

WELCOME TO EMMAUS LUTHERAN!



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
Sunday, March 9, 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

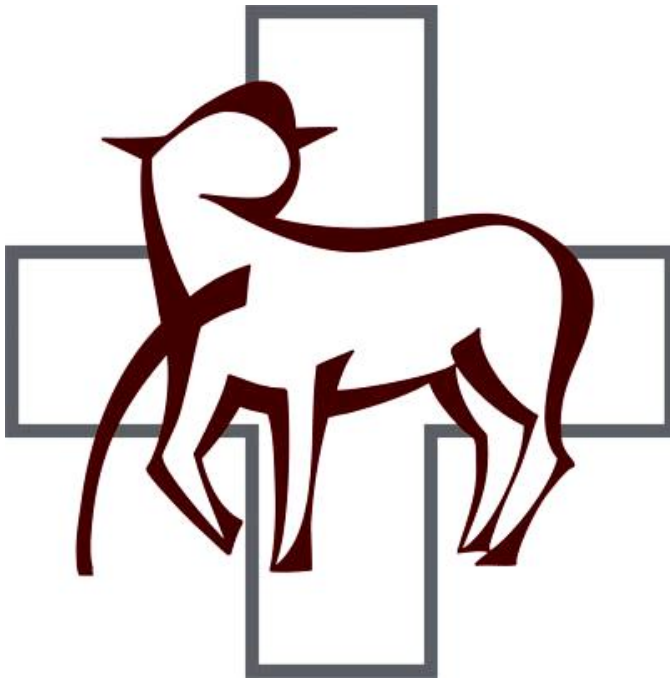
and gives us His gifts. Here we learn who He is and how to respond to Him. The words of worship come from the Scriptures and its form has been used for 2,000 years. So don't worry if it all seems strange. You learn by practicing - join us each week!

"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 Three
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Prelude

Welcome

Teaching Moment

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.

Opening Hymn (Please stand)

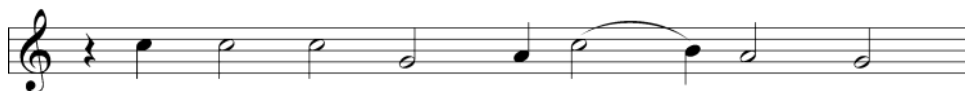
656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us;
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

Summary:

Martin Luther found the inspiration for this hymn in the comforting words of Psalm 46. We, too, can find comfort in these words of faith and praise, knowing that God is our mighty fortress!
 (Psalm 46:1, 7, 11;
 Revelation 19:11-16;
 Romans 8:31-39;
 Ephesians 6:10-17)

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
And there's none oth - er God; He holds
He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

is not his e - qual.
the field for - ev - er.
tle word can fell him.
dom ours re - main eth.

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

[Hebrews 10:22]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

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

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

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

P = Pastor

L = Liturgist/Lector

C = Congregation

V = Vocalist

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I

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

pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. [John 20:19-23]

C Amen.

*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



- L** When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*
I will rescue him and | honor him.

C With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him my sal- | vation.

- L** Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*
the Most High, who is my | refuge—

C no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*
no plague come | near your tent.

- L** For he will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.

C On their hands they will | bear you up,*
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

- L** You will tread on the lion and the | adder;*
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.

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 91.



C Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

- L** When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*
I will rescue him and | honor him.
- C** With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him my sal- | vation.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

2 Timothy 4:22

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

- P** Let us pray. O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

- C** Amen.

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Summary:

Israel celebrates God's gracious deliverance from slavery in Egypt by recounting the story and giving of first fruits to God.

Gradual

Middle School Choir

Let the Whole Creation Cry

Let the whole creation cry, glory to God on high. Heaven and earth awake and sing, God is good and therefore King. Praise him, all ye hosts above, ever bright and fair in love. Sun and moon uplift your voice, night and stars in God rejoice.

Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem manifold, and let children's happy hearts, praise him all ye hosts above, ever bright and fair in love. Sun and moon uplift your voice, night and stars in God rejoice.

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

Let the whole creation cry, glory to God on high. Heaven and earth awake and sing, God is good and therefore King. Praise him, all ye hosts above, ever bright and fair in love. Sun and moon uplift your voice, night and stars in God rejoice.

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Epistle: Romans 10:8b-13

^{8b}“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

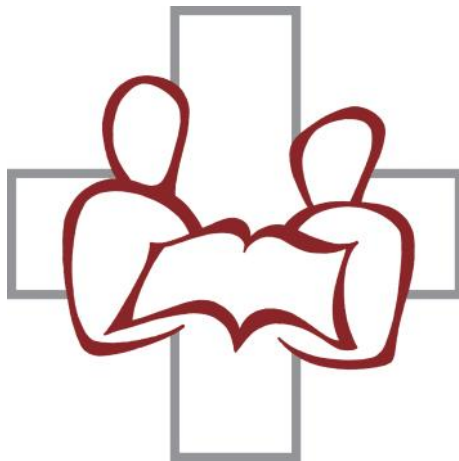
Soloist

Summary:

“Paul says that confession saves in order to show what sort of faith receives eternal life, namely, that which is firm and active. That faith however, that does not present itself in confession is not firm.”

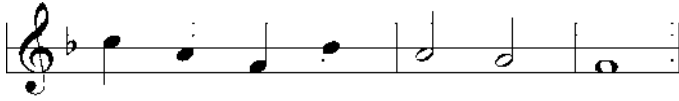
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The Verse is a response sung between the Epistle and Gospel readings in the Divine Service.



Holy Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.



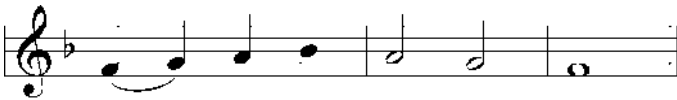
C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry.

³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” ⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸And Jesus answered him, “It is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.’” ⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, “‘He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,’” ¹¹and “‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”

¹²And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Summary:

Jesus is led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted, but Jesus proves He is the Son of God.

Apostles' Creed

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

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


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

*The Apostles' Creed
is a statement of
what we believe,
teach and confess.
The word "Creed"
comes from Latin
word meaning, "I
Believe."*



Hymn of the Day

544 O Love, How Deep



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
 2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
 3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore
 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;

Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
 Of high - er or of low - er place,
 His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
 For us His dai - ly works He wrought,

That God, the Son of God, should take
 But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
 For us the temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;
 By words and signs and ac - tions thus

Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
 And to this world Him - self He came.
 For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

Summary:

The text of this hymn is attributed to Bernard of Clairvaux in the 12th century. (Ephesians 3:17b-21; Philippians 2:6-9; Hebrews 2:9-10; 14-18; John 1:14)

- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
 For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
 He bore the shameful cross and death;
 For us He gave His dying breath.
- 6 For us He rose from death again;
 For us He went on high to reign;
 For us He sent His Spirit here
 To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- △7 All glory to our Lord and God
 For love so deep, so high, so broad;
 The Trinity whom we adore
 Forever and forevermore.

Sermon

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

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

Offertory

Psalms 51:10-12



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

Offering

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.emmausfortwayne.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

Middle School Choir

O Lord, Hear Me

O Lord, hear me, heed my supplication. Come in love to heal my broken spirit. *Repeat.*

Look in mercy, see my anguish, heed my supplication. *Repeat.*

Show me the way and guide my footsteps. *Repeat.*

O Lord, hear me, heed my supplication. Look in mercy, see my anguish, heed my supplication. Heal my broken spirit.

Lord, in your mercy, hear me.

Hal. H. Hopson

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Amazing Grace

Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.

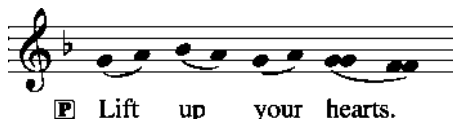
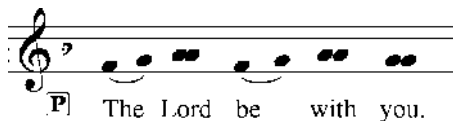
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Prayer of the Church

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

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface



2 Timothy 4:22

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



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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

Psalm 136



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who 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 Proper Preface is a special prayer said before the Lord's Supper that emphasizes the key themes of the feast, occasion, or season of the Church Year.

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



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



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



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



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



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

The Sanctus is Latin for "holy."

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

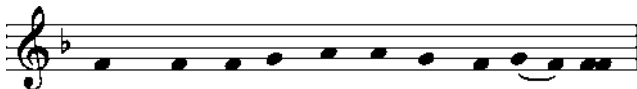
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

Pax Domini

John 20:19



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



C A - men.

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

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

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

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

Distribution

Our Holy Communion Practice

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

Holy Scripture clearly teaches that those communing together be unified in their confession of the faith, and also that those who commune unworthily do great harm to themselves. When a person partakes of the sacrament, he/she is also confessing his/her unreserved agreement with the doctrine and practice that is proclaimed from the altar and pulpit of which the Sacrament is administered. Therefore, we ask you to refrain from communing if you are not a member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. All others are still welcome to come forward, crossing your arms to receive a blessing. Please speak with the pastor about receiving instruction to learn what Scripture teaches and our church confesses. We pray fervently for the day when Christ returns and all divisions will cease. Thank you for respecting our practice.

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

Distribution Hymns

746 Through Jesus' Blood and Merit



1 Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it I am at peace with God.
 2 There's noth - ing that can sev - er From this great love of God;
 3 For nei - ther life's temp - ta - tion Nor death's most try - ing hour
 4 Nor an - y crea - ture ev - er Shall from the love of God



What, then, can daunt my spir - it, How - ev - er dark my road?
 No want, no pain what - ev - er, No fam - ine, per - il, flood.
 Nor an - gels of high sta - tion Nor an - y oth - er pow'r
 This ran - somed sin - ner sev - er; For in my Sav - ior's blood



My cour - age shall not fail me, For God is on my side;
 Though thou - sand foes sur - round me, For slaugh - ter mark His sheep,
 Nor things that now are pres - ent Nor things that are to come
 This love has its foun - da - tion; God hears my faith - ful prayer



Though hell it - self as - sail me, Its rage I may de - ride.
 They nev - er shall con - found me, The vic - t'ry I shall reap.
 Nor height, how - ev - er pleas - ant, Nor dark - est depths of gloom
 And long be - fore cre - a - tion Named me His child and heir.

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Summary:
Simon Dach, a Prussian composer and poet, wrote this hymn about how nothing can separate us from God's love. (Romans 8:35-39; Ephesians 1:4-6)

424 O Christ, You Walked the Road



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.
 2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.
 3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.
 4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,
 5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.
 Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.
 Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swerv-ing love.
 Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.
 Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

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Summary:

Pay close attention to verse 1 and verse 5 to see how they are connected.

(Matthew 4:1-11;
 Hebrews 2:18; 4:15)

718 Jesus, Lead Thou On



1 Je-sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al-though the
 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith-less
 3 When we seek re-lief From a long-felt grief, When temp-ta-tions
 4 Je-sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n-ly lead-er,



way be cheer-less, We will fol-low calm and fear-less.
 fears o'er-take us; Let not faith and hope for-sake us;
 come al-lur-ing, Make us pa-tient and en-dur-ing.
 still di-rect us, Still sup-port, con-sole, pro-tect us,



Guide us by Thy hand To our fa-ther-land.
 For through man-y a woe To our home we go.
 Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
 Till we safe-ly stand In our fa-ther-land.

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Summary:

Though the path of life be filled with many trials and temptations, Jesus promises to lead, support and protect us until we reach our heavenly home.

(Luke 12:32; 1 Peter 2:20b-21; 1 Corinthians 10:13;
 James 1:12)

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

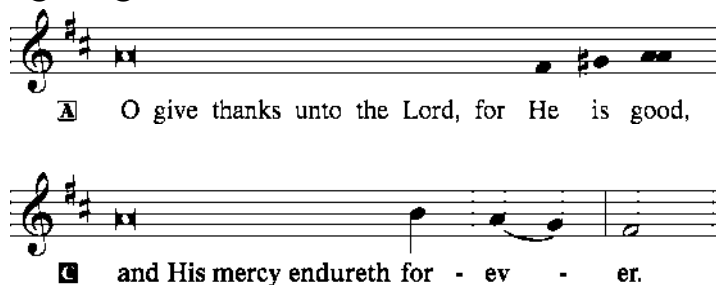


Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

The Post-Communion Canticle is a hymn of thanks.

Thanksgiving

Psalms 107:1



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

P Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus

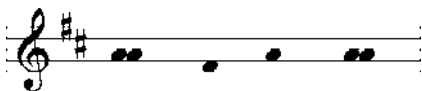


P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.

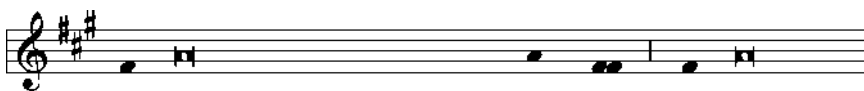
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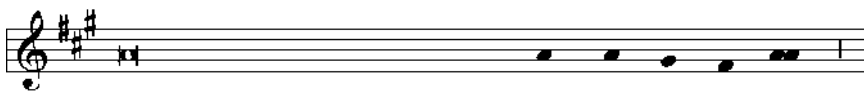
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

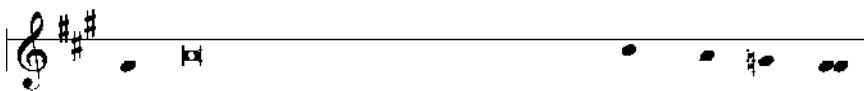
Numbers 6:24-26



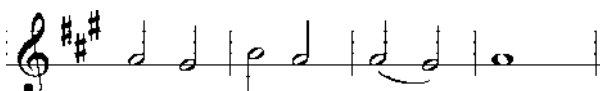
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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



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



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

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

Closing Hymn

418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal



for our sin, And free us from our past.
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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Summary:

Mrs. Claudia Hernaman is credited with writing over 150 hymns, many of them for children. She drew her inspiration for this hymn from our Gospel reading of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness.

(Luke 4:1-13; Leviticus 9:23)

Announcements

Dismissal

P Go in peace to serve the Lord!

G Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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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:

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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.



Participating in Today's Service

Preacher: Rev. Roy C. Olsen, III

Communion Assistant: Rev. Dr. Robert Bennett

Lector: Seminarian Corrie Steel

Acolyte: Niko Spanos

Elder: Mr. Jim Heeren

Organist: Mr. Timothy LaCroix

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.

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This Week at Emmaus

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)

Tuesday, March 11

1:30 pm Finance Board

4:30 pm Christian Svc

6:00 pm Christian Ed

6:00 pm School Board

7:00 pm Council Mtg

Wednesday, March 12

9:00 am Women's Guild

6:00 pm Bible Study in Library

7:00 pm Lenten Midweek Service

Thursday, March 13

10:45 am Thirsty Thursday Bible Study

Sunday, March 16, 2025

2nd Sunday in Lent

9:00 am Divine Service

Acolyte: Hunter Durlacher

Elder: Mr. Stan Veit

10:20 am Sunday School & Bible Class

Nursery: Beth Stockinger and Maddie
Bultemeier

Readings: Jeremiah 26:8-15,
Philippians 3:17-4:1,
Luke 13:31-35



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LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

March 9 – Lent I –Abortion and assisted suicide enact idolatry by assessing life apart from the Word of the Lord (Luke 4:4, 8). Saving faith, on the other hand, receives both child and trials as riches from the loving hand of God. He who makes hills give milk and honey will no doubt bring forth even better blessings from the humblest human life! *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 9, 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 Story-Point 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

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

Pray for:

**Mary
FCG**

Bradburn Family; Dave Greener; Shirley Kanning; Morgan Family, Lois Richter, Kenneth Scrogam, Lee Toussaint, and the Younghans Family.

Pray for:

For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.

Catechism Review

The Lord's Prayer



**LUTHER'S
SMALL
Catechism**

The Fifth Petition

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

A Reading from the Book of Concord, Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration Article II: Free Will

The Scriptures call natural man in spiritual and divine things *darkness* (Ephesians 5:8). John 1:5 says, “The light shines in the darkness” (that is, in the dark, blind world, which does not know or regard God), “and the darkness has not overcome it.” Likewise, the Scriptures teach that a sinful person is not only weak, but also entirely dead (Ephesians 2:1–5; Colossians 2:13).



A person who is physically dead cannot from his own powers make himself come back to life again. So the person who is spiritually dead in sins cannot by his own strength make or apply himself to acquire spiritual and heavenly righteousness and life. This is true unless he is delivered and brought to life by God's Son from the death of sin.

The Scriptures deny to the intellect and will of natural man all capacity, and ability to undertake anything good and right in spiritual things.

The darkness has not overcome it [the light]. (John 1:5)
“The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God” (1 Corinthians 2:14). This means he is not capable of spiritual things. For they are foolishness to him; neither can he know them. Much less will he truly believe the Gospel or agree with it and regard it as truth.

For the mind [of the natural man] that is set on the flesh is hostile to God. (Romans 8:7)

(paragraphs 38-41)

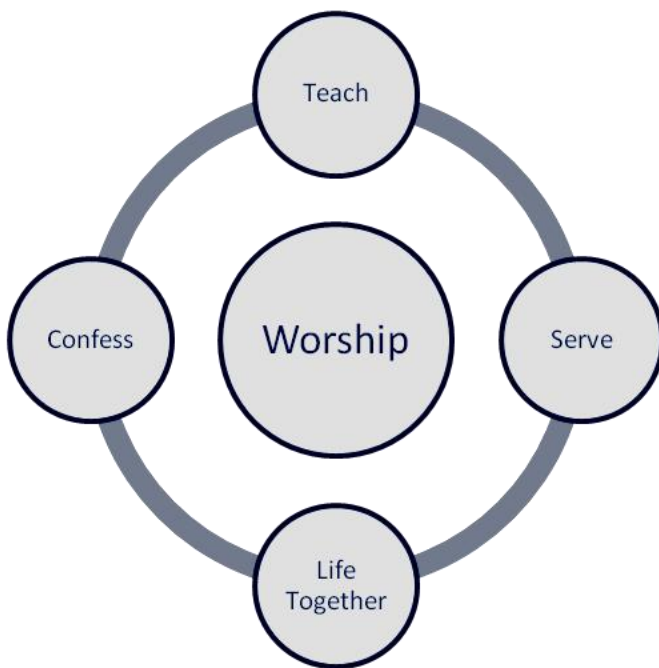
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EMMAUS NEWS & NOTES

For the week of March 9, 2025

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NURTURING THE FAITH

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

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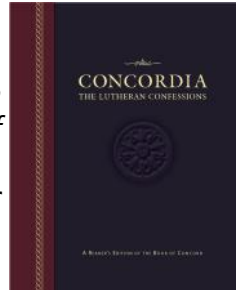
Grade 6-8 Students meet in the Library (west hall). *High School students* can attend the Adult Bible Class.

Adult Bible Class

Join us immediately following Sunday service as we continue to delve into the Book of Concord and the Confessions.

New DO YOU WANT YOUR OWN COPY?

There have been a few inquiries about buying personal copies of the *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions - A Reader's Edition of the Book of Concord 2nd Edition*. If you would like to buy a copy, please call Elizabeth Berg (459-7722) or email eberg@emmausfortwayne.org and she will coordinate a group purchase.



Thirsty Thursdays

Join us Thursday at 10:45 am as we continue our study of the Ten Commandments.

DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS

New Portals of Prayer

We have the devotion booklets for April - June 2025. Please feel free to pick one up from the table in the front hall.

New Reflections booklet

Higher Things has released the devotional booklet for March 2-April 19, 2025. Pick up your copy at the front table.

FY 2024-25 Tithing commitment as approved by the Members of Emmaus on Sunday, July 21st.	
Weekly Tithing Commitment	\$7,663.00
Tithing Received Last Week (plate and electronic)	\$8,461.70
Overage (Shortfall)	\$798.70
YTD Tithing Commitment	\$268,205.00
YTD Tithing Received	\$231,046.99
Overage (Shortfall)	(\$37,158.01)
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

Worship Attendance

Sunday, March 2
Worship: 123

Ash Wednesday
Worship: 73

LIFE TOGETHER

New BOARD OF ELDERS

Please note that this month’s meeting has moved to next week Monday, March 17.

IS YOUR COLLEGE STUDENT AWAY AT SCHOOL?

The Board of Christian Service would like to help support your young adult. Please let Lisa Kanning know (260-446-6700) so she can send them relevant info.

SCHOOL STAFF CHANGES

Mrs. Amanda Dahnke will step down from her position as 5th grade teacher here at Emmaus, for the 2025-2026 school year. We thank her for her many years of faithful service to the students and families of Emmaus.

Mrs. Emily Stetka-Grabor will be stepping down for the 2025-2026 school year to be a full-time mom. Her time here may not have been long, but she has made an impression on her students.

Please lift them both up in your prayers. May the Lord lead Amanda and Emily to that which God desires and continue to bless the labors of their hands, to the glory of His name.

If you know anyone interested in a teaching position, please have them contact Esther Spanos at principal@emmauslutheranfw.org.

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

PRAYER CHAIN

Here's an easy, but important way to serve at Emmaus! Become part of our Prayer Chain! When a prayer request has been received, you will receive a phone call with the information, then you call the next person on the chain. No set/specific time, just make a phone call to the next person and then include the individual/situation in your prayers. Need more information? Contact Peggy Kreigh, 260-710-2872.

MEMBER CALLER

Are you on the Emmaus Member Caller list? With inclement weather season upon us, now is a great time to sign up. This tool is used sparingly, and only to notify the congregation of special announcements or a cancellation. Please call Elizabeth Berg (459-7722) to be added to the list.



School Auction



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

MARCH 22, 2025

6:00-10:00 PM

EMMAUS LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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/AdventureAwaits/TicketsandDonations/tabid/1527120/Default.aspx



New LWML MITES

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is dedicated to supporting missions and spreading the Gospel through service, prayer, and financial grants. Each biennium, LWML grants millions of dollars to fund various ministries, including mission outreach, church worker scholarships, and humanitarian aid projects. These grants empower organizations to share Christ's love by providing resources for education, disaster relief, and community development. By collecting "mites" (small offerings) from individuals and congregations, LWML turns pennies into powerful blessings, making a global impact for Christ. Any woman who is a member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregation is automatically eligible to be part of LWML. For more information on LWML grants or how to get involved, contact Lisa Kanning at 260-446-6700.

**WORSHIP ANEW—Broadcast**

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 with Rev. Paul Shoemaker is **"It is Written"** — Jesus resisted Satan's temptations and, in so doing, showed us how we, too, can resist. We turn to God's Holy Word and rebuke Satan saying, "It is written."

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.



PROJECT CONNECT BOOOKLETS

These booklets, produced by Lutheran Hour Ministries, offer 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 is: **"Great Deceiver"** - The battle we wage in this life is not one "Against flesh and blood but against ... the powers of this dark world," as Paul tells us in Ephesians 6. In this booklet Pastor Michael Newman gets to the heart of the matter: "If you believe in Jesus or are even contemplating walk of faith, Satan has you as his target. He has declared war on your life." Using Scripture, Newman shows us Satan's - the great deceiver's - true colors. His best intention is our worst nightmare. Jesus sums it up: "He was a murderer from the beginning" (John 8:44). But still we can rejoice. In Christ we have victory over the devil.

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	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir



THE SHEPHERD'S HAND
COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER



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

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MIDWEEK LENTEN BIBLE STUDY SERIES

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



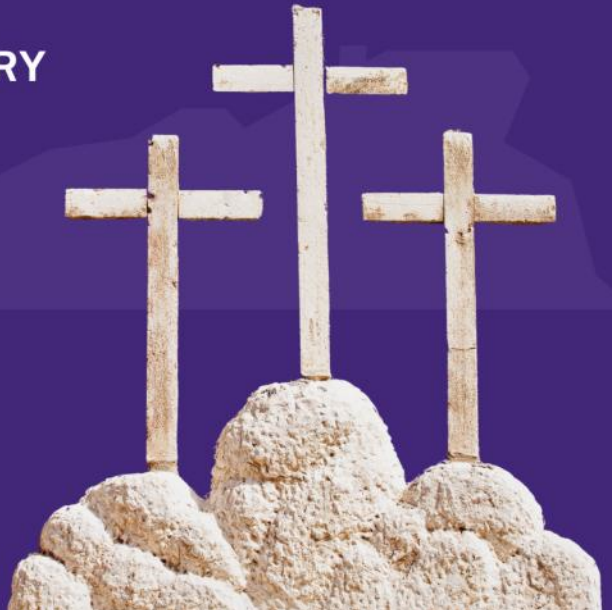
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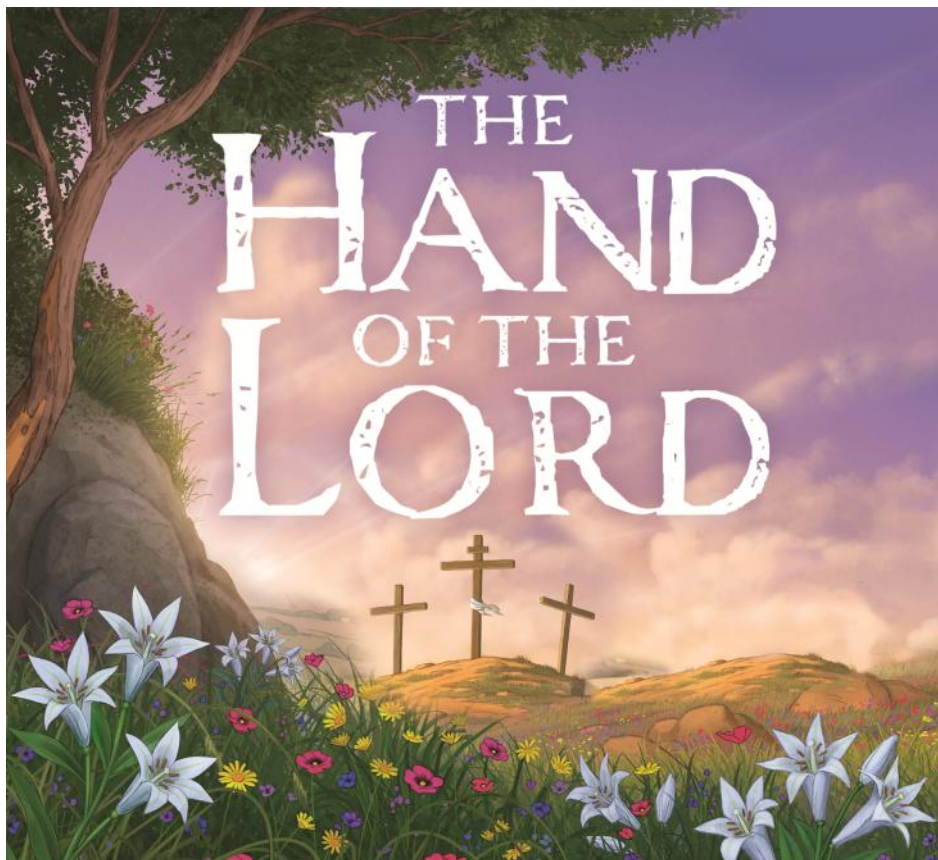
LENTEN BIBLE STUDY SERIES PREVIEW

Midweek Lent 1

The Hand of the Lord Who Creates & Saves

Scripture text: Matthew 14:22-33

This week, we will be turning our focus to texts that show the specific ways that the hand of our Lord and Savior, Jesus, works for us. We have one of the well-known and well-loved texts: Jesus walking on water. This text makes a clear proclamation of Jesus' divine nature as the one who treads upon the waves. Matthew 14 is the only text that includes the account of Jesus' interaction with Peter. As we will see, we get a direct reference to the hand of the Lord that reaches down and saves Peter from sinking, for our Lord is compassionate and merciful.



— 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

CLHS Fine Arts Festival and Food Trucks

Come join us on **March 23 from 1-3:30 p.m.** for art, food and fun as we see the best of our Lutheran school student's creative endeavors at the Concordia Lutheran High School Fine Arts Festival! Enjoy treats from three food trucks including Whip & Chill, Another One Bites the Crust, and Big Eyed Fish. Come inside and peruse student artwork and fine arts projects. You'll also be treated to a concert by multiple Lutheran school choirs, bands and orchestras. Concordia colleges will also be on site for a Concordia University Fair! The festival will end in a fine art awards ceremony. We'll see you there!