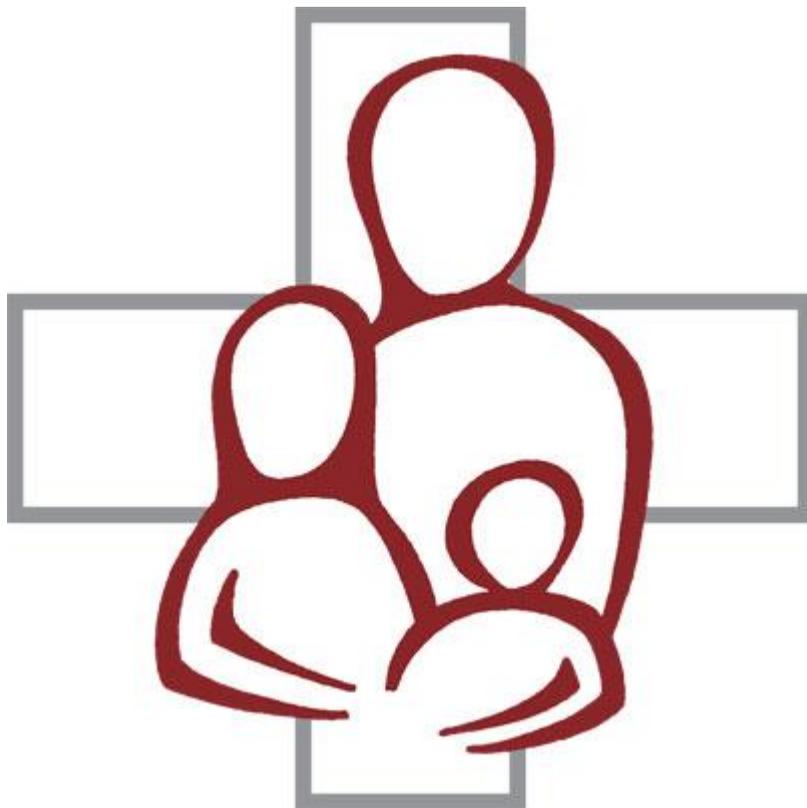


WELCOME TO EMMAUS LUTHERAN!



Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

Psalm 27:3-5 ESV

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY

Sunday, January 21, 2024



GOD'S DIVINE SERVICE TO US:

The Lord Calls Us to Himself by the Preaching of Repentance in His Name

When “*the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time,*” sending him to preach judgment against the great city of Nineveh, “*Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD*” (Jonah 3:1, 3). By this preaching, the people were brought to repentance. Because they “*believed God,*” as He spoke to them through His prophet, “*they turned from their evil way*” and were spared “*the disaster that he had said he would do to them*” (Jonah 3:5, 10). St. Paul also warns that “*the appointed time has grown very short*” (1 Cor. 7:29). Therefore, while we live in this world and deal with it, we are not to cling to it, nor put our trust in it, for “*the present form of this world is passing away*” (1 Cor. 7:31). Rather, give “*your undivided devotion to the Lord*” (1 Cor. 7:35). When our Lord Jesus Christ comes and is proclaimed in the Gospel, “*the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand*” (Mark 1:14–15). Therefore, He still calls men and sends them to become “*fishers of men*” with the net of that Gospel (Mark 1:17).

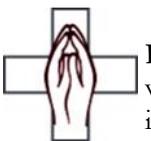


WELCOME! What a blessing to gather together to worship the One True God! The Lord will bless your worship as he brings His gifts to you through Word and Sacrament. May we all respond with prayer, praise and thanksgiving. **We invite you to prepare for worship in silence and prayer.** Remembering your 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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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

Opening Hymn

829 Christ the Eternal Lord



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,
2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,
3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,
5 Christ the as - cend - ed King Ex - alt - ed high a - bove,



Whose gifts of grace are free-ly poured On all who name Your name;
Whose time-less teach-ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip-ture's page;
And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;
Our Morn-ing Star in splen-dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;
Whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, Whom yet un - seen we love;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,
Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,
In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,
That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,
When mor - tal life is past Your voice from heav-en's throne



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.
With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.
That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour-ney ends.
Shall call Your chil - dren home at last To know as we are known.

"Christ the ..."
begins each verse of this hymn in the Mission section of the hymnal. He is the Lord, the Word, the Son, the Light, and the ascended King.
(Matthew 28:18-20; Jon 1:1-18; 14:6; 1 Peter 1:8-9)

+ 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.

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.

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

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 +

Psalm of the Day:
Psalm 139:1-4, 6, 13-17



Psalm is a Greek word which is taken from the Hebrew words meaning “praises” and “prayers.”

Choir: I praise You, O Creator, wonderful are Your works. I am by
You created, my soul knows it as well.
You knitted me together and formed my inward parts. Search
me, O God, and know my heart,
Try me and know my thoughts.
O LORD, you have searched me and | known me!*

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern
my thoughts | from afar.

**C You search out my path and my | lying down*
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Choir: Even before a word is | on my tongue,*
behold, O LORD, you know it alto- | gether.

**C Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;*
it is high; I cannot attain it.**

Choir: For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.

**C I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonder- | fully made.*
Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it | very well.**

Choir My frame was not hid- | den from you,*
when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the
depths | of the earth.

Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were
written, every | one of them,*
the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were |
none of them.

C How precious to me are your thoughts, | O God!*
How vast is the sum | of them!

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

Choir: Lord, You have searched and known me, acquainted with my
ways. You know when I sit down and when I rise up again. I
am Your precious child, keep me as Your dear own. Be Thou
my treasured Savior, my one and only Lord.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

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 In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C 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.

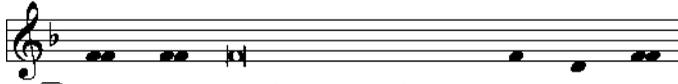
C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

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



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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

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

Old Testament Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,
²"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . .

Summary:

The mercy of God is on display for a people who repent.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Adult Choir

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

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

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Summary:
This is part of the instruction given to the unmarried and widowed.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major. The first staff contains the melody for the Alleluia and the beginning of the verse. The second staff continues the melody for the verse. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

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

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major. The melody is simple and consists of a few notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Summary:
Just as Jonah, in our Old Testament reading called the people to repent, Jesus proclaims the same, for the Kingdom of God is here.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

570 Just as I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
 2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not To rid my
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

...having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. Colossians 2:12 (John 1:29; 6:37; Revelation 3:17)

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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Sermon "DINKWAD"

Text: Psalm 27:3-5

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

Nicene Creed

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

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

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.

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.

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

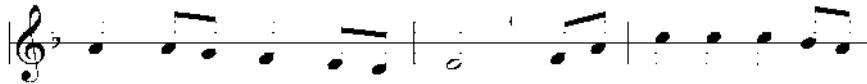
Offertory



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



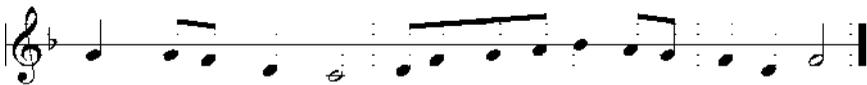
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



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

Adult Choir

O Jesus, I Have Promised (setting: Myron Casner)

O Jesus, I have promised to serve You to the end. Remain forever near me, My Master and my Friend. I shall not fear the battle if You are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if You will be my guide. Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of selfwill; now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; now speak, and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul. O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you, that where you are in glory, Your servant shall be too. And, Jesus, I have promised to serve You to the end; Oh, give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend. Amen.

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The Voluntary is an offering of musical praise.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface



2 Timothy 4:22



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.

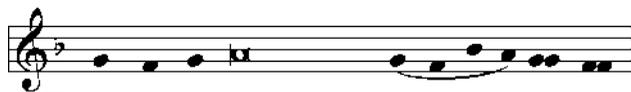


P Lift up your hearts.

[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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 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

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.”

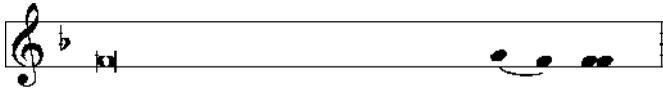
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

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

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

Pax Domini

John 20:19



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



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



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



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



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



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

620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
 me this hour— In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
 Whose own feast of love I savor,
 Bidden by His gracious call.
 Wedding garments He provides me,
 With a robe of white He hides me,
 Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation,
 Comfort in my tribulation,
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.
 God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
 Cleanses me from sin and error,
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.

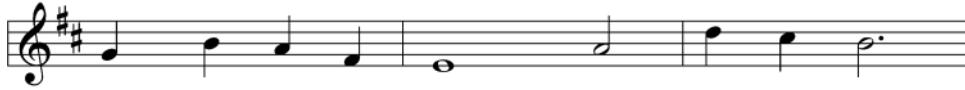
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Jesus comes to make the wounded spirit whole, specifically through His body and blood for our forgiveness. (Matthew 26:26-29; Hebrews 7:23-27; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Revelation 7:13-17)

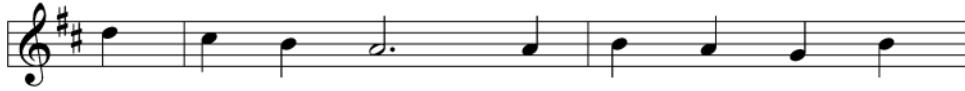
403 O Savior of Our Fallen Race



1 O Sav - ior of our fall - en race, O Bright - ness
 2 O Je - sus, ver - y Light of Light, Our con - stant
 3 Re - mem - ber, Lord of life and grace, How once, to
 4 To - day, as year by year its light Bathes all the



of the Fa - ther's face, O Son who shared
 star in sin's deep night: Now hear the prayers
 save our fall - en race, You put our hu -
 world in ra - diance bright, One pre - cious truth



the Fa - ther's might Be - fore the world knew
 Your peo - ple pray Through - out the world this
 man ves - ture on And came to us as
 out - shines the sun: Sal - va - tion comes from



day or night, Al - le - lu - ia!
 ho - ly day. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Mar - y's son. Al - le - lu - ia!
 You a - lone. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 For from the Father's throne You came,
 His banished children to reclaim;
 And earth and sea and sky revere
 The love of Him who sent You here.
 Alleluia!

6 And we are jubilant today,
 For You have washed our guilt away.
 O hear the glad new song we sing
 On this, the birthday of our King!
 Alleluia!

D 7 O Christ, Redeemer virgin-born,
 Let songs of praise Your name adorn,
 Whom with the Father we adore
 And Holy Spirit evermore.
 Alleluia!

This Epiphany hymn extols the work of Christ, "our constant star in sin's deep night."

(John 1:1-5, 14; 2 Corinthians 4:6; John 14:6)

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

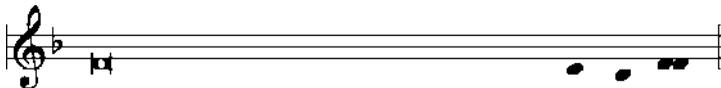
P Let us pray.

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.

Closing Hymn

553 O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, Cre -
2 How vast Your mer - cy to ac - cept The
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, The
4 O let Your might - y love pre - vail To



a - tion's might - y Lord, Re - deem - er of the
bur - den of our sin And bow Your head in
ran - som has been paid; You now as - cend the
purge us of our pride That we may stand be -



fall - en world, By ho - ly love out - poured:
cru - el death To make us clean with - in.
Fa - ther's throne In robes of light ar - rayed.
fore Your throne By mer - cy pu - ri - fied.

5 Christ Jesus, be our present joy,
Our future great reward;
Our only glory, may it be
To glory in the Lord!

△6 All praise to You, ascended Lord;
All glory ever be
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Through all eternity!

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This hymn translated from Latin in the Middle Ages, shares the work of Christ for you.

(Colossians 1:5, 20, 27; Hebrews 1:2; 1 Peter 2:24)

Announcements

Dismissal

P Go in peace to serve the Lord!

G Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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

Lector: Seminarian Brian Frank

Acolyte: John Stockinger

Elder: Mr. Jacob Bushur

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, January 21

Live Sunday

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

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:
Zoe Dahnke, Beth Stockinger

Monday, January 22

8:20 a.m. School Chapel

Wednesday, January 24

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

Thursday, January 25

6:00 p.m. Handbells

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Saturday, January 27

11:00 a.m. March for Life @ St. Francis
Performing Arts Center

Sunday, January 28

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Acolyte: Erik Olsen

Elder: James Heeren

10:20 a.m. Sunday School & Adult
Bible Classes

Sunday School Nursery:
Maddie Bultemeier, Rachel Dunsmore



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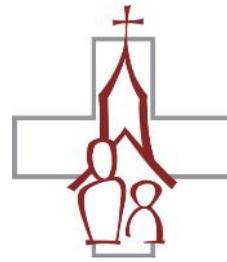
Timothy LaCroix, *Music Director*

Karen Detwiler, *Family Care Coordinator*

A member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.



EMMAUS MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP FOCUS



JANUARY: STEWARDSHIP OF LIFE

Stewardship Goal:

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

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

Family Stewardship Discussion

Read the Bible verse above aloud first.

1. Who is your neighbor? Recount any Bible Stories about Jesus or someone helping with physical needs?
2. How does God take care of your physical needs? (HINT: Think about different vocations.)
3. We are called to care for the needs of other people. What are some ways that you can care for your neighbor in their physical need beginning in our own congregation?
4. Stewardship is about taking care of that which is entrusted to us. Recognizing that all human life matters to God with special dignity and worth as the creator, what are things that God forbids either in our body or our neighbors body?
5. We have our Family Care Groups which so that we might take care of one another as the body of Christ here at Emmaus. How are you helping and supporting your “neighbor?” If not, what can you do right now to love and encourage them?

Bible Readings for Next Sunday:

Psalm 68:4-6, 19-20; 1 Samuel 16:4-13; 1 Corinthians 12:12-26; Matthew 13:31-34, 44

We encourage you to take this insert home with you and use it as part of your family or
Weekly Word & Prayer
January 21, 2024

“LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR”

Epiphany III – The size of a people (as in the case of Nineveh, Jonah 3:3-4) makes no difference to their worth. Nor does the height of an individual’s status (so says the Psalmist, Psalm 62:9) affect his or her sanctity. The life-giving grace of God measures according to His abundance rather than our scarcities of age, appearance, or ability. May we likewise direct gazes beyond abortion’s and assisted suicide’s shortsightedness (1 Corinthians 7:30-31).

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

www.lutheransforlife.org

Remember in Prayer this Week

FCG **Hospitalized/Sick/Recuperating**

- Luke Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis: **Layla Stockinger**,
Deborah Ashton Creek: **Carol Rose**, for rehab
Ruth **Marti Evans**, as she continues to experience health issues
Moses **Eric Hoffman**, recovering from surgery
Moses **Dave Kendall**, recovering at home
Ruth **William G. Schmidt**, as he continues to recover at home
Luke **John Stockinger**, recovering from bone marrow harvest
 Faith Ells, (26 years old), friend of Barbara Cox, undergoing cancer treatment
 Garret Griffey, nephew of Ron & Sandy Crismore, receiving physical therapy
 David Knoll, cousin of Karen Detwiler, undergoing cancer treatment
 Eliana Miller, friend of Karen Detwiler, doing better and taking a break from cancer treatment
 Lisa Reece, friend of the Rosenkoettters, cancer has progressed, prognosis not long-term
 Janet Shady, Ron Crismore's sister, recovering at home
- Daniel Anna Arnold, Bultemeier Family, Margie Crabtree, Tim Durnell Family, Michelle Hakey,
FCG Nancy Hans Family, Larry & Mary Lunz, Moore Family, and Kim Smith.

Pray for

- Luke **The family of Jennie Heeren**, Jim's mother, who was called to her eternal hom on Monday. Memorial services will be held at a later time.

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.

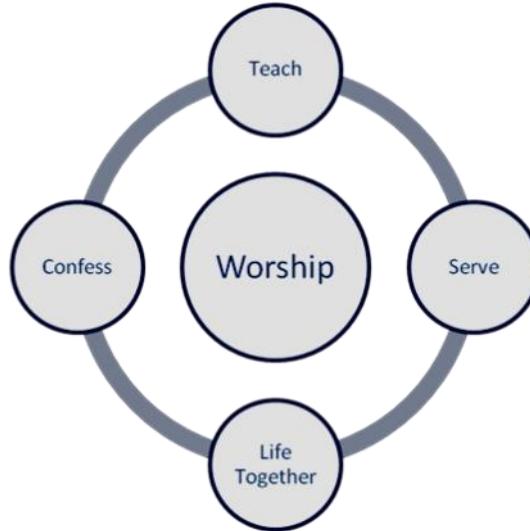
Please Note: As prayer requests come in we will keep them on the prayer list for one month, unless specifically requested otherwise.



EMMAUS NEWS & NOTES

For the week of January 21, 2024

DONE IN LOVE



SERVING THE LORD

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

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

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

Blessings,
Marti

NURTURING THE FAITH

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

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MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY - Wednesdays @ 7pm

"Main Character vs. Cruciform Life"

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

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

DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS

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

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

LIFE TOGETHER

Worship Attendance

Sunday, January 14 Worship: **83**

Adult Bible Class: **32**

EMMAUS FY 2023-2024 OFFERINGS & TITHES NEEDED	
Offerings Needed Weekly Beginning July 1, 2023	\$6,894.00
Offerings Rec'd Last Sunday	\$17,841.26
Electronic Offerings Rec'd Last Week	\$1,238.70
Budgeted Overage (Shortfall)	\$12,185.96
Budgeted Offerings Needed YTD	\$199,926.00
Envelope Offerings Received YTD (includes Electronic Offerings) **	\$205,209.85
Budgeted Overage (Shortfall) YTD	\$5,283.85
LONG-TERM COMMITMENTS/OBLIGATIONS & INITIATIVES	
Mortgage Balance	\$1,020,503.34
Concordia Lutheran High School Congregation Assessment Balance	\$38,562.50
Bell Tower Funds Raised (target \$107,650.00) **	\$50,990.00
Sanctuary Fund/Foundation	\$304,082.95
** Due to delays in the start of the cell tower, Emmaus' grant for the refurb of the bells expired at the end of 2023 and will not be renewed. While there is a plan in place to pay the final bell refurb invoice, your continued financial support of Emmaus Lutheran Church is very much needed and appreciated.	

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

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

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

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



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



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

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

Philippians 4:6

EMMAUS FACEBOOK PAGE! - Emmaus has a new Facebook page. Follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089549997428&mibextid=LQOJ4d> 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



A NIGHT AT THE RACES

Saturday, February 24

**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#/

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 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: *"What Lutherans Believe"* - This booklet will be helpful to share with someone who was raised in a church and have some serious doubts and questions, or with someone who has no church background at all. It's ideal for the friend or neighbor who wants to learn more about what Lutherans believe.

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

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

WEEKLY SHUT-IN VISITS - If you are physically unable to attend the Sunday morning worship service, including short-term recoveries, we would be happy to drop off a bulletin, the News & Notes, as well as a copy of the sermon. (We deliver on Mondays). Please contact the church office, 459-7722 and press "3". *Dave & Joan Kendall.*

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

GENERAL

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

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

OTHER

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

WORSHIP ANEW is broadcast weekly on Sundays at 7:00 a.m. on NBC's Channel 21.2, 8:00a.m. on MyTV - Frontier 9, Digital 21.3 and Comcast 2 52; 11:30 a.m. on WINM-TV 12/38 - TCT; and 4:00 p.m. Sunday and 10:00 a.m. Monday on Comcast 55 and Frontier 25 [PA]. Today's program: *Proper Perspective* - What a life we have! We experience God's blessings and joys. We also have sorrows. The Apostle Paul reminds us to keep this present life in proper perspective. What exactly is that perspective? Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 7:29-3. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III.

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

PART-TIME RECEPTIONISTS NEEDED - Cross Connections Counseling Ministries is currently hiring for Part Time Receptionists. Responsibilities will include maintaining confidentiality, answering phones, scheduling, greeting clients, supporting counselors, minor bookkeeping, general hospitality and miscellaneous clerical duties. 20-28

hours a week, weekday hours. Positive, ministry work environment. Pay varies based on experience. Knowledge of Quickbooks, accounts payable & receivable a plus. Send resume to kirkreber@crossconnectionsounseling.com or call 260-260-373-0213 ext. 105.

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

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

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

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

CLHS "Last Look" Open House, January 21, noon – 3 p.m.

Our high school is hosting our "Last Look" Open House which starts at noon on Sunday, January 21 for any family interested in sending their student to Concordia. Students from **ALL GRADES** are welcome along with their parents and families! Those who attend will have an opportunity to see the school and learn more about programs we offer. You can meet with teachers and learn more about our academic and extracurricular opportunities. You can register online at clhscadets.com/open-house. Please select a time for your guided tour. Our last guided tour will be offered at 2 p.m. If you have any questions, you can contact

Dawn Schuller, CLHS Director of Admissions and Retention, at (260) 483-1102, ext. 298 or dschuller@clhscadets.com.

CLHS Nostalgia Night – Friday, January 26, 5:30 p.m.

It is our pleasure to invite **past drama students and teachers** at Concordia Lutheran High School to be guests of honor at *Nostalgia Night 2024*. Our high school has a long and rich tradition of successful, entertaining and enriching theater productions and education in the dramatic arts. At Nostalgia Night, we honor the past and look forward to the future. Please join us!

The night will start off with a welcome reception in our Auditorium Lobby at 5:30 p.m. on **Friday, January 26** and then Nostalgia Night guests will be recognized on the court between games at our girls and boys basketball doubleheader. The girls game begins at 6:00 p.m. and the boys game will tip-off around 7:45 p.m. Tickets to the game will be provided to you at no charge.

Please RSVP by January 19 to Jenny Grisez at jgrisez@clhscadets.com or call 260.483.1102 ext. 253. Attendance is limited to 100 guests.

A Capella Choir Tour 2024

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