# WELCOME TO EMMAUS LUTHERAN!



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Sunday, March 3, 2025



# GOD'S DIVINE SERVICE TO US:

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 Divine Service
Lutherans follow an order of worship based exclusively on Scripture and focused completely on Jesus. Through the Word and Sacraments, God speaks to His people.

#### **Prelude**

#### Welcome

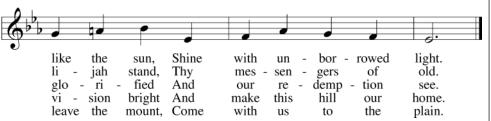
## **Processional Hymn**

Congregation, please stand and face the Processional cross.

## 414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here







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#### Summary:

Written by J. Armitage Robinson in 1890, this hymn beautifully portrays the Transfiguration. (Luke 9:28-36; Matthew 1:22-23; Psalm 130:7; Revelation 7:13-14)

#### + 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.
- 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

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

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

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful 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.
- 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 Holy Spirit.

  [John 20:19-23]
- C Amen.

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

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

#### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit Adult Choir

O how lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing your praise!

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

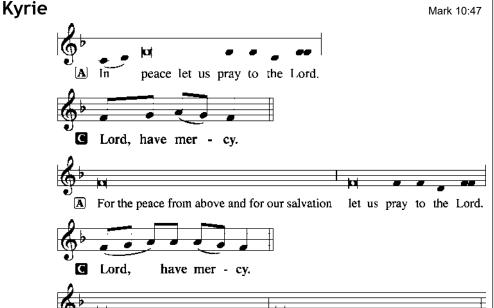
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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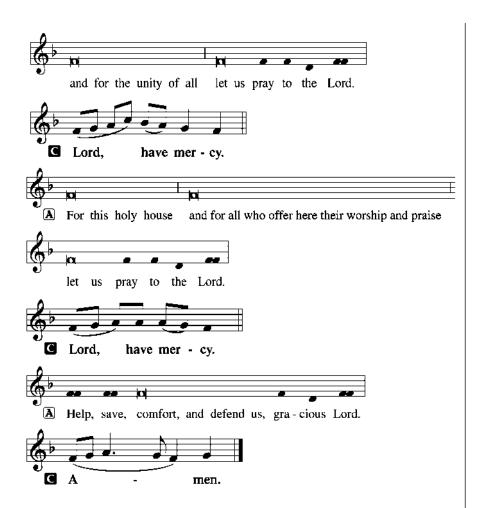
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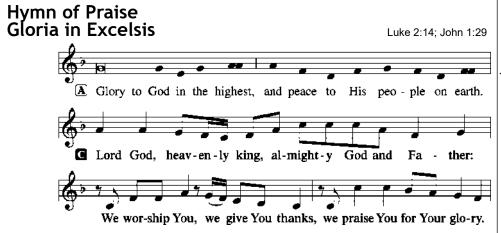
Antiphon by R. Vaughn Williams © 1940 Oxford University Press Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-710523 The Introit is a collection of passages from Scripture that set the tone for the services; verses are different each Sunday. Today's Introit is from Psalm 84.



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

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





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



## Salutation and Collect of the Day



2 Timothy 4:22



P Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

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.

Summary:

## Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, <sup>2</sup>all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, <sup>3</sup>the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." <sup>5</sup>So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, <sup>6</sup>and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. <sup>7</sup>Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. <sup>8</sup>And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

<sup>9</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. <sup>10</sup>And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, <sup>11</sup>none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, <sup>12</sup>and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual



Choir: Praise the LORD, all | nations!\*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

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

Scripture records for us the death of Moses and the raising up of a new leader, Joshua. How does this text connect with the Transfiguration?

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

## Epistle: Hebrew 3:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, <sup>2</sup>who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. <sup>3</sup>For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. <sup>4</sup> (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) <sup>5</sup>Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, <sup>6</sup>but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Even though Moses was faithful, Jesus is the faithful Son in the household of God. How does this text fit with the Transfiguration?

## **Gospel Procession**

Congregation, please stand for the Gospel Procession.

## Alleluia and Verse

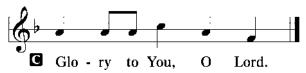


Alleluia is Hebrew for "praise the Lord" and is a word of joy and gladness.

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

## Holy Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.



<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, <sup>31</sup> who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

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



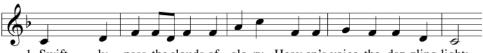
## **Gospel Recession**

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

#### Summary: Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up to the mountain to behold a wondrous sight before their final journey to the cross.

## Hymn of the Day

416 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory



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



Mo-ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com - mands the height! Not by build-ing on the moun-tain An - y shrine or sa - cred booth, And re-cast our life's in - ten - tions To the shape of Your de-signs,



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



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

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#### Sermon

#### 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,

#### Summary:

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

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.

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,

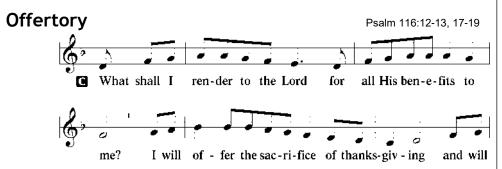
who spoke by the prophets.

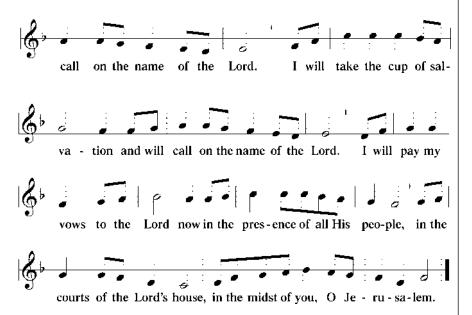
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

The 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.





## Offering

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

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

## **Voluntary**

**Adult Choir** 

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies (Alan Smith)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true, and only Light, Sun of Righteousness arise! Triumph over shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee; Joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see; Till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief; More and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

The voluntary is an offering of musical praise.

#### + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

#### **Preface**



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 at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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

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.



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

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

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

#### The Words of Our Lord

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

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

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24 Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25 The words spoken by Christ when He instituted the Sacrament of the Altar; the pastor speaks these very words of Christ at the consecration of the bread and wine.

## Pax Domini

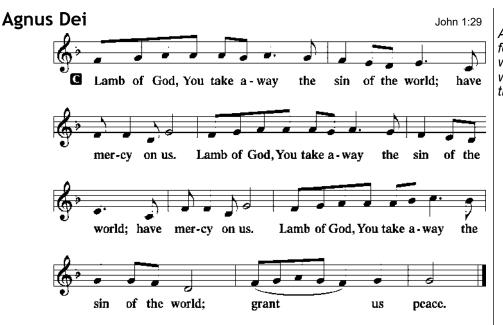
John 20:19



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



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



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

Summary:

The Lord's Supper is a special time for Christians. We feed upon the body and blood of Christ as He serves us as Host. (John 6:35, 51, 58; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; 1 John 1:7; Revelation 19:7-9)

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#### **Choral Selection**

#### **Adult Choir**

#### Jesus On The Mountain Peak (Michael Burkhardt)

Jesus, on the mountain peak, stands along in glory blazing. Let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising: Alleluia!

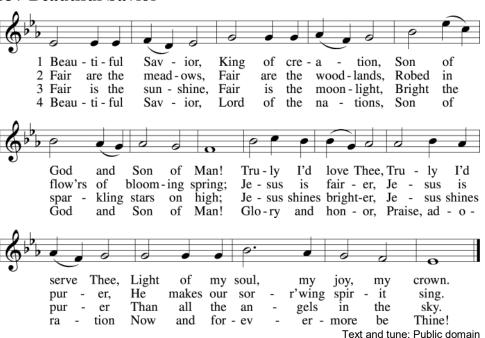
Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking All the Prophets and the law shout through them their joyful greeting: Alleluia!

Swift the cloud of glory came, God, proclaiming in its thunder. Jesus as the Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder: Alleluia!

Jesus is the chosen One, living hope of every nation, Hear and heed him, everyone; sing, with earth and all creation. Alleluia!

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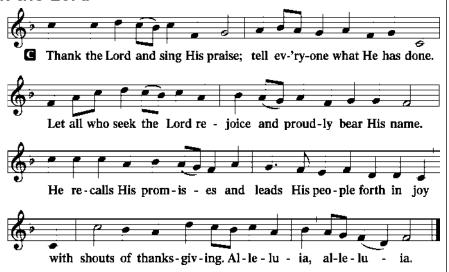
#### 537 Beautiful Savior



#### Summary:

This hymn expresses love and praise for Christ, the King of creation. The beauty of God's creation is readily affirmed, but the greater praise goes to the King of that creation, the same Christ who is the Lord of the nations! (Hebrews 1:1-13; John 1:1-4, 14; Luke 1:30-33; John 12:46)

# Post-Communion Canticle Thank the Lord



The Post-Communion Canticle is a hymn of thanks.

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

**P** Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

#### **Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26



(P) The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and 'I' give you peace.

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



Congregation please remain standing for the Recessional Hymn.

## Recessional Hymn 417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness



#### Summary:

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

#### **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 Mrs. Hardman'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 the Library (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

Book Bearer & Lector: Seminarian Brian Frank

Crucifer & Acolyte: Erik Olsen Elder: Mr. Jacob Bushur

Organist: Mr. Timothy LaCroix Choirs: 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.

## This Week at Emmaus

## Sunday, March 2, 2025 Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 am Divine Service A*colyte:* Erik Olsen

Elder: Mr. Jacob Bushur

10:20 am Sunday School & Bible Class Nursery: Barb Cox and Cecilia Diehm

## Wednesday, March 5

5:30 pm Soup Supper

## Thursday, March 6

10:45 am Thirsty Thursday

6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Adult Choir

7:00 pm Website Update Meeting

#### Sunday, March 9, 2025 1st Sunday in Lent

9:00 am Divine Service Acolyte: Niko Spanos Elder: Mr. Jim Heeren

10:20 am Sunday School & Bible Class

Nursery: None (DoVotion)
Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11,

Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13

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#### The Ministry of Emmaus is eager to serve you!

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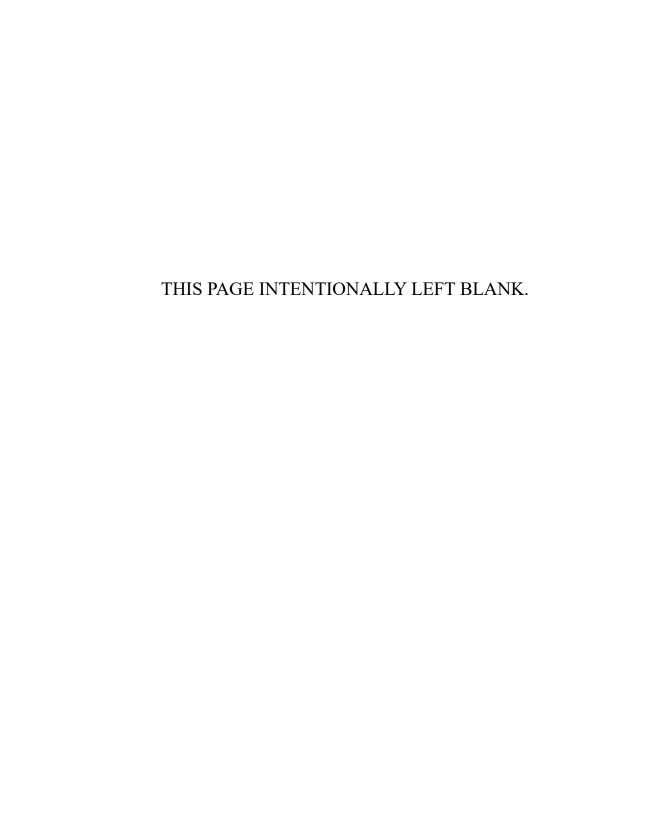
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#### LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

March 2 – Transfiguration of Our Lord – Our Savior's miraculous radiance reveals three sanctity of life truths. The timing and manner of our deaths—like those of Jesus, Moses, and Elijah—are God's business and decision (Luke 9:30). Then, every human life receives a glory from Jesus that we cannot always immediately envision. Just because it's hidden doesn't mean it's missing. And this message isn't meant for keeping to ourselves! *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.

## Sunday, March 2, 2025

## Remember in Prayer this Week

#### Hospitalized/Sick/Recuperating

Pamela Richter, continuing to experience health issues

Aaron Arnold, father of Lori Bushur, recovering from multiple surgeries

**Charlotte Bultemeier,** Brad Bultemeier's step-mother, in Memory Care at StoryPoint West.

Bob Hoffman, Stacey Durlacher's father, experiencing health issues

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

**Sandra Hensley**, mother of Kenzie Hensley, Gr 3 teacher, who is experiencing health issues

**Harry,** grandfather of Kenzie Hensley, Gr. 3 teacher, who recently lost his sight and is beginning training to adjust tho this change.

Kelsey Zimmerman, friend of Amanda Heeren, undergoing treatment for leukemia.

#### Pray for:

Sophia, Karen Detwiler's niece, who is now in remission from Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Family of **Adam Connelly**, friend of Emmaus Lutheran School, who passed away on Tuesday.

#### Pray for:

#### Elijah FCG

Bohnke Family, Detwiler Family, Diehm Family, Miller Family, Olsen Family, David Reichwage, Ted Rockrohr, Matt Shimko, Kelly Smith Family, and Margie Toussaint.

#### Pray for:

For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.

## <u>Catechism Review</u> The Lord's Prayer

LUTHER'S SMALL

Catechism

The Fourth Petition

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean?

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that

God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

# A Reading from the Book of Concord, Apology of The Augsburg Confession

## Article XIIA: Repentance

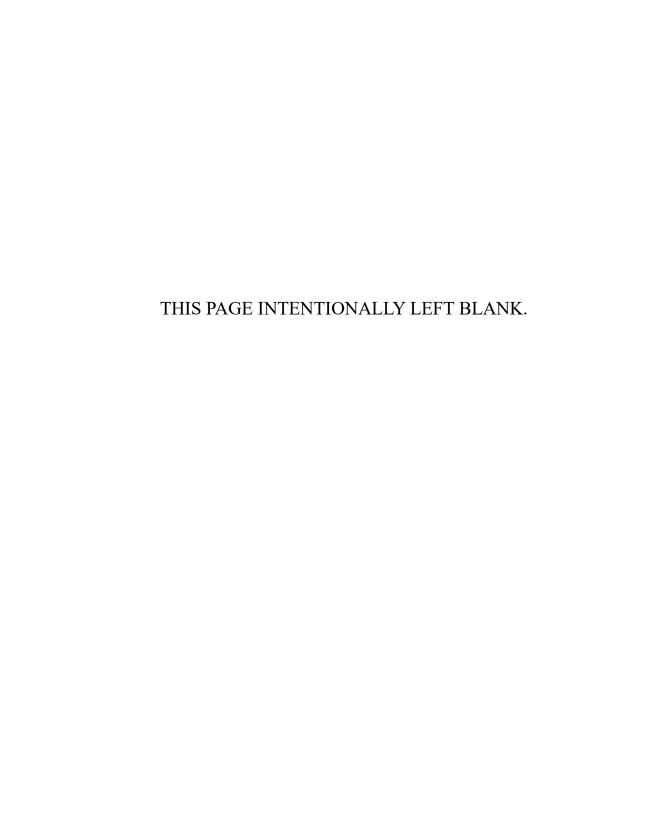
As the second part of repentance we add faith in Christ. The Gospel, in which the forgiveness of sins is freely promised concerning Christ, should be presented to consciences in terror. They should believe that, for Christ's sake, their sins are freely forgiven. This faith cheers, and enlivens the contrite,



according to Romans 5:1, "Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God." This faith obtains the forgiveness of sins. It justifies before God, "since we have been justified by faith." This faith shows the distinction between the contrition of Judas and Peter. The contrition of Judas [Matthew 27:3–5] is useless because faith is not added. Faith grasps the forgiveness of

sins, given as a gift for Christ's sake. So the contrition of Peter [Matthew 26:75] helps because faith, which takes hold of the forgiveness of sins granted for Christ's sake, is added to it. Love is not present before reconciliation has been made through faith. For without Christ, the Law is not performed, according to Romans 5:2, "Through [Christ] we have also obtained access [to God]." This faith grows gradually and throughout the entire life, struggles with sin, in order to overcome sin and death. Love follows faith. Childlike fear is defined as anxiety that has been connected with faith, that is, where faith comforts the anxious heart. Without faith to sustain the anxious heart it is slavish fear. (paragraphs 35-38)

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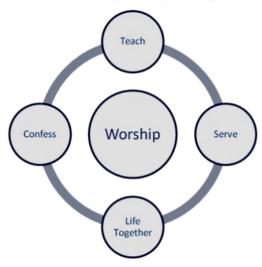




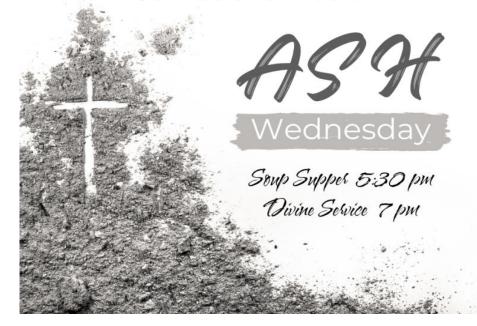
## EMMAUS NEWS & NOTES

For the week of March 2, 2025

## **DONE IN LOVE**

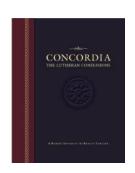


## Join us this Week!



## NURTURING THE FAITH









FY 2024-25 Tithing commitment as approved by the Members	
Weekly Tithing Commitment	\$7,663.00
Tithing Received Last Week (plate and electronic)	\$5,258.70
Overage (Shortfall)	(\$2,404.30)
YTD Tithing Commitment	\$260,542.00
YTD Tithing Received	\$222,585.29
Overage (Shortfall)	(\$37,956.71)
Long-Term Commitments/Obligations (updated 1/21/2025)	
Mortgage Balance	\$970,531.13
Line of Credit Balance	\$0.00
Concordia Lutheran High School Congregation Assessment Balance	\$42,083.33

# LIFE TOGETHER ————







# EMMAUS LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S ANNUAL DINNER, SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION

#### MARCH 22, 2025 EMMAUS LUTHERAN SCHOOL

6:00-10:00 PM 8626 Covington Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46804

#### DINNER MENU:

Mixed Green Salad, Pasta Salad, Parsley Red Potatoes, Whole Green Beans, Swiss Steak Jardinière, Grilled Chicken Bruschetta, French Bread, Assorted Desserts

Dinner catered by Goeglein's

#### TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!

Tickets are now available for our annual Auction and must be purchased by March 18! Head to our Facebook page for details on auction items and more information about the event.

# TICKET PRICING:

Individual: \$75 Table (8 Seats): \$550

Tickets can be purchased in the school office or online: emmauslutheranfw.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/AdventureAwai ts/TicketsandDonations/tabid/1527120/Default.aspx



## **OTHER**







# THIS WEEK AT EMMAUS

Wednesday, March 5 ASH WEDNESDAY

Soup Dinner at 5:30 pm

Worship at 7 pm

Thursday, March 6 Thirsty Thursday at 10:45 am Handbells at 6 pm

Adult Choir at 7 pm

Website Update Meeting at 7 pm



5K RUN & WALK

**REGISTRATION** 

Join the fun and take on the challenge. Lace-up for our 5K Run & Walk!

Date & Time:

3rd May, 2025

At 09:00AM

▶ Location:

#### The Shepherd's Hand

1231 S Anthony Blvd. Fort Wayne, IN 46803







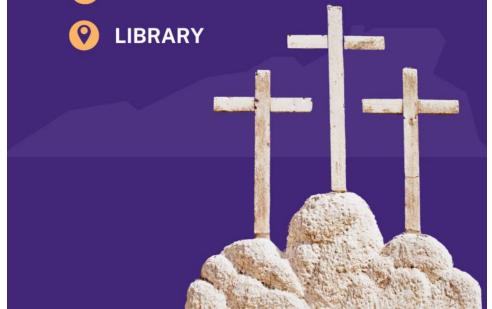
https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/FortWayne/TheShe pherdsHandCommunity5k



# MIDWEEK LENTEN BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Join us Wednesday nights for 45-minute sessions focused on "The Hand of the Lord" theme.

- MARCH 12, 19, 26 APRIL 2, 9
- **6:00 PM**

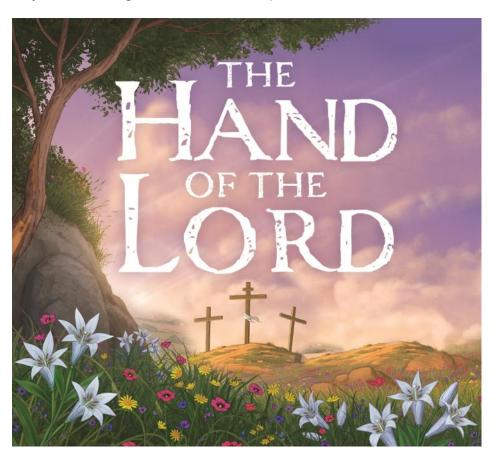


# LENTEN SERIES Ash Wednesday

Scripture text: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The Lord's hand is all over the Scriptures. In our Bible studies, as in our sermon series, for Lent this year, we will take the time to meditate upon the way that the hand of the Lord continues to be at work for us as He gives us His good gifts. In our study for today, Jesus, in His Sermon on the Mount, says, "Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing" (Matthew 6:3). As we serve our neighbor, our Lord is calling us to turn away from seeking earthly rewards that fade in favor of resting securely in the promises of our gracious and merciful Father in heaven.

Stay tuned during Lent as we share a preview each week.



#### CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

#### **Concordia Lutheran High School Choir Tour**

Our premiere concert choir, the 42-voice, A Cappella Choir will be on their annual from March 11th to March 17th. Their theme, Breath of Life, focuses on the Creation account from Genesis 1 and 2 and work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of God's people. All concerts are free to attend. Please see the tour itinerary below.

March 11 6:30 CST - St. John's Lutheran Church - La Porte, IN March 12 6:15 CST - Gloria Dei Lutheran Church - Urbandale, IA

March 13 7:00 CST - Faith Lutheran Church - Lincoln, NE

March 14 7:00 CST - Our Savior Lutheran Church - Norfolk, NE

March 15 6:00 CST - Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church - Omaha, NE

March 17 7:00 EST - Kramer Chapel, CTSFW - Fort Wayne, IN

# Experience the Cadet Life at Our Twilight Tour at Concordia Lutheran High School!

Have you ever wondered why our students love it here? Come see for yourself at our Twilight Tour on Tuesday, March 11th, at 6:00 PM! This special evening event is a perfect opportunity for families who may not be able to visit during regular Admissions Office hours. Take a guided tour, learn more about the Christ-centered education, application process, tuition calculator estimator, and vibrant student life at CLHS. We'd love to show you what makes Concordia such a special place! Register today at go.clhscadets.com/twilight