

WELCOME TO EMMAUS LUTHERAN!



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 11, 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 One

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Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn

812 Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs



1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs With an - gels
2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "To be ex -
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive Hon - or and
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one To bless the



round the throne; Ten thou - sand thou - sand
alt - ed thus!" "Wor - thy the Lamb," our
pow'r di - vine; And bless - ings more than
sa - cred name Of Him who sits up -



are their tongues, But all their joys are one.
lips re - ply, "For He was slain for us!"
we can give Be, Lord, for - ev - er Thine.
on the throne And to a - dore the Lamb.

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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.

We are reminded of the gathering of God's people and the angelic host praising God and waiting Christ's return. (Revelation 5:6-14; Psalm 95:1-2)

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Invocation

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

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

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

C Amen.

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

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

1 John 1:8-9

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

P = Pastor

L = Liturgist/Lector

C = Congregation

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

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

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

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

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

[John 20:19-23]

C Amen.

*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 Hymn

709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

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 23.

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Kyrie

Mark 10:47

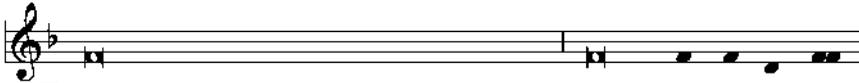
Kyrie is Greek for "Lord, have mercy." It is the first prayer of the congregation in the Divine Service; it is a cry for mercy that our Lord and King will hear us and help us in our needs and troubles.



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



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



G Lord, have mer - cy.



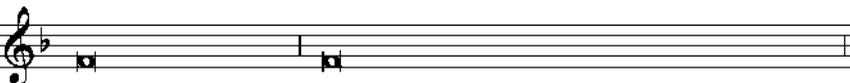
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



G Lord, have mer - cy.



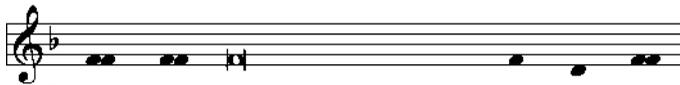
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - - - men.

Hymn of Praise This Is the Feast

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

*Our Hymn of Praise
is based partially on
Revelation 5.*

*(Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5
-9)*



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
4 Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. *Refrain*
hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And al - so with you.

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

C Amen.

First Reading: Acts 20:17-35

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me.

²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I

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

The Collect is the pastor's first prayer in the name of the people, as he speaks for the congregation. It "collects" the theme for the day in a concise way.

Summary:
The birth of the church continues.

did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears.

³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

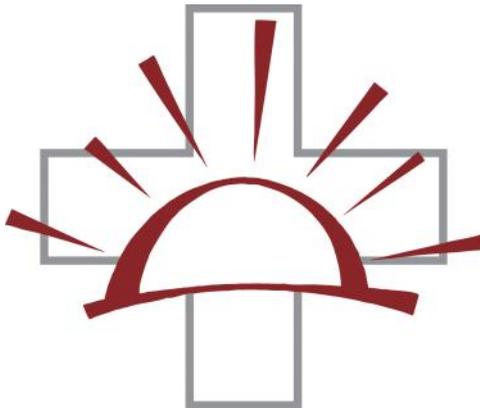
L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gradual (spoken responsively)

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 un- | der his feet.



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

Epistle: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (spoken responsively)

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: John 10:22-30

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

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in

Summary:

Verse 17 helps us understand why this reading is included on Good Shepherd Sunday.

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.

Summary:

Jesus concludes a discussion as He is The Good Shepherd.

my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Hymn of the Day

735 Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To
 flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In
 bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -
 God, For He stays close be - side you, In



give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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Listen to these words that follow the words of Jesus from our Gospel. (Luke 12:32; Matthew 25:34; Psalm 103:3-5; Matthew 28:20b)

Sermon

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

Nicene Creed

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

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

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

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

The Creed is a solemn confession and response of faith to the Word. The Nicene Creed was composed in A.D. 325.

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

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. 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:

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



The Sanctus is Latin for "holy."

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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

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

C Amen.

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.

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.

Distribution Hymns

O Flock of Christ, Sing Praise



1 O flock of Christ, sing prai - ses, In Him a - lone con - fide.
2 You are His pre - cious trea - sure, Raised up by His strong Word.
3 Would a - ny earth - ly mo - ther Leave child be - hind to die,
4 Fear not, for un - for - saken Is Christ's be - lie - ving flo - ck,



What - e'er hell's fu - ry rai - ses, God's al - ways at your side.
Let His oath be the mea - sure Of your un - fail - ing Lord:
Or leave him to a - no - ther, No pi - ty for his cry?
Their God shall help a - wa - ken; His Word stand firm like rock.



Tho' here you are aff - lict - ed, Your trust on Him be laid.
For in your trial and an - guish, Sworn by His ho - ly name
Tho' child be left un - tend - ed, God's love will not quit you.
He shall bring great e - la - tion, With sa - ving com - fort filled,



Nor in faith be con - flic - ted; In suff' - ring He brings aid.
He ne - ver lets you an - guish A - midst your foes in shame.
Staked on His life once end - ed, His pro - mise stand e'er true.
And be your ex - pi - a - tion, Sin's ac - cu - sa - tion stilled.

5 His firm determination, God shall not set aside
But bring rejuvenation, For His Son's spotless Bride.
He never will desert you, Cheerless in sad lament,
But gloriously restore you, Through Word and Sacrament.

6 At all times sing God's praises, For these His gifts of grace
 For he who on them gazes, Beholds God's kingly face.
 By them He shall maintain us, In love and unity
 And graciously sustain us, To all eternity.

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711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

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

737 Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing



1 Re - joice, my heart, be glad and sing, A
2 He is your trea - sure, He your joy, Your
3 Why spend the day in blank de - spair, In
4 Did not His love and truth and pow'r Guard



cheer - ful trust main - tain; For God, the source of
life and light and Lord, Your coun - sel - or when
rest - less thought the night? On your Cre - a - tor
ev - 'ry child - hood day? And did He not in



ev - 'ry - thing, Your por - tion shall re - main.
doubts an - noy, Your shield and great re - ward.
cast your care; He makes your bur - dens light.
threat - 'ning hour Turn dread - ed ills a - way?

- 5 He only will with patience chide,
His rod falls gently down;
And all your sins He casts aside
In ocean depths to drown.
- 6 His wisdom never plans in vain
Nor falters nor mistakes.
All that His counsels may ordain
A blessed ending makes.
- 7 Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,
And trust His guiding love;
Then like a rock your peace shall stand
Here and in heav'n above.

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Paul Gerhardt reminds us why the theme of Advent 3 is rejoice! (Psalm 28:7; Psalm 27:1-6; Micah 7:18-19; Psalm 73:25-26)

Post-Communion Canticle Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

The Post-Communion Canticle is a hymn of thanks.

Post-Communion Collect

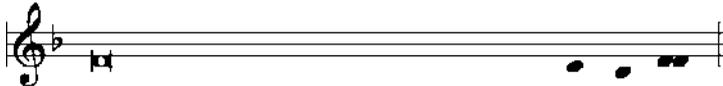
P Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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



C A - men.

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

Closing Hymn

740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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Following the parable that Jesus talked about the shepherd that went after the lost sheep. (Psalm 23; Isaiah 40:11; 49:10; John 21:15)

Announcements

Dismissal

P Go in peace to serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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EMMAUS LUTHERAN CHURCH

125
YEARS
1900 - 2025

Join us as we celebrate God's faithfulness and the blessings He has bestowed on us in the past, present, and future!

MAY 18
PAST

CTSWF President, **Rev. Dr. Jon Bruss**, will be our guest preacher. Emmaus historian, Mr. Bill Bradley, will share the rich story of the church and school.

SEPT 21
PRESENT

The **Rev. Benjamin T. Ball**, second vice-president and a member of the Praesidium of The Lutheran Church –Missouri Synod (LCMS), will guest preach.

NOV 23
FUTURE

Rev. Gunnar Campbell, former Emmaus fieldworker, will guest preach. He currently serves at Christ Lutheran Church in Jacob, Illinois.

FALL
2025

Church & School Picnic Celebration - more details to come.



Sunday School & Bible Classes

We invite you to join us as we study and learn God's Word.

Please ask for help, if you need directions to these classes:

Nursery (for Infants through 2 year olds) will be open during Sunday School/Bible Class time in the Pre-School Room (east hallway).

Preschool—Grade 1 Students will meet in Mrs. Hardman's/Kindergarten Room (front hallway).

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

Grades 6-8 will meet in the Library (west hallway).

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



Participating in Today's Service

Preacher: Rev. Roy C. Olsen, III

Lector: Seminarian Corrie Steel

Acolyte: Niko Spanos

Elder: Mr. Jesse Steinbacher

Organist: Mrs. Joann Olsen

MISSION OF EMMAUS LUTHERAN:

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

the mission of the family of Emmaus Lutheran is to

COURAGEOUSLY CONFESS CHRIST

through worship, life together, teaching and service.

UNITY † FAMILY † FAITHFUL † EDUCATION † CONFSSIONAL

This Week at Emmaus

Today, Sunday, May 11

4th Sunday of Eaater

- 9:00 am Divine Service
Acolyte: Niko Spanos
Elder: Mr. Jesse Steinbacher
10:20 am Adult Bible Class
Nursery: None—DoVotion

Tuesday, May 13

- 4:30 pm Christian Svc
5:45 pm Finance
6:00 pm School Board
7:00 pm Council

Wednesday, May 14

- 9:00 am Women's Guild

Thursday, May 15

- 10:45 am Confessions @ Zion
6:00 pm Handbells
7:00 pm Adult Choir

Saturday, May 17

Parking Lot Sale
8:00 am—2:00 pm

Sunday, May 18

5th Sunday of Easter & First Observance of Emmaus' 125th Anniversary

- 9:00 am Divine Service
Acolyte: Erik Olsen
Elder: Mr. James Heeren
10:20 am Sunday School & Bible Class
Nursery: None—DoVotion

Check out our YouTube Channel:

Emmaus Lutheran Fort Wayne



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Jamelyn Rigdon, Business Manager

Esther Spanos, Principal

A member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.



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LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

May 11 – Easter IV – With motherly tenacity and tenderness, Jesus insists none of His little ones perish (John 10:28). Each one comes from the Heavenly Father’s own almighty hand (John 10:29), no matter size or skills or circumstances (Revelation 7:9). He desires the whole human community to share His delight in caring for them all (Acts 10:28), even in surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis. *Life Thoughts* are based on the appointed readings from *Lutheran Service Book*.
www.lutheransforlife.org.

Sunday, May 11, 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:

Margie Toussaint celebrated her 91st birthday this past week.

Pray for:

**Joseph
FCG**

Bill Bradley, Jr, Mark German Family, Gregg Kiess Family, Grace Schrepferman, Karen Sollberger, Peter Steinbacher Family, and the Stellwagen Family

Pray for:

For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ’s body and blood.

Catechism Review

Confession



**LUTHER'S
SMALL
Catechism**

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

A Reading from the Book of Concord, Solid Declaration, Article XI: Eternal Election



God in His purpose and counsel ordained the following:

1. The human race is truly redeemed and reconciled with God through Christ. By His faultless obedience, suffering, and death, Christ merited for us the righteousness that helps us before God and also merits eternal life.
2. Such merit and benefits of Christ are presented, offered, and distributed to us through His Word and Sacraments.
3. By His Holy Spirit, through the Word, when it is preached, heard, and pondered, Christ will be effective and active in us, will convert hearts to true repentance and preserve them in the true faith.
4. The Spirit will justify all those who in true repentance receive Christ by a true faith. He will receive them into grace, the adoption of sons, and the inheritance of eternal life [Galatians 3:19].
5. He will also sanctify in love those who are justified, as St. Paul says (Ephesians 1:4).
6. He also will protect them in their great weakness against the devil, the world, and the flesh. He will rule and lead them in His ways [Deuteronomy 8:6], raise them again when they stumble [Proverbs 4:11-12], comfort them under the cross and in temptation [2 Corinthians 1:3-5], and preserve them for life eternal [John 12:25]. (paragraphs 14-20)

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Weekly Word & Prayer
We encourage you to take this insert home with you and use it as part of your family or individual devotions.
**May 11
2025**

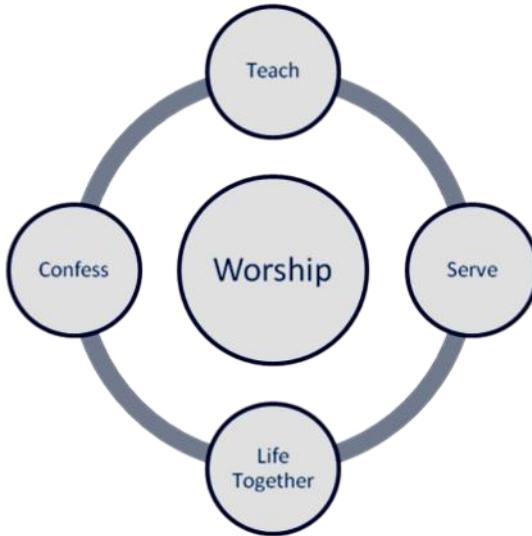
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EMMAUS NEWS & NOTES

For the week of May 11, 2025

DONE IN LOVE



NEXT WEEK

We kick-off our 125th anniversary celebration next week, May 18, with guest preacher CTSFW President Rev. Dr. Jon Bruss. Mr. Bill Bradley will then take over Bible class to lead a special discussion on Emmaus history.

We hope to see you there!

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NURTURING THE FAITH

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

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Adult Bible Class

Join us today for as we continue our walk through the Book of Concord.

Thirsty Thursdays

This week is the study of Confessions at Zion.

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, May 4

Worship: 138 *Bible Class:* N/A

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)	\$4,502.70
Overage (Shortfall)	(\$3,160.30)
No update this week.	
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 & Jon 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

New SPRING ISSUE AVAILABLE

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



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. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer is "**Compassionate Pursuit**" — The Bible identifies Jesus Christ as both "The Lamb" and "The Good Shepherd." Jesus Christ, The Lamb, has endured every pain inflicted by a sin-broken world. Jesus Christ, The Good Shepherd, pursues us with goodness and mercy "all the days of my life" (Psalm 23:6 ESV).

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](tel:260-373-0213) to learn more.

PROJECT CONNECT BOOKLETS

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?

2025

PARKING LOT SALE



Saturday

MAY 17

8:00am - 2:00pm

**Emmaus Lutheran Church
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You don't want to miss this shopping extravaganza!

Follow our event on Facebook for sneak peeks and more!

Thank you to our Sponsors!



THIS WEEK AT EMMAUS

Tuesday May 13	4:30 pm 5:45 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Christian Svc Finance School Board Council
Wednesday May 14	9:00 am	Women's Guild
Thursday May 15	10:45 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Confessions @ Zion Handbells Adult Choir
Saturday May 17		Parking Lot Sale 8:00 am—2:00 pm

Thank You

Many people contributed to the preparations for Holy Week – set-up crew, Altar Guild, food preparers, the choirs, and more! God has richly blessed us with many gifts in our congregation.

Thank you for working together, side by side as the Body of Christ, to serve the Lord and our neighbor.

———— CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ————

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!