WELCOME TO EMMAUS LUTHERAN!



Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 4, 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. Eve-

ry 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

Teaching Moment

Pastor-Elect Cody Schrepferman

Lutherans follow an order of worship based exclusively on Scripture and focused completely

Divine Service

on Jesus. Through the Word and Sacraments, God speaks to His people.

Processional Hymn

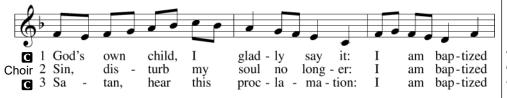
Congregation please stand and face the cross as it is carried in and placed at the altar.

P = Pastor

L = Liturgist/Lector

C = Congregation

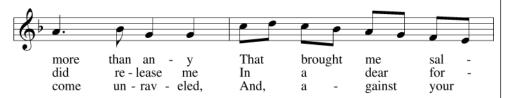
594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It













Charitie L. de Chenez, daughter of a minister, was born in Dublin, Ireland. Her hymn, written in 1863, points us to the justifying work of Christ. (Hebrews 4:14-5:10; 7:24 -8:2; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Revelation 7:9-14)

- Choir 4 Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ! When I die, I leave all sadness, To inherit paradise!

 Though I lie in dust and ashes, Faith's assurance brightly flashes: Baptism has the strength divine, To make life immortal mine.
 - Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.
 Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising: I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

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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 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

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.

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

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

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.

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

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit



Choir All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,* and all your saints shall | bless you!

One generation shall commend your works to an- | other,* and shall declare your | mighty acts.

Choir On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,* and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.

They shall speak of the might of your | awesome deeds,* and I will declare your | greatness.

Choir They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant | goodness* and shall sing aloud of your | righteousness.

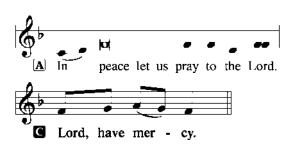
The The LORD is | good to all,* and his mercy is over all that | he has made.

All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Choir All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,* and all your saints shall | bless you!

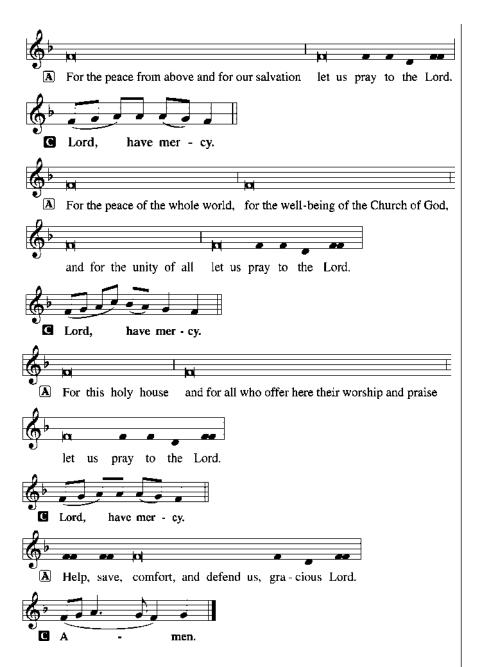
The Introit is a collection of passages from Scripture that set the tone for the services; verses are different each Sunday. Today's Introit is from Psalm 145.

Kyrie



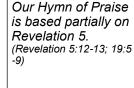
Mark 10:47

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.

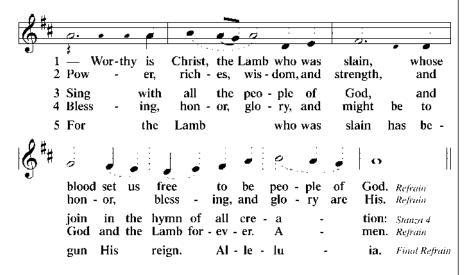


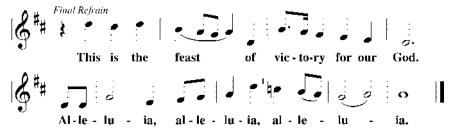
Hymn of Praise This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9









Salutation and Collect of the Day



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 God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading: Acts 9:1-22

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹ and taking food, he was strengthened. Continued . . .

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: The conversion of Saul.

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For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

- **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.

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

Epistle: Revelation 5:8-14

Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." ⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.

⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on

Summary:A picture of heavenly worship of Christ.

the earth." ¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

Alleluia and Verse

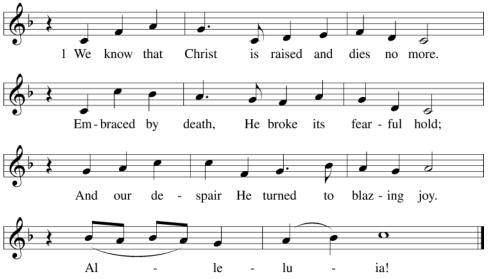
Adult Choir

Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opend to us the Scriptures? Alleluia!

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.

603 We Know That Christ Is Raised, v. 1



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Holy Gospel: John 21:1-19

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



¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

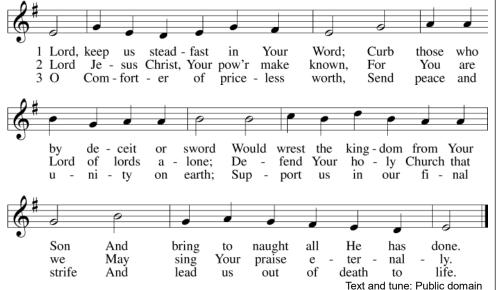
¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that

Summary: Jesus makes His third resurrection appearance and afterward restores Peter. I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹ (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Hymn of the Day 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Thy Word



In this Martin Luther hymn, we lift these requests up to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit respectively by verse. (Psalm 119:5-10; 2 John 9; John 8:31; Ephesians 4:3-6)

Sermon



CONFIRMATION

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

Confirmation Address

- P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded You; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.
- P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R Yes, I do.
- P Do you renounce the devil, all his works and all his ways?
- R Yes, I renounce him.
- **P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- **R** Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
- Yes, I believe 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.
- **P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- **R** Yes, 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.

- P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
- R I do.
- P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- R I do.
- P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- **R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- **R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- **R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

The catechumen kneels to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of the catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:

Cecília Rose Diehm

"You will show me the path of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with your evermore." Psalm 16:11

- P Cecilia Rose Diehm, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life + everlasting.
- R Amen.
- P Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear their cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.
- P Peace + be with you.
- C Amen.

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to

me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will

call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-

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

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

Cling Tightly to the Word of God (S. Starke)

Cling tightly to the Word of God and Christ's disciple be; For them beloved, you will know the truth that sets you free. Recall in faith the precious gift of your baptismal day, when you were joined to Jsus; death that washed your sins away. For just as God raised up His Son from death by His great might, so too, in Christ, we now may live as children of the light. Be strong! Stand firm, come, walk the path that saints before you trod, with ready fee to bring good news of Christ the Peace of God. Know that His body and His blood will feed your hungry soul, Like manna in life's wilderness, until you reach your goal. Now fix your eyes on Jesus Christ. "Come follow Me," says He; "Deny yourself, take up your cross—come lose your life for Me."

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The voluntary is an offering of musical praise.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22 And al - so with you. Lift your hearts. up [Colossians 3:1] We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [Psalm 136]

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.

and 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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

thanks

is right to give Him

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.



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.

Amen.

The Praver of thanksqiving 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 spoken by Christ when He

Sacrament of the

words of Christ at the consecration of

the bread and wine.

Altar; the pastor speaks these very

instituted the

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."

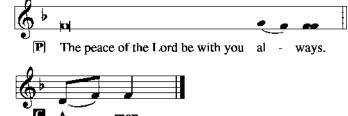
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24

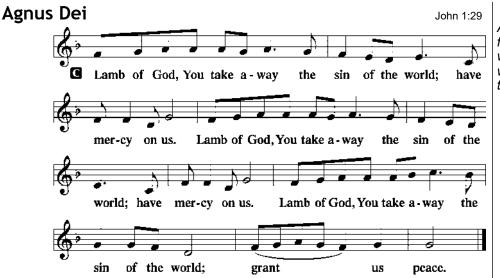
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Pax Domini

John 20:19



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 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come



- Yet as the Law must be fulfilled, or we must die despairing, Christ came and has God's anger stilled, our human nature sharing. He has for us the Law obeyed, and thus the Father's vengeance stayed Which over us impended.
- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made, and brought to us salvation, Each Christian therefore may be glad, and build on this foundation. Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, your death is now my life indeed, For You have paid my ransom.
- 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see, your Word cannot be broken; Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!", no falsehood have You spoken. Baptized into Your precious name, my faith cannot be put to shame, And I shall never perish.

This, the most famous hymn written by Paul Speratus, is founded on Romans 3:28. A hymn of Law and Faith, powerfully furnished with God's Word. (Romans 3:10-31; 5:1-11; Galatians 3:1-25; Ephesians 2:1-10)

- 8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin, and makes us conscience-stricken; But then the Gospel enters in, the sinful soul to quicken. Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; the Law no peace can ever give, No comfort and no blessing.
- 9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone, and rests in Him unceasing; And by its fruits true faith is known, with love and hope increasing. For faith alone can justify; works serve our neighbor and supply The proof that faith is living.
- △ 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise, To Father, Son, and Spirit, The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit. O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving love; Your blessèd name we hallow.

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Choral Selection

Adult Choir

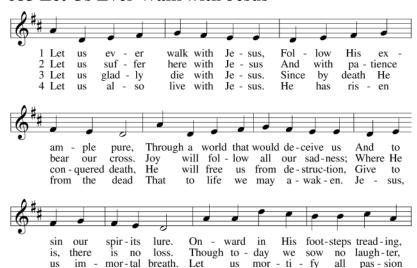
I Am the Resurrection and the Life (W. Croft)
I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believth in me shall never die. I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another. We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

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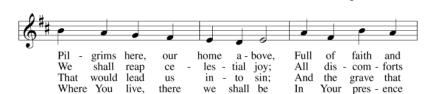
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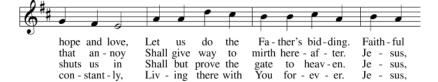
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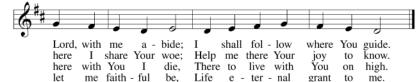


Brought into the family of God by grace through faith, we rejoice that we walk, suffer, live and even die with Jesus. (Matthew 16:24; 1 Peter 4:12-13; Matthew 10:38-39; Romans 6:2-5, 8)



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Your own liv - ing

mem-bers;



The Post-Communion Canticle is a hymn of thanks.



Post-Communion Collect

- 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



It is tradition at Emmaus to send our Confirmands out into the world with this hymn. Therefore the congregation and choir (vs 2) will sing this hymn as it will serve as both blessing and benediction (vs 4).

Numbers 6:24-26

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Please stand for the Recessional Hymn and turn to face the cross as it carried to the back of the sanctuary.

Recessional Hymn 578 Thy Strong Word 1 Thy word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy strong 2 Lo, those who dwelt dark - ness, Dark on in as 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks righ - teous; Bright with us 4 From the cross Thy wis dom shin - ing Break - eth speak - ing For it was done. at ed cre night and deep death. Broke the light of as Thine own ho li ness, Glo rious now, we forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for or - dered sea - sons run. thank Thee, While Thine light we va - tion, Breathed Thine Thy sal own life - breath - ing breath. press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess. ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light. Al - le lu Praise ia, al le lu ia! to Al - le lu - ia, - le al lu - ia! Praise to Al - le lu - ia, al - le lu ia! Praise to Al - le al lu - ia, le lu - ia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! le lu - ia. Thee who light dost send! Al - le lu - ia. Thee who light dost send! Al - le lu - ia. Thee who light dost send! le lu - ia, with - out end! al - le lu ia! le lu - ia al - le lu ia! Αl le lu ia with - out end! Al al - le lu ia! le lu ia with - out end! Al le lu ia! lu - ia with - out end!

The Word of God is a light in the midst of the darkness. (Genesis 1:3; John 1:1-14; 2 Corinthians 4:6; 1 Peter 2:9)

- Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
 Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send
 Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!
- △ 6 God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever, Praise the holy Trinity!
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Presentation of Gift

Postlude

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Sunday School & Bible Classes

Our Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes will not meet today. Classes will resume next Sunday, May 11th.

Everyone is invited to join us for a reception for our Confirmand following the worship service.



Participating in Today's Service

Preacher: Rev. Roy C. Olsen, III Crucifer & Lector: Seminarian Brian Frank

Acolyte: Trapper Durlacher
Elder: Mr. Stan Veit
Organist: Mr. Timothy LaCroix
Choir: Emmaus Adult Choir

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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

This Week at Emmaus

Today, Sunday, May 4 Confirmation Sunday

9:00 am Divine Service

Acolyte: Trapper Durlacher

Elder: Mr. Stan Veit

10:20 am Sunday School & Bible Class Nursery: Stacey and Hunter Durlacher

Thursday, May 1

10:45 am Thirsty Thursday class

6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Adult Choir

Sunday, May 11 4th Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Divine Service
Acolyte: Niko Spanos
Elder: Mr. Jacob Bushur

10:20 am Sunday School & Bible Class

Nursery: None—DoVotion Readings: Acts 20:17-35

Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30



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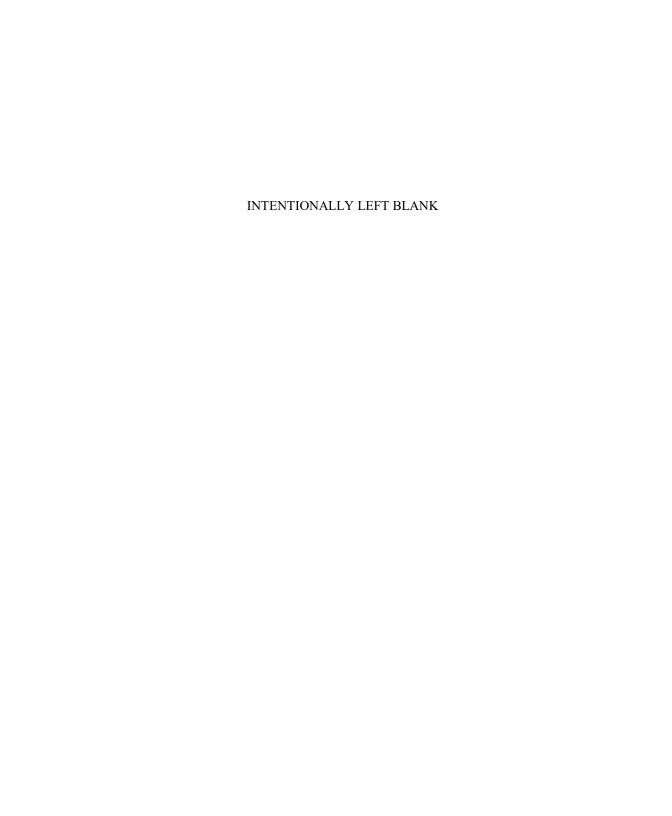
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Joann Olsen, Preschool Director

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Esther Spanos, Principal

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LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

May 4 – Easter III – "Our Father in heaven gathers into His flock persons of every tribe and nation and language (Revelation 5:9-10). Ages, appearances, and abilities do not disqualify anyone, and our world works best when our words and ways proclaim and practice it. And as both Peter and Paul illustrate, neither heritage nor history keeps hearts from Him either. Forgiveness and faith relieve even from involvement in abortion! *Life Thoughts* are based on the appointed readings from *Lutheran Service Book*. www.lutheransforlife.org.

Sunday, May 4, 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 **Kelsey Zimmerman**, friend of Amanda Heeren, undergoing treatment for leuke-

Marjie Meyers, mother of Anna Bultemeier, who is dealing with bladder cancer.

Tom Jones, father of Kathy Veit, who is recovering from a fall

Pray for the gift of life:

Carol Rose celebrated her 96th birthday this past week.

Pray for:

Matthew FCG

Rev. Dr. Robert & Angela Bennett, Rev. Jon & Kris Bruss, Ron & Sandy Crismore, Kaylee Hartman, Judi Mabee, and the Corrie Steel Family.

Pray for:

For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.

Catechism Review Confession

LUTHER'S
SMALL
Catechism

What is Confession?

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

A Reading from the Book of Concord, The Large Catechism, the Lord's Prayer



We must pray that God's will be done. For there will be strange events if we are to abide in God's will... We shall have to suffer many thrusts and blows on that account from everything that seeks to oppose and prevent the fulfillment of the first two petitions.

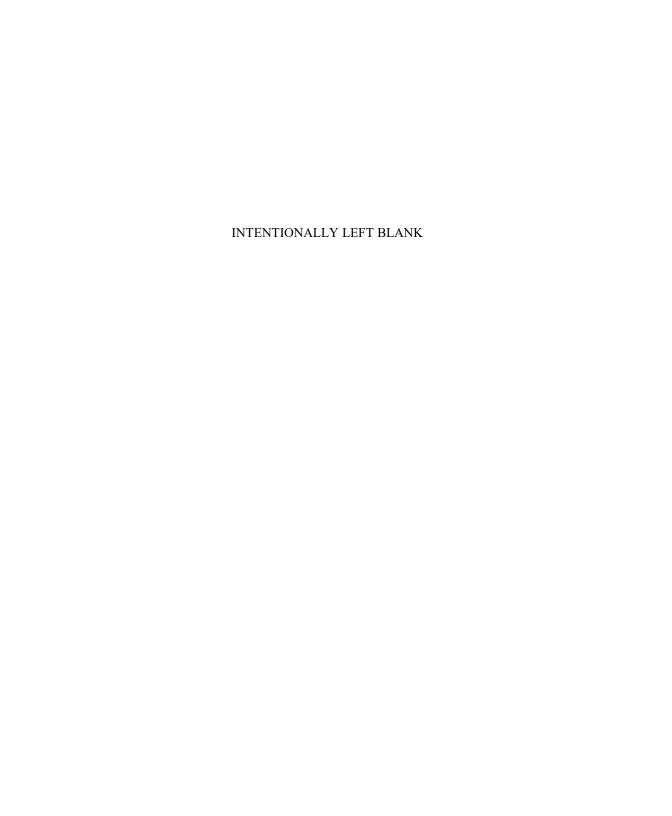
No one can believe how the devil opposes and resists these prayers. He cannot allow anyone to teach or to believe rightly.

It hurts him beyond measure to have his lies and abominations exposed, which have been honored under the most fancy, sham uses of the divine name... He rages as a fierce enemy with all his power and might... So he provokes the world against us, fans and stirs the fire, so that he may cause us to fall, and again bring us under his power...

If we would be Christians, therefore, we must surely expect and count on having the devil with all his angels and the world as our enemies. They will bring every possible misfortune and grief upon us. For where God's Word is preached, accepted, or believed and produces fruit, there the holy cross cannot be missing. And let no one think that he shall have peace. He must risk whatever he has upon earth—possessions, honor, house and estate, wife and children, body and life. This hurts our flesh and the old Adam. The test is to be steadfast and to suffer with patience in whatever way we are assaulted, and to let go whatever is taken from us

(paragraphs 61-63, 65-66)

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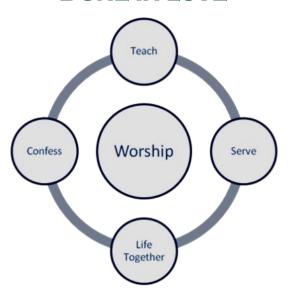




EMMAUS NEWS & NOTES

For the week of May 4, 2025

DONE IN LOVE



TODAY

After the service and reception, we will have a voter's assembly to issue a call for the 6th grade teacher position.

Please stay and participate if you can.

Thank you!



NURTURING THE FAITH

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Please join us as we learn and study God's Word.

Sunday School Classes

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

Preschool (3 yr olds) - Gr. 1 Students meet in the Kindergarten/Mrs. Hardman's classroom (front hall).

Grade 2-5 Students meet in the Grade 5/Mrs. Dahnke's classroom (west hall).

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

Adult Bible Class

Join us today as we continue the discussion on Authority and Unity of Scripture.

Thirsty Thursdays

Our study of the Ten Commandments continues at 10:45 am in the Library.

DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS

Higher Things Reflections

The next issue, covering Easter through Pentecost Eve, is available. Pick up your copy from the front table.

Hope-Full Living

The April-June issue of this daily devotional from Worship Anew is available at the front table.

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.

Worship Attendance

Sunday, April 27

Worship: 101 Bible Class: 48

FY 2024-25 Tithing commitment as approved by the Members	
Weekly Tithing Commitment	\$7,663.00
Tithing Received Last Week (plate and electronic)	\$4,502.70
Overage (Shortfall)	(\$3,160.30)
YTD Tithing Commitment	\$329,509.00
YTD Tithing Received	\$285,374.76
Overage (Shortfall)	(\$44,134.24)
Long-Term Commitments/Obligations (updated 4/17/2025)	
Mortgage Balance	\$963,927.41
Line of Credit Balance	\$0.00
Concordia Lutheran High School Congregation Assessment Balance	\$41,783.33

LIFE TOGETHER

New CH-CH-CHANGES... to the Sunday Morning Setup!

You may have noticed a few new rhythms as you walk into church on Sunday mornings. The tables at the entrance are there—but now the Elder on duty will be setting them up around 8:15 a.m., putting out bulletins, periodicals, the red guest book, and more.

The biggest change? We're shifting how we track attendance. There won't be someone checking you in at the door—instead, you'll simply highlight your name on the attendance sheets. For Bible class, we will pass the sheet once started. Guests can still sign the visitor book as always.

We're also looking for volunteers to help greet, hand out bulletins and News & Notes, and make sure Children's Bulletins are available for parents to pick up

Thanks for your patience and flexibility as we navigate this new process! If you would like to **volunteer as a greeter**, please see Pastor or any of the Elders.

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. Need more information? Contact Peggy Kreigh, 260-710-2872.

PIZZA HUT FUNDRAISER—STILL PLENTY LEFT!

The Women's Guild is selling Pizza Hut coupon cards for only \$10. Each card has six offers and each offer can be used up to four times—so you can use the card 24 times! See one of the ladies to buy one, or a few, cards today!

SPRING/SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Many hands make light work.

Our small but mighty yard crew needs a few extra hands to lighten the load. Duties include mowing, trimming, and tending to the shrubs and plants.

If you could help one weekend a month, it would make a huge

difference! Contact Larry Lunz for more info at 260-450-5991.

OTHER

SPRING ISSUE AVAILABLE

The latest issue of For the Life of the World is available addresses the importance of the residential seminary progra Copies are in the magazine rack near the entrance.



WORSHIP ANEW—Broadcast

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 with Rev. Dr. Walter Maier, III is "**The Conversion of Paul**" — Paul was a fierce enemy of Christianity, so his conversion to faith in Jesus was an amazing event. This was totally unexpected. But God can do anything because of His almighty power and because of His awesome grace, mercy, and love.

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 <u>260-373-0213</u> 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.

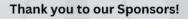
This week's featured brochure is: "Why Did Jesus Die?" - The most recognized symbol in the world is the cross. Why have Christians adopted the cross as their symbol? Why did Jesus' death by a cross become such a focal point for Christians? In this booklet, we tackle honestly and head-on the question at the core of this 2,000 year preoccupation with the cross: Why did Jesus die?



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You don't want to miss this shopping extravaganza!

Follow our event on Facebook for sneak peeks and more!











THIS WEEK AT EMMAUS

Thursday, May 8 10:45 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm Thirsty Thursday class Handbells Choir



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL -

Concordia Lutheran High School Spring Instrumental Concert Concordia's bands and orchestra will be performing their Spring concert at St. Michael Lutheran Church on Friday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. The concert is open to the public and free to attend.

Concordia Lutheran High School Spring Choral Concert

The CLHS Choral Department will have their "Spring Sing" concert at Emanuel Lutheran Church in New Haven, Indiana on Friday, May 16th. The 7:00 p.m. concert is free, open to the public and features all three choral ensembles of the school. Join 60+ choral members as we use our God given gifts to praise Him and have fun celebrating the end of another great academic year!