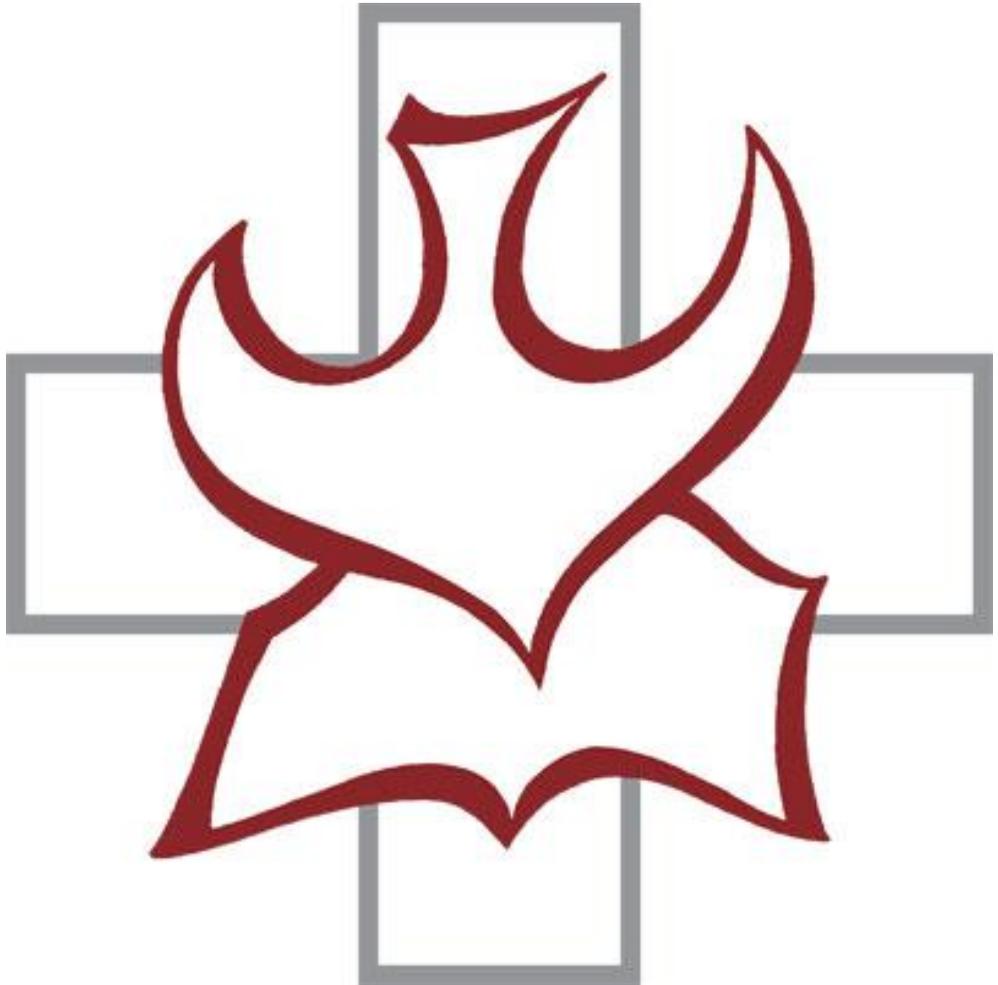


WELCOME TO EMMAUS LUTHERAN!



Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 5, 2024



GOD'S DIVINE SERVICE TO US:

The Lord Jesus Is with His Church in the Apostolic Ministry of the Gospel

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus is with His Church through the word of His apostles, who “are witnesses of all that he did.” He was anointed by God “with the Holy Spirit and with power,” and “he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,” and so He was with those whom He sent “to preach to the people” (Acts 10:38–42). The Holy Spirit is bestowed on those who hear that apostolic preaching, who are “baptized in the name of Jesus Christ,” so that “everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name” (Acts 10:43–44, 48). For as He came by the water of His Baptism, even to the blood of His Passion, so the Spirit testifies to the truth with “the water and the blood” in the apostolic ministry of the Gospel (1 John 5:6–7). By these means, Christ Jesus speaks to us, that His joy may be in us and that our “joy may be full.” For this purpose, He appointed the apostles to “go and bear fruit” in order to make known His divine friendship to us (John 15:11, 15–16).



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



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

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

“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the House of the Lord...’” Psalm 122:1



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

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



DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

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Prelude

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.

Processional Hymn

Congregation please stand and face the cross as it is carried in and placed at the altar.

594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It



C 1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized
C 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized
C 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:
in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the



treas - ures man - y? I have one worth
con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
font I've trav - eled, All your might has



more than an - y That brought me sal -
did re - lease me In a dear for -
come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!

P = Pastor

L = Liturgist/Lector

C = Congregation

CH = Choir

Charitie L. de Chenez, daughter of a minister, was born in Dublin, Ireland. Her hymn, written in 1863, points us to the justifying work of Christ.

(Hebrews 4:14-5:10; 7:24-8:2; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Revelation 7:9-14)

CH 4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:
I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness
To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes
Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine
To make life immortal mine.

C 5 There is nothing worth comparing
To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring:
Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising,
Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ;
I'm a child of paradise!

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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.

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

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

1 John 1:8-9

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

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 Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. [John 20:19-23]

C Amen.

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

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

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit



CH Come and hear, all you who |
fear God,*

and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

C **Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;*
sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!**

CH Bless our God, O | peoples;*
let the sound of his | praise be heard,

C **who has kept our soul among the | living*
and has not let our | feet slip.**

CH Blessèd | be God,*
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his
steadfast | love from me!

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

CH Come and hear, all you who | fear God,*
and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

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 119.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer - cy.

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

G Lord, have mer - cy.

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

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

G Lord, have mer - cy.

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

let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer - cy.

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



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



C A - - - men.

Hymn of Praise This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

*Our Hymn of Praise
is based partially on
Revelation 5.
(Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5
-9)*



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has bc -



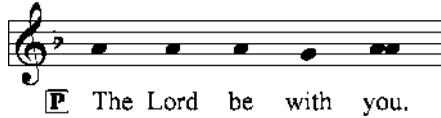
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Salutation and Collect of the Day



2 Timothy 4:22



P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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

The Collect is the pastor's first prayer in the name of the people, as he speaks for the congregation. It "collects" the theme for the day in a concise way.

First Reading: Acts 10:34-48

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Summary:

The message of the Gospel is truly for all nations.

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Adult Choir

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

Christ has risen from the dead. [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor, He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle: 1 John 5:1-8

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Summary:

The love of God revealed in water and blood - Jesus' Baptism and Crucifixion.

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

Alleluia and Verse

CH In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.

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

603 We Know That Christ Is Raised, v. 1

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

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Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17

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



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

Summary:

A continuation of Jesus' theme that He is the true vine and what it looks like to abide in Him.



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Address

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded You; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R *Yes, I do.*

P Do you renounce the devil, all his works and all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

R *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

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

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R *I do.*

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

The catechumen kneels to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of the catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:

Nikolas Tobias Spanos

Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
declares the LORD.”

Jeremiah 1:8

P Nikolas Tobias Spanos, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

R *Amen.*

P Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear their cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Peace † be with you.

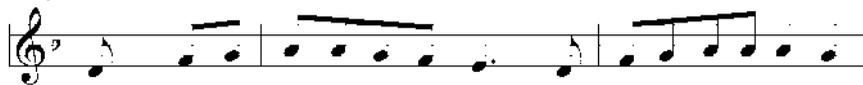
C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

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

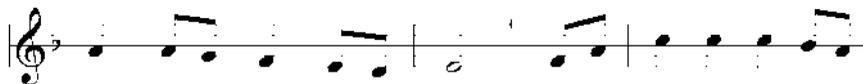
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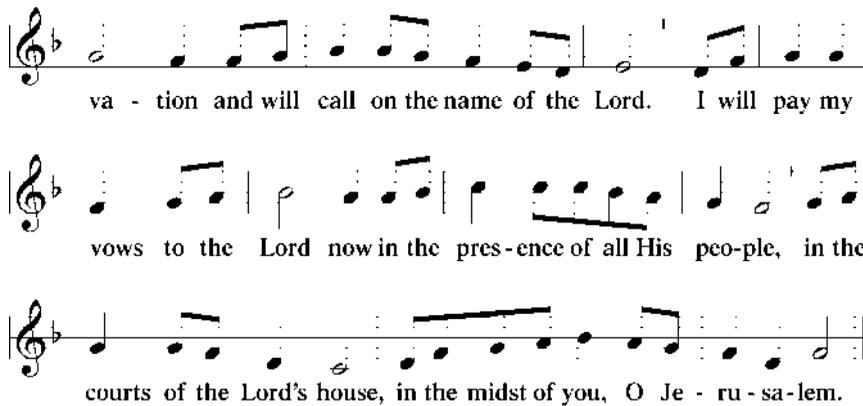
C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

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

Lord, Lead Us Still (Brahms /C. Dickinson)

Along the varied paths of life, through hours of joy and sorrow keen, in grim temptation's mortal strife, in doubt or confidence serene, Lord, lead us still, O lead us still. Through all the changes of the years, whate'er of good or ill betide, in joyful hope or bitter tears, O keep us ever at Thy side; Lord, lead us still, O lead us still. And when at least the tale is told, the vict'ry won by Thy good grace, may we Thy glory, Lord, behold, in that blest Homeland see Thy face; Lord, lead us still, O lead us still.

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Adult Choir

The voluntary is an offering of musical praise.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And al - so with you.

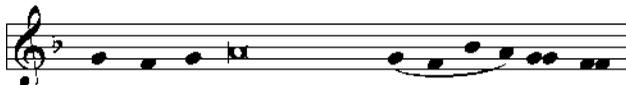


P Lift up your hearts.

[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.

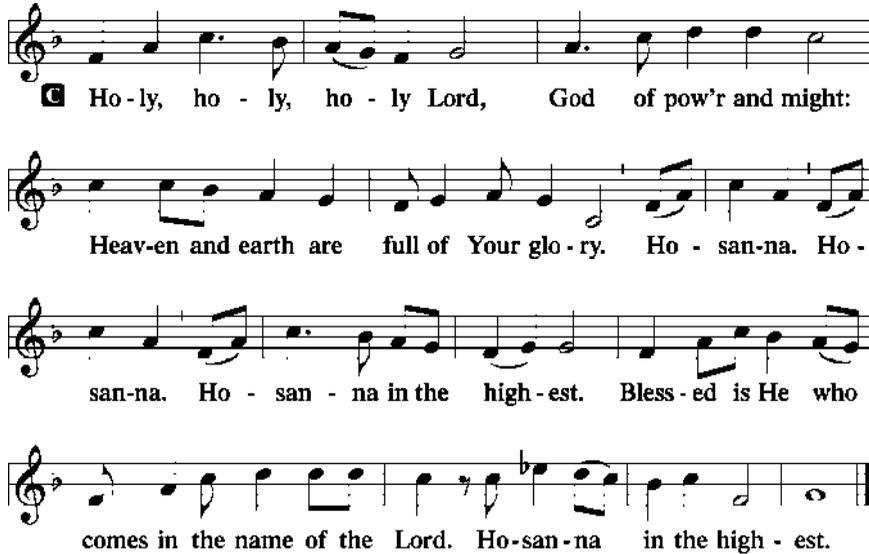
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross 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



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

The Sanctus is Latin for "holy."

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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

C Amen.

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

Lord's Prayer

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

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

The Words of Our Lord

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

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

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

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

Pax Domini

John 20:19



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



C A - men.

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

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

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

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

Distribution

Our Holy Communion Practice

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

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

Thank you for respecting our practice.

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

Distribution Hymns

622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared, vv. 1, 3, 4, 5, 7



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for
3 Yet, Sav - ior, You are not con - fined To an - y
4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious
5 Though rea - son can - not un - der - stand, Yet faith this
7 Grant that we wor - thi - ly re - ceive Your sup - per,



our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y
hab - i - ta - tion; But You are pres - ent
Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y
truth em - brac - es: Your bod - y, Lord, is
Lord, our Sav - ior, And, tru - ly griev - ing



and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion
e - ven now Here with Your con - gre - ga - tion.
and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.
e - ven now At once in man - y plac - es.
for our sins, May prove by our be - hav - ior



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Un - moved by
This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are
I leave to You how this can be; Your Word a -
That we are thank - ful for Your grace And day by



You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
an - y dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.
pos - si - ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y.
lone suf - fic - es me; I trust its truth un - fail - ing.
day may run our race, In ho - li - ness in - creas - ing.

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

599 O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near



1 O gra - cious Lord, with love draw near To these, Your
 2 Sus - tain the work You have be - gun In these u -
 3 De - liv - er them from ev - 'ry wile, From all that
 4 Lord, keep them firm in their in - tent To You, Your



chil - dren gath - ered here; The Spir - it's gift in them re -
 nit - ed to Your Son, For in that pure bap - tis - mal
 would their hearts be - guile, From world - ly ways and Sa - tan's
 Word and Sac - ra - ment. O make them bold, their faith to



new: The gift of faith that clings to You.
 flood They have been cleansed by Je - sus' blood.
 lies, That they may not Your Word de - spise.
 share And make them strong, each cross to bear.

- 5 O Father, grant that by Your grace
 They may Your will each day embrace;
 With fruits of faith their lives now bless,
 Till they at death Your name confess.
- 6 Then robed in white before Your throne,
 Your holy saints, by You foreknown—
 Predestined, called, and justified,
 Shall, crowned in light, be glorified.

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This Baptismal life hymn serves as a prayer this day for our Confirmand.
 (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Titus 3:5-8; Romans 6:4)

687 Thine Forever, God of Love



- 1 Thine for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a - bove;
- 2 Thine for - ev - er! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!
- 3 Thine for - ev - er, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earth - ly strife.
- 4 Thine for - ev - er! Shep-herd, keep These Thy frail and trem-bling sheep;
- 5 Thine for - ev - er! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee sup - plied,

Each verse begins with "Thine forever" and serves as a prayer to our heavenly Father. (Malachi 3:17; John 10:27-30; John 6:39)



Thine for - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!
Sav - ior, guard - ian, heav'n-ly friend, O de - fend us to the end!
Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.
Safe a - lone be - neath Thy care, Let us all Thy good-ness share.
All our sins by Thee for-giv'n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

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Post-Communion Canticle Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Post-Communion Canticle is a hymn of thanks.

Post-Communion Collect

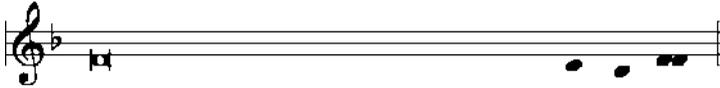
P Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



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



C A - men.

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

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

Recessional 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.
Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy-ful and free.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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God sends us out with His many gifts which are far more than even this hymn can recount.

(Titus 3:4-7; John 20:19-29; John 14:26-27; Numbers 6:22-27)

Presentation of Gift

Postlude

*Everyone is invited to join us for a reception for our
Confirmand following the worship service.*

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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 **Sunday School & Bible Classes** 

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Participating in Today's Service

Preacher: Rev. Roy C. Olsen, III

Crucifer & Lector: Seminarian Noah Dunsmore

Acolyte: Trapper Durlacher

Elder: Mr. Stan Veit

Organist: Mr. Timothy LaCroix

Choir: Emmaus Adult Choir



MISSION OF EMMAUS LUTHERAN:

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

UNITY ✝ FAMILY ✝ FAITHFUL ✝ EDUCATION ✝ CONFSSIONAL

This Week at Emmaus

Sunday, May 5

6th Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Divine Service - Holy
Communion & Youth Confirmation

*Everyone is welcome to join us for a reception for
our Confirmand following the worship service.*

Monday, May 6

8:20 a.m. School Chapel
6:30 p.m. Board of Elders

Wednesday, May 8

9:00 a.m. Women's Guild Meeting
7:00 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

Thursday, May 9 Ascension Day

7:00 p.m. Ascension Day Service

Saturday, May 11

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Parking Lot Sale

Sunday, May 12

7th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

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

Acolyte: John Stockinger
Elder: James Heeren

10:20 a.m. Sunday School DoVotion
& Adult Bible Class



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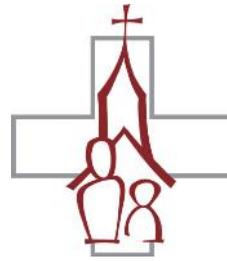
Darlene Heeren, *Church Secretary*
Timothy LaCroix, *Music Director*

Karen Detwiler, *Family Care Coordinator*

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EMMAUS MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP FOCUS



MAY: STEWARDSHIP OF LIFE: VOCATION OF FEMALE: WOMAN/WIFE/MOTHER – PART I

Stewardship Goal:

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

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Gen 1:27 ESV)

Family Stewardship Discussion

Read the Bible verse above aloud first.

1. Mark Twain once said, “What would men be without women? Scarce, sir...mighty scarce.” Twain is often known for his short, witty and wise phrases that get right to the point. Often the month of May is regarded as giving thanks and joy for mothers, but instead of just mothers, let us give thanks and praise for women, wives, and mothers. In June we will look at the opposite sex. As there are only two sexes created by God, the binary gift of life is special and unique, each with gifts that God has given to serve in the home, church and civil realm.
2. This might seem like a strange place to start, but let us begin, especially men, with asking for forgiveness for not giving women the honor, the respect and support that Christ calls us to do. We have sinned in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Can we truly say that we have loved our female neighbor, our wife, our mother, a co-worker, etc. as Christ calls us to do? Where we have opportunity, may we seek forgiveness from our neighbor and seek to be more respectful, supportive and honor our mothers, wives and all the women in our lives.

Weekly Word & Prayer
We encourage you to take this insert home with you and use it as part of your family or
MAY 5, 2024

“LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR”

Easter VI – Surprise pregnancy does involve difficulties too great for our abilities. Terminal diagnosis indeed comes with insurmountable obstacles. Taking life-and-death matters into one’s own hands only compounds the problems. Instead, trust the Son of God to overcome and deliver out of every threat (1 John 5:4). Cry out to Jesus in repentance and prayer, for the Father above will not fail to supply immediate and eternal salvation (John 15:16).

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

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

Matthew **Sue Behny**, recovering from pneumonia

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

John **Beverly Lee**, scheduled trecovering at home

Moses **Pamela Richter**, experiencing health issues

Moses **Doris Snyder**, returned home

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

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

Luke Suzanne Ashton; Ellen Durnell, George & Carolyn Eldridge, Gail Everett, Jim & Darlene Heeren, Faith Korte, Joyce Nielsen, Megan Rosswurm, and the Stockinger Family.

FCG Youth Confirmand

Deborah **Nikolas Spanos**

Birthdays

Deborah **Carol Rose**, celebrated her 95th birthday on Monday, April 29th

Elijah **Margie Toussaint**, who will celebrate her 90th birthday tomorrow, May 6th

Pray for

For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one’s calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.

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.

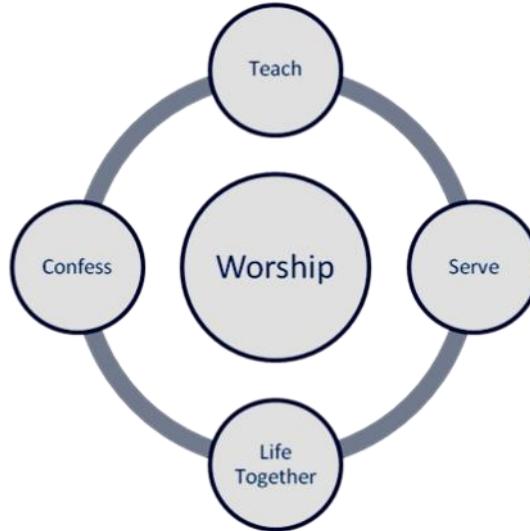
Please Note: As prayer requests come in we will keep them on the prayer list for one month, unless specifically requested otherwise.



EMMAUS NEWS & NOTES

For the week of May 5, 2024

DONE IN LOVE



SERVING THE LORD

THANKS! - Thank you to all those involved with changing the decorations around our building. It's wonderful to see the different displays for the changing times of the church year and the seasons. It's always beautiful!

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

Our Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes will not meet today so that everyone can attend the Confirmation Reception.
Classes will resume next Sunday, May 12th.

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.

LIFE TOGETHER

Worship Attendance

Sunday, April 21

Worship: **126** Bible Class: **54**

Sunday, April 28

Worship: **102** SS & BC did not meet.

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.

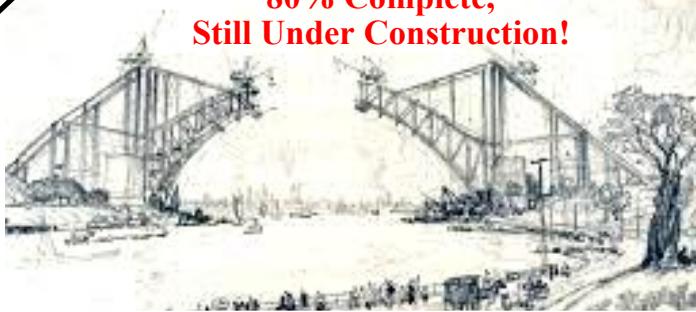
CHAPERONES NEEDED - Want to spend time deepening your faith and connecting with our congregational youth? Consider attending Higher Things, 2024! We are looking for interested chaperones for the June 25-28 conference in Mequon, WI. You can find out more by texting or calling Laura Bruns at: 219.670.6454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



WHERE ARE THEY GOING? - The Vicarage & Deaconess Assignment Service was held at Concordia Seminary—fort Wayne on

**Bridging
the Gap Under
Construction**
Watch for reformatted
Financial Info
coming soon!

**Bridging the \$50,000 Match Gap
80% Complete,
Still Under Construction!**



EMMAUS FY 2023-2024 OFFERINGS & TITHES NEEDED	
<i>Please note that the information below shows the budgeted amount for offering income only and <u>does not</u> reflect our overall budget status,</i>	
Offerings Needed Weekly Beginning July 1, 2023	\$6,894.00
Offerings Rec'd Last Sunday	\$3,376.26
Electronic Offerings Rec'd Last Week	\$1,273.80
Budgeted Overage (Shortfall)	(2,243.94)
Budgeted Offerings Needed YTD	
	\$303,336.00
Envelope Offerings Received YTD (includes Electronic Offerings) **	\$320,671.60
Budgeted Overage (Shortfall) YTD	\$17,335.60
LONG-TERM COMMITMENTS/OBLIGATIONS & INITIATIVES	
Mortgage Balance	\$1,007,998.09
Concordia Lutheran High School Congregation Assessment Balance	\$41,279.16
Sanctuary Fund/Foundation	\$304,082.95

Tuesday, April 23rd. Field Worker Noah Dunsmore will be going to Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH for his vicarage. Our Deaconess Field Worker Haley Randolph will be going to Concordia Lutheran Ministries, in Cabot, PA for her Internship. Please keep them in your

prayers as they finish their academic year and make preparations to move to continue their training.

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!

Box Top\$ for Education

Join me in earning cash for our school by using the Box Tops app. It’s an easy way to make a difference. All you have to do is buy Box Tops participating products (like Cheerios!) and scan your grocery receipt. Box Tops are worth \$.10 each and they add up fast! Twice a year, our school receives a check to help pay for whatever we need - equipment, supplies or experiences the kids love! Use this referral code AHOE8SA7 when you sign up and you’ll get 40 Bonus Box Tops when you scan your first receipt now through



04/30/2024, while supplies last! Download the Box Tops for Education app here: https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral_code=AHOE8SA7

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: *"Parents of Prodigals"* - Ever since the first "prodigals" - in that first garden - where perfect love was broken to the first time by "Rebellious Children" God teaches us forgiveness and reconciliation to apply in any parent-child relationship.



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 April/May 2024 issue of The Royal Messenger is available to pick up in the front hall for those who requested a printed copy. **Deadline for the June/July issue is Friday, May 24th.** Please send any info on upcoming events to the church office by e-mail to: dheeren@emmausfortwayne.org. Thanks!

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: **When You Feel Overwhelmed** - All of us have been overwhelmed by life’s circumstances beyond our control. St. John reminds us that we have “the victory that has overcome the world – our faith.” Celebrate that victory with us on Worship Anew. Sermon Text: 1 John 5:1-8. Speaker: Rev. Paul Shoemaker.

CAMP LUTHERHAVEN - Archery, hikes, boating, crafts, games, swimming, and man more activities are all a part of the summer experience at Camp. Come for one of our weekend camps, register for a week of youth or high school camp, or help Lutherhaven celebrate it’s

75th anniversary! For 75 years, Lutherhaven has been providing the setting and resources for people to grow in their relationship with others and—more importantly—in their relationship with God. Come see what camp is all about! Register online today at www.lutherhaven.org, or call 260-636-7101 for more information.

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 STILL 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 260-373-0213, 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
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.