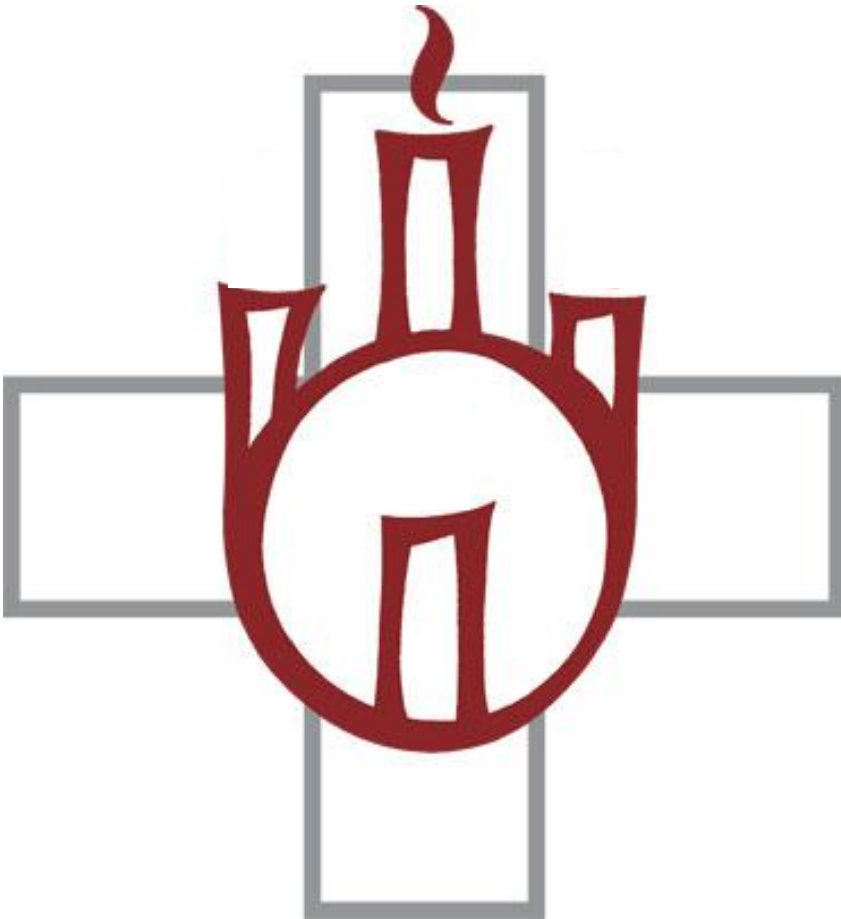


WELCOME TO EMMAUS LUTHERAN!



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sunday, December 3, 2023

GOD'S DIVINE SERVICE TO US:



The Lord Jesus Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us

Although we pray that God “*would rend the heavens and come down*” (Is. 64:1), that He would take vengeance against our enemies, we ourselves “*have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment*” (Is. 64:6). We have continued in our sins for “*a long time, and shall we be saved?*” (Is. 64:5). Yet, the Lord does not punish us in anger. He comes in voluntary meekness and humility to save us by His grace. Just as He once came into Jerusalem to sacrifice Himself for us upon the cross (Mark 11:4–8), He still comes to His Church with the fruits of His Passion. By His ministry of the Gospel, we are “*enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge,*” and so He will “*sustain you to the end*” (1 Cor. 1:5, 8). Although “*heaven and earth will pass away,*” His words “*will not pass away*” (Mark 13:31). As He sends disciples to call us to Himself in the fellowship of His Church, so will He “*send out the angels*” to gather us and all of His elect “*from the ends of the earth*” to Himself in heaven forever (Mark 13:27).



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.

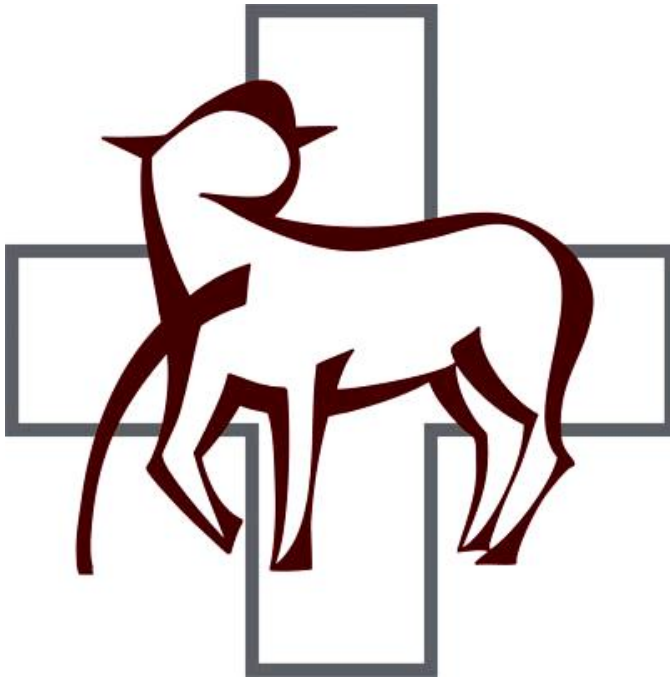
DON'T UNDERSTAND THE WORSHIP SERVICE? If it is your first time, some things may seem foreign. Worship does not come naturally we have to learn it. It does not come on the first try; the first hour in a foreign country the language and customs may be foreign. The liturgy is the special activity of the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

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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.

Prelude

Welcome

Teaching Moment with Pastor

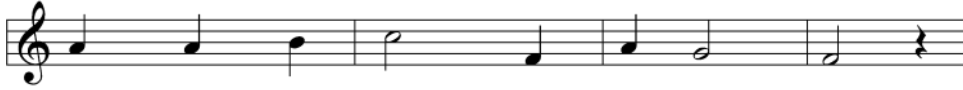
Children are invited to come forward to sit and listen to a teaching from Pastor Olsen before the service begins. Parents are encouraged to discuss the topic with their children at home.

Opening Hymn

355 O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide



1 O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide;
 2 O Fa - ther, light from heav - en send;
 3 O earth, in flow'r - ing bud be seen;
 4 O Fount of hope, how long, how long?



Come down, come down with might - y stride;
 As morn - ing dew, O Son, de - scend.
 Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.
 When will You come with com - fort strong?



Un - lock the gates, the doors break down;
 Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring;
 Bring forth, O earth, a blos - som rare,
 O come, O come, Your throne fore - go;



Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.
 To Ja - cob's line rain down the King.
 Our Sav - ior, sprung from mead - ow fair.
 Con - sole us in our vale of woe.

5 O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,
 When will our hearts behold Your dawn?
 O Sun, arise; without Your light
 We grope in gloom and dark of night.

6 Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;
 Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
 O come, lead us with mighty hand
 From exile to our promised land.

7 There shall we all our praises bring
 And sing to You, our Savior King;
 There shall we laud You and adore
 Forever and forevermore.

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Verses one through five begin with "O" and address. But verses six and seven are different, even so much that verse seven continues the thought from verse six, not as two separate verses but one unit.

(Isaiah 64:1; 45:8; 40:1-2; Luke 1:76-79)

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Invocation

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

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

C Amen.

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

[Hebrews 10:22]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

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

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

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

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

C Amen.

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

P = Pastor

L = Liturgist/Lector

C = Congregation

V = Vocalist

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

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

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit & Lighting of the Advent Candle

V Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



V To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C 3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn
When Christ, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of death
Despite the rage of foes.

V Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

C 5 The King shall come when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
Come quickly, King of kings!

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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 25.

During Advent, the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is omitted.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



¶ The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



■ And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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

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

Old Testament: Isaiah 64:1-9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

[L] This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Summary:
Israel's confession is not that much different from our own, as we also have wandered from the ways of the Lord.

Gradual

Vocalist

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

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

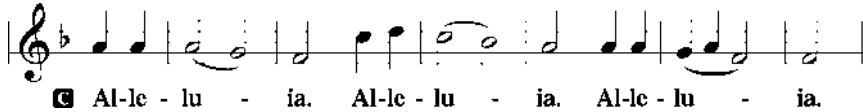
L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Summary:

Truly God not only sustains us, but he is faithful. You know you can always rely on Him.

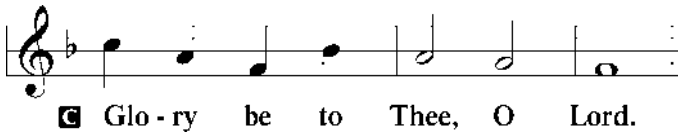
Alleluia



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

Holy Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 11th chapter.



²⁴[Jesus said:] "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you

Summary:

This is the Advent, the second coming of Christ. He shall return, we know not when, but we should watch for His coming.

see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.³⁰ Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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

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

And 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.

Hymn of the Day

332 Savior of the Nations, Come

All: vv. 1, 4, 5, 8 Men & Boys: vv. 2, 6 Women & Girls: vv. 3, 7



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
God was there up - on His throne.
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

5 God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.

Ambrose of Milan composed this hymn in the late 300's during a period when the church forgot how to sing. When we consider the "Savior of the nations," who reigns eternally, we certainly have a lot to sing about.

(John 1:1, 14; Luke 2:30-32)

7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

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Sermon

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

C Amen.

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

Offertory

Psalms 51:10-12



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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

Offering

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

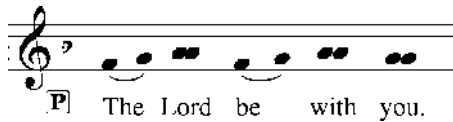
The Offering symbolizes the "spiritual worship" of Christian lives offered in response to God and unites the faithful in an act of fellowship.

Prayer of the Church

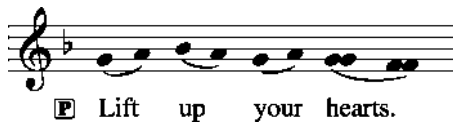
The Prayer of the Church include prayers that what has been heard may be taken to heart and that God would take care of our needs.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface



2 Timothy 4:22



[Colossians 3:1]



Psalms 136



P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. 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 Proper Preface is a special prayer said before the Lord's Supper that emphasizes the key themes of the feast, occasion, or season of the Church Year.

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



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

The Sanctus is Latin for "holy."

Lord's Prayer

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

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

The Words of Our Lord

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

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

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

Pax Domini

John 20:19



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

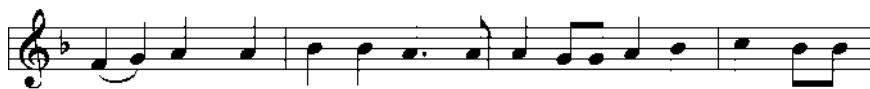


С А - мен.

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

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



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



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



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



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

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

350 Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come



1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and
3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -
4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,
ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,
sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty
Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es
Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I
Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er



let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.
will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!
will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.
we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

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Ambrose of Milan composed this hymn in the late 300's during a period when the church forgot how to sing. When we consider the "Savior of the nations," who reigns eternally, we certainly have a lot to sing about.

(John 1:1, 14; Luke 2:30-32)

334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You



1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?
 2 Your Zi - on strewn be - fore You Green boughs and fair - est palms;
 3 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me free.
 4 Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me.



Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!
 And I too will a - dore You With joy - ous songs and psalms.
 I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or me.
 Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast
 My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais - es new
 A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high
 Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.
 And from Your name shall nev - er With - hold the hon - or due.
 That will not fail or leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.
 In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.

- 5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
 Cannot His love erase;
 Your guilt the Lord will pardon
 And cover by His grace.
 He comes, for you procuring
 The peace of sin forgiv'n,
 His children thus securing
 Eternal life in heav'n.
- 6 He comes to judge the nations,
 A terror to His foes,
 A light of consolations
 And blessèd hope to those
 Who love the Lord's appearing.
 O glorious Sun, now come,
 Send forth Your beams so cheering,
 And guide us safely home.

Hymn writer Paul Gerhardt wrote devotional songs of love and commitment. He seemed truly to strive "to do in spirit lowly all that may please" the Lord. (Matthew 21:1-9)

335 O Bride of Christ, Rejoice



1 O bride of Christ, re - joice; Ex - ul - tant raise thy voice
 2 Let shouts of glad-ness rise Tri - um - phant to the skies.
 3 A hum - ble beast He rides, Yet as a King pre - sides;
 4 The weak and tim - id find How meek He is and kind;
 5 Then go thy Lord to meet; Strew palm leaves at His feet;



To hail the day of glo - ry Fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Now comes the King most glo - rious To reign o'er all vic - to - rious.
 Though not ar - rayed in splen - dor, He makes the grave sur - ren - der.
 To them He gives a trea - sure Of bliss be - yond all mea - sure.
 Thy gar - ments spread be - fore Him And hon - or and a - dore Him.

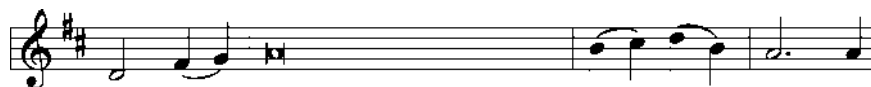


Ho-san-na, praise, and glo - ry! Our King, we bow be - fore Thee.

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Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32



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



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

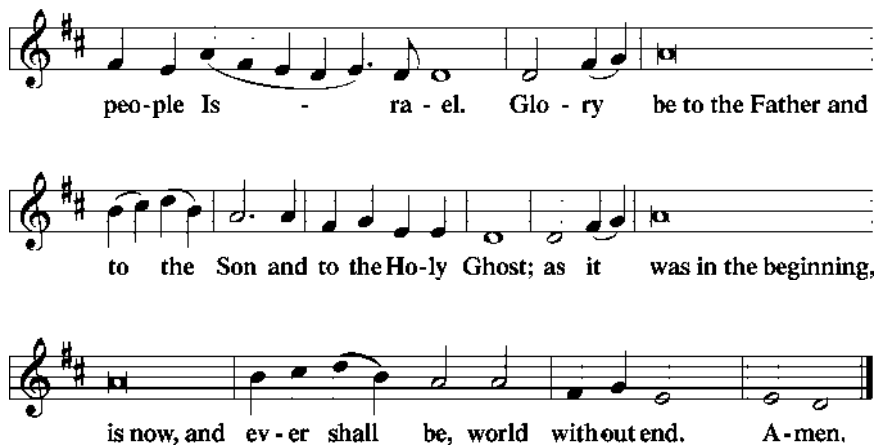


a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

*Echoes of
Zechariah 9:9 flow
from this hymn.
Take your bulletin
home and look it up
to see.*

*(Matthew 21:1-16;
Zechariah 9:9)*

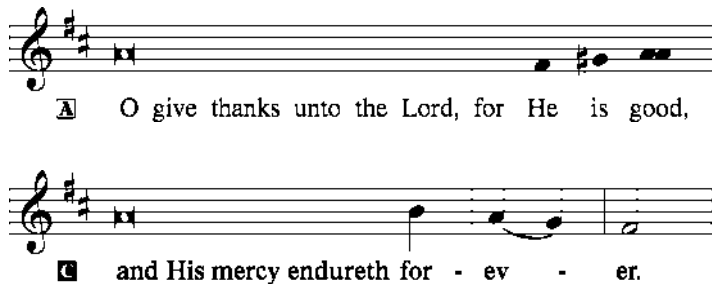
*The Post-
Communion
Canticle is a hymn
of thanks.*



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

Thanksgiving

Psalms 107:1



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

P Let us pray.

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

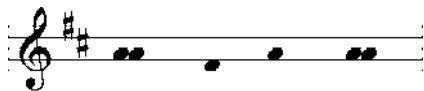
C Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus



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

2 Timothy 4:22



A Bless we the Lord.

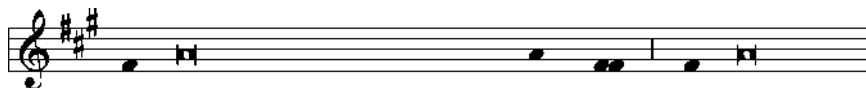
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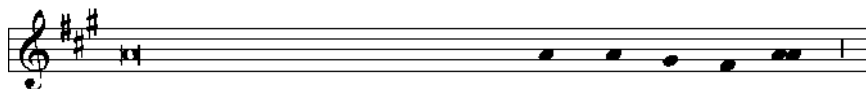
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

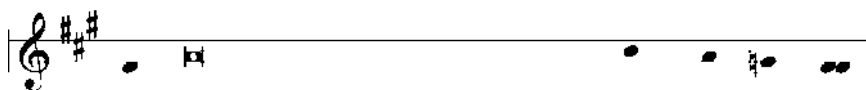
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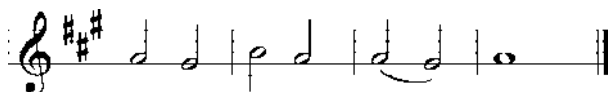
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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



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



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

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

Closing Hymn

333 Once He Came in Blessing



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -
2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He
3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y
4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,
pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor
lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will
And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful
That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.
shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.
fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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*Christ came to
remove our sin and
He is coming back
to release us from
all sin forever!*

*(Luke 4:17-19; Galatians
4:4; Revelation 22:20)*

Announcements

Dismissal

P Go in peace to serve the Lord!

G Thanks be to God!

Postlude



MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICE

WEDNESDAY

7:00 P.M.

PEACE CAME TO EARTH

Seeking peace by our own efforts is an endless pursuit, but God instructs us with a peace that surpasses understanding. He gives us peace in five separate ways that meet our needs, perhaps before we even know them. This peace comes through the birth of Jesus. Using a five-point Christmas star as a metaphor, see the five ways Jesus brings us peace from God as the Prince of Peace.

Wednesday, December 6

Look Up! The Star of Peace Draws Near

While we often seek peace through more possessions, God's great gift has already come. God stops us as a wise Father and says, "Look up and see a lasting star and treasure, the gift of My Son."

Acknowledgments

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High School Students/Adults are invited and encouraged to gather in the gym for Bible Study with Pastor Olsen. Join us for our Advent study this morning as we dig deeper in to the Old Testament Readings from Isaiah;. Today we will be focusing on Isaiah 64:1-9. The readings for the next couple of classes are: Dec 10 - Isaiah 40:1-16; Dec 17 - Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, if you would like to read them ahead of time to prepare for the class:



Participating in Today's Service

Preacher: Rev. Roy C. Olsen, III

Lector: Seminarian Noah Dunsmore

Acolyte: Hunter Durlacher

Communion Assistant: Rev. Dr. James Bushur

Elder: Mr. Jesse Steinbacher

Organist: Mr. Timothy LaCroix

Vocalist: Jesse Steinbacher

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, December 3

1st Sunday in Advent

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

*Light refreshments will be served after the
worship service. Please join us!*

10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult
Bible Classes
Sunday School Nursery:
Rachel Dunsmore, Stacey Durlacher

Monday, December 4

9:20 a.m. Chapel Service

Tuesday, December 5

6:30 p.m. Gr. 3-5 Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 6

7:00 p.m. Advent Worship Service

Thursday, December 7

6:00 p.m. Handbells
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Friday, December 8

3:30 p.m. Set up for Cookie Fair

Saturday, December 9

9:00 a.m. Women's Guild Cookie
Fair until Noon
4:00 p.m. Preschool Christmas
Program

Sunday, December 10

2nd Sunday in Advent

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
Acolyte: Niko Spanos
Elder: Stan Veit

10:30 a.m. DoVotions & Adult Bible
Class
Sunday School Nursery:
Maddie Bultemeier, Marian Hamilton



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Check out our YouTube Channel:
Emmaus Lutheran Fort Wayne



The Ministry of Emmaus is eager to serve you!

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revolsen@emmausfortwayne.org

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

Karen Detwiler, *Family Care Coordinator*

A member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. 

Bible Readings for Next Sunday:

Psalm 85; Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8.



Weekly Word & Prayer

We encourage you to take this insert home with you and use it as part of your family or individual devotions.

**LUTHER'S
SMALL
Catechism**

Catechism Review

The Lord's Prayer

The Third Petition

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean?

The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done?

God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when he strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.



A Reading from the Book of Concord, Solid Declaration, page 512.

God's humble children will always wrestle with their corrupt sinful nature and call upon Christ for forgiveness.

Christians should regard and recognize the actual transgression of God's commandments as sin; but sin is also that horrible, dreadful hereditary sickness by which the entire human nature is corrupted. This should above all things be regarded and recognized as sin indeed. Yes, it is the chief sin, which is a root and fountainhead of all actual sins. Dr. Luther called it "nature sin" or "person sin." He says this to show that, even if a person would not think, speak, or do anything evil (which, however, is impossible in this life, since the fall of our first parents), his nature and person are nevertheless sinful. Before God they are thoroughly and utterly infected and corrupted by original sin, as by a spiritual leprosy. Because of this corruption and because of the fall of the first man, the human nature or person is accused or condemned by God's Law. So we are by nature the children of wrath, death, and damnation, unless we are delivered from them by Christ's merit.

Article XIX of the Augsburg Confession teaches: God is not a creator, author, or cause of sin. By the instigation of the devil through one man, sin (which is the devil's work) has entered the world. Even today, in this corruption, God does not create and make sin in us. Original sin is multiplied from sinful seed, through fleshly conception and birth from father and mother. (paragraphs 5-7)

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“LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR”

Advent I – Surprise pregnancy intimidates, and terminal diagnosis terrifies because they darken the future. But Jesus the Savior looks through walls and sees around corners (Mark 11:2-3). He has promised abundant and everlasting life as the one who both secures the ends and supplies the means. God is faithful and will sustain (1 Corinthians 1:9); can we confirm it with our testimony (1 Corinthians 1:6)?

Life Thoughts in the Church Year are designed to help pastors and congregations see the church year through the lens of the sanctity of human life. *Life Thoughts* are based on the appointed readings from *Lutheran Service Book*. www.lutheransforlife.org.

Remember in Prayer this Week

FCG Hospitalized/Sick/Recuperating

Luke St. Jude Children's Hospital, Memphis TN: **Layla Stockinger**

Ruth Lutheran Hospital: **William G. Schmidt**

Mark LLV at Inverness: **Wini Fritz**

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

Ruth **Beverly Baals**, experiencing health related issues

Matthew **Sue Behny**, as she continues to recover

Elijah **Kirsten Bohnke**, on bedrest, mom and baby doing fine

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

Moses **Eric Hoffman**, recovering from surgery

Mark **Bonnie Robbins**, continuing to experience health issues

Joseph **Karen Sollberger**, continuing to experience health problems

Ruth **Kathy Veit**, recovering from a cornea transplant

Garret Griffey, nephew of Ron & Sandy Crismore, who was seriously injured in an accident on September 6th

David Knoll, cousin of Karen Detwiler, undergoing cancer treatment

Eliana Miller, friend of Karen Detwiler, fighting cancer

David Munson, friend of Lisa Kanning, who is recovering at home.

Lisa Reece, friend of the Rosenkoetters, cancer has progressed, prognosis not long-term

Matthew Sue Behny, Rev. Dr. Robert & Angela Bennett, Rev. Jon & Kris Bruss, Ron & Sandy
FCG Crismore, Dahnke Family, Rachel Farmer, Kaylee Hartman, Kennedy Family, Judi
Mabee.

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.

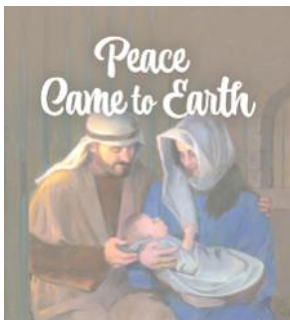
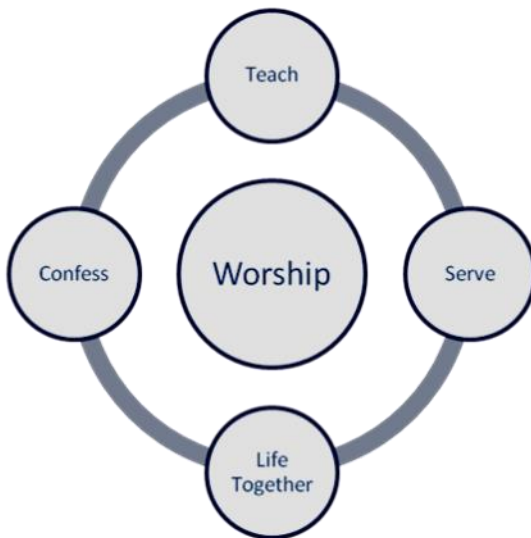
Serving in the Armed Forces: **James Rockrohr**, brother of Theodore Rockrohr, serving in the U.S. Marines; **Paul Rockrohr**, brother of Theodore Rockrohr, serving as Chaplain in the U.S. Navy; and **Travis McGehee**, who has returned from training.



EMMAUS NEWS & NOTES

For the week of December 3, 2023

DONE IN LOVE



Mid-Week Advent Worship

Wednesday, December 6 7:00 p.m.

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SERVING THE LORD

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

NURTURING THE FAITH

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

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DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS

Higher Things Reflections - The 1st Week in Advent—Ephiphany (12/3/2023-1/6/2024) 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.

Portals of Prayer - We do still have some booklets for October-December 2023. Please feel free to pick one up from the table in the front hall.

LIFE TOGETHER

Worship Attendance

Sunday, November 26

Worship: **80** Adult Bible Class: **41**

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped with the Christmas decoration and allowed me to be able to do what I so love. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! You are so amazing and so appreciated!

Marti

EMMAUS FY 2023-2024 OFFERINGS & TITHES NEEDED	
Offerings Needed Weekly Beginning July 1, 2023	\$6,894.00
Offerings Rec'd Since Last Sunday	\$3,875.00
Electronic Offerings Rec'd Last Week	\$1,338.70
Budgeted Overage (Shortfall)	(\$1,680.30)
Budgeted Offerings Needed YTD	\$151,668.00
Envelope Offerings Received YTD (includes Electronic Offerings) **	\$141,770.09
Budgeted Overage (Shortfall) YTD	(\$9,897.91)
LONG-TERM COMMITMENTS/OBLIGATIONS & INITIATIVES	
Mortgage Balance	\$1,032,872.16
Concordia Lutheran High School Congregation Assessment Balance	\$36,633.34
Bell Tower Funds Raised (target \$107,650.00)	\$107,650.00
Sanctuary Fund/Foundation	\$304,082.95

preschool news



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.

ACCEPTING DONATIONS: The Christmas Shop for the Preschool-8th Grade students will be December 5th-8th. The PTL is accepting donations of new and unused items that could be sold at the Christmas Store. In addition, if you have any wrapping supplies that you would be willing to donate, those are needed as well. The Christmas Store not only helps the children with shopping for their family, but it also helps to support events for the students of Emmaus. Donations can be left in or outside of the school office.

VIDEO MESSAGES FOR LAYLA & PAUL - One of the suggestions that was made at the meeting for ways to help the Stockinger

family was to make and send video messages to Layla and Paul while they are away. We are still scheduling times, so be sure to sign-up at the table in the front hall.. You can share a favorite Bible verse, say a prayer, tell a joke, sing a song, etc. We will also have spots available if you would like to read a chapter in Luke to sent each day in December. See Margie Crabtree or Amanda Heeren, if you have any questions.



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

The Giving Tree

It's that time of year again . . . A time when we are able to bless others during the Christmas season! We plan to share our congregational love with two families this year.

**The
Emmaus
Christmas
GIVING TREE
needs you and me!**

We have two families we will be blessing this year!

Family #1 has had several hardships this year, including a house fire. They are a family of 8 (3 adults, 5 children). Look for tags on the Giving Tree!

Family #2 is a young couple. The husband recently found out that he has kidney cancer and will need to undergo treatment for this. They can be helped most with restaurant gift cards, grocery gift cards, gas cards, etc. as he begins his cancer treatment journey. Of course, all prayers are appreciated! In addition to gift cards and prayers, any cards/notes/letters of encouragement for this young man would be welcome as he battles this new diagnosis.

HOW: Please take a tag from the Giving Tree in our worship area, purchase the item(s), wrap and return them with the tag attached. NOTE: for clothing items, please include a gift receipt.

WHEN: Return wrapped items to Emmaus by **Sunday, December 17th.**

IF: You would rather give a monetary gift and have others shop, please give your gift to Jessica Barkdull on Sundays or **mail** a designated check to Emmaus.

Questions? Please contact Jessica Barkdull,
260-580-9067. Thank you!

Annual Cookie Fair

Saturday, December 9, 2023
9:00a.m. - Noon



Homemade cookies (Christmas and all-time favorites, including gluten free) will be sold for \$8.00/lb.

These goodies make a wonderful gift and an easy way to do your last minute "Christmas baking!"

Free decorative Christmas tins will be available so you can easily pack and "wrap" your cookies and give them as a gift!

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**Emmaus Lutheran School's Annual
Dinner, Silent and Live Auction, Dancing**

Our annual auction is in the planning stages and we need volunteers. There are going to be a lot of different areas to help out with. Those areas include ticket sales, fundraising, decorating, prep work with the auction items, setup, assisting at the event, and take down. Whether you are able to help for a day, a few hours, or to be a supporter of the event we can't do this without you!

Interested in joining the committee?

We would love to have you join us!
signupgenius.com/go/20F044EA9AE23A1FE3-annual#/

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



WAYS TO HELP EMMAUS:

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

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

Advantage Recycling

We are accepting empty printer ink cartridges, old cell phones, and laptops. This helps keep those items out of the landfill and helps us as we will receive payment from the recycling company. Items can be placed in the box located inside the west entrance to the gym/sanctuary from the front hall. Monies from this program will be used for school supplies.

PROJECT CONNECT BOOOKLETS

Lutheran Hour Ministries 'Project Connect' booklets combine a subject matter expert's practical guidance on a variety of topics that pose real-life challenges to us, within a Christ-centered, Law and Gospel context ... What a powerful combination! You can find a variety of these booklets in the circular rack just inside the entrance to the sanctuary. This week's featured brochure: *"The Bible: What? When? Why?"* - Why do Christians care so much about the Bible? They read the Bible and talk about it and study it. They preach and teach about the stories found in it. Why is this book so important? Who is it about? What makes it so different from other books that have come down to us through the centuries?



GREETING CARDS - \$1.00 EACH - Our Women's Guild has just replenished our supply of new Dayspring cards on the carousel at the back table. Stop by before or after service and browse all the many categories and choices. Just refilled are 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 are designed by Bill Schmidt and are perfect for ANY occasion. We all love to receive cards and notes. Take the time to do it, and share your love and prayers.

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

WEEKLY SHUT-IN VISITS - If you are physically unable to attend the Sunday morning worship service, including short-term recoveries, we would be happy to drop off a bulletin, the News & Notes, as well as a

copy of the sermon. (We deliver on Mondays). Please contact the church office, 459-7722 and press “3”. *Dave & Joan Kendall.*

MEMBER CALLER - We have set up our account for the new service to call all our members. Please add the phone number of **855.248.7295** to your caller id or your phone address book and entitle that contact as the Church Call so that it will be identified properly on your caller id. If your phone number has changed or you need to add an additional number for your household, please see Darlene so that she can update the call list.

GENERAL

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

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

OTHER

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

WORSHIP ANEW is broadcast weekly on Sundays at 7:00 a.m. on NBC’s Channel 21.2, 8:00a.m. on MyTV - Frontier 9, Digital 21.3 and Comcast 2 52; 11:30 a.m. on WINM-TV 12/38 - TCT; and 4:00 p.m. Sunday and 10:00 a.m. Monday on Comcast 55 and Frontier 25 [PA]. Today’s program: ***What Are You Waiting For?*** Be it the second coming or your own mortality, Jesus will return! Are you ready? If not, what are you waiting for? Sermon text: Mark 13:27. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer.

CROSS CONNECTIONS - S.O.S. at Cross Connections: The Biblical counseling ministry at Cross Connections has a Serve our Servants fund (S.O.S) that provides free counseling for all active duty military, police,

fire, and EMT personnel and their families. If you or somebody you know would benefit from these services please speak with pastor or call Cross Connections at 260-373-0213 to learn more.

WORSHIP ANEW - Job Posting for Donor Database Specialist:

Join an amazing ministry team at Worship Anew as the Donor Database Specialist. Worship Anew is a ministry, headquartered in Fort Wayne, IN, that reaches thousands of people each week across the nation and around the world with its weekly television program. The ministry is currently growing and produces a daily devotional, Hope-Full Living, a care package ministry, and is striving to be the foremost provider of resources for aging adults. The ministry is seeking a part-time Donor Database Specialist to be responsible for all database entry, reporting, and upkeep. This position also assists with viewer requests and performs other administrative duties as needed. This candidate needs to have database skills, and be proficient in Microsoft Office, especially Word and Excel. They must possess strong customer service skills. We are seeking someone with an Associate degree or 2 years equivalent experience in related field or area. This person must have a basic understanding of the church teachings and how Worship Anew fits into it. Knowledge of Lutheran Church Missouri Synod principles and values is a plus. They must be supportive of the ministry's values and have a passion for the ministry's work with a genuine commitment to the fulfillment of the organization's mission. To apply, please contact Worship Anew at (260) 471-5683.

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.

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER AT CTSFW - Join us on December 9, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. as we gather in Kramer Chapel for a special evening prayer service on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. This special Advent candlelight service is available to all. You can join us in person or watch and participate online at ctsfw.edu/daily-chapel. The service starts at 4:00 p.m. EST and should last about one hour.

CHRISTMAS TREES & WREATHS - The Concordia Lutheran Church Men's Club will once again be selling Christmas trees and wreaths this year to help fund the church and school. The tree lot is located at the Church-School, 4245 Lake Avenue. Christmas tree sales will begin on Saturday, November 18th. The lot will be open 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturdays, and 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sundays. The proceeds from this fund raiser are used to support various projects and functions of the Concordia Church and school. A selection can be made from Scotch Pine, Douglas Fir, Fraser Fir, and Blue Spruce. Decorated wreaths are also available. Please assist us in this effort by purchasing your Christmas tree from the Concordia Men's Club. Your patronage would be greatly appreciated.

SQUARE DANCE @ MIRAGE BANQUET HALL - Come on out for an evening of fun and square dancing on Friday, December 8th at the Mirage Banquet Hall, 1640 Winchester St., Decatur, IN. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. with Square Dance Lessons for Beginners at 7:30 p.m. Square Dancing from 8-11 p.m. Music by Bill Werling & Breakaway. Admission: \$10 - Full cash bar available. Proceeds to benefit St. Peter -Immanuel Lutheran School. For more info contact Bill W. @ 260-442-4333.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Christmas at the Embassy - Celebrate the holiday season with Concordia Lutheran High School's annual Christmas at the Embassy at 4 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Historic Embassy Theatre. The 2023 event, "The Savior Reigns: Repeat the Sounding Joy!" will showcase the talents of CLHS music department students with choral, instrumental and orchestral music. Tickets are now on sale at the Embassy Box Office and Ticketmaster. Tickets are \$12 for students/seniors and \$18 for general admission. No reserved seats. Begin your Christmas celebrations with song and some holiday cheer!

Priority Application Deadline - If you are the parent of an eighth grade student or a high school student who is considering transferring to Concordia, please note that the priority application deadline for the 2024 -25 school year is **December 15**. You can find more information online at becomeacadet.com!