

WELCOME TO EMMAUS LUTHERAN!



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 25, 2025



GOD'S DIVINE SERVICE TO US:

We Pray to the Father in Jesus' Name

"In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Jesus has opened the way to the Father so that *"whatever you ask of the Father"* in Jesus' name, *"he will give it to you"* (John 16:23). We pray, therefore, in the confidence that we will be heard and answered, that our *"joy may be full"* (John 16:24). We pray because the Gospel has been preached to us and the Lord has opened our hearts to believe the Gospel (Acts 16:10, 14). We pray in the name of Jesus because we have been baptized into Him, as Lydia and her household were baptized (Acts 16:15). We have been healed, and we live and walk and pray in newness of life (John 5:8–9). For we stand upon the firm foundation *"of the twelve apostles of the Lamb"* (Rev. 21:14), and our temple is *"the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb"* (Rev. 21:22).



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

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

Opening Hymn

816 From All That Dwell Below the Skies



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
 2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -
 Δ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by
 Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till - suns shall rise and
 Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -



ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Alleluia resounds in this hymn, from shore to shore and every land by every tongue, that God's mercies abound and His truth shall reign forever. (Psalm 117; Isaiah 45:22-23; Philippians 2:5-11)

+ 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: Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sus- | tain you;*
 he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.
 My heart is in anguish with- | in me;*
 the terrors of death have fallen up- | on me.

C But I | call to God,*
 and the LORD will | save me.

Choir: Evening and morning and at noon I utter my com- | plaint
 and moan,*
 and he | hears my voice.

C He redeems my soul in safety from the battle | that I
 wage,*
 for many are arrayed a- | gainst me.

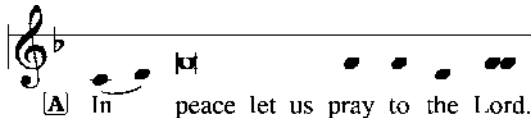
All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Choir: Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sus- | tain you;*
 he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.

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 55.

Kyrie

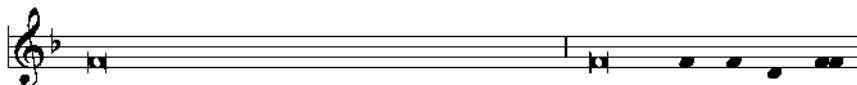
Mark 10:47



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.

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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



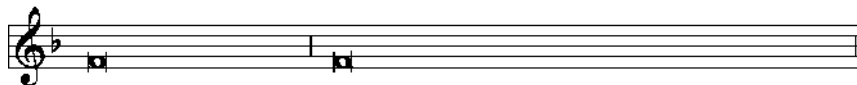
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



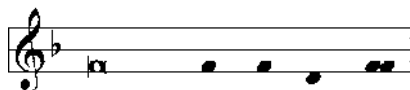
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



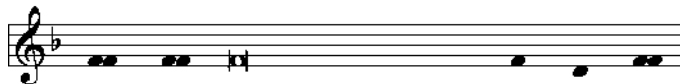
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



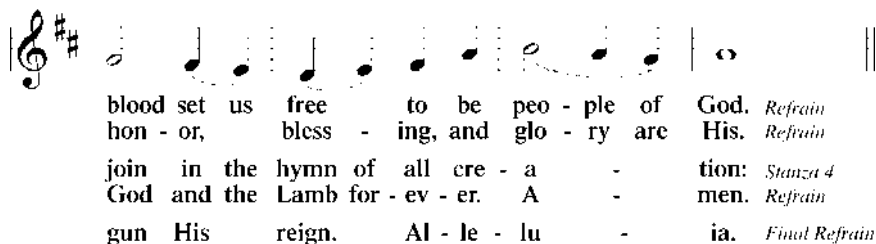
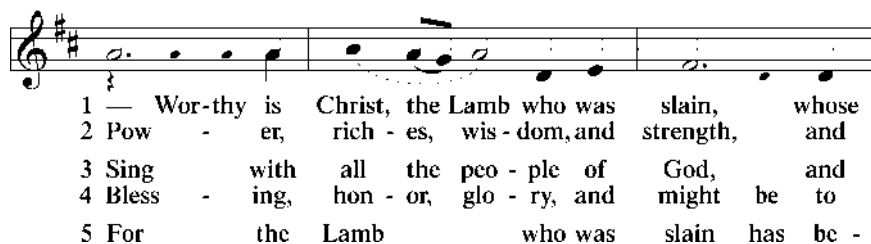
C A - men.

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, the Giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through 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 16:9-15

⁹A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”

¹⁰And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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 Word continues to spread.

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 un- | der his feet.

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

Epistle: Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Summary:

Here we see visions of Christ and of His bride, the Church.

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

Alleluia and Verse

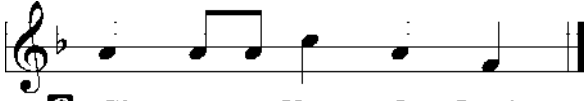
Choir: In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart, I
have overcome the world. Alleluia! [John 16:33b]

G We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced
by death, He broke its fearful hold; And our despair He
turned to blazing joy, Alleluia! [LSB 603:1]

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

Holy Gospel: John 16:23-33

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²³[Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.

²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. ²⁵“I have said these things to you in

figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day

you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved

me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to

the Father.” ²⁹His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and

do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” ³¹Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³²Behold, the

hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is

with me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the

world.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Summary:

There will be trouble in the world, but Jesus has overcome the world.

Hymn of the Day

556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion
 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death brood - ed dark - ly
 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer - it
 4 But God had seen my wretch - ed state Be - fore the world's foun -



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
 o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my
 gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead to all
 da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How
 moth - er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My
 good re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left
 my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!
 life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
 on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.
 did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.

- 5 God said to His belovèd Son:
 "It's time to have compassion.
 Then go, bright jewel of My crown,
 And bring to all salvation.
 From sin and sorrow set them free;
 Slay bitter death for them that they
 May live with You forever."
- 6 The Son obeyed His Father's will,
 Was born of virgin mother;
 And God's good pleasure to fulfill,
 He came to be my brother.
 His royal pow'r disguised He bore;
 A servant's form, like mine, He wore
 To lead the devil captive.

This hymn tells the story of our lost, sinful condition and how Christ came and claimed us as His own. (Psalm 98:1-3; 2 Timothy 1:9-10; Galatians 4:4-5; Romans 3:28)

Bonus History: This Martin Luther hymn was the first of eight hymns in the very first Lutheran hymnal.

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.

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

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 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.emmausfortwayne.org and click on "Give Online" or use Vanco Mobile, available from the App Store. Thank you for your support of the ministry at Emmaus!

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

Voluntary

Adult Handbell Choir

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (Arr. Eithun)

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface



2 Timothy 4:22



[Colossians 3:1]



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.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]



G It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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:

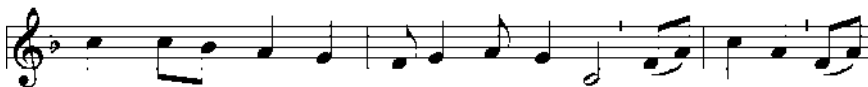
The Proper Preface is a special prayer said before the Lord's Supper that emphasizes the key themes of the feast, occasion, or season of the Church Year.

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



G 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.”

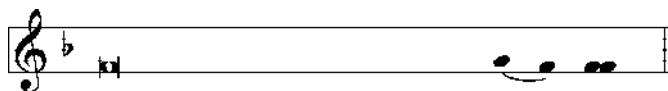
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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

Pax Domini

John 20:19



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



C A - men.

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

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



C 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.

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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.

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

Distribution Hymns

779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care



1 Come, my soul, with ev - 'ry care, Je - sus loves to an - swer prayer;
2 Thou art com - ing to a King, Large pe - ti - tions with thee bring;
3 With my bur - den I be - gin: Lord, re - move this load of sin;
4 Lord, Thy rest to me im - part, Take pos - ses - sion of my heart;



He Him - self has bid thee pray, There - fore will not turn a - way.
For His grace and pow'r are such None can ev - er ask too much.
Let Thy blood, for sin - ners spilt, Set my con - science free from guilt.
There Thy blood-bought right main - tain And with - out a ri - val reign.

5 While I am a pilgrim here,
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my friend,
Lead me to my journey's end.

6 Show me what is mine to do;
Ev'ry hour my strength renew,
Let me live a life of faith;
Let me die Thy people's death.

*Many prayer requests are brought before God in this hymn.
(Matthew 6:5-13;
7:7-11; Luke 11:5-13; Hebrews 4:16)*

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Choral Selection

Adult Choir

Alleluia! For Christ the Lord is Risen (J.S. Bach)

Alleluia! For Christ the Lord is risen. Alleluia, risen Lord. He is worthy to receive power, wealth, and glory, wisdom, might and honor, blessing now and evermore. For He is the true and righteous Lord of ll in heaven and earth. King of Kings and Lord of Lords, we do worship at Your throne.

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Musical Selection

Adult Handbell Choir

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Arr. Tucker)

683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me



1 Je - sus, Thy bound - less love to me No thought can reach, no
2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure
3 This love un - wea - ried I pur - sue And daunt - less - ly to
4 In suf - f'ring be Thy love my peace, In weak - ness be Thy



tongue de - clare; U - nite my thank - ful heart to Thee,
love a - lone; Oh, may Thy love pos - sess me whole,
Thee as - pire. Oh, may Thy love my hope re - new,
love my pow'r; And when the storms of life shall cease,



And reign with-out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly, Thine a -
My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my
Burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire! And day and night, be
O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour, Be Thou my rod and



lone I am; Be Thou a - lone my con - stant flame.
heart re - move; My ev - 'ry act, word, thought be love.
all my care To guard this sa - cred trea - sure there.
staff and guide, And draw me safe - ly to Thy side!

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This hymn's writer, Paul Gerhardt ranks, next to Luther, as the most gifted and popular hymn writer of the Lutheran Church. (Ephesians 3:16-21; Galatians 2:20; 1 John 3:24; John 15:9)

Post-Communion Canticle Thank the Lord

The Post-Communion Canticle is a hymn of thanks.



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.

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.

Choral Selection

Adult Choir

An Old English Prayer (James Gossler)

God be in my head, and in my understanding.

God be in mine eyes, and in my looking.

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking.

God be in my heart, and in my thinking.

God be at mine end, and at my departing.

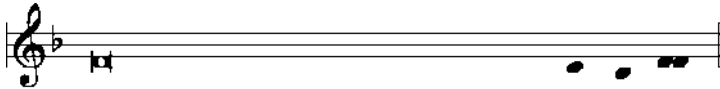
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Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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



[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.

Closing Hymn

556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice



7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and
8 "Though he will shed My pre-cious blood, Me of My life be -
9 "Now to My Fa - ther I de - part, From earth to heav'n as -
10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and



cas - tle. Your ran - som I My - self will be; For you I
reav - ing, All this I suf - fer for your good; Be stead - fast
cend - ing, And, heav'n - ly wis - dom to im - part, The Ho - ly
teach - ing; So shall the king - dom's work be wrought And hon - ored



strive and wres - tle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And
and be - liev - ing. Life will from death the vic - t'ry win; My
Spir - it send - ing; In trou - ble He will com - fort you And
in your preach - ing. But watch lest foes with base al - lay The



where I am you may re-main; The foe shall not di- vide us.
in - no - cence shall bear your sin, And you are blest for - ev - er.
teach you al - ways to be true And in - to truth shall guide you.
heav'n-ly trea - sure should de-destroy; This fi - nal word I leave you."

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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



Today starts our summer hiatus. Join us when we resume in August.



Participating in Today's Service

Preacher: Rev. Roy C. Olsen, III

Lector: Seminarian Corrie Steel

Acolyte: John Stockinger

Elder: Mr. Stan Veit

Organist: Mr. Timothy LaCroix

Choirs: Adult Choir & Adult Handbell

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 25

6th Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Divine Service
Acolyte: John Stockinger
Elder: Mr. Stan Veit
10:20 am No Bible Class

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day

School & Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 27

6:30 pm Preschool Closing Program

Wednesday, May 28

7:00 pm 8th Grade Graduation

Thursday, May 29

Ascension

7:00 pm Divine Service
Acolyte: Niko Spanos
Elder: Mr. Jim Heeren

Friday, May 30

Last Day of School

Sunday, June 1

7th Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Divine Service
Acolyte: Hunter Durlacher
Elder: Mr. Jacob Bushur



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LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

May 25 – Easter VI – Surprise pregnancy, infertility, disability, or terminal diagnosis sometimes hide the sanctity of life. But humankind's Heavenly Bridegroom beholds every member of our race as beautiful, blessed, and special (Revelation 21:7). His Word helps us see every neighbor with the same gracious eyes that regard us beloved. What joy will be ours when our mouths give voice to our vision – and invite our whole society to share! *Life Thoughts* are based on the appointed readings from *Lutheran Service Book*. www.lutheransforlife.org.

Sunday, May 25, 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:

**Elijah
FCG**

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

Pray for:

For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.

Serving in the Armed Forces: James Rockrohr, brother of Theodore Rockrohr, serving in the U.S. Marines; Paul Rockrohr, brother of Theodore Rockrohr, serving as Chaplain in the U.S. Navy.

Catechism Review

Confession

**LUTHER'S
SMALL
Catechism**

*Where is this written?**

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." John 20:22-23



A Reading from the Book of Concord, Part III: The Lord's Prayer, The Third Petition



We receive God as our own and all His riches. But now arises a need that is just as great: we must firmly keep God's honor and our salvation, and not allow ourselves to be torn from them. In a good government it is not only necessary that there be those who build and govern well. It is also necessary to have those who defend, offer protection, and maintain it firmly. So in God's kingdom, although we have prayed for the greatest need—for the Gospel, faith, and the Holy Spirit, that he may govern us and redeem us from the devil's power—we must also 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. [Hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom come.]

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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 25
2025**

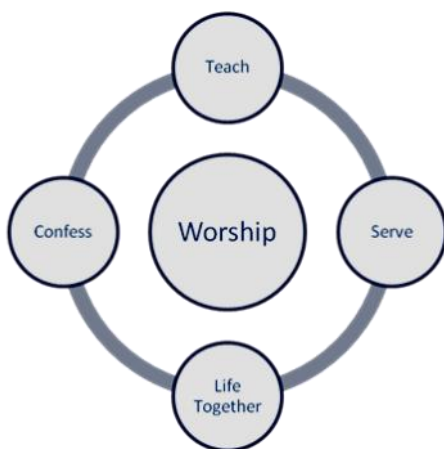
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EMMAUS NEWS & NOTES

For the week of May 25, 2025

DONE IN LOVE



Ascension Day

Thursday, May 29

7 PM

Divine Service



NURTURING THE FAITH

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday School Classes

On hiatus—will resume in August.

Adult Bible Class

On hiatus—will resume in August.

Thirsty Thursdays

On hiatus—will resume in August.

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 18

Worship: 150 *Emmaus History presentation:* 78

FY 2024-25 Tithing commitment as approved by the Members	
Weekly Tithing Commitment	\$7,663.00
Tithing Received Last Week (plate and electronic)	\$7,094.03
Overage (Shortfall)	(\$568.97)
YTD Tithing Commitment	\$352,498.00
YTD Tithing Received	\$304,582.58
Overage (Shortfall)	(\$47,915.42)
Long-Term Commitments/Obligations (updated 5/19/2025)	
Mortgage Balance	\$960,604.74
Line of Credit Balance	\$0.00
Concordia Lutheran High School Congregation Assessment Balance	\$41,629.14

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.

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.

New VOTER'S MEETING

Mark your calendars for the next Voter's Meeting on Sunday, June 8th. We will review the budget for next fiscal year.



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. William Mueller is **"Here She Comes!"** — "Toward the end of the great revelation, the Lord Jesus gave His Apostle John a glimpse of the church (the totality of all who have believed in Jesus) after the return of Christ. What a glorious picture it is—a picture that gives hope and comfort to worn and worried Christians ... like you and me!

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 Do Bad Things Happen?"*** - In this booklet, Dr. Philip Bickel shares in easy-to-understand language why trouble exists in the world, the benefit that can come from suffering, and what God has done to deal with the evil and pain of this world. Dr. Bickel also provides valuable insights for sharing God's love and reminds readers that His desire is to comfort His people in all situations.

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!

New JUNE—JULY NEWSLETTER

It’s that time again — if you have anything for the newsletter, please send to Elizabeth (eberg@emmausfortwayne.org) by Wednesday!



DEADLINE



LUTHERAN NIGHT

2025 OUTING WITH THE FORT WAYNE TINCAPS

**TUESDAY,
JUNE 24**

**GAME TIME:
7:05PM**

SCAN TO ORDER TICKETS



DONATION

\$1.00 from each ticket will be shared with Camp Lutheran in Albion, Indiana, specifically to their Campership Fund, which assists campers who wish to attend a camp program when finances are tight.

SPECIAL DRAWING FOR TICKET ORDERS

(For orders received prior to Friday, May 16)

Prizes Include: \$50 gift certificate to The Orchard Team Store, an autographed team bat, a chance to throw out a ceremonial first pitch & more.

POSTGAME FIREWORKS

Enjoy a spectacular fireworks display, shot directly from the field!

FAMILY FEAST NIGHT (PRESENTED BY US FOODS)

Every Tuesday night, fans can enjoy discounts on select concession items including hot dogs, popcorn, soft drinks, pizza slices and more!

Order tickets online at:

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Lutherannight62425>

Only ticket orders received prior to Tuesday, June 10th will receive the Lutheran Night discount offer.

LUTHERAN NIGHT • TICKET ORDER FORM • TUESDAY, JUNE 24

School/Church Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (____) _____ ext. _____

Email: _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT: ☐ Check (Payable to Fort Wayne TinCaps)

☐ VISA ☐ Mastercard ☐ Discover

Card #: _____ Exp: ____/____/____

3 Digit # on Back (For Security Reasons): _____

TICKETS	#	PRICE	TOTAL
Lutheran Night Tickets		\$12	
Shipping & Handling (if mailing tickets)	1	\$1	
Add. Donations (optional)			
TOTAL			

Please select how you would like to receive your tickets:

☐ Mail ☐ Email

Please return orders to:
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UPCOMING EVENTS AT EMMAUS

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

YOU'RE INVITED

Graduate

CLASS OF 2025



Madelyn Grace Bultemeier
Join us on June 7, 2025 | 5-10 PM
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YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR COWBOY COOKOUT

June 14, 2025 here
at Zion Lutheran
Church inside of
Bauer Hall 2313 S.
Hanna St., Doors
open at 5:00

Cocktails at 5:30 PM
Dinner is at 6:00 PM
Featuring :mini silent
auction, raffle, Bbq
buffet, live music,
dancing and spirits.
This event is to support
Lutheran South Unity
School. Tickets are \$50
per person make checks
payable to Zion.

Throw on some Jeans & Cowboy boots
and join in on the fun

