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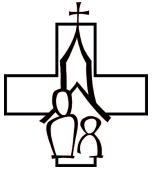
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER &
FIRST OBSERVANCE OF EMMAUS'
125TH ANNIVERSARY—PAST

Sunday, May 18, 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—Pg 151

Prelude

Children's Handbell Choir

Processional (Arranged by Venita and Erin MacGorman)

Welcome

Opening Hymn

474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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.

Hymn writer Herbert F. Brokering was the son of a pastor. He wrote numerous popular hymns including "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise." (Matthew 28:5-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; Revelation 5:6-14; John 15:1-8)

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Invocation

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

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

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

C Amen.

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

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

1 John 1:8-9

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

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

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

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

[John 20:19-23]

C 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.

P = Pastor

L = Liturgist/Lector

C = Congregation

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

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

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit



Choir: Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is*
when brothers dwell in | unity!

C: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the
beard, on the beard of | Aaron,*
running down on the collar | of his robes!

Choir: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of | Zion*
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
life for- | evermore.

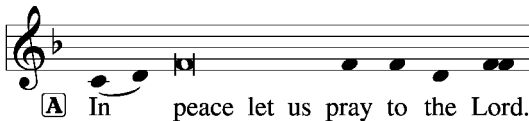
All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Choir: Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is*
when brothers dwell in | unity!

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 133.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



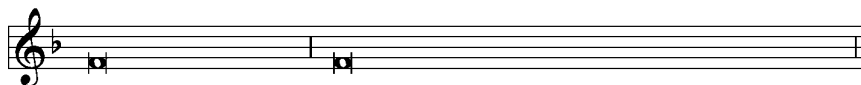
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



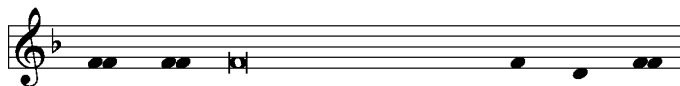
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



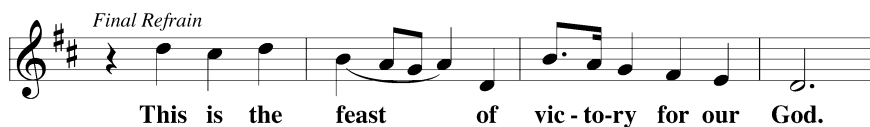
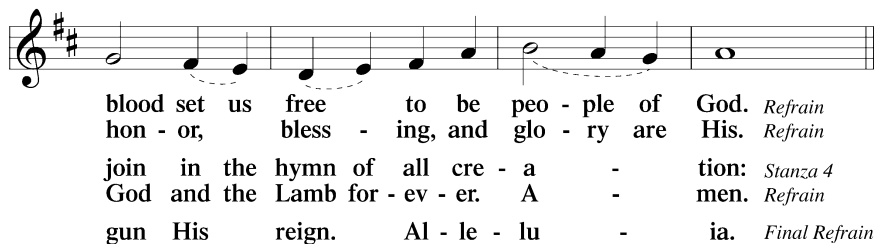
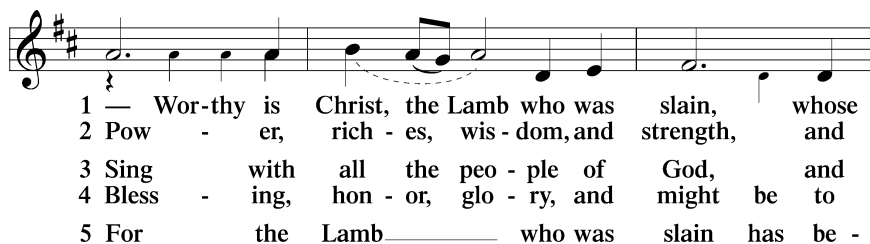
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



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)

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. 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.

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.

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, ³⁶"Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Summary:

Peter preaches, and the people are convicted of their sin. What do we do? Repent and be baptized.

Gradual

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.

Adult Choir

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

Epistle: 1 Peter 1:17-25

¹⁷And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,
and the flower falls,

²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

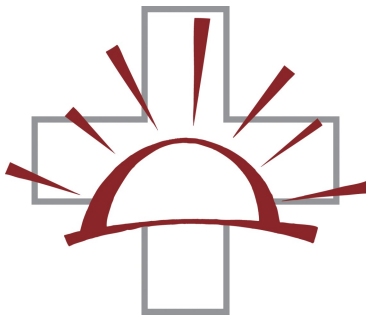
Verse

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

Adult Choir

Summary:
Martin Luther: “Just one drop of this innocent blood would have been enough . . . Yet the Father wanted His grace to pour out abundantly . . .”

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



603 We Know That Christ Is Raised

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Em-braced by death, He broke its fear-ful hold;
And our de-spair He turned to blaz-ing joy.
Al-le-lu-ia!

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Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad.

¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.

Summary:

Jesus opens the eyes of these two men, just as He still does today, revealing hope through the Living Christ.

Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.

²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight.

³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

483 With High Delight Let Us Unite



1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great
 2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
 3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
 all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van-quished lie;
 ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us
 His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall
 To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
 be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who
 love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
 gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
 free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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We continue to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior in this Easter hymn. (Isaiah 52:9-10; 1 Corinthians 15:20-23; Mark 16:15)

Sermon

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

Apostles' Creed

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

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

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

Prayer of the Church [1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Offering

Please place your offering in one of the collection plates located at the back of the sanctuary. Extra offering envelopes are available on the hymnal cart. If you would like to contribute electronically, please sign up at www.emmausfortwayne.org and click on "Give Online" or use Vanco Mobile, available from the App Store. Thank you for your support of the ministry at Emmaus!

Voluntary

Children's Handbell Choir

Adoramus Te, Christe (Arranged by K. Snyder)

The Apostle's Creed is a statement of what we believe, teach and confess. The word "creed" comes from a Latin word meaning, "I believe."

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

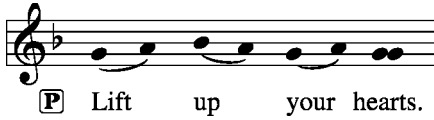
The Offering symbolizes the "spiritual worship" of Christian lives offered in response to God and unites the faithful in an act of fellowship.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

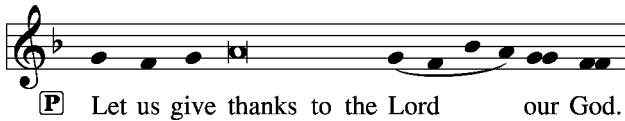
Preface



2 Timothy 4:22



[Colossians 3:1]



[Psalm 136]



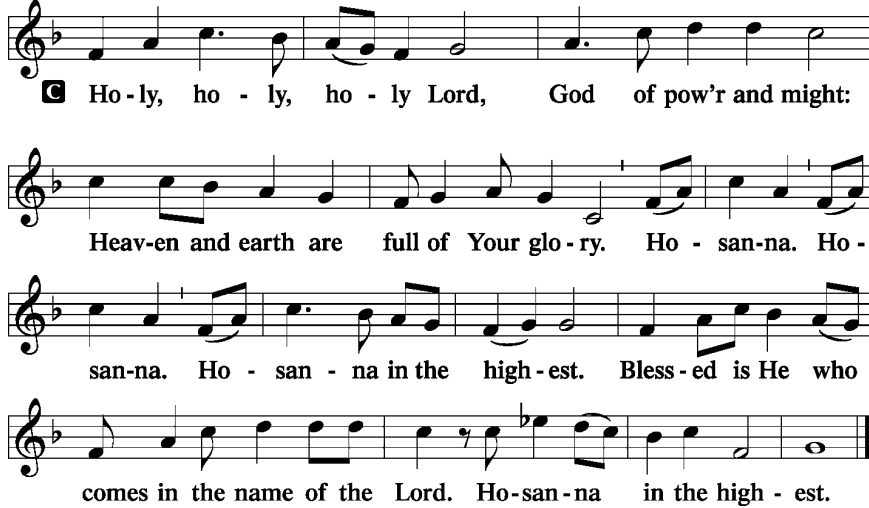
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed 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 Preface is a proclamation of praise and thanksgiving that begins the Service of the Sacrament. A dialogue between pastor and the people used since the Early Church.

The Proper Preface is a special prayer said before the Lord's Supper that emphasizes the key themes of the feast, occasion, or season of the Church Year.

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The Sanctus is Latin for "holy."

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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

C Amen.


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


Lord's Prayer

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.”

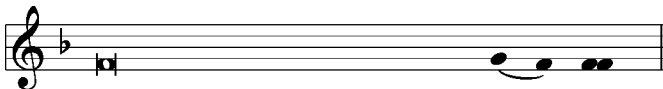
The words spoken by Christ when He instituted the Sacrament of the Altar; the pastor speaks these very words of Christ at the consecration of the bread and wine.

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.



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



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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

637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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The original text of this hymn is from the 7th century in Latin! 1400 years later, we still sing these Scriptural truths. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Psalm 34:8; 1 Corinthians 10:16)



476 Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow

This hymn begins with the two men walking sadly to Emmaus and ends with their joy and ours. (Luke 24:13-35)



1 Who are you who walk in sor - row Down Em - ma - us'
 2 Who is this who joins our jour - ney, Walk - ing with us
 3 Who are You? Our hearts are o - pened In the break - ing
 4 Who are we who trav - el with You On our way through
 5 "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Is the Eas - ter



bar - ren road, Hearts dis - traught and hope de - feat - ed,
 stride by stride? Un - known Strang - er, can You fath - om
 of the bread— Christ the vic - tim, now the vic - tor
 life to death? Wom - en, men, the young, the ag - ing,
 hymn we sing! Take our life, our joy, our wor - ship



Bent be - neath grief's crush - ing load? Name - less mourn - ers,
 Depths of grief for one who died? Then the won - der!
 Liv - ing, ris - en from the dead! Great com - pan - ion
 Wak - ened by the Spir - it's breath! At the font You
 As the gift of love we bring. You have formed us



we will join you, We who al - so mourn our dead;
 When we told You How our dreams to dust have turned,
 on our jour - ney, Still sur - prise us with Your grace!
 claim and name us, Born of wa - ter and the Word;
 all one peo - ple Called from ev - 'ry land and race.



We have stood by graves un - yield - ing,
 Then You o - pened wide the Scrip - tures
 Make each day a new Em - ma - us;
 At the ta - ble still You feed us,
 Make the Church Your ser - vant bod - y,



Eat - en death's bare, bit - ter bread,
 Till our hearts with - in us burned.
 On our hearts Your im - age trace!
 Host us as our ris - en Lord!
 Sent to share Your heal - ing grace!

585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide, For round us
 2 In these last days of great dis - tress Grant us, dear
 3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of
 4 May glo - rious truths that we have heard, The bright sword



falls the e - ven - tide. O let Your Word,
 Lord, true stead - fast - ness That we keep pure
 fire and make us bold To shine Your Word
 of Your might - y Word, Spurn Sa - tan that



that sav - ing light, Shine forth un - dimmed in - to the night.
 till life is spent Your ho - ly Word and Sac - ra - ment.
 of sav - ing grace In - to each dark and love - less place.
 Your Church be strong, Bold, u - ni - fied in act and song.

5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride
 That seeks to thrust Your truth aside
 Or with some man-made thoughts or things
 Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.

6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;
 Preserve our faith our whole life through—
 Your Word alone our heart's defense,
 The Church's glorious confidence.

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*Many hymns are
 humble requests of
 the Lord, trusting in
 His provision. (Luke
 24:29; John 8:31-
 32; Colossians 2:8;
 1 John 2:28)*

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 - joice 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

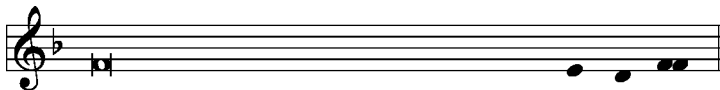
P Let us pray.

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 ✠ 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

919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus



1 A - bidē, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace
2 A - bidē, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,
3 A - bidē with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;
4 A - bidē with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun - teous Lord;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.
Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.
Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

5 Abide with Your protection
Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.

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*A prayer as we are
on our way, that
Jesus would
continue to abide in
us in every way.
(Luke 24:29; John 1:4-
5, 14, 17; 12:46; 2
Thessalonians 3:3)*

Announcements

Dismissal

P Go in peace to serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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Sunday School & Bible Classes



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

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

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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. Dr. Jon Bruss

Celebrant: Rev. Roy C. Olsen, III

Lector: Seminarian Andrew Berg

Acolyte: Erik Olsen

Elder: Mr. Jim Heeren

Organist: Mr. Timothy LaCroix

Choirs: Adult Choir and Children's Handbell Choir

MISSION OF EMMAUS LUTHERAN:

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

the mission of the family of Emmaus Lutheran is to

COURAGEOUSLY CONFESS CHRIST

through worship, life together, teaching and service.

UNITY ✝ FAMILY ✝ FAITHFUL ✝ EDUCATION ✝ CONFSSIONAL

Upcoming Events at Emmaus

Today, Sunday, May 18

5th Sunday of Easter & 1st Observance of Emmaus' 125th Anniversary

9:00 am Divine Service
Acolyte: Erik Olsen
Elder: Mr. Jim Heeren
10:20 am Adult Bible Class
Nursery: Esther Spanos &
Cecilia Diehm

Thursday, May 22

10:45 am Thirsty Thursday
6:00 pm Handbells
7:00 pm Adult Choir

Sunday, May 25

6th Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Divine Service
Acolyte: John Stockinger
Elder: Mr. Stan Veit
10:20 am Sunday School & Bible Class
Nursery: Marian Hamilton &
Maddie Bultemeier

Thursday, May 29


Ascension

7:00 pm Divine Service



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LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

May 18 – Easter V – “What God has made clean, do not call common” (Acts 11:9). Peter’s cuisine vision reveals the sanctity of human lives. What God has created, redeemed, and called precious, do not call clump of cells, tumor or tissue, parasite or potential life only. What God has given as gift and privilege, do not regard as burdensome, undignified, or vegetative. And don’t consent to anyone else doing so either! *Life Thoughts* are based on the appointed readings from *Lutheran Service Book*. www.lutheransforlife.org.

Sunday, May 18, 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 leukemia

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:

**Paul
FCG**

Barkdull Family, Bronson Family, Bushur Family, Graft Family, Tom Klein, Peggy Kreigh, Reavis Family, William A. Schmidt, and the Sewell Family.

Pray for:

For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.

Catechism Review

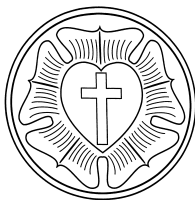
Confession



LUTHER'S SMALL Catechism

Which are these?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?



A Reading from the Book of Concord, Holy Trinity

Large Catechism, Part II, Apostles Creed

The Creed sets forth to us everything that we must expect and receive from God. The Creed teaches us to know Him fully [Ephesians 3:19]. This is intended to help us do what we ought to do according to the Ten Commandments. For the Ten Commandments are set so high that all human ability is far too feeble and weak to keep them. Therefore, it is just as necessary to learn this part of Christian doctrine as to learn the former. Then we may know how to attain what they command, both where and how to receive such power. For if we could by our own powers keep the Ten Commandments as they should be kept, we would need nothing further, neither the Creed nor the Lord's Prayer...

To make the Creed clearly understood as it is to be taught to children, we shall briefly sum up the entire Creed in three chief articles, according to the three persons in the Godhead [Col. 2:9]. Everything that we believe is related to these three persons. So the First Article, about God the Father, explains creation. The Second Article, about the Son, explains redemption. And the Third, about the Holy Spirit, explains sanctification. We present them as though the Creed were briefly summarized in so many words: I believe in God the Father, who has created me; I believe in God the Son, who has redeemed me; I believe in the Holy Spirit, who sanctifies me. One God and one faith, but three persons. Therefore, three articles or confessions.

(paragraphs 1-3, 6-7)

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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.

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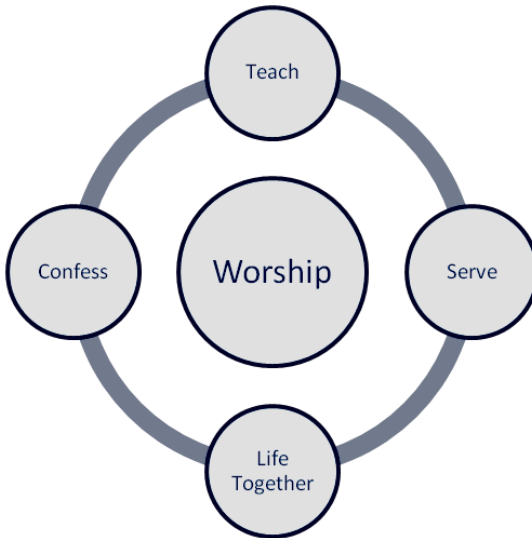
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EMMAUS NEWS & NOTES

For the week of May 18, 2025

DONE IN LOVE



TODAY

The Past —We kick-off our 125th anniversary celebration 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.

125
YEARS
1900 - 2025

NURTURING THE FAITH

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

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Adult Bible Class

Today, Emmaus historian, Mr. Bill Bradley, shares the storied past of our church's 125 years.

Thirsty Thursdays

Join us this week as it will be the last one before the summer break.

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 11

Worship: 111 *Bible Class:* 44

May 4, 2025 report

FY 2024-25 Tithing commitment as approved by the Members	
Weekly Tithing Commitment	\$7,663.00
Tithing Received Last Week (plate and electronic)	\$7,306.09
Overage (Shortfall)	(\$356.91)
YTD Tithing Commitment	\$337,172.00
YTD Tithing Received	\$292,680.85
Overage (Shortfall)	(\$44,491.15)
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

May 11, 2025 report

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)	\$4807.70
Overage (Shortfall)	(\$2855.30)
YTD Tithing Commitment	\$344,835.00
YTD Tithing Received	\$297,488.55
Overage (Shortfall)	(\$47,346.45)
Long-Term Commitments/Obligations (updated 4/17/2025)	
Mortgage Balance	\$963,927.41
Line of Credit Balance	\$0.00
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LIFE TOGETHER

New NEW TEACHER

Principal Spanos is excited to welcome **Mrs. Briana Dickinson** to the Emmaus teaching staff for the 2025-26 school year! A lifelong resident of Fort Wayne and a graduate of Purdue University, Mrs. Dickinson will serve as our new **4th grade teacher**. She brings a deep passion for education and a genuine joy and excitement for teaching. We are confident she will be a wonderful addition to our school community.

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.

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.

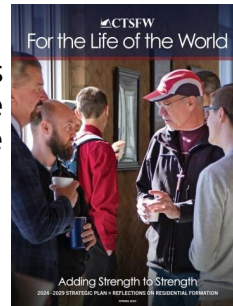
If you could help one weekend a month, it would make a huge difference! Contact Larry Lunz for more info at 260-450-5991.



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. Shayne Jonker is **"Hearts Will Rejoice!"** — "You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy" (John 16:20 ESV). You will have sorrow because this is a fallen world. But your sorrow will turn into joy because Jesus has taken your sorrow upon Himself on the cross and to the grave. He is risen, victorious over sin, and yes, even your sorrow.

CROSS CONNECTIONS

S.O.S. at Cross Connections: The Biblical counseling ministry at Cross Connections has a Serve our Servants fund (S.O.S) that provides free counseling for all active duty military, police, fire, and EMT personnel and their families. If you or somebody you know would benefit from these services please speak with pastor or call Cross Connections at 260-373-0213 to learn more.

PROJECT CONNECT 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?

New LCMS YOUNG ADULTS—FORT WAYNE

Throughout the summer, events will be announced for LCMS young adults to get together, meet new faces, and do something possibly unique or new, mostly in town, or trips to nearby cities, some active and outdoors, others inside. This "group" is nothing more than a time and a place for each outing. Come and participate in whatever interests you; if a date conflicts with your busy summer schedule, keep an eye out for the next one! Many outings won't require an RSVP: just show up on time and you're good to go.

Email jonathan.hynes@icloud.com (member Redeemer, Fort Wayne) to be added to the mailing list. (We need to build this from scratch!) This is basically organized by me, Jonathan, and my friends; we'll keep it simple, and please suggest any events you would like to do!

Almost 50 other LCMS churches are seeing what you're seeing. Join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT EMMAUS

Thursday May 22	10:45 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Thirsty Thursday Class Handbells Adult Choir
Monday May 26	Memorial Day—School and Church Office Closed	
Tuesday May 27	6:30 pm	Preschool Closing Program
Wednesday May 28	7 pm	8th Grade Graduation Service
Thursday May 29	7 pm	Ascension Divine Service
Friday May 30	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	

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Graduate

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Madelyn Grace Bultemeier

Join us on June 7, 2025 | 5-10 PM
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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

CTSFW 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.

