Welcome to Emmaus Lutheran!



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 21, 2024

GOD'S DIVINE SERVICE TO US:

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Lays Down His Life for the Sheep

The Lord Jesus is "the good shepherd" who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). His life is not taken from Him, but He lays it down willingly, of His own accord, because He knows and loves the sheep. As the One sent by the Father, He has the "authority to lay it down" and the "authority to take it up again" (John 10:18). So has He done, and now He continues to love and serve as the Good Shepherd of the sheep by the voice of His Gospel. He thus calls all people into the fold of His Church, so that there may be "one flock, one shepherd" (John 10:16). That is why the apostles "were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead" (Acts 4:2). Since "there is salvation in no one else," His voice rings out to this day through the preaching of His name, "for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). His voice comforts our hearts against all condemnation and gives us courage to "love one another" and "to lay down our lives for the brothers," as He laid down His life for us (1 John 3:16, 23).



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.



DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One Pg 151

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn 524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds 1 How the of sweet name sus sounds Je 2 It makes the wound ed spir it 3 Dear The name! rock on which Ι guard - ian, 4 O Je shep - herd, sus.

be liev er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows. a the heart's 'Tis calms un rest: man - na to the hid shield and ing place; My fail - ing nev er -Proph - et, Priest. and King, My Lord, my life, my And drives fear. heals our wounds, way our а hun gry soul And to the wea ry, rest. filled With bound - less stores of grace. trea sury my end. Ac cept the praise Ι bring. way,

> How weak the effort of my heart, 5 How cold my warmest thought! But when I see Thee as Thou art. I'll praise Thee as I ought.

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.

His name is truly above all names, the one who brings peace and rest, our rock and hiding place. (Song of Solomon 1:3; Acts 4:12; John 14:13; Acts 2:21)

In

And

My

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build.

friend,

6	Till then I would Thy love proclaim
	With ev'ry fleeting breath;
	And may the music of Thy name
	Refresh my soul in death!

Text and tune: Public domain

Invocation is from the Latin for "call

upon"; the words spoken at the beginning of the

Baptism.

P = Pastor

service; serves as a reminder of Holy

L = Liturgist/Lector **C** = Congregation

Confession is the

act by which one

admits or confesses

sin(s) and the quilt

of sin.

+ 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

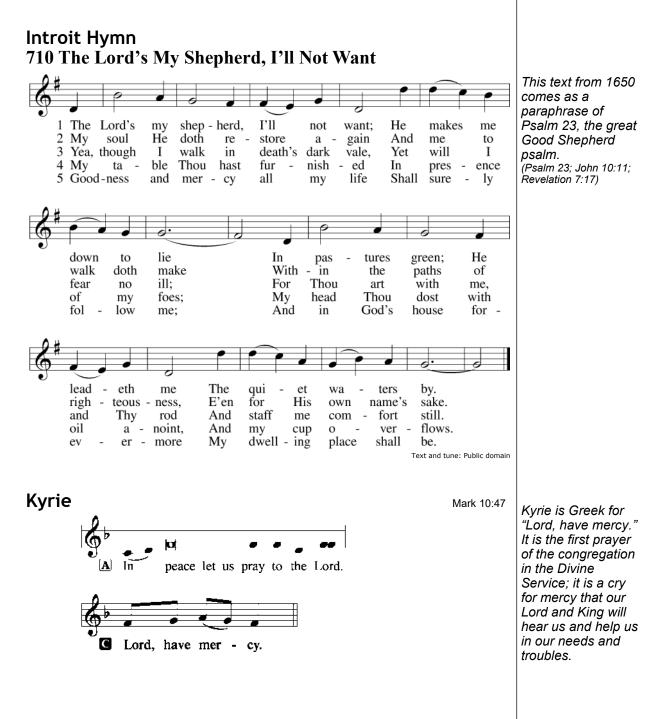
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

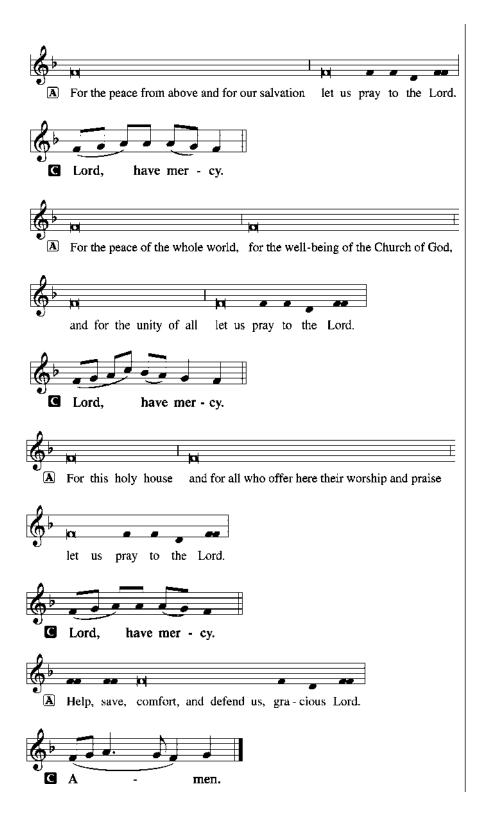
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- **C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not 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.
 Image: Son and of the Holy Spirit.

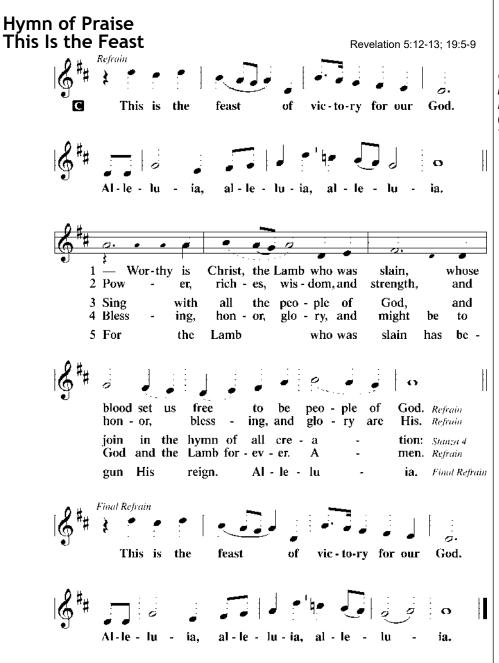
C Amen.

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

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +







Our Hymn of Praise is based partially on Revelation 5. (Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5 -9) Salutation and Collect of the Day





P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading: Acts 4:1-12

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed. ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead-by him this man is standing before you ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, well. which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

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.

2 Timothy 4:22

Summary:

As the Holy Spirit works through the proclaimed Word of God, the message of salvation through Christ alone spreads. **L** This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Adult Choir

Christ has risen from the dead. [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor, He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

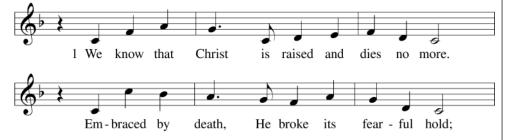
L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia. [John 10:14]

603 We Know That Christ Is Raised, v. 1



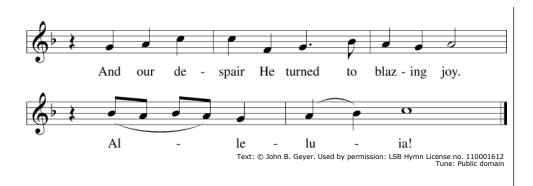
The Gradual is a response of praise between the Old Testament and Epistle readings.

Summary:

Our love for others grows from God's perfect love for us.

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

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

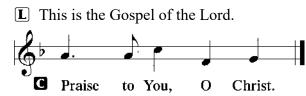


Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

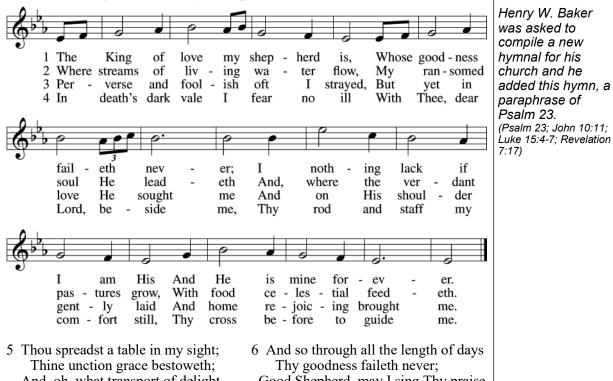


¹¹[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."



Summary:

The Good Shepherd lays down His life for His sheep, out of His own will and authority. Hymn of the Day 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

Text and tune: Public domain

Sermon

Nicene Creed

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

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

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.

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]

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Offering

Te Deum

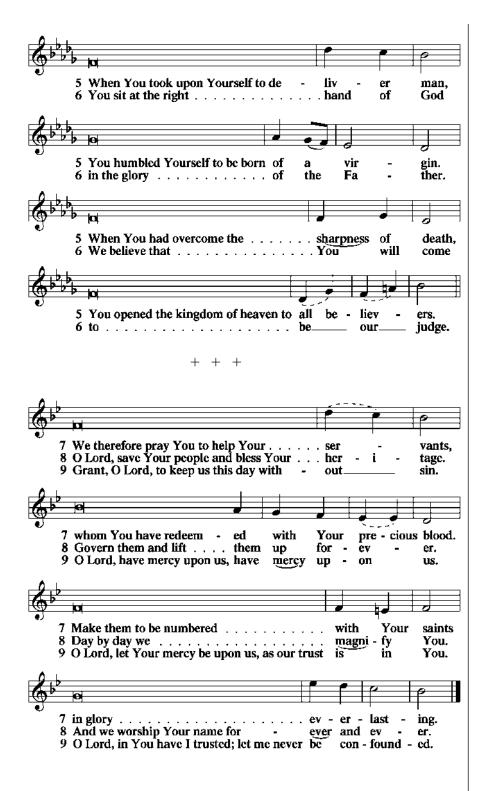
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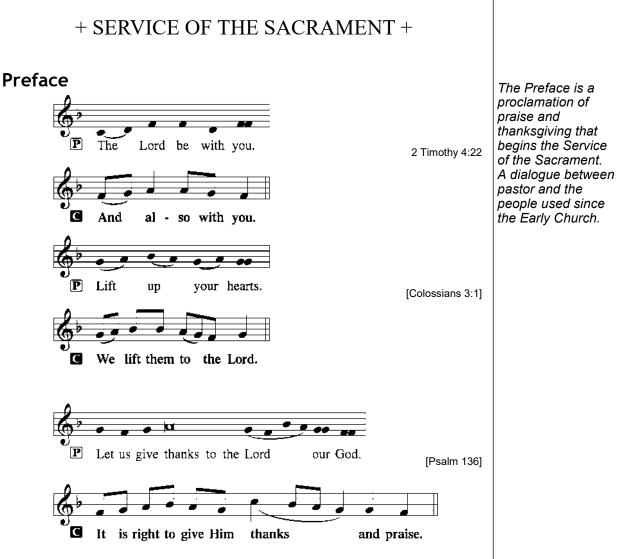
The offering will not be collected during the worship service this morning. Please place your offering in one of the collection plates located at the back of the sanctuary. Extra offering envelopes are available on the hymnal cart. If you would like to contribute electronically, please sign up at www.emmausfortwane.org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

The 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.

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

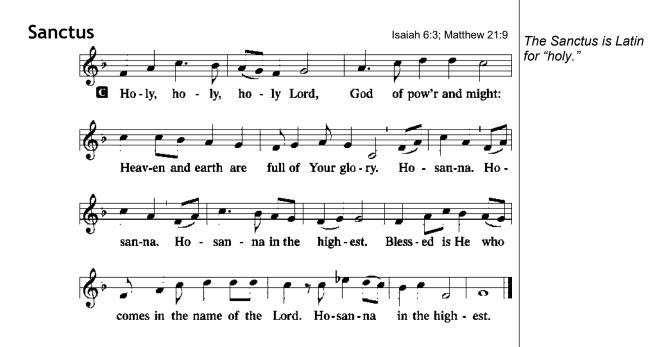
Te Deum Laudamus is Latin for "You, God, we praise" and the opening words of an ancient hymn of praise.





▶ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

The 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.



Prayer of Thanksgiving

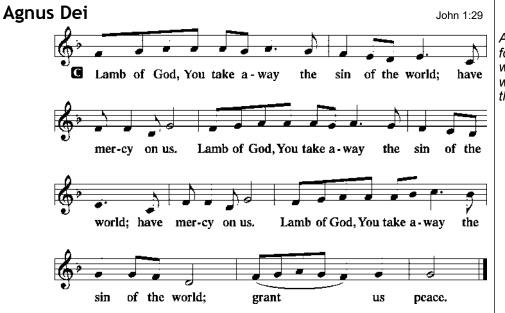
 ■ Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the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

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.

C Amen.

 Lord's Prayer 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 Image: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24 Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25	The words spoken by Christ when He instituted the Sacrament of the Altar; the pastor speaks these very words of Christ at the consecration of the bread and wine.
Pax Domini John 20:19 Image: Second secon	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.



Distribution

Our Holy Communion Practice

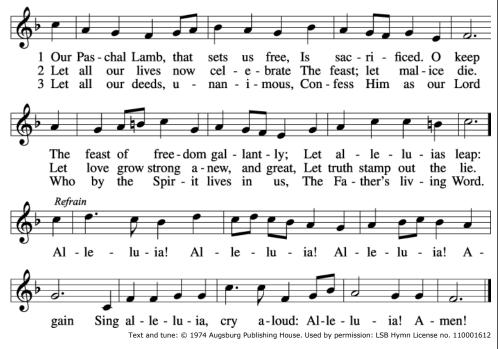
In Holy Communion we are joined in a personal way with Christ and with one another as we receive the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. Therefore, out of faithfulness toward God, and in sincere love that seeks to guard the spiritual well-being 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.

Agnus Dei is Latin for "Lamb of God"; we adore the Savior who is present in the Holy Meal.

In the Distribution we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

Distribution Hymns 473 Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free



Still in the Easter Season, we are again reminded of what the resurrection brings. (1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Ephesians 5:2; Romans 12:1-2)

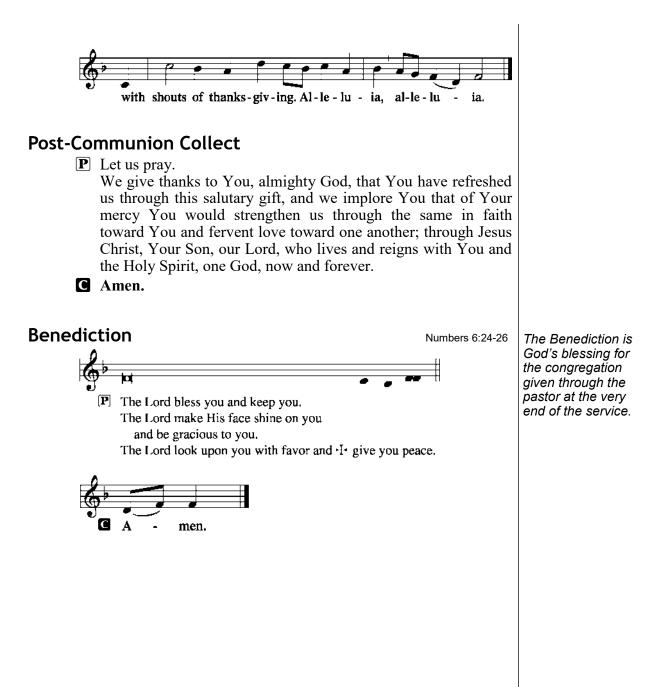
Choral Selection

Adult Choir

"The Shepherd's Psalm" (John Carter) The Lord is my shepherd, there's nothing more I'll ever need; I'll lie down to dream in a pasture of green, I'll follow wherever he leads me. The Lord is my shepherd, beside the still waters I go; My soul is restored when I walk with my Lord, His righteousness around me will flow. And if I should walk in the shadow of death, I will not be afraid; my shepherd, the Lord, goes where ever I go, his rod and his staff are my comfort. I know that the Lord is my shepherd, I'll sit at his table to dine; his goodness and mercy will follow my days, and heaven will surely be mine.

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740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb Following the parable that Jesus talked about the shepherd that went 1 I Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad am at 2 Day by day, Je - sus is after the lost sheep. at home, a - way, my 3 Who so hap as I am, E - ven now the (Psalm 23: Isaiah 40:11: py 49:10; John 21:15) heart I am; For Shep - herd gent - ly guides me, my staff When and stay. Ι hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me, Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed. Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me 'ry ev -In to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He -His an - gel at - tend - ed, He shall fold Bv host me day the same, E ven calls me by my name. bids me Where the qui - et flow. go wa ters His breast, There with - in His to arms to rest. Text and tune: Public domain **Post-Communion Canticle** Thank the Lord The Post-Communion Canticle is a hymn **G** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done. of thanks. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy





What a privilege to have the Good Shepherd who bought us with His life, who guides us day by day, and who knows us by name. (Psalm 23; John 10:1-16; Ephesians 2:4-5; Romans 5:8)

Announcements

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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🚇 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 1 Students will meet in Ms. O'Brien's/Kindergarten Room (front hallway).

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

Grades 6-8 will meet in Mr. Dahnke's/Grade 8 Classroom (west hallway).

High School Students/Adults are invited and encouraged to gather in the gym for Bible Study with Pastor Olsen.

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Participating in Today's Service

Preacher: Rev. Roy C. Olsen, III Lector: Seminarian Noah Dunsmore Communion Assistant: Rev. Dr. Robert H. Bennett Acolyte: Erik Olsen Elder: Mr. Stan Veit 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 & CONFESSIONAL

Sunday, April 21

4th Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Divine Service - Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Dovotion & Adult Bible Class

Monday, April 22

8:20 a.m. School Chapel

Wednesday, April 24

7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Class The Word in Song: Hymn of the Day

Thursday, April 25

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

Friday, April 26 6:30 p.m. Spring Musical Gr. 3-8

Sunday, April 28

5th Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m.	Divine Service - Holy
	Communion
10:30 a.m.	Higher Things Presentation
	& Lunch Fundraiser



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EMMAUS MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP FOCUS



APRIL: STEWARDSHIP OF THE EARTH PART III

Stewardship Goal:

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

then the LORD God formed the <u>man</u> of dust from the <u>ground</u> and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. (Gen 2:7 ESV)

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

- 1. God gave life from the dust of the ground. The Hebrew word for man here is "*adam*," a generic name here for a human being rather than a persons name. But notice how he was formed, "from the ground." There is a Hebrew play on words here as the word for ground is "*Adamah*." Do you see the connection? In our "creatureliness" as God's creation there is a connection between mankind and the earth itself. As one author put it, "Earthlings are made from the earth." Think about the implications of this in our relation to the earth and God's spoken word of creation.
- 2. Other creatures of the earth were formed from the ground as well. We are told plants, trees, animals and birds came from the ground. It is not a real shock that we share some of the same genetic make up as creation itself! (We are not made from primordial ooze nor evolutionary advancement of animals! Evolution is a lie and against God's Holy Word!) We share in the same creatureliness as nature, created by God so we do have a unique relationship with this planet above all other planets God has created. Might we find another planet somewhere that is "like" the earth? Maybe, but it will never share the same unique relationship that God intended with this blue planet that God has placed us especially on. Shouldn't we care for this special creation that we share together?

"LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR"

Easter IV – The Gracious Savior brings a delightful clarity to life-and-death issues and situations. Killing and destroying belongs entirely to the work of the devil (John 10:11). The people of God advocate and extend abundant, everlasting life to the Lord's every last little lamb. Unto all our neighbors, with both our voice and our goods (1 John 3:17), may we "come that they may have life and have it abundantly!"

Life Thoughts in the Church Year are designed to help pastors and congregations see the church year through the lens of the sanctity of human life. Life Thoughts are based on the appointed readings from Lutheran Service Book. www.lutheransforlife.org

Remember in Prayer this Week

FCG <u>Hospitalized/Sick/Recuperating</u>

- Ruth LLV Inverness Lakes: Beverly Baals
- 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
- Matthew Sue Behny, recovering from pneumonia
- Ruth Marti Evans, as she continues to experience health issues
- Moses **Pamela Richter**, experiencing health issues

Adam Connelly, friend of Karen Detwiler, continued trouble with cancer
Faith Ells, (26 years old), friend of Barbara Cox, undergoing cancer treatment
Mercury, grandson of Steve & Bev Lee, pray for courage and strength
Crystal Wilson, friend of Amanda Heeren, undergoing treatment for a brain tumor.

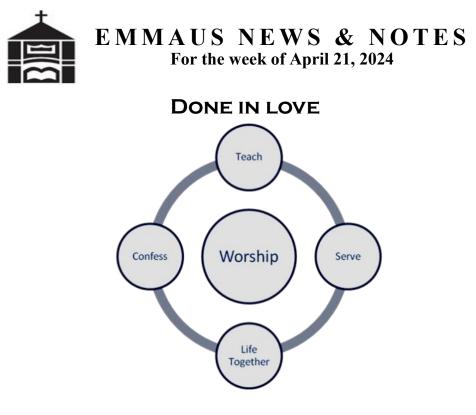
DanielBultemeier Family, Margie Crabtree, Tim Durnell Family, Michelle Hakey, Nancy HansFCGFamily, Larry & Mary Lunz, Moore Family, and Kim Smith.

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.

<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 Chaplain in the U.S. Navy; and **Travis McGehee**, who has returned from training.

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



SERVING THE LORD

THANKS! - Thank you to all those involved with changing the decorations around our building. It's wonderful to see the different displays for the changing times of the church year and the seasons. It's always beautiful!

THANK YOU OUTREACH TEAM! We would like to thank the Outreach Team for taking the time to decorate the bulletin boards for us and for all to see the wonderful news of the Gospel as they come into the building each day.

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 olds) will be open during Sunday School/Bible class time in the Pre-School Room (east hallway).

Preschool (3 yr olds) - Gr, 1Students 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.

DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS

<u>Higher Things Reflections</u> - Easter Sunday—the Seventh Week of Easter (3/31 to 5/18/2024) 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 April to June 2024. Please feel free to pick one up from the table in the front hall.

LIFE TOGETHER-

Worship Attendance

Sunday, April 14 Worship: **116** Bible Class: **33**

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 <u>jolsen@emmauslutheranfw.org</u> 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





EMMAUS FY 2023-2024 OFFERINGS & TITHES NEEDED Please note that the information below shows the budgeted amount for offering income only and <u>does not</u> reflect our overall budget status,

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\$6,894.00
\$2,786.40
\$1,273.80
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\$289,548.00
\$305,311.59
\$15,763.59
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\$40,420.83
\$304,082.95

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!

Raising Our Youth to

Higher Things

Luncheon Fundraiser

Sunday April 28, 2024, 10:30am-1:30pm Emmaus Lutheran Church Cafeteria

Goodwill donation requested. Donations support our youth's trip to the 2024 Higher Things Conference at Concordia University Wisconsin.

Menu



Pulled Pork & Pulled Chicken



SIDES Roasted Potatoes, Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw and Potato Chips







Water and Lemonade



Scan here to Volunteer!



RSVP here!

Spring Parking Lot Sale

By The Board of Christan Education

8626 Covington Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46804 Saturday May 11, 2024

You aren't the only one decluttering as we get into the Spring season! Join Emmaus Lutheran Church for the Spring Parking Lot Sale. Rent your parking space, pull up, and sell your things! It's like a trunk-or-treat mixed with a garage sale!

> Proceeds will benefit sending our youth to the Higher Things conference at Concordia University Wisconsin this summer!

Registration Packets available in the front hall. **EMMAUS FACEBOOK PAGE!** - Emmaus has a new Facebook page. Follow us at <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> profile.php?id=100089549997428&mibextid=LQQJ4d or scan the OR code to view the page! If you have any even



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.



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

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). (continued on pg. 6)
- **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: "A Grief Like No Other" - Losing a loved one to suicide is devasting. Survivors experience emotions and conflicting thoughts that range from shame and fear to anger and guilt. Though these feelings can persist, we have hope in God who understands our distress and is there to comfort and sustain us.

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 <u>many</u> 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). <u>Please contact the</u> <u>church office, 459-7722 and press "3"</u>. 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 April/May 2024 issue of The Royal Messenger is available to pick up in the front hall for those who requested a printed copy. **Deadline for the June/July issue is Friday, May 24th.** Please send any info on upcoming events to the church office by e-mail to: dheeren@emmausfortwayne.org. Thanks!

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: **Our Good Shepherd** - Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, came to call us by name. And He came to lay down His life for the sheep. And He came to seek and save the lost. And through the voice of our Good Shepherd we are brought back to the Father. Sermon Text: John 10:14-15. Speaker: Rev Thomas Eggold.

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. For more information, please email: the shepherdshand5k@gmail.com.

CAMP LUTHERHAVEN - Adventure awaits you this summer at Camp Lutherhaven! Race your friends in a kayak, make craft out of things found in nature, or gaze up at the starry night sky. There are so many activities at Camp Lutherhaven the only question is "What one will I try today?" There are programs for all ages: youth programs for k-12, family programs, and Servant Events for grades 8-12. Camp has something for everyone! Register online today at www.lutherhaven.org or call for more information at 260+636-7101. There are a few camp brochures on the bulletin board as you enter church.

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@crossconnectionscounseling.com or call 260-260-373-0213, ext. 105.

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

Concordia Theatre Department Presents: Mutually Assured Destruction – Spring Comedy | Saturday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 21 at 2:00 p.m. A century's worth of sibling squabbles is boiled down into ten vignettes in this era-hopping tribute to family. Each short play explores a distinct facet of brother and sisterhood, from fights over who caused mom and dad to split to daring escape plots that only two sisters could pull off. No matter the decade, audiences will see themselves in these ten distinct shorts about the undeniable bond between siblings through the ages. This comedy is directed by Mr. Chris Murphy.

CLHS Summer Programs Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for summer camps and classes at Concordia! CLHS hosts a number of Summer Camps and Summer Academic programs for students of all ages (K-12 during the 2023-24 school year). Camps range from sports to computers to band and drama. There's something for everyone! And if you're looking to get ahead on your classes, sign up for one of our Academic programs. Classes are available onsite or online. Students from all schools in grades 8-12 are welcome! We are offering an online registration and payment system for all Summer Camps and Classes through CampBrain. To learn more about our summer programs or to register, go to:

clhscadets.com/apps/pages/summer-at-CLHS

Payment is due at the time of Registration. Many camps offer a t-shirt to campers, included in their registration fees. The registration deadline to be guaranteed a t-shirt is May 10, 2024. After that date, a t-shirt is not guaranteed. For any questions, please contact our athletics office at (260) 969-6868 or <u>athletics@clhscadets.com</u>. For questions regarding the summer classes, please call Nancy Koehler, summer classes coordinator, at (260) 483-1102, ext. 313 or email <u>nkoehler@clhscadets.com</u>.