

WELCOME TO EMMAUS LUTHERAN!



PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024



GOD'S DIVINE SERVICE TO US

The Son of David Ascends His Throne and Reigns in Love from His Cross

The Son of David comes in gentle humility, *"sitting on a donkey's colt,"* yet as the King of Israel *"in the name of the Lord"* (John 12:13–15). He comes to be lifted up in glory on the cross in order to cast out *"the ruler of this world"* and draw all people to Himself (John 12:23–32). The Church is thus called to *"rejoice greatly,"* because her King comes with salvation, and *"he shall speak peace to the nations"* (Zech. 9:9–10). As He is anointed *"beforehand for burial"* (Mark 14:8), He also ascends His royal throne as *"the King of the Jews"* by way of His Passion (Mark 15:2, 17–19, 26). He goes *"as it is written of him,"* wherefore *"you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power"* (Mark 14:21, 62). For the glory of God is love, which crescendos in the humble obedience and voluntary self-sacrifice of the Son of God for the salvation of sinners. So, God the Father has *"highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name"* (Phil. 2:9), that He might reign over us in love with the forgiveness of His cross.



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.** (*Prayers for Worship can be found on the front page of the hymnal.*) Remembering your Baptism, you are encouraged to make the sign of the cross when you see this symbol T in the hymnal. **If you are a guest, Pastor Olsen would love to meet you.**



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!

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.

+PALM SUNDAY+

The Service of Palm Sunday, beginning with the opening processional, reflects the contrasting attitudes toward Jesus that were on display during the days leading up to His crucifixion. “Palm Sunday” is named after the palms which were spread before Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. The acclamation of the people, “Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,” clearly reveals that they hailed Jesus as the messianic king. Yet only days later, our Lord would hear the cry “Crucify!” This contrast is reflected on this day as the joy of His triumphal entry into Jerusalem gives way to the somber remembrance of His Passion. The Scripture lessons for the day set before the faithful all that our Lord did on our behalf. Thus is the Church prepared to enter Holy Week — the most important week of the Church Year.



DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

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PRELUDE

Handbells

All Glory, Laud and Honor (Melchoir Tescher; arr. Robert Broth & Kevin McChesney)

*Congregation please stand and face the Processional Cross at the back of the sanctuary.
Children (and parents of young children) may join Pastor Olsen in the back
for the procession of the palms.*

GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** Amen.
- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C** Hosanna to the Son of David.

COLLECT *“Prayers of the People”*

P Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL *“Reading of one of the Evangelists (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)”*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”

¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵“Fear not, daughter of Zion;
 behold, your king is coming,
 sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.

¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.” John 12:12-19

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

P Let us go forth in peace,

C **in the name of the Lord.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN All Glory, Laud, and Honor.....#442

The congregation is invited to wave their palm branches for the Processional.

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re-deem-er, King,



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;
- 4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;
- 5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Refrain

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

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After the hymn, the processional concludes with the following:

- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C** Hosanna in the highest.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.

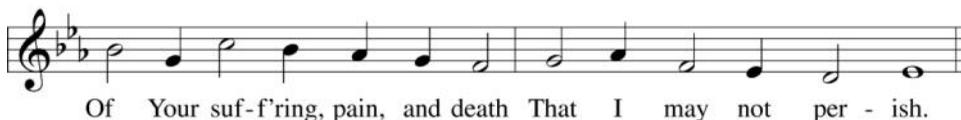
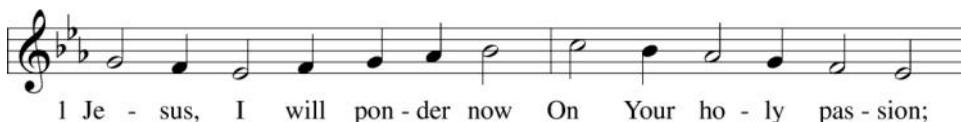
P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMN Jesus, I Will Ponder Now #440, v. 1



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THE PASSION NARRATIVE: MARK 14:1 - 15:47

The Plot to Kill Jesus

^{14:1}It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, ²for they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.”

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

³And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. ⁴There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “Why was the ointment wasted like that? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. ⁹And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.”

Judas to Betray Jesus

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

The Passover with the Disciples

¹²And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” ¹³And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹⁵And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” ¹⁶And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” ¹⁹They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “Is it I?” ²⁰He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

Institution of the Lord's Supper

²²And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” ²³And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴And he said to them, “This is my blood of the

the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

HYMN Not All the Blood of Beasts #431, vv. 1 & 2



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;



Could give the guilt - y con-science peace Or wash a - way the stain.
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.

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Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial

²⁶And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷And Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ ²⁸But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” ²⁹Peter said to him, “Even though they all fall away, I will not.” ³⁰And Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” ³¹But he said emphatically, “If I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And they all said the same.

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

³²And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. ³⁴And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.” ³⁵And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.” ³⁷And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? ³⁸Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ³⁹And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. ⁴¹And he came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

⁴³And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. ⁴⁴Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard." ⁴⁵And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him. ⁴⁶And they laid hands on him and seized him. ⁴⁷But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant^[b] of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁴⁸And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? ⁴⁹Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled." ⁵⁰And they all left him and fled.

A Young Man Flees

⁵¹And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, ⁵²but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

HYMN Go to Dark Gethsemane #436, vv. 1 & 2



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
life ar-raigned; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
Oh, the pangs His soul sus-tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.

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Jesus Before the Council

⁵³And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. ⁵⁴And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. ⁵⁵Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. ⁵⁶For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, ⁵⁸“We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” ⁵⁹Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” ⁶¹But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” ⁶²And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” ⁶³And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need? ⁶⁴You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?” And they all condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” And the guards received him with blows.

Peter Denies Jesus

⁶⁶And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, ⁶⁷and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, “You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus.” ⁶⁸But he denied it, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you mean.” And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. ⁶⁹And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” ⁷⁰But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.” ⁷¹But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know this man of whom you speak.” ⁷²And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

Jesus Delivered to Pilate

^{15:1}And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. ²And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” ³And the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴And Pilate again asked him, “Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.” ⁵But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

Pilate Delivers Jesus to Be Crucified

⁶Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. ⁷And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. ⁸And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. ⁹And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. ¹²And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³And they cried out again, "Crucify him." ¹⁴And Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

Jesus Is Mocked

¹⁶And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. ²⁰And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

HYMN O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken #439, vv. 1 & 2

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '1' above the first note. The lyrics are: '1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken'. The second staff continues: 'That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?'. The third staff continues: 'Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -'. The fourth staff concludes: 'fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?'. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes.

- 2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;
They crucify Thee.

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The Crucifixion

²¹And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. ²²And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. ²⁵And it was the third hour when they crucified him. ²⁶And the inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” ²⁷And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!” ³¹So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

The Death of Jesus

³³And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ³⁵And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, he is calling Elijah.” ³⁶And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” ³⁷And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

⁴⁰There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

Jesus Is Buried

⁴²And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. ⁴⁵And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. ⁴⁶And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

HYMN OF THE DAY A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth.....#438, vv. 1, 2

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of six staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are: "I A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with - out com-plaint, That spot-less life to of - fer, He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and".

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2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend,
The Lamb of God, our Savior,
Whom God the Father chose to send
To gain for us His favor.
"Go forth, My Son," the Father said,
"And free My children from their dread
Of guilt and condemnation.
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by Your passion they will share
The fruit of Your salvation."

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SERMON

THE CREED *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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

VOLUNTARY

Adult Choir

Hosanna to the Son of David (Bartholomaeus Gesius)
Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna to the Son of David in the highest!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.
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** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
- C** Amen.
- P** Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?
- C** Yes.
- P** Let it be done for you as you believe.
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.
- C** Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE *“Opening or Beginning of Holy Communion Liturgy”*



2 Timothy 4:22



P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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 accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *“Holy”*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

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

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

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

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

LORD'S PRAYER

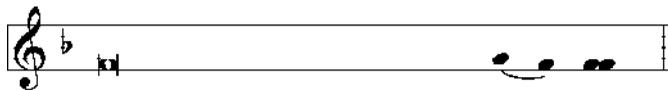
P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

PAX DOMINI

John 20:19



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



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

John 1:29



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



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



DISTRIBUTION

Our Holy Communion Practice

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

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

Thank you for respecting our practice.



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth#438, vv. 3, 4



3 “Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I’ll
4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



bear what You com - mand Me. My will con-forms to
taste Your king - dom’s plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



Your de - cree, I’ll do what You have asked Me.” O
robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers
I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your rich - teous - ness shall



up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how
be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



strong You are to save! You lay the One in -
gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



to the grave Who built the earth’s foun - da - tion.
we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

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MUSICAL SELECTION

Handbell Choir

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” (W. H. Monk, arr. Robert Groth & Kevin McChesney)

No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet..... #444

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1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet
 2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer;
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs His road a - dorn;
 4 Now He who bore for mor - tals' sake



With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's
 With palms His path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the
 The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
 The cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"
 cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne.
 on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown.
 form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns.



To greet what pomp of king - ly pride
 A - stride a colt He pass - es by
 The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,
 Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name



No bells in tri - umph ring, No cit - y gates swing
 As loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ver - y
 The streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the
 Till heav - en's raf - ters ring, And all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

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POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness#636, v. 8

8 Je - sus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me
glad - ly here o - bey You. By Your love I am in -
vit - ed, Be Your love with love re - quit - ed;
By this Sup - per let me mea - sure, Lord, how vast and
deep love's trea - sure. Through the gift of grace You
give me As Your guest in heav'n re - ceive me.

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

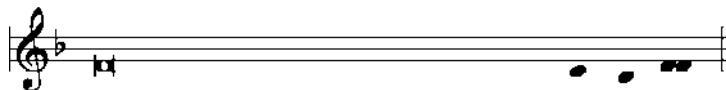
P Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



A - men.

*Please remain standing for the Recessional Hymn and turn to follow the cross
as it is carried to the back of the sanctuary.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN Hosanna, Loud Hosanna #443



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.

3 “Hosanna in the highest!”
That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heav’n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice!

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POSTLUDE “*Concluding Music of the Service*”

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

High School Students/Adults are invited and encouraged to gather in the gym as we take a deeper dive into the Scriptures looking at the Passion of Our Lord.



Participating in Today's Service

Preacher: Rev. Roy C. Olsen, III

Lector & Crucifer: Seminarian Brian Frank

Communion Assistant: Rev. Dr. Robert H. Bennett

Book Bearer: Seminarian Noah Dunsmore

Acolyte & Banner Bearer: Niko Spanos

Elder: Mr. Stan Veit

Organist: Mr. Timothy LaCroix

Choirs: Emmaus Adult & Handbell Choirs

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.

THIS WEEK AT EMMAUS

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday

Spring Break - NO School

7:00 p.m. Divine Service - Holy Communion

Acolyte: John Stockinger

Elder: Mr. James Heeren

Friday, March 29

Good Friday

NO School

12:00 p.m. Tre Ore Meditation @ St. Paul's until 3:00 p.m.

Pastor Olsen will be sharing a message and the Adult Choir will be singing
in the 1:30-2:00 pm. segment of the service.

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Acolyte: Hunter Durlacher

Elder: Mr. Stan Veit

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m. Easter Vigil Sunrise Holy Communion Service

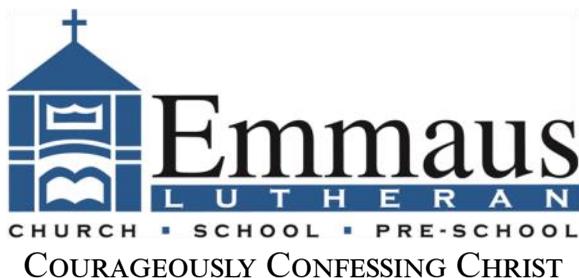
Acolyte: Erik Olsen Elder: Mr. James Heeren

7:30 a.m.– 9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Easter Festival Holy Communion Service

Acolyte: Trapper Durlacher

Elder: Mr. Jacob Bushur



Check out our YouTube Channel:
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The Ministry of Emmaus is eager to serve you!

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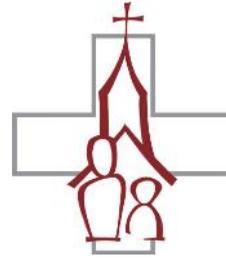
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EMMAUS MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP FOCUS



MARCH: STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING:
MONEY, PART IV

Stewardship Goal:

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

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

(Heb 13:5 ESV)

Family Stewardship Discussion

Read the Bible verse above aloud first.

1. We have studied giving as first from God, that we are cheerful, hilarious, givers, and that our fruits are first given to God, displaying that we trust in Him. We put Him first in our lives as part of our offerings and we give proportionally. Our giving is from and through the gift of faith given by the Holy Spirit and so we can do so joyfully and generously for God's giving is in abundance. But how can we keep our lives free from the "love of money?"
2. Talk about why being "content with what you have," is important. Look in your Small Catechism as well and see what is said about being content with what God has given us. What does knowing that Jesus will never leave nor forsake us have to do with being content and giving of our offerings to the Lord?
3. "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs." (1Ti 6:10 ESV) How is this love dangerous? Take a moment and contrast this love with the love of Jesus Christ? May we remember when we do love money more than God, when we are not content, we can confess our sin and God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness, including our love of money.

Weekly Word & Prayer
March 24, 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”

Palm Sunday/Passion of Our Lord – Sinful nature prizes popularity, property, and power. It despises dependence and discards aging or gestating neighbors because of it. But Jesus proves that God has designed humankind to rely on Him and each other. His salvation comes about by humbly and happily entrusting oneself to an Almighty Father (Philippians 2:6-8). We need not take life and death into our own hands when we can rest upon His.

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

Ruth LLV Inverness Lakes: **Beverly Baals**

Luke Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis: **Layla Stockinger**, received bone marrow transplant on January 9th

Moses Ashton Creek: **Doris Snyder**, for rehab after having surgery and invertiplasty

Deborah Ashton Creek: **Carol Rose**, for rehab

Matthew **Sue Behny**, recovering from pneumonia

Joseph **Bill Bradley**, recovering from surgery

Ruth **Marti Evans**, as she continues to experience health issues

Moses **Eric Hoffman**, recovering from surgery

Moses **Pamela Richter**, experiencing health issues

Adam Connelly, friend of Karen Detwiler, continued trouble with cancer

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

Mercury, grandson of Steve & Bev Lee, pray for courage and strength

Lisa Reece, friend of the Rosenkoetters, who is nearing life's end

Crystal Wilson, friend of Amanda Heeren, undergoing treatment for a brain tumor.

Mary Bradburn Family; Gilliom Family; Dave Greener; Shirley Kanning; Morgan Family, Lois
FCG Richter, Kenneth Scrogam, Lee Toussaint, and the Younghans Family.

Birthday

Mary Lois Richter will celebrate her 90th birthday on Wednesday, April 3rd

Pray for

For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.

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.

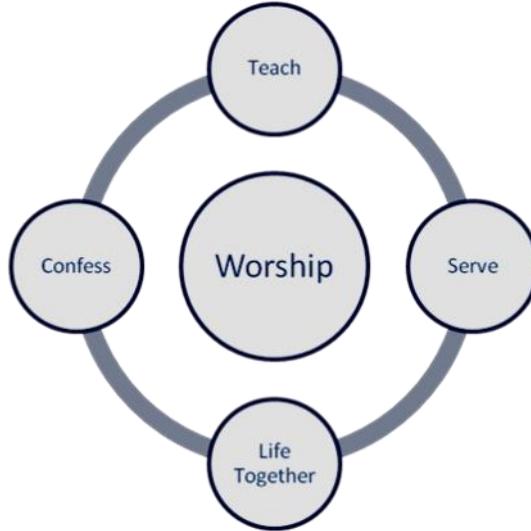
Please Note: As prayer requests come in we will keep them on the prayer list for one month, unless specifically requested otherwise.



EMMAUS NEWS & NOTES

For the week of March 24, 2024

DONE IN LOVE



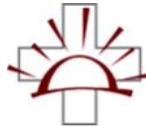
HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES



**Maundy Thursday -
March 28**

7:00 p.m.

Holy Communion
Service



**Easter Sunday
March 31**

6:30 a.m.

Easter Vigil
Sunrise

Holy Communion Service



**Good Friday -
March 29**

12:00-3:00 p.m.

Tre Ore Service @
St. Paul Lutheran
Church

7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast

1:30-2:00 p.m. Pastor Olsen will
be preaching & Emmaus Adult
Choir will be singing.

7:00 p.m. - Tenebrae Service



9:30 a.m.

Festival Holy
Communion
Service

SERVING THE LORD

THANK YOU OUTREACH TEAM! We would like to thank the Outreach Team for taking the time to decorate the bulletin boards for us and for all to see the wonderful news of the Gospel as they come into the building each day.

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.

NURTURING THE FAITH

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

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Adult Bible Class

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DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS

Higher Things Reflections - Easter Sunday—the Seventh Week of Easter (3/31 to 5/18/2024) 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 April to June 2024. Please feel free to pick one up from the table in the front hall.

Worship Attendance

LIFE TOGETHER

Sunday, March 17, Worship: **118** Adult Bible Class did not meet.
Mid-Week Lent, March 20: **45**

**Bridging the Gap
Under
Construction**

Watch for reformatted
Financial
Information
coming soon!



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!



LWML THREE ZONE SPRING RALLY - The LWML Three Zone Spring Gathering is **Saturday, April 13th** at 8:30 AM at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Cost is \$7 with light breakfast served. Call or text Lisa 260-446-6700 with questions or to RSVP.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR EASTER BREAKFAST!

MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE ALL INVITED TO SHARE
BREAKFAST BETWEEN SERVICES ON EASTER MORNING.



A delicious homemade
breakfast will be served
including pancakes,
breakfast tacos,
biscuits and gravy,
bacon, sausage, muffins
and fruit.

VIGIL SUNRISE 6:30 AM
BREAKFAST 7:45 - 9:00
EASTER FESTIVAL 9:30 AM

A freewill offering will be
taken to support the
mission of Emmaus
Women's Guild.

Please sign up at the table in the front hallway if you plan to attend the breakfast, so that we can finalize food preparation.

We are in need of helpers to: set up before breakfast, a few youth to help with trays, and some help to clean up afterwards. Please sign up if you can help. Thank you!

FATHER TO SON EVENT:



Saturday, May 4, 2024

The Great American Cleanup is the nation's largest community improvement program that Fort Wayne has participated in for nearly 30 years. It is a time when we can show our community pride by lending a hand to clean up littered roadsides, parks, trails and river ways. Emmaus Lutheran wants to be an active part of our community.

Please be sure to sign up at the table in the front hall, or call the church office by Sunday, April 14th, so that we can order sufficient supplies and T-Shirts for everyone.

FATHER AND SON WORKING

**TOGETHER, SIDE BY SIDE, TO SERVE OUR
NEIGHBOR.**

SAVE THE DATES!

UPCOMING
FUNDRAISERS
FOR
HIGHER THINGS

PULLED PORK LUNCH
SUNDAY, APRIL 28

PARKING LOT SALE
SATURDAY, MAY 11

If you cannot participate in these events, you will also have the opportunity to donate in the collection containers labeled for Higher Things. Thank you!

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



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

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.

Thank you to all who are participating in the Kroger Community Rewards. The amount we are receiving has increased four times the amount that we received in September 2023! We appreciate your support!

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 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 BOOKLETS

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: *"Let's Be Disciples"* - The best thing kids can know is that God loves them dearly. He showed us that through the gift of His Son Jesus who invites everyone to follow Him. The invitation still stands. He wants each of us to be His disciple, His follower - and to help in making disciples of others. We can do this by telling others about Jesus and remembering He's with us wherever we go.

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 deadline for submitting information for the April/May 2024 issue is Monday, April 1st (no joke!). 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: *The Suffering Savior* – Jesus took upon Himself the sins of all people for all time. On Calvary’s cross He paid for those sins in full. His resurrection on Easter was God the Father’s “Well done.” He accomplished His task. His victory is complete. Sermon Text: Mark 15:1 -47. Speaker: Rev. Paul Shoemaker.

SHEPHERD’S HAND 4TH ANNUAL 5K RUN & WALK - Sign up now for The Shepherd’s Hand 4th Annual 5K Run & Walk that will take place on **Saturday, May 4th**, at 1231 S Anthony Blvd. Early Registration Fee: \$20.00/person and includes t-shirt. Ribbons for finishers, Prizes for winners, and family fun! Register online at: runsignup.com. For more information, please email: theshepherdshand5k@gmail.com.

CAMP LUTHERHAVEN - What are you doing this summer? Spend time at Camp Lutherhaven! With so many fun activities from Archer to Zip, Zap, Zoey (a fun game played at Camp) to jumping in the lake, there is so much to experience! Most importantly, spend time in God’s Word and grow in your relationship with Christ. Summer 2024’s theme is “Wildfire,” coming from Psalm 78:4. Join in spreading the glorious deeds of the Lord like wildfire with everyone who comes to Camp Lutherhaven this summer! Register before April 1st and receive the Early Bird discount! Register online today at www.lutherhaven.org, or call for more information at 206-636-7101

LCMS FOUNDATION - Gift Planning creates solutions for donors. A gift planning counselor is a built-in companion for the journey so that you don't have to go through the process alone. Preparing the distribution from your Christian estate is a financial decision unmatched in size throughout the rest of life. In addition, it may be complicated by expectation of resource levels changing over time, or family and ministry focus changing. Your LMS Foundation Gift Planning counselor can help you get hold of these competing priorities. Contact Mark Muehl at Mark.Muehl@lfn.org or 260-241-4845.

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

PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST NEEDED - Cross Connections Counseling Ministries is currently hiring a Part Time Receptionist. 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@crossconnections-counseling.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.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Concordia Hosts Middle School Musical, *Dear Edwina, Jr.*, March 23-24 - *Dear Edwina, Jr.* is our middle school musical and will be presented on March 23 and 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the CLHS auditorium. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the door. Students from eight different area middle schools are involved.

CLHS Trivia Night Moves to April 12th

Originally slated as a Fall event, Trivia Night will now be taking place in the Spring! On Friday, April 12, have a blast with friends and put your knowledge to the test at our CLHS Trivia Night! The entry fee per couple is \$50 or bring an in-kind donation of \$50+ value. All donations will support the Cadets in Cadence Silent Auction later this year.

Register your team today at clhscadets.com/apps/pages/trivia-night

CLHS Summer Programs Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for summer camps and classes at Concordia! CLHS hosts a number of Summer Camps and Summer Academic programs for students of all ages (K-12 during the 2023-24 school year). Camps range from sports to computers to band and drama. There's something for everyone! And if you're looking to get ahead on your classes, sign up for one of our Academic programs. Classes are available onsite or online. Students from all schools in grades 8-12 are welcome!

We are offering an online registration and payment system for all Summer Camps and Classes through CampBrain. To learn more about our summer programs or to register, go to:

clhscadets.com/apps/pages/summer-at-CLHS

Payment is due at the time of Registration. Many camps offer a t-shirt to campers, included in their registration fees. The registration deadline to be guaranteed a t-shirt is May 10, 2024. After that date, a t-shirt is not guaranteed.

For any questions, please contact our athletics office at (260) 969-6868 or athletics@clhscadets.com.

For questions regarding the summer classes, please call Nancy Koehler, summer classes coordinator, at (260) 483-1102, ext. 313 or email nkoehler@clhscadets.com.

Concordia Varsity Boys Basketball Win Sectional Championship

Congratulations to the CLHS Varsity Boys Basketball team who won their sectional championship on Saturday, March 2 beating Leo by a score of 62-58!

Concordia DECA Students Fare Well at State Competition

The CLHS DECA team represented our school well at state competition. Respect, kindness and care for others was evident and noted in a number of occasions in the competition which took place March 3-5 in Indianapolis. Our high school saw 27 students compete among a record 2,300 DECA students from around the state of Indiana. Four students qualified for international competition. View the results here: <https://www.clhscadets.com/apps/news/article/1895109>