

WELCOME TO EMMAUS LUTHERAN!



DONE IN LOVE

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS SUNDAY

Sunday, January 28, 2024



GOD'S DIVINE SERVICE TO US:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, True God in the Flesh, Cleanses Our Consciences from Sin

As He promised, the Lord our God has raised up “*a prophet*” like Moses, namely Jesus, our brother in the flesh. “*To him you shall listen,*” because the Word of the Lord is “*in his mouth*” (Deut. 18:15–18). Indeed, He is more than a prophet and more than a scribe of the Scriptures; He is the incarnate Word, and He speaks “*a new teaching with authority*” (Mark 1:22, 27). He enters “*the synagogue*” of His Church and provides true Sabbath rest, using His authority to silence and cast out “*even the unclean spirits*” (Mark 1:21–27). By His Word of the cross, He removes the accusations of the Law and of the devil, and He cleanses our consciences before God the Father, “*from whom are all things and for whom we exist.*” Hence, we are now set free from bondage and commended to God by the one Lord, Jesus Christ, “*through whom are all things and through whom we exist*” (1 Cor. 8:6). Therefore, use your freedom to care for your brothers and sisters, neither causing them to stumble nor wounding their consciences (1 Cor. 8:9–12), but cleansing and strengthening them with the Gospel.



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.

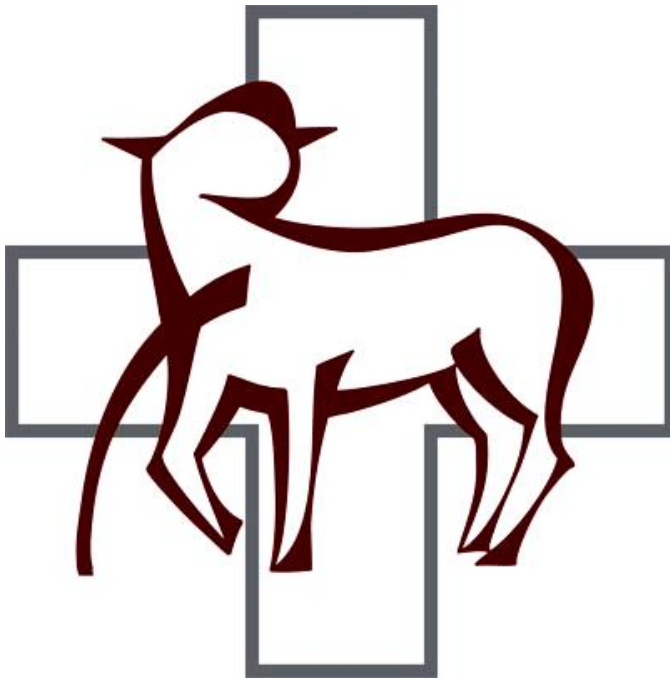
DON'T UNDERSTAND THE WORSHIP SERVICE? If it is your first time, some things may seem foreign. Worship does not come naturally we have to learn it. It does not come on the first try; the first hour in a foreign country the language and customs may be foreign. The liturgy is the special activity of the 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 just outside the Church Office.



DIVINE SERVICE

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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

864 Shepherd of Tender Youth



1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in
 2 You are the ho - ly Lord, O all - sub -
 3 You are the great High Priest; You have pre -
 4 O ev - er be our guide, Our shep - herd,
 5 So now, and till we die, Sound we Your



love and truth Through de - vious ways; Christ, our tri -
 du - ing Word, Heal - er of strife. Your - self You
 pared the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our
 and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O
 prais - es high And joy - ful sing: In - fants and



um - phant king, We come Your name to sing
 did a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace
 mor - tal pain None calls on You in vain;
 Christ of God, By Your en - dur - ing Word
 all the thron, Who to the Church be - long,



And here our chil - dren bring To join Your praise.
 You so might save our race And give us life.
 Our plea do not dis - dain; Help from a - bove.
 Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.
 U - nite to swell the song To Christ, our king!

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+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Invocation

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

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

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

C Amen.

This timeless hymn text has been passed down through the ages to the church by Clement of Alexandria, c. 170-228.

(Isaiah 40:11; John 10:11)

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

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.**

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

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.**

*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

L Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

C **Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.**

L Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

C **I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;**


**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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 32.


- L** Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not | reach him.
- C** You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 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** Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

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.

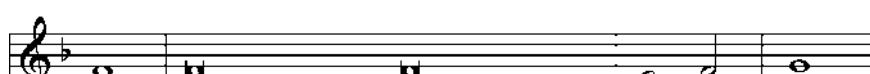
Kyrie is Greek for "Lord, have mercy." It is the first prayer of the congregation in the Divine Service; it is a cry for mercy that our Lord and King will hear us and help us in our needs and troubles.

Gloria in Excelsis

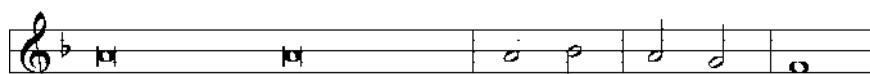
Luke 2:14; John 1:29



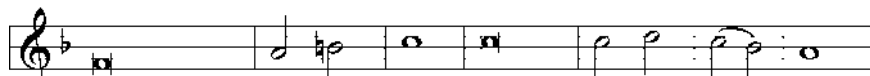
C Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



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.

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.

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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

2 Timothy 4:22

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

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Summary:

God has raised up for us one whose word is proclaimed—Jesus Christ.

Choral Selection

Choir

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love (Peter Sholtes)

We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord, We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord, And we pray that all unity may one day be restored. *Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.* We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand, We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand, And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. *Refrain.* We will work with each other, We will work side by side, We will work with each other, We will work side by side, And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. *Refrain.* All praise to the Father, From whom all things come, And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son, And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. *Refrain.*

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Epistle: 1 John 4:7-11, 19

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

¹⁹We love because he first loved us.

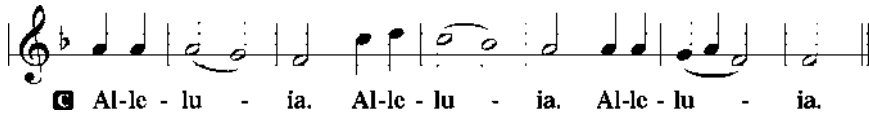
L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Summary:

We are God's children and, as such, need to listen to His voice, not that of the world. As His children, we love as He has loved us.

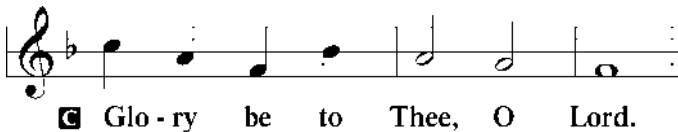
Alleluia



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

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



²¹And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

Summary:

Jesus' power over an "unclean" spirit and His teaching causes people to talk.

Hymn of the Day

392 God Loves Me Dearly



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -
 2 I was in slav - 'ry, Sin, death, and
 3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -
 4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did
 5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.
 dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.
 deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.
 of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.
 ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

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A simple, yet Gospel-filled hymn given to us by August Dietrich Rische, a 19th century German pastor.
 (1 John 4:9-10; John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 2:4-5)

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

Psalm 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 -

The Offertory is a prayer in preparation for the Service of the Sacrament.



Offering

The offering will not be collected during the worship service this morning. Please place your offering in one of the collection plates located at the back of the sanctuary. Extra offering envelopes are available on the hymnal cart. If you would like to contribute electronically, please sign up at www.emmausfortwane.org and click on "Give Online" or use Vanco Mobile, available from the App Store. Thank you for your support of the ministry at Emmaus!

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

Voluntary

Thy Word (Amy Grant)

Refrain: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me, and nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end. *Refrain.* Now I will not forget Your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering. Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side, and I will love You to the end. *Refrain.*

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Choir

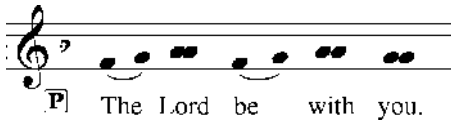
The Voluntary is an offering of musical praise.

Prayer of the Church

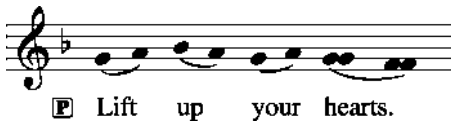
The Prayer of the Church include prayers that what has been heard may be taken to heart and that God would take care of our needs.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

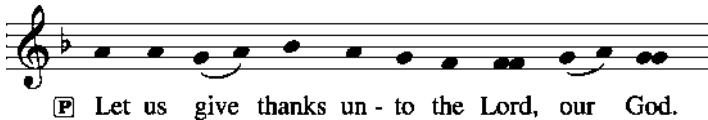
Preface



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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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

The Sanctus is Latin for "holy."



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.

Lord's Prayer

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

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

The Words of Our Lord

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

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

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

Pax Domini

John 20:19



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



G 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



G 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

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



Distribution

Our Holy Communion Practice

In Holy Communion we are joined in a personal way with Christ and with one another as we receive the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. Therefore, out of faithfulness toward God, and in sincere love that seeks to guard the spiritual well-being of all who would commune, Emmaus practices Closed Communion.

Holy Scripture clearly teaches that those communing together be unified in their confession of the faith, and also that those who commune unworthily do great harm to themselves. When a person partakes of the sacrament, he/she is also confessing his/her unreserved agreement with the doctrine and practice that is proclaimed from the altar and pulpit of which the Sacrament is administered. Therefore, we ask you to refrain from communing if you are not a member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. All others are still welcome to come forward, crossing your arms to receive a blessing. Please speak with the pastor about receiving instruction to learn what Scripture teaches and our church confesses. We pray fervently for the day when Christ returns and all divisions will cease.

Thank you for respecting our practice.

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



Distribution Hymns

Choral Selection Choir

Someone Special (Jaroslav J. Vajda)

Someone Special, I know who: That Someone, my God, is You!
Who could make world like this And a heaven full of bliss,
Someone special I must be, Since You made it all for me!
Someone Special, that You are, to create the Christmas Star,
Heralding the Savior's birth, Bringing peace and joy to earth.
Someone special I must be, Since You made that Star for me!
Someone Special, who would give His own So that all might live,
And by Him would set us free From all sin and misery. Someone
special I must be, Since you gave Your Son for me! Someone
special, who would send His good Spirit for a Friend, Faith
Creator, Light and Guide, Always standing at my side. Some
special I must be Since you gave that Gift to me! Someone
Special - God and man, You were there when I began, You'll be
there when I depart, For You live within my heart. Someone
special - now I see, That someone is really me.

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866 Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the chil - dren's friend, To each of
2 In Chris - tian homes, Lord, let them be Your bless - ing
3 That car - ing par - ents, gra - cious Lord, And faith - ful
4 For by Your Word we clear - ly see That we have



them Your pres - ence send; Call them by name and
to their fam - i - ly; Let Chris - tian schools Your
teach - ers find re - ward In lead - ing these, to
sinned con - tin - ual - ly; But show us too, for -



keep them true In lov - ing faith, dear Lord, to You.
work ex - tend In liv - ing truth as You in - tend.
whom You call, To find in Christ their all in all.
giv - ing Lord, Your sav - ing Gos - pel's great re - ward.

A very appropriate hymn to celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week with a hymn written by Henry L.

Lettermann. He followed in his father's footsteps to serve as a Lutheran School teacher and was very dedicated to Christian elementary education

(Psalm 78:1-8; 128:3-6; Psalm 34:11)

5 That all of us, Your children dear,
By Christ redeemed, may Christ revere;
Lead us in joy that all we do
Will witness to our love for You.

6 Then guard and keep us to the end,
Secure in You, our gracious friend,
That in Your heav'nly family
We sing Your praise eternally.

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698 May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

1 May we Thy pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill And do on
2 So may we join Thy name to bless, Thy grace a -
3 Spir - it of life, of love and peace, U - nite our

earth our Fa - ther's will As an - gels do a - bove;
dore, Thy pow'r con - fess, From sin and strife to flee.
hearts, our joy in - crease, Thy gra - cious help sup - ply.

Still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, With all Thy
One is our call - ing, one our name, The end of
To each of us the bless - ing give In Chris - tian

chil - dren and o - bey The law of Chris - tian love.
all our hopes the same, A crown of life with Thee.
fel - low - ship to live, In joy - ful hope to die.

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We are sent into the world as One people, with blessings in abundance, that we may walk in His ways.

(Matthew 6:10; Exodus 20:3-17)

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

The Post-Communion Canticle is a hymn of thanks.

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
 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

Psalms 107:1

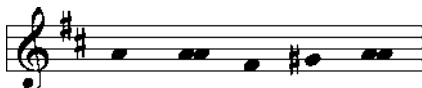
A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
 and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.

G Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus

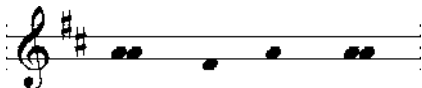


P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



G And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.

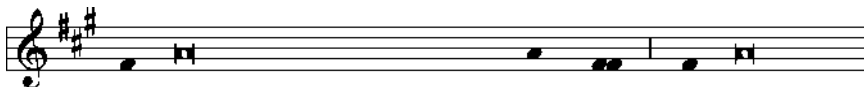
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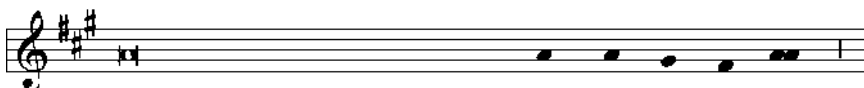
G Thanks be to God.

Benediction

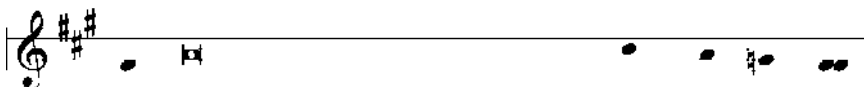
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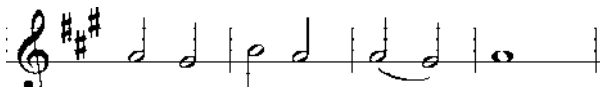
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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



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



G 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

922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos-er to Me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy-ful and free. Here My
I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.
heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.
Spir-it's pow-er filled you; Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
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Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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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 Three from Lutheran Service Book

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Sunday School & Bible Classes



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High School Students/Adults are invited and encouraged to gather in the gym for Bible Study with Pastor Olsen. Come and join us as we read and learn more about God's Word.



Participating in Today's Service

Preacher: Rev. Roy C. Olsen, III

Lector: Seminarian Noah Dunsmore

Communion Assistant: Rev. Dr. Robert H. Bennett

Acolyte: Erik Olsen

Elder: Mr. Jesse Steinbacher

Organist: Mrs. Joann Olsen

Choir: Emmaus Gr. 3-5 Students

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

Sunday, January 28

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

National Lutheran Schools Sunday

9:00 a.m. Divine Service - Holy
Communion

*Light Refreshments will be served after the
worship service. Everyone is welcome to
join us.*

10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult
Bible Class

Sunday School Nursery:

Maddie Bultemeier, Rachel Dunsmore

Monday, January 29

Newsletter Deadline

8:20 a.m. School Chapel

Wednesday, January 31

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

Thursday, February 1

6:00 p.m. Handbells

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Sunday, February 4

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

9:00 a.m. Divine Service - Holy
Communion

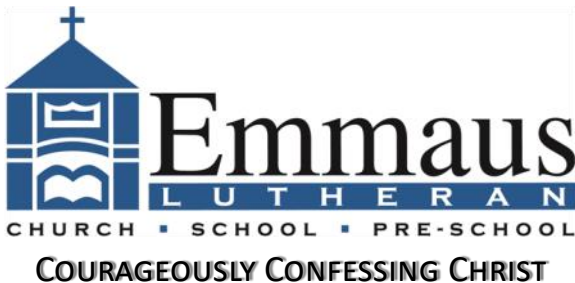
Acolyte: Niko Spanos

Elder: Stan Veit

10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult
Bible Class

Sunday School Nursery:

Peggy Kreigh, Judi Mabee



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Timothy LaCroix, *Music Director*

Karen Detwiler, *Family Care Coordinator*

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EMMAUS MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP FOCUS

JANUARY: STEWARDSHIP OF LIFE



Stewardship Goal:

Courageously Confess Christ through the vocational aspects of Whole Life Stewardship now and into the next generations.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.
(Rom 12:1-2 ESV)

Family Stewardship Discussion

Read the Bible verse above aloud first.

1. Can you think of a person who helped mold and shape your life? This can be either positively or negatively.
2. St. Paul instructs us to not be “conformed to this world.” What ways does the world try to conform us to it? How can we go about being more discerning when it comes to these things?
3. Stewardship is about taking care of that which is entrusted to us especially to present our bodies as a “living sacrifice.” How was Jesus a living sacrifice and how was it acceptable to God? What does He use to transform you? What does the forgiveness of sins have to do with this?
4. There is a distinct difference between that which is the will of God and that which is the will of the world, the Devil and our sinful flesh. How can you tell which is “good and acceptable and perfect?”

Bible Readings for Next Sunday:

Psalms 147:1-11; Isaiah 40:21-31; 1 Corinthians 9:16-17; Mark 1:29-39.



Weekly Word & Prayer
January 28, 2024
We encourage you to take this insert home with you and use it as part of your family or

“LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR”

Epiphany IV – Gospel-motivated voices have the privilege – and the responsibility – to proclaim the whole counsel of God. Those who speak otherwise dabble in judgment and condemnation (Deuteronomy 18:20). The Scriptures and the Savior have graciously made clear – with “shalls” and “shall-nots” – His jealous devotion to the survival and salvation of every human life. We get to repeat and rejoice in it, especially for the sake of the weaker ones (1 Corinthians 8:12).

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

Remember in Prayer this Week

FCG Hospitalized/Sick/Recuperating

- Luke Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis: **Layla Stockinger**, received bone marrow transplant on January 9th
- Moses Parkview North: **Doris Snyder**, recovering from hip surgery
- Deborah Ashton Creek: **Carol Rose**, for rehab
- Ruth **Marti Evans**, as she continues to experience health issues
- Moses **Eric Hoffman**, recovering from surgery
- Moses **Dave Kendall**, recovering at home
- Ruth **William G. Schmidt**, as he continues to recover at home
- Luke **John Stockinger**, recovering from bone marrow harvest
- Faith Ells**, (26 years old), friend of Barbara Cox, undergoing cancer treatment
- Garret Griffey**, nephew of Ron & Sandy Crismore, receiving physical therapy
- David Knoll**, cousin of Karen Detwiler, completed chemo and no sign of cancer
- Eliana Miller**, friend of Karen Detwiler, doing better and taking a break from cancer treatment
- Lisa Reece**, friend of the Rosenkoettters, who is nearing life's end
- Janet Shady**, Ron Crismore's sister, recovering at home
- Moses Brudi Family, Amanda Heeren; Eric Hoffman, Dave & Joan Kendall, Victor Lunz,
- FCG McGehee Family; Pamela Richter, Eric Schmidt Family, and Doris Snyder.

Pray for

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

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; and **Travis McGehee**, who has returned from training.

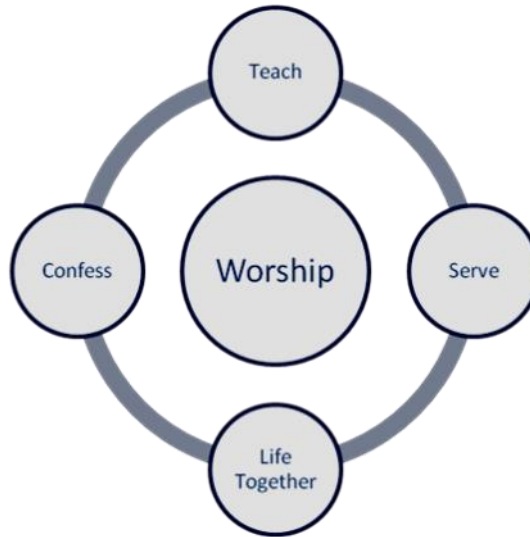
Please Note: *As prayer requests come in we will keep them on the prayer list for one month, unless specifically requested otherwise.*



EMMAUS NEWS & NOTES

For the week of January 28, 2024

DONE IN LOVE



SERVING THE LORD

THANK YOU - God has richly blessed us with many gifts in our congregation! Among the most blessed is one another. Thank you for working together, side by side as the Body of Christ, to serve the Lord and our neighbor.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

I want to thank the volunteers who helped to take down the Christmas decorations. No one realizes the hard work involved, but I know and can't thank you enough. I appreciate each and every one of you more than you know.

Blessings,
Marti

NURTURING THE FAITH

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

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Adult Bible Class

Not Just for Kids: Adult Study of the Word of God - Sunday school is not just for the kids! We should read, mark, learn and inwardly Digest God's most holy Word. We have a blessed opportunity to gather together to study that which has been passed down to us from the prophets and apostles, inspired, inerrant and unchanging. Join us as we dig deeper into one or more of the lectionary readings for the appointed Sunday. We will expound upon the Law and Gospel within God's Word given to us on this particular Sunday. Included in the study will be insights into the liturgy, hymnody, the church year and of course connections to our life in Christ. At the end of Peter's second letter he speaks to the need of being in the Word so as not to be deceived by those who would twist the Word of God but to be firmly grounded. *"There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures."*¹⁷ *You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.*¹⁸ *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."* (2Pe 3:16-18 ESV) Join us as we grow as the body of Christ as we study His Word together as brothers and sisters in Christ. What a joy! May we all continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Him who has bled, died, rose and ascended that we might receive His gifts that He so richly and freely gives both now and into eternity.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY - Wednesdays @ 7pm

"Main Character vs. Cruciform Life"

Join us as we discover our human tendency to place ourselves at the center of the story and how this alienates us from God and others. We will seek to reorient our life based upon the cruciform way of Christ. We will begin our session on January 10 as a group, then we will split as Deaconess Fieldworker Haley Randolph takes the women and Pastor Olsen takes the men for our study as we work through God's Word exploring our topic as it affects us as men and women, both how God created us to be and how we struggle each uniquely with suffering and sin. By the end of this Epiphany season class you will have a better understanding of what the cruciform life looks like and how we walk in

the way of Christ each day as the man or woman He has created, redeemed and sanctified us to be.

DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS

Higher Things Reflections - The Baptism of Our Lord - Saturday the Week of Transfiguration (1/7 to 2/17/2024) booklets are available as you leave from the table in the front hallway. Please feel free to pick up a copy and take one for a friend. Daily Reflections are provided by Higher Things. www.higherthings.org.

Portals of Prayer - We have the devotion booklets for January—March 2024. Please feel free to pick one up from the table in the front hall.

LIFE TOGETHER

Worship Attendance

Sunday, January 21 Worship: **97**

Adult Bible Class: **41**

EMMAUS FY 2023-2024 OFFERINGS & TITHES NEEDED	
Offerings Needed Weekly Beginning July 1, 2023	\$6,894.00
Offerings Rec'd Last Sunday	\$2,535.00
Electronic Offerings Rec'd Last Week	\$1,816.20
Budgeted Overage (Shortfall)	(\$2,542.80)
Budgeted Offerings Needed YTD	\$206,820.00
Envelope Offerings Received YTD (includes Electronic Offerings) **	\$209,561.05
Budgeted Overage (Shortfall) YTD	\$2,741.05
LONG-TERM COMMITMENTS/OBLIGATIONS & INITIATIVES	
Mortgage Balance	\$1,020,503.34
Concordia Lutheran High School Congregation Assessment Balance	\$38,562.50
Bell Tower Funds Raised (target \$107,650.00) **	\$50,990.00
Sanctuary Fund/Foundation	\$304,082.95
** Due to delays in the start of the cell tower, Emmaus' grant for the refurb of the bells expired at the end of 2023 and will not be renewed. While there is a plan in place to pay the final bell refurb invoice, your continued financial support of Emmaus Lutheran Church is very much needed and appreciated.	

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES - Envelopes are available to pick up from the table in the front hallway.

PRESCHOOL AIDE NEEDED - Emmaus Lutheran Preschool, 8626 Covington Road, is in need of an afternoon aide for the remainder of this school year. Hours are Monday thru Friday, 12:30-4:30 p.m. If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested, please contact Joann Olsen, Preschool Director, at jolsen@emmauslutheranfw.org or 260-459-7722, ext. 1012.

SUBSTITUTES FOR TEACHERS & AIDES NEEDED - If you or someone you know would be interested in substituting for a teacher or a classroom aide, please contact Mrs. Spanos for more information, 260-459-7722, ext. 1002.

CHAPERONES NEEDED - Want to spend time deepening your faith and connecting with our congregational youth? Consider attending Higher Things, 2024! We are looking for interested chaperones for the June 25-28 conference in Mequon, WI. You can find out more by texting or calling Laura Bruns at: 219.670.6454 or scanning the QR code!



VIDEO MESSAGES FOR LAYLA & PAUL - One of the suggestions that was made at the meeting for ways to help the Stockinger family was to make and send video messages to Layla and Paul while they are away. We are still scheduling times, so be sure to sign-up at the table in the front hall.. You can share a favorite Bible verse, say a prayer, tell a joke, sing a song, etc. See Margie Crabtree or Amanda Heeren, if you have any questions or would like to schedule a time to video your message.



PRAYER REQUESTS - Did you know...You can share your prayer requests or praises by clicking "Prayer" on the Emmaus homepage at emmausfortwayne.org.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
Philippians 4:6

EMMAUS FACEBOOK PAGE! - Emmaus has a new Facebook page. Follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089549997428&mibextid=LQQJ4d> or scan the QR code to view the page!

If you have any event photos please send them to either Kirsten Bohnke at kirsten.bohnke@gmail.com or Paul Stockinger at paul_stockinger@yahoo.com



**Saturday, February 24th
6:00-10:00 p.m.**

Fort Wayne Country Club
5221 Covington Road

Dinner Menu

Will be announced soon!

Featured Entertainment:

Yacht Party

Tickets

Individual: \$75.00

Table of 8: \$550.00

Tickets are available to purchase in
the school and church offices,
payable by cash or check

Tickets can also be purchased online by going to the church website:
www.emmausfortwayne.org. Click on News & Events and then Latest
Announcements for the link to get your tickets.

Deadline for purchasing tickets: Friday, February 9th.



WAYS TO HELP EMMAUS:

Kroger Community Rewards This program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card. It's easy! Here's how:

1. Go to Kroger.com and set up an account (if you don't have one) or log into your account.
2. Under your account options select "My Account."
3. Scroll down the page and select "Community Rewards" (left side of screen).
4. Under "organization Name" enter "Emmaus Lutheran School and Church" or use "organization Number" BF171.

Advantage Recycling

We are accepting empty printer ink cartridges, old cell phones, and laptops. This helps keep those items out of the landfill and helps us as we will receive payment from the recycling company, Items can be

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placed in the box located inside the west entrance to the gym/sanctuary from the front hall. Monies from this program will be used for school supplies.

PROJECT CONNECT BOOOKLETS

Lutheran Hour Ministries 'Project Connect' booklets combine 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: *"The Bible Tells Me So"* - This kids' booklet provides several key Bible verses that speak to God's love, His mercy, His forgiveness, and His words of guidance. It reminds children to look to the Bible to learn how to live their lives for God.

GREETING CARDS - \$1.00 EACH - Our Women's Guild has a nice variety of Dayspring cards on the carousel at the back table. Stop by before or after service and browse all the many choices. Pick up a beautiful "thinking of you" and "praying for you" cards which are perfect for our Care Groups, family and friends. ALSO, If you want unique, blank notecards, how about our Emmaus cards at \$6.00 for a 12 pack? They were designed by Bill Schmidt and are perfect for ANY occasion. We all love to receive cards and notes. Take the time to do it, and share your love and prayers.

ELECTRONIC GIVING - Please be sure to set up your electronic giving on the Vanco Mobile app. You can download the Vanco Mobile app for free from the App Store or Google Play. From there, you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Just select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation. If you have questions or need assistance with our new mobile app, please stop by the church office or call us at 260-459-7722. We also have an info sheet that shows how to make gifts with the app available from the table in the front hall.

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.*

MEMBER CALLER - We have set up our account for the new service to call all our members. Please add the phone number of **855.248.7295** to your caller id or your phone address book and entitle that contact as the Church Call so that it will be identified properly on your caller id. If

your phone number has changed or you need to add an additional number for your household, please see Darlene so that she can update the call list.

GENERAL

DEADLINE FOR EMMAUS NEWS & NOTES: Please submit information to the Church Office by Noon on Wednesday to be included in Sunday's publication.

ROYAL MESSENGER NEWSLETTER - The December 2023/January 2024 issue of The Royal Messenger is available to pick up in the front hallway for those who have requested a printed copy. **The deadline for submitting information for the February/March 2024 issue is Monday, January 29th.** Please send any info on upcoming events to the church office by e-mail to: dheeren@emmausfortwayne.org. Thank you!

OTHER

ISSUES, ETC. LUTHERAN RADIO IN EXILE...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can tune into interviews on subjects like "Answering Tough Questions About the Christian Faith: Common Objections", "Bad Uses of the Law of God", "Signs and Symbols in the Church" and more. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org.

WORSHIP ANEW is 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: ***Proper Perspective*** - What a life we have! We experience God's blessings and joys. We also have sorrows. The Apostle Paul reminds us to keep this present life in proper perspective. What exactly is that perspective? Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 7:29-3. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III.

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.

PART-TIME RECEPTIONISTS NEEDED - Cross Connections Counseling Ministries is currently hiring for Part Time Receptionists.

Responsibilities will include maintaining confidentiality, answering phones, scheduling, greeting clients, supporting counselors, minor bookkeeping, general hospitality and miscellaneous clerical duties. 20-28 hours a week, weekday hours. Positive, ministry work environment. Pay varies based on experience. Knowledge of Quickbooks, accounts payable & receivable a plus. Send resume to kirkreber@crossconnectionsounseling.com or call 260-260-373-0213, ext. 105.

NIPSCO ENERGY ASSISTANCE - Beginning December 1, income-eligible customers, seniors, active military and veterans experiencing financial difficulty paying their gas utility bill may apply for additional NIPSCO energy assistance programs. Available programs include NIPSCO Hardship, SERV (Supply Energy Resources to Veterans) and SILVER (Seniors in Indiana Low-Income and Vulnerable Energy Resource) that will allow customers to receive a one-time benefit of up to \$400 per year if they qualify. To see the full list of requirements for SERV and SILVER, customers should visit NIPSCO.com/IncomeEligible. There, customers may also apply for the appropriate program by completing and submitting an online self-attestation form and uploading documentation, if required. Applicants should allow 30 business days for the form to be received and processed. If program requirements are met, a one-time credit will be applied to the applicant's NIPSCO gas residential utility account.

FORT WAYNE LUTHERAN We have copies of the current issue of The Fort Wayne Lutheran available at the table in the front hallway as you leave today. The issue is also available online at www.myfwl.org for those who have computer/internet access.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY MAGAZINES - We have copies of the magazines from both Ft. Wayne Campus and St. Louis campus available from the Information Rack. These publications provide information on what's happening at our seminary campuses. Please feel free to pick up a copy.

FISH FRY & BAKE SALE - 64th Annual Fish Fry and Bake Sale on **Saturday, February 10** from 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm. At Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6318 W California Road. Adult dinners are \$14.00, and children's dinners (Ages 4-12) are \$7.00. Children three and under eat for free. You may also purchase carry-outs of fish only for \$16.00 each. Meals include our famous all you can eat fish, potato salad, baked beans, and dinner rolls with a drink. Our Women's Ministry ladies have been busy making homemade noodles and apple dumplings for the bake sale. We look forward to seeing you there.

HYMNFEST 2024 - Mark your calendars for the celebration of 16 years of Hymnody in Fort Wayne & 54 years of Shepherd of the City. Please join us as we worship our Lord Jesus Christ during this special event at Shepherd of the City. Hunter Kinnison, a first-year seminarian at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, studied Parish Music at Concordia University Wisconsin, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Parish Music in 2023. At CUY, he studied organ under Dr. James Freese and Dr. Craig Sproat focusing most of his study on service playing and the use and development of hymnody in the Lutheran church. Dr. Jon Bruss is Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and is considered an authority on the history of the Christian church. A reception will follow the service. This event is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken to support the restoration of their historic sanctuary.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

A Capella Choir Tour 2024

Concordia Choirs will be performing on **Sunday, February 4** as part of their choir tour. The performance will be at Kramer Chapel on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne and starts at 7:30 p.m. The tour also includes performances in Kokomo, IN, Collinsville, IL and St. Louis, MO.

24-Hour Theater Festival Public Performance, February 10, 7 p.m.

The 24-Hour Theater Festival is an event the CLHS Theatre Department sponsors each year to encourage students to give theater a try. Each year, upwards of 80+ students are involved. Students can participate as writers, directors, actors, dancers, tech crew, set design or stage crew. The event begins at 7 p.m. on Friday night, when the writers gather to pair up and write four shows. The next morning the directors meet with the writers to go over their shows and then are handed a list of students who will be their actors. Students then break up into their various casts and start preparing their shows, while the set, stage and tech crews also prepare for the show.

Performances of the four original student produced shows will be on Saturday, February 10 at 7 p.m., 24 hours after the writers first met to write the shows. It is open to the public! Cost is \$2.00 or a canned good, which will be donated to Canstruction.

CLHS Winter Musical - Guys and Dolls,

Friday, February 23 and Saturday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 25 at 2:00 p.m.

Considered by many to be the perfect musical comedy, Guys and Dolls ran for 1,200 performances when it opened on Broadway in 1950. Set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City, Guys and Dolls is an oddball romantic comedy. Gambler, Nathan Detroit, tries to find the cash to set

up the biggest craps game in town while the authorities breathe down his neck; meanwhile, his girlfriend and nightclub performer, Adelaide, laments that they've been engaged for fourteen years. Nathan turns to fellow gambler, Sky Masterson, for the dough, and Sky ends up chasing the straight-laced missionary, Sarah Brown, as a result. *Guys and Dolls* takes us from the heart of Times Square to the cafes of Havana, Cuba, and even into the sewers of New York City, but eventually everyone ends up right where they belong. This musical is directed by Mr. Chris Murphy, with musical direction by Mrs. Kathryn Peperkorn.