be served before  
Sunday School & Bible Class at the back of the  
gymnasium. Please feel free to join us!*

10:20 a.m. Sunday School &  
Adult Bible Classes  
Sunday School Nursery:  
Zoe Dahnke, Esther Spanos

## Monday, February 26

8:20 a.m. School Chapel

## Wednesday, February 28

7:00 p.m. Lent Worship Service

## Thursday, February 29

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

## Saturday, March 2

7:00 p.m. The Lutheran South Wind  
Symphony & Jazz Band Concert  
@ Emmaus

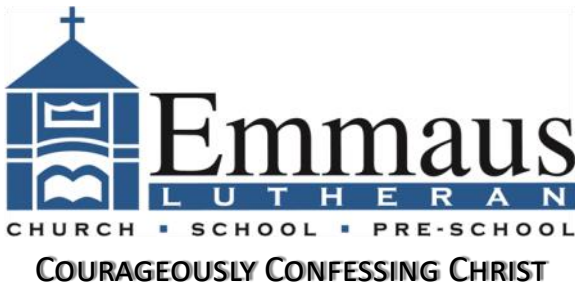
## Sunday, March 3

### 3rd Sunday in Lent


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

Acolyte: John Stockinger  
Elder: Jacob Bushur

10:20 a.m. Sunday School &  
Adult Bible Classes  
Sunday School Nursery:  
Cecilia Diehm, Marian Hamilton



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# EMMAUS MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP FOCUS



## FEBRUARY: STEWARDSHIP OF THE BODY OF CHRIST (KOINONIA)

### Stewardship Goal:

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

*In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole  
Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true  
faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and  
the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead,  
and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. (Explanation to Third  
Article, Small Catechism)*

### Family Stewardship Discussion

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

1. When was the last time you opened up your Small Catechism? Did you need to dust it off? Did you realize the Catechism wasn't actually written for children to use? It was written so that the head of the house could teach his household in a simple manner. That still applies today! Catechesis begins in the home. What was your practice growing up with the Catechism at home, church or in school?
2. We are reminded in this explanation that the Holy Spirit, through the Means of Grace, "calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies," the whole Church, not just us at Emmaus, but the entire Church throughout the world! What does it tell us we receive through the Christian church? How does this apply to "the Church" as a people, the bride of Christ. How do we receive these gifts in "church" in the Divine Service?

### Bible Readings for Next Sunday:

Psalms 19; Exodus 20:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 2:13-22.



**Weekly Word & Prayer**  
*We encourage you to take this insert home with you and use it as part of your family or*  
**February 25, 2024**

## “LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR”

**Lent II** – Physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia view aging and affliction as burdens. But Abraham became a blessing in his elderliness (Genesis 17:1-2). And we encounter the glory of the Lord in carrying one another’s crosses (Mark 8:34, 38). So let us resist Satan’s temptations to take death into our own hands (Mark 8:33). We will rejoice in our suffering (Romans 5:3) and receive neighbors as gifts even in theirs (Psalm 22:24).

*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

**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  
**Joseph**      **Bill Bradley**, recovering from surgery  
**Ruth**      **Marti Evans**, as she continues to experience health issues  
**Moses**      **Eric Hoffman**, recovering from surgery  
**John**      **Ruth LaBrash**, diagnosed with diabetes  
**John**      **Beverly Lee**, recovering from the flu  
**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.  
**Matthew**      Sue Behny, Rev. Dr. Robert & Angela Bennett, Rev. Jon & Kris Bruss, Ron & Sandy Crismore,  
**FCG**      Dahnke Family, Rachel Farmer, Kaylee Hartman, Kennedy Family, Judi Mabee.

### Pray for

**Faith Korte**, as she prayerfully considers a Call to Trinity Lutheran School, Monroe, MI.

### Birthday

**George Eldridge** will celebrate his 90th birthday on Wednesday, February 28th

### Pray for

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

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

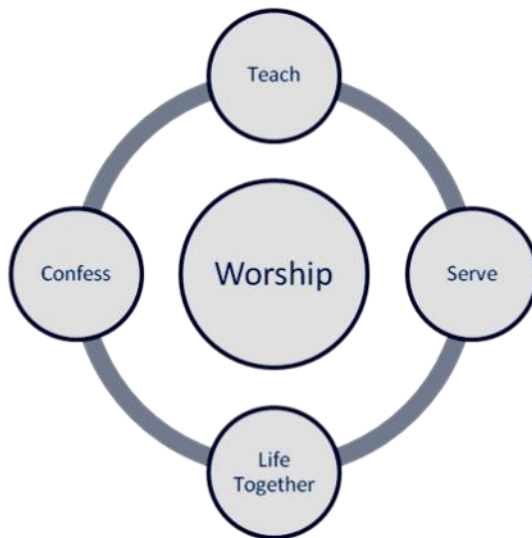
**Please Note:** As prayer requests come in we will keep them on the prayer list for one month, unless specifically requested otherwise.



# EMMAUS NEWS & NOTES

For the week of February 25, 2024

## DONE IN LOVE



## MID-WEEK LENT WORSHIP

**Wednesday, February 28**  
**7:00 p.m.**

### **I Have Sinned**

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the subject of all the Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments. But some passages say puzzling and seemingly impossible things about Him. Consider Psalm 41:4: “O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against You.” David, the writer of this psalm, was indeed a sinner who needed God’s gracious forgiveness. How puzzling it is that we would apply this confession of sin to our sinless Lord! But Paul writes, “For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21). In your Baptism, your sinless Jesus has joined Himself to you and has fulfilled all the words that testify of Him.

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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.

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## NURTURING THE FAITH

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### **BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

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#### **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 our Lenten theme, Be Gracious to Me, and this week's topic I Have Sinned. Text: Psalm 41:4. Seminarian Brian Frank will be leading the class today.

### **DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS**

**Higher Things Reflections** - 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](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, February 18, Worship: **90**

Adult Bible Class: **41**

Mid-Week Lent, February 21: **40**

### **LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH CONCERT @ EMMAUS -**

The Concert Band from Lutheran High School South, in St. Louis will perform a concert of music at Emmaus at **Saturday, March 2**, at 7:00 pm. All are invited to here this band perform standard literature, jazz and Broadway tunes. Please join us for an enjoyable evening of music!

<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 Last Sunday	\$3,608.00
Electronic Offerings Rec'd Last Week	\$1,563.70
Budgeted Overage (Shortfall)	(\$1,722.30)
<b>Budgeted Offerings Needed YTD</b>	<b>\$234,396.00</b>
Envelope Offerings Received YTD (includes Electronic Offerings) **	\$238,187.20
<b>Budgeted Overage (Shortfall) YTD</b>	<b>\$3,791.20</b>
<b>LONG-TERM COMMITMENTS/OBLIGATIONS &amp; INITIATIVES</b>	
Mortgage Balance	\$1,016,347.49
Concordia Lutheran High School Congregation Assessment Balance	\$38,562.50
Sanctuary Fund/Foundation	\$304,082.95

**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

**The Lutheran South  
Wind Symphony & Jazz Band**  
of St. Louis, Missouri  
**IN CONCERT**



**Emmaus Lutheran Church**  
8626 Covington Rd | Ft. Wayne, IN  
**Saturday, March 2**  
**7:00 PM**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF  
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# BABY WIPE AND FEMININE PRODUCT DRIVE

COLLECTING BABY WIPES  
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PRODUCTS BETWEEN  
MARCH 3 AND MARCH 17

Ask Faith Korte or Stacey Durlacher for more  
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Don't have time to grab items? Use the  
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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.

**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)



**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*

#### **WAYS TO HELP EMMAUS:**

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

1. Go to [Kroger.com](http://Kroger.com) and set up an account (if you don’t have one) or log into your account.
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 increased four times the amount that we received in September 2023! 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 featured brochure: *"Who Is Jesus?"* - In this booklet, we tackle honestly and head-on one of the most common, and perhaps important, questions of the last 2,000 years: Who is Jesus?



**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 February/March 2024 issue of The Royal Messenger is available to pick up in the front hallway for those who have requested a printed copy. **The deadline for submitting information for the April/May 2024 issue is Monday, April 1st (no joke!).** Please send any info on upcoming events to the church office by e-mail to: [dheeren@emmausfortwayne.org](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: ***Life's Greatest Question*** - Can you answer Life's Greatest Question? Your eternal destiny, as well as your approach to everyday life, rests upon your answer. What's the question? How will you answer? Sermon Text: Mark 8:29-31. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer,

**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.

**COUGARS CONNECT GATHERINGS** - Join fellow alumni at a gathering before the concert at ACME by Full Circle, 1105 E State Blvd., from 4:30-6:00p.m. Appetizers and drinks will be served. Then head over to Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the concert beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets to the alumni gathering at ACME by Full Circle are only \$10 and a portion of the proceeds will benefit CUC music tours. Family & friends of CUC alumni are also welcome to purchase tickets. Purchase tickets online at [https://4agc.com/commerce\\_pages/ee7f4268-27be-4c67-88d8-273d6d35c9bb](https://4agc.com/commerce_pages/ee7f4268-27be-4c67-88d8-273d6d35c9bb).

**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.

**SHEPHERD'S HAND 4TH ANNUAL 5K RUN & WALK** - Sign up now for The Shepherd's Hand 4th Annual 5K Run & Walk that will take place on Saturday, May 4th, at 1231 S Anthony Blvd. Early Registration Fee: \$20.00/person and includes t-shirt. Ribbons for finishers, Prizes for winners, and family fun! Register online at: [runsignup.com](https://runsignup.com). For more information email: [the.shepherdshand5k@gmail.com](mailto:the.shepherdshand5k@gmail.com).

**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 RECEPTIONIST NEEDED** - Cross Connections Counseling Ministries is currently hiring a Part Time Receptionist. 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 Winter Musical - Guys and Dolls,**

**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 PM February 26**

**N-Z: 6:30 PM February 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.

#### **“Twilight Tour” of CLHS for parents of 5th-8th Grade Students**

Concordia invites parents of 5th-8th grade students to attend a guided “Twilight Tour” of the high school on March 12 and March 19 at 7 p.m., Expect a peek at the day in the life of a freshman, admission information and a sweet treat. Questions? Contact CLHS Director of Admissions and Retention Dawn Schuller at (260) 483-1102, ext. 298 or [dschuller@clhscadets.com](mailto:dschuller@clhscadets.com). You can find more information and register at this link: <https://go.clhscadets.com/twilight>.