

WELCOME TO EMMAUS LUTHERAN!



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, July 19, 2026



GOD'S DIVINE SERVICE TO US: *The Word of the Gospel Bestows the Righteousness of Christ and Brings Forth Faith*

The good Seed, which is *"the Son of Man,"* Jesus Himself (Matt. 13:37), brings forth a harvest of faith and bears good fruits in *"the sons of the kingdom"* (Matt. 13:38). Whatever is sown apart from His Word is of the devil, who plants the weeds of unbelief and sin, even among the people of God. Thankfully, the Lord is patient and He does not uproot the weeds, lest the plants also be destroyed. He lets *"both grow together until the harvest"* (Matt. 13:30), while He continues to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins. Thus, He preserves His Church in righteousness, because He alone is *"the King of Israel and his Redeemer"* (Is. 44:6). Since all things are in His gracious care and keeping, *"fear not, nor be afraid"* (Is. 44:8). For *"the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God"* (Rom. 8:19), and in this hope we also wait with patience. Though we do not yet see it, *"the Spirit helps us in our weakness"* (Rom. 8:26) and, in truth, *"the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us"* (Rom. 8:18).



WELCOME! What a blessing to gather together to worship the One True God! The Lord will bless your worship as he brings His gifts to you through Word and Sacrament. May we all respond with prayer, praise and thanksgiving. **We invite you to prepare for worship in silence and prayer.** Remembering your Baptism, you are encouraged to make the sign of the cross when you see this symbol ✝ in the bulletin. **If you are a guest, Pastor Olsen would love to meet you and we ask that you sign our Guest Book located in the front hallway.**



WORSHIP WITH CHILDREN: Worship is a time for the entire family to be together to hear the Word of God, for faith comes by hearing (Rom. 10:17). Therefore we encourage parents and children of all ages to sit together in the service. Understanding it is difficult for little ones to sit for long periods, ***Totes for Tots*** activity bags are available as you enter church (*by the information table*) for children to use during the worship service. Each bag contains books and quiet toys. Please return the bags and their contents after the worship service. Thank you!

A **Cry Room** is also available in the Preschool/Mrs. MacKenzie's room (east hall), where you can listen to the worship service.

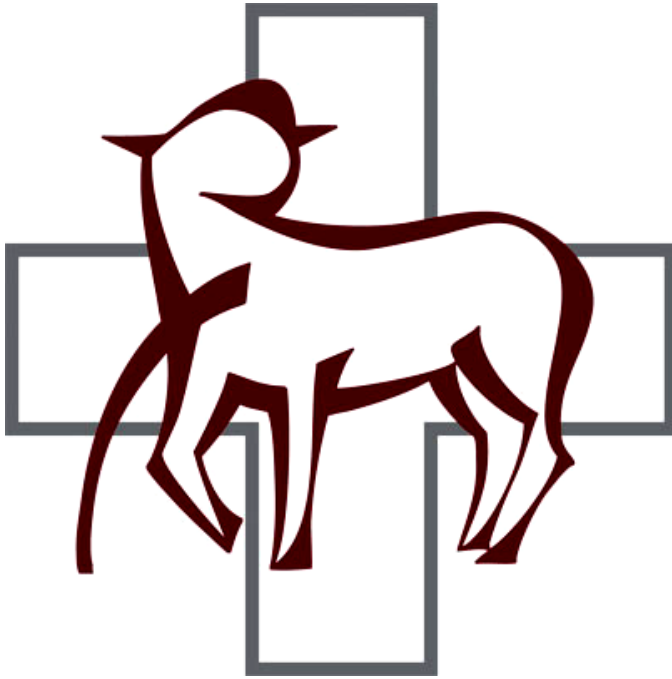
DON'T UNDERSTAND THE WORSHIP SERVICE? If it is your first time, some things may seem foreign. Worship does not come naturally we have to learn it. It does not come on the first try; the first hour in a foreign country the language and customs may be foreign. The liturgy is the special activity of the baptized people of God. It has its own special language like we do in our workplaces. It has its own customs like we do in our families. Every Sunday we learn more of worship and faith. The liturgy is where God reveals Himself to us and gives us His gifts. Here we learn who He is and how to respond to Him. The words of worship come from the Scriptures and its form has been used for 2,000 years. So don't worry if it all seems strange. You learn by practicing - join us each week!

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the House of the Lord...'" Psalm 122:1



PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

RESTROOMS are located on each side of the sanctuary. There is a baby changing table located in the girl's locker room on the west side. We also have a **Family Restroom** (handicap accessible & baby changing station) located at the southwest corner of the building, just outside the Church Office.



DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Three
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Prelude

Welcome

Teaching Moment—Catechism

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

827 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call-ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
2 Some take up His task in morn-ing, To their Lord re - spond-ing soon;
3 For as rain and snow from heav-en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil,
4 Hear - ken to the Lord whose com-ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
Some are called in heat of mid-day, Oth - ers late in af - ter-noon;
Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil;
When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de-scend.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re-ward He of - fers thee.
E - ven as the sun is set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields,
So the Lord sends forth His prom - ise, Words of life and joy and peace—
Soon the night, the fi - nal har - vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.



Who will an-swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?
There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God's Word so rich - ly yields.
Nev - er void to Him re-turn-ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease.
Then the souls His grace has gar-nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

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*This hymn echoes
our Gospel reading
regarding a harvest
that is plentiful.
(Isaiah 6:8; 55:10-
11; Luke 10:2)*

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Invocation

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
[Hebrews 10:22]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

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

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

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

C Amen.

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

P = Pastor

L = Liturgist/Lector

C = Congregation

V = Vocalist

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 +

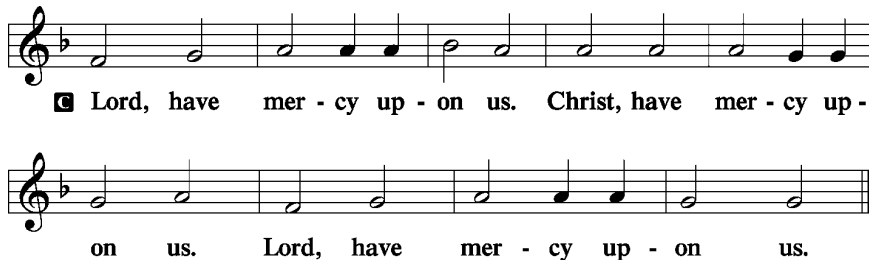
Introit (spoken responsively)

- L:** Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.
- C:** **Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.**
- L:** I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.
- C:** **For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**
- L:** O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life, and they do not set you before them.
- C:** **But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**
- All:** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- L:** Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.

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 86.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

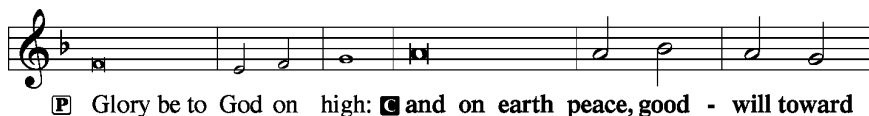


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis:
Confident that the
Lord is merciful and
has forgiven us, we
join the whole
Church and all the
angels in singing
glory to God.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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.

Old Testament: Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. ⁸Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Summary:
There is only One True God!

Gradual (spoken responsively)

L: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

C: For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen.

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

Epistle: Romans 8:18-27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

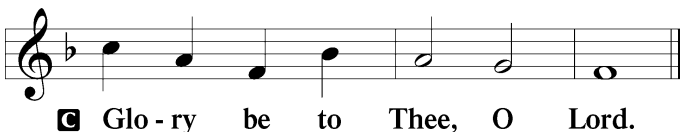
Alleluia



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

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.



²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Summary:
A parable of Jesus about the Kingdom of Heaven.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.


Sola Scriptura
SCRIPTURE ALONE

Nicene Creed

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

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

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

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



Hymn of the Day

575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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Author Edward Mote was born into poverty and his parents wouldn't allow a Bible in their house. Somehow he heard the Gospel message as a teenager, and later in life became a pastor. (Acts 4:11-12; Matthew 16:18; Matthew 7:24; 16:24)

Sermon

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

C Amen.

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

Offertory

Psalms 51:10-12



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



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!

Prayer of the Church

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.

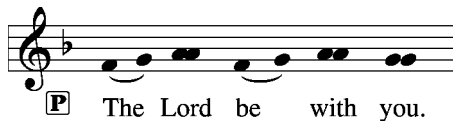
Holy Scripture clearly teaches that those communing together be unified in their confession of the faith, and also that those who commune unworthily do great harm to themselves. When a person partakes of the sacrament, he/she is also confessing his/her unreserved agreement with the doctrine and practice 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.

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

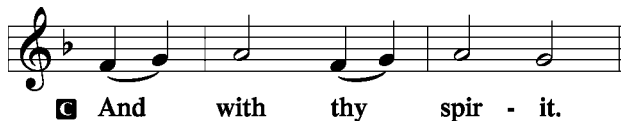
The Prayer of the Church include prayers that what has been heard may be taken to heart and that God would take care of our needs.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

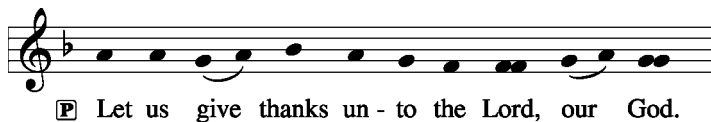
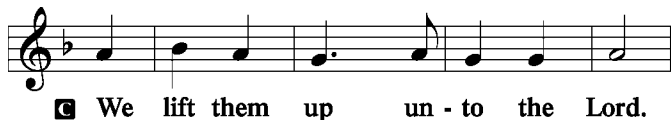
Preface



2 Timothy 4:22



[Colossians 3:1]



Psalms 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

The 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 Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Sanctus is Latin for "holy."

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is the model prayer Jesus taught to the disciples (Matthew 6:9-13). Sometimes it is called the Our Father, after the first words of the prayer.

The Words of Our Lord

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

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.

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.”

Pax Domini

John 20:19



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



A - men.

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

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. **O** Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. **A** - men.

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

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

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for
 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious
 5 Though rea - son can - not un - der - stand, Yet faith this
 7 Grant that we wor - thi - ly re - ceive Your sup - per,
 8 For Your con - sol - ing sup - per, Lord, Be praised through-



our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y
 Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y
 truth em - brac - es: Your bod - y, Lord, is
 Lord, our Sav - ior, And, tru - ly griev - ing
 out all a - ges! Pre - serve it, for in



and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion
 and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.
 e - ven now At once in man - y plac - es.
 for our sins, May prove by our be - hav - ior
 ev - 'ry place The world a - gainst it ra - ges.



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
 This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are
 I leave to You how this can be; Your Word a -
 That we are thank - ful for Your grace And day by
 Grant that this sac - ra - ment may be A bless - ed



You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
 pos - si - ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y.
 lone suf - fic - es me; I trust its truth un - fail - ing.
 day may run our race, In ho - li - ness in - creas - ing.
 com - fort un - to me When liv - ing and when dy - ing.

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Hymn writer Samuel Kinner wrote this beautiful hymn of the Lord's Supper. (1 Corinthians 11:23-28; 1 Corinthians 10:16; Matthew 11:28-29)

772 In Holy Conversation



1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion We speak to God in prayer,
 2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions Be - gin in child-like ways;
 3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, In si - lence or by word,



And at His in - vi - ta - tion Our deep-est thoughts we share.
 We bring our sup - pli - ca - tions And words of thanks and praise.
 In ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion Through Je - sus, we are heard.



We come, His will o - bey - ing, As chil - dren bring - ing needs;
 With care our Fa - ther lis - tens To ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,
 So let us pray se - cure - ly, Ex - press - ing hopes and fears



And to sup - port our pray - ing, His Spir - it in - ter - ced - es.
 Then an - swers our pe - ti - tions In ways He knows are best.
 With con - fi - dence that sure - ly Our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

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We pray confidently knowing our loving Father hears and answers according to His good purposes. (Psalm 50:15; Philippians 4:6; Isaiah 65:24; 1 John 5:14)

700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
 4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
 all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
 spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy

As hymn writer Charles Wesley rode horseback from village to village, his thoughts were on Jesus, the divine love, the joy of heaven. (Psalm 85:7-8; 1 John 4:10; Revelation 7:9-17; 2 Corinthians 5:17)

hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,

Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in

bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our

Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

Nunc Dimittis is Latin for "now dismiss." These are the words spoken by Simeon as he held the 40-day-old Jesus in his arms (Luke 2:25—35).

peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

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

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

C Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.

2 Timothy 4:22



A Bless we the Lord.

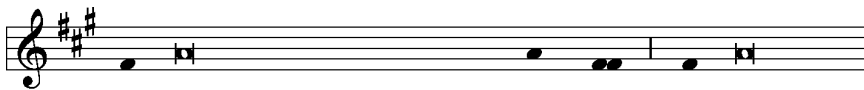
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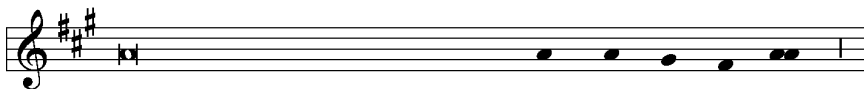
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

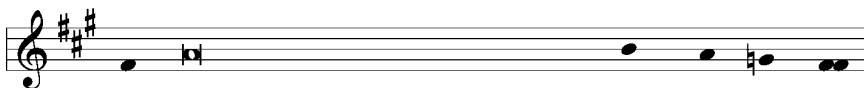
Numbers 6:24-26



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



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



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



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

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



Closing Hymn

794 The Lord, My God, Be Praised



- 1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;
2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,
3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,
△ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;
The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,
The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.
To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day
Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood
His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.
And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.
Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.
God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

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*The Lord: my light,
my trust, my hope
and my God!
(Deuteronomy 32:3;
Psalm 5:11-12;
Romans 3:24-25;
8:26-27)*

Announcements

Dismissal

- P** Go in peace to serve the Lord!
G Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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Sunday School & Bible Classes



Classes will resume this Fall.



Participating in Today's Service

Preacher: Rev. Roy C. Olsen, III

Acolyte: Erik Olsen

Elder: Mr. Jim Heeren

Organist: Mrs. Joann Olsen

MISSION OF EMMAUS LUTHERAN:

*Empowered by God's gift of never-ending love in Word and Sacrament and
responding to the forgiveness won for us by Jesus Christ on the cross,
the mission of the family of Emmaus Lutheran is to
COURAGEOUSLY CONFESS CHRIST
through worship, life together, teaching and service.*

UNITY ✝ FAMILY ✝ FAITHFUL ✝ EDUCATION ✝ CONFSSIONAL

This Week at Emmaus

Today, Sunday, July 19

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Divine Service

Acolyte: Erik Olsen

Elder: Mr. Jim Heeren

Saturday, July 25

3:00 pm Father/Son Outing

Sunday, July 26

THE NINTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Divine Service

Acolyte: Trapper Durlacher

Elder: Mr. Bill Schmidt

Readings: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Romans 8:28-39

Matthew 13:44-52



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LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

July 19 – (Pentecost 8) The devil sowed his evil seed of suffering and death into the world by convincing Adam to doubt and disobey God's Word (Matthew 13:39). The sons of the evil one (Matthew 13:38) would convince us that we could avoid the sufferings of this present time (Romans 8:18) by embracing death through abortion, suicide, and euthanasia. But, God, who is our Rock (Isaiah 44:8), promises us true redemption from suffering through the blood of Christ, in whom we are adopted as God's children and have the promise of the resurrection of our bodies (Romans 8:23). *Life Thoughts in the Church Year are designed to help pastors and congregations see the church year through the lens of the sanctity of human life. Life Thoughts are based on the appointed readings from Lutheran Service Book. www.lutheransforlife.org.*

Sunday, July 19, 2026

Remember in Prayer this Week

Hospitalized/Sick/Recuperating/Grieving

June German, mother of Mark, who is recovering from heart surgery this past week.

Karen Melvin Little, niece of Barb Kanning, battling two major health concerns.

Wes Bradley, brother of Bill, hospitalized with serious health concerns.

Sheila Heeren, sister-in-law of Jim, recovering from a stroke.

James Beadle, friend of the Rosenkoetters, who is on hospice.

Ann Arnold, mother of Lori Bushur, in rehab at LLV.

Tom German, Mark's brother, recovering from complications from back surgery.

Chuck, David Rosenkoetter's uncle, who is on hospice.

Vicki Gastineau, friend of Barb Cox, who is gravely ill following a complication from a routine medical procedure.

Shana Tooley, friend of Rodney Peters, diagnosed with stage IV gastric cancer.

Keith Hans, brother of Beverly Lee, diagnosed with leukemia.

Lois Lesh, friend of the Crismores, has health issues.

Derry Lesh, Lois's husband, recovering from an infection.

Faith Ells, (26 years old), friend of Barbara Cox, undergoing cancer treatment.

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, Bushur Family, Tom Klein, Peggy Kreigh, Reavis Family, William A. Schmidt, and Shirley Sewell.

Pray for:

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



**LUTHER'S
SMALL
Catechism**

The Lord's Prayer The Second Petition

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean?

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come?

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.



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

THE SIXTH PETITION: *"Lead us not into temptation"*

To feel temptation is a far different thing from consenting or yielding to it. We must all feel it, although not all in the same way. Some feel it in a greater degree and more severely than others. For example, the young suffer especially from the flesh. Afterward, when they reach middle life and old age, they feel it from the world. But others who are occupied with spiritual matters, that is, strong Christians, feel it from the devil. Such feeling, as long as it is against our will and we would rather be rid of it, can harm no one. For if we did not feel it, it could not be called a temptation. But we consent to it when we give it the reins and do not resist or pray against it.

We Christians must be armed (Ephesians 6:10-18) and daily expect to be attacked. No one may go on in security and carelessly, as though the devil were far from us. At all times we must expect and block his blows. Though I am now chaste, patient, kind, and in firm faith, the devil will this very hour send such an arrow into my heart that I can scarcely stand. He is an enemy that never stops or becomes tired. So when one temptation stops, there always arise fresh ones.

So there is no help or comfort except to speak to God from the heart like this: "Dear Father, You have asked me to pray. Don't let me fall because of temptation." Then you will see that the temptations must stop... (paragraphs 107-110)

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EMMAUS NEWS & NOTES

For the week of July 19, 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Thursday, July 23	Aug/September Newsletter submission deadline
Saturday, July 25	Father/Son Event 3 pm at Floyd’s Arcade, BBQ to follow
Thursday, August 6	School Open House 9 am—Noon and 4 pm—7 pm
Sunday, August 9	Back to School Sunday
Wed. Aug. 12	First Day of School
Sunday, Sept. 13	Church & School Picnic Divine Service at 10 am with picnic to follow

NURTURING THE FAITH

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday School Classes—on hiatus until Fall.

Adult Bible Class—on hiatus until Fall.

Thirsty Thursday Class—on hiatus until Fall.

DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS

Higher Things *Reflections*

The next issue, starting with June 28, is now available! Pick up printed copies on your way home.

Portals of Prayer

The July-September issue is available and included with your newsletter copy.

Hope-Full Living

The July-September issue of Worship Anew's devotional booklet is here.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, July 12, 2026

Worship: 100

LIFE TOGETHER

New NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please send Elizabeth (eberg@emmausfortwayne.org) any events, special dates, or news for the August/September newsletter by Thursday, July 23. Thank you!

FY 2025-26 Tithing commitment as approved at the June 8, 2025 Voter's Assembly	
Weekly Tithing Commitment	\$7,663.00
Tithing Received Last Week (plate and electronic)	\$6,393.25
Overage (Shortfall)	(\$1,269.75)
YTD Tithing Commitment	\$15,326.00
YTD Tithing Received	\$20,513.94
Overage (Shortfall)	\$5,187.94
Long-Term Commitments/Obligations (updated 6/22/2026)	
Mortgage Balance	\$927,195.03
Line of Credit Balance	\$0.00
Concordia Lutheran High School Congregation Assessment Balance	\$39,262.52

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 at 260-710-2872.

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*

SAVE THE DATE—FATHER/SON EVENT

Join us for fun and fellowship at Floyd’s Arcade & Pinball in Roanoke on Saturday, July 25. We will meet at Floyd’s at 3 pm and then go to Pastor’s house for a cookout around 5 pm. **Please RSVP by July 20** to eberg@emmausfortwayne.org.

JULY 25
2026

New BACK-TO-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Attention all preschool & elementary school parents. Join us Thursday, August 6 from 9 am—Noon or 4 pm—7 pm to meet the teachers, tour the classroom, and get answers to any outstanding questions.

New ARMED FORCES RECOGNITION

Your Emmaus Board of Elders has designated Sunday, **July 12** and Sunday, **July 19** as Armed Forces Sundays. We would like to partner with the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces in remembering and supporting the men and women of our armed forces, along with the chaplains who bring them the changeless Gospel message.

In support of this LCMS Ministry, we would will have a special door offering after the services on July 12 and 19, with all the proceeds going to this ministry.

We look forward to seeing you as support as Emmaus continues to pray and support our troops financially.

If you are unable to worship with us on either of those days and wish to contribute, please make a check payable to "Emmaus Lutheran Church" and designate "Armed Forces Ministry" on the memo line.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generosity.

Thank you to these members who served or are currently serving!

Eric Diehm

Steve Lee

Larry Lunz

Victor Lunz

Travis McGehee

Jim Reiter

Corrie Steel

William A. Schmidt

Marines

Air Force

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**ARMED
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WORSHIP ANEW—Broadcast

You can now tune into "Worship Anew" each Sunday at 8 AM on WPTA (MyNet) 21.3. We will continue to air "Worship Anew" on WPTA (NBC) 21.2 on Sundays at 7 AM and on TCT (WINM 12.1) at 11:30 AM on Sundays. You can see all the ways to watch "Worship Anew" at worshipanew.org/where-to-watch. Today's program with Rev. Shayne Jonker is **"Weeds Among Wheat"**— Christians must always contend with false teaching and false Christians. Jesus said so. There is nothing wrong with the good seed that Christ sows. The pure Gospel rightly proclaimed produces faithful Christians, but the devil deliberately sows bad seed where the good seed has been sown.

CROSS CONNECTIONS

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

PROJECT CONNECT BOOOKLETS

This month's featured brochure is: ***"Prayer—When You Don't Know What To Say"*** - This booklet carefully examines The Lord's Prayer and offers valuable insights into this magnificent and simple prayer, which Jesus gave His disciples.

New ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Friends of Wyneken will host an ice cream social at the historic Wyneken House on **Sunday, July 26 from 1-5 PM**. Come and enjoy an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship! There will be a waterslide and other activities for the kids (and those young at heart). The first floor of the building is now accessible via a newly-installed ramp. The Wyneken House is located at 11730 NW Winchester Road, Decatur, Indiana.



— CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL —

New Concordia Lutheran High School Registration Days Are August 5–6

The start of the 2026–2027 school year is almost here! All Concordia Lutheran High School families are reminded to attend Registration Days on **Wednesday, August 5, or Thursday, August 6**. During registration, families will complete final back-to-school steps, receive important information, and ensure students are ready for the first day of school.

As you prepare for the start of school, please remember that **New Student Orientation** will be held on **Tuesday, August 11**, and the **first day of classes for all students** is **Wednesday, August 12**. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another great year!

New Parent Back-to-School Night—August 19

Parents are invited to join us for Concordia Lutheran High School's annual **Parent Back-to-School Night** on **Wednesday, August 19**. The evening will begin at **5:45 p.m.** with a special session for **parents of seniors**, led by our school counselors, covering important college planning information.

Beginning at **6:30 p.m.**, all parents are invited to meet their student's teachers, visit classrooms, and learn more about the upcoming school year. Please bring a copy of your student's class schedule to help you navigate the evening. School administrators will provide a brief welcome and overview of the year, while our counseling team will also share valuable information about college financial planning.

We look forward to seeing you as we partner together for a successful school year!

Reformation Treasures Return to Fort Wayne

FREE EXHIBIT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

Rare Reformation-era books preserved for generations by a Fort Wayne Lutheran family are returning temporarily to the city from the Kessler Collection at Pitts Theology Library, Emory University.

These remarkable volumes—along with other rare books illustrating the Protestant Reformation—will be exhibited at Emmanuel Lutheran Church for **one day only**.



Featured items include:

- 16th-century catechisms
- 1526 printing of Luther's *Deutsche Messe*
- Rare Reformation-era Bibles
- Early Lutheran liturgical writings

Special Lecture at 2:00 PM

From Latin to the People: Reforming Worship in 16th-Century Germany

Curators and Lecturers:

Dr. Richard "Bo" Manly Adams
Director of Pitts Theology Library

Dr. Armin Siedlecki
Head of Cataloging and Rare Book Cataloger

July 25, 2026

Exhibit: 10am - 4pm

Lecture: 2pm

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ft. Wayne, Indiana



Also on display will be historical photos and artifacts telling the story of the **Dornseif family** in Fort Wayne whose ancestors brought the books to America as German immigrants in the mid-1800s and preserved them for many years before donating them to the Pitts Theological Library.

EVENT DETAILS

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
917 West Jefferson Boulevard
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Lecture: Sanctuary (2pm)

Exhibit: Ebenezer Parish Hall, 10am-4pm

Parking: Street and church parking

For more information contact: David Reinking (dreinkin@gmail.com)



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JULY EVENT SCHEDULE

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JULY 2026

PICKLEBALL OPEN PLAY

GRAB YOUR PADDLES & JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT OF PICKLEBALL

7 PM

ZOLLNER STADIUM TENNIS COURTS
3500 N. ANTHONY BLVD

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JULY 2026

PORCH NIGHT: 1/4 LIFE CRISIS SERIES

7 PM

HOLY CROSS YOUTH CENTER
3420 N. ANTHONY BLVD

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JULY 2026

SAND VOLLEYBALL NIGHT

FREE PLAY – CASH BAR

7–9 PM

EMPOWERED SPORTS CLUB
12124 LIMA ROAD

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JULY 2026

ANCHOR DEVOTION NIGHT WITH BRIAN LOESEL

7 PM

THE GARDEN
3308 N. ANTHONY BLVD