## WELCOME TO EMMAUS LUTHERAN!



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, February 18, 2024

### GOD'S DIVINE SERVICE TO US:

#### Christ Jesus Defeats Our Temptation and Saves Us by His Faithfulness

In faith and the fear of God, Abraham prepared to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac. At the Word of the Lord, he *"took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son."* And *"when they came to the place of which God had told him,"* Abraham bound Isaac *"and laid him on the altar"* (Gen.

22:6, 9). Then God stayed Abraham's hand and provided "for himself the lamb for a burnt offering" (Gen. 22:8). That Lamb is God's own beloved Son, Jesus, in whom "all the nations of the earth" are blessed (Gen. 22:18). As the Substitute for all the sons of men, Jesus is driven by the Spirit "into the wilderness" to be "tempted by Sa-tan" (Mark 1:12–13) in order to endure and defeat all temptation. We are tempted by our own desire, which conceives and "gives birth to sin" (James 1:14–15). But this blessed Man, Christ Jesus, remained "steadfast under trial," and He has received "the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him" (James 1:12). His faithfulness, His victory and His life are now given to us by His grace in the Gospel.



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



**WORSHIP WITH CHILDREN:** Worship is a time for the entire family to be together to hear the Word of God, for faith comes by hearing (Rom. 10:17). Therefore we encourage parents and children of all ages to sit together in the service. Understanding it is difficult for little ones to sit for long periods, *Totes for Tots* activity bags are available as you enter church *(by the information table)* for children to use during the worship service. Each bag contains books and

quiet toys. Please return the bags and their contents after the worship service. Thank you! A *Cry Room* is also available in the Preschool/Mrs. MacKenzie's room (east hall), where you can listen to the worship service.

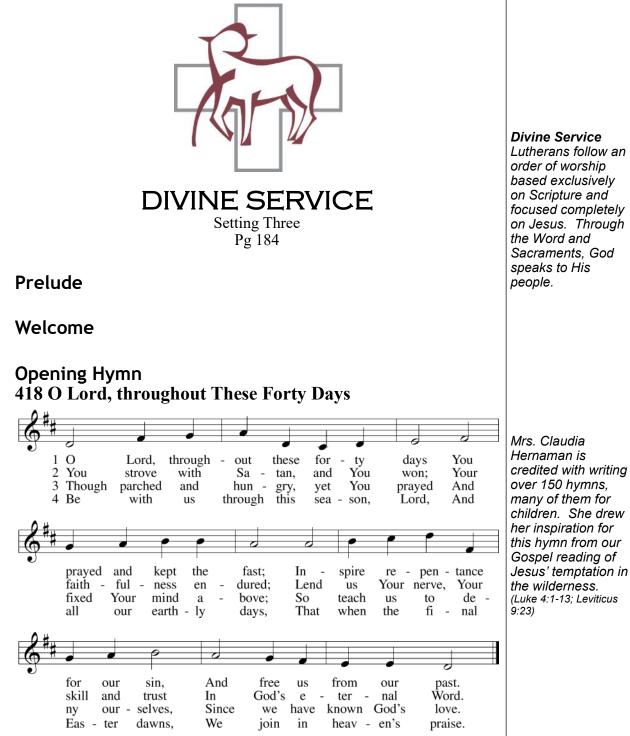
**DON'T UNDERSTAND THE WORSHIP SERVICE?** If it is your first time, some things may seem foreign. Worship does not come naturally we have to learn it. It does not come on the first try; the first hour in a foreign country the language and customs may be foreign. The liturgy is the special activity of the baptized people of God. It has its own special language like we do in our workplaces. It has its own customs like we do in our families. Every Sunday we learn more of worship and faith. The liturgy is where God reveals Himself to us and gives us Hs 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

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**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.



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### + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

### Invocation

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

- 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,	
С	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,
- ☑ 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.

spoken at the beginning of the service; serves as a reminder of Holy Baptism.
<ul> <li>P = Pastor</li> <li>L = Liturgist/Lector</li> <li>C = Congregation</li> </ul>
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

translation of the

aphiemi, *meaning* 

"to set free, cancel,

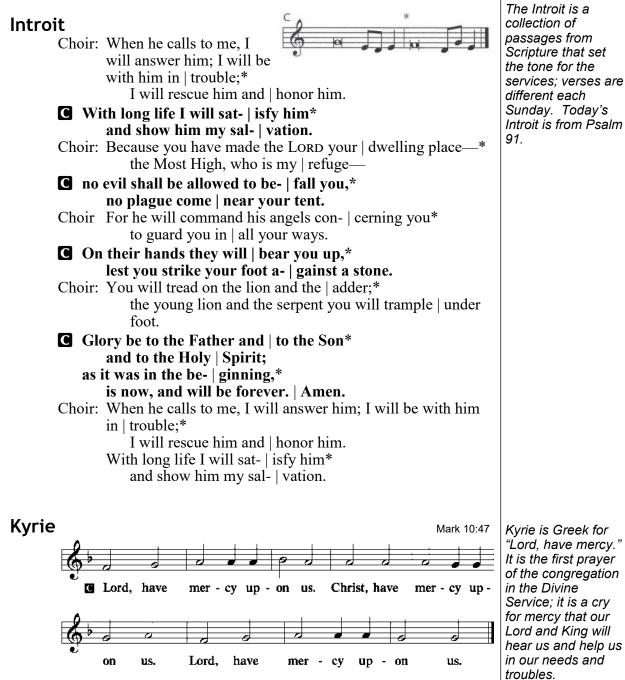
biblical word

or forgive."

used as a

Invocation is from the Latin for "call upon"; the words

### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +



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During Lent, the Gloria in Excelsis is omitted.	
Salutation and Collect of the Day	The Salutation shows the special relationship between the congregation and the pastor, God's representative. It is a greeting found often in the Bible.
<ul> <li>Let us pray.</li> <li>O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</li> <li>C Amen.</li> </ul>	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.
<b>First Reading: Genesis 22:1-18</b> <sup>1</sup> After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>2</sup> He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup> Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup> And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup> And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.	<b>Summary:</b> Abraham is tested by God.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

<sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

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

### Gradual

#### Adult Choir

O come, let us fix out eyes on Jesus the founder and perfector of our faith. Who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

### Epistle: James 1:12-18

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup>Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup>But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup>Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

<sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

#### Summary:

The Gradual is a

between the Old

Epistle readings.

Testament and

response of praise

Temptations may come, but they don't come from God; for every good and perfect gift is from our heavenly Father. **L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

The Alleluia is omitted during Lent.

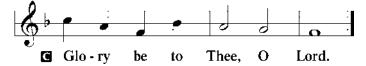
### Verse

### **Adult Choir**

Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

### Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

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



<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

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



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

### Summary:

The first Sunday in Lent is always the reading of the temptation of Jesus. Nicene Creed **C** I believe in one God. the Father Almighty. maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Marv and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

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



Martin Luther found the inspiration for this hymn in the comforting words of Psalm 46. We, too, can find comfort in these words of faith and praise, knowing that God is our mighty fortress! (Psalm 46:1, 7, 11; Revelation 19:11-16; Romans 8:31-39; Ephesians 6:10-17)

Choir 3 Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us, We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us. This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell him.	
C 4 The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it; He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit. And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife, Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won; The Kingdom ours remaineth. Text: Public domain	
<ul> <li>Sermon</li> <li>P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.</li> <li>C Amen.</li> </ul>	The Sermon: The preacher proclaims God's Law and Gospel for the hearers.
Offertory Psalm 51:10-12 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	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!

### Voluntary

#### **Adult Choir**

In whom I Trust (Mark Shepperd)

All who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, all who dwell in the shadow of our God will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Angels shall guard you in all your ways. Their hands will bear you up lest you strike your foot against a stone. All who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, all who dwell in the shadow of our God will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

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Prayer of the Church

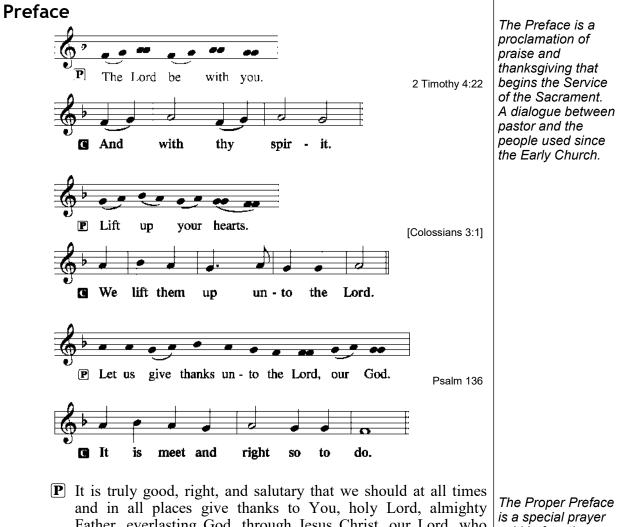


The Offering symbolizes the "spiritual worship" of Christian lives offered in response to God and unites the faithful in an act of fellowship.

The Voluntary is an offering of musical praise.

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.





and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

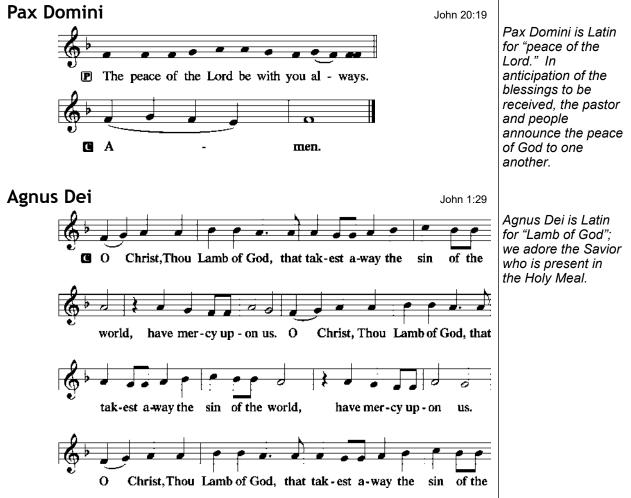
The Proper Preface is a special prayer said before the Lord's Supper that emphasizes the key themes of the feast, occasion, or season of the Church Year.



### 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."



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### Distribution

### **Our Holy Communion Practice**

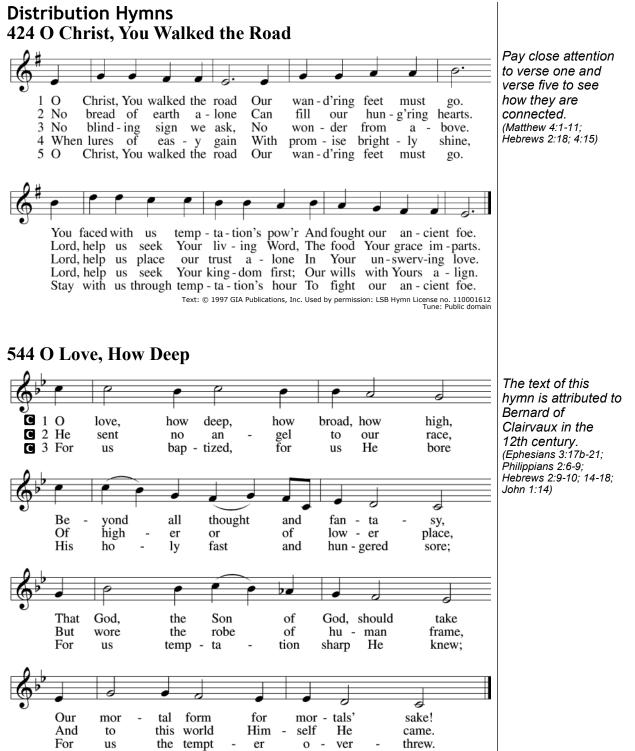
In Holy Communion we are joined in a personal way with Christ and with one another as we receive the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. Therefore, out of faithfulness toward God, and in sincere love that seeks to guard the spiritual well-being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

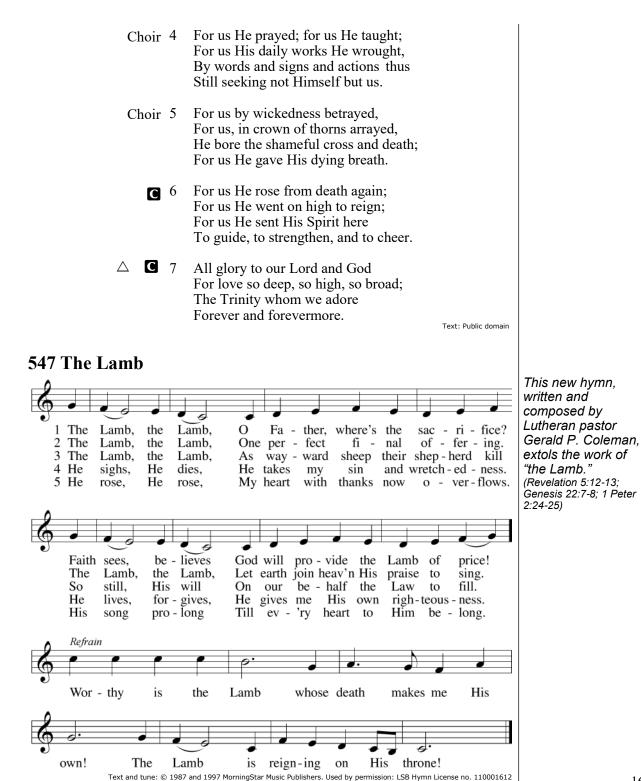
Holy Scripture clearly teaches that those communing together be unified in their confession of the faith and also that those who commune unworthily do great harm to themselves. When a person partakes of the Sacrament, he/she is also confessing his/her unreserved agreement with the doctrine and practice 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.

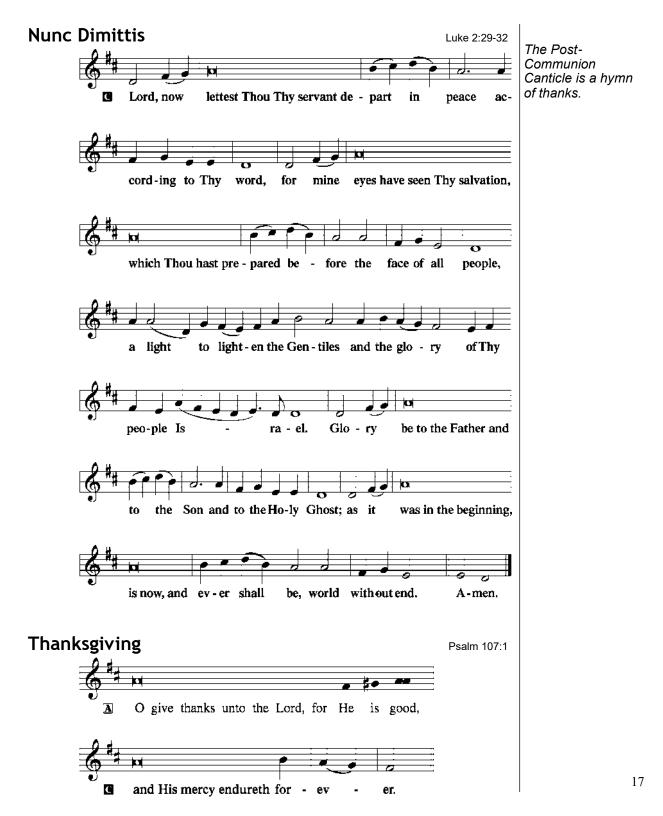
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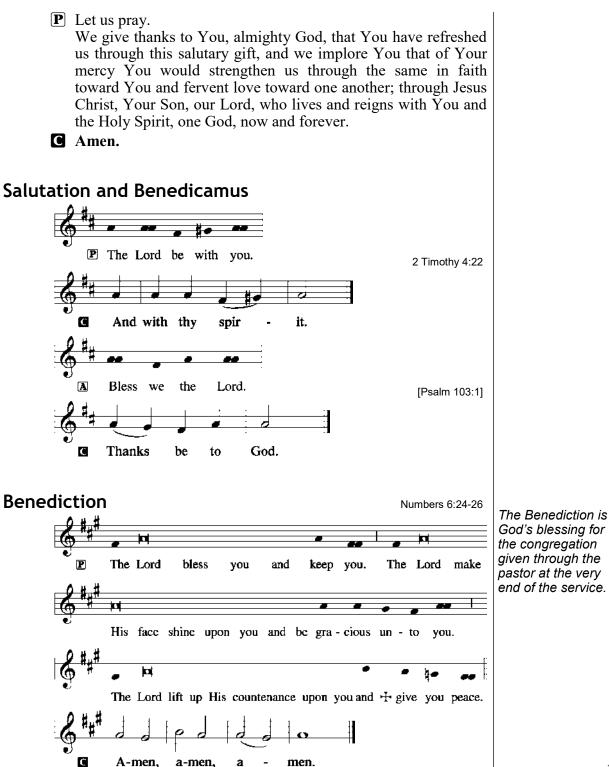


In the Distribution we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins.









Closing Hymn 718 Jesus, Lead Thou On



#### Announcements

Dismissal

- **P** Go in peace to serve the Lord!
- **C** Thanks be to God!

#### Acknowledgments

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Though the path of life be filled with many trials and temptations, Jesus promises to lead, support and protect us until we reach our heavenly home. (Luke 12:32; 1 Peter 2:20b-21; 1 Corinthians 10:13; James 1:12)

### 🚇 Sunday School & Bible Classes 🚇

We invite you to join us as we study and learn God's Word.

Please ask for help, if you need directions to these classes:

**Nursery** (for Infants through 2 year olds) will be open during Sunday School/Bible Class time in the Pre-School Room (east hallway).

Our Sunday School Classes for Preschool—Grade 8 Students will not meet today, due to school being closed tomorrow. Classes will resume next Sunday, February 25th.

**High School Students/Adults** are invited and encouraged to gather in the gym for Bible Study as we study our Lenten theme, Be Gracious to Me - Sustained in Sickness. Seminarian Noah Dunsmore will be leading the class today.

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#### Participating in Today's Service

Preacher: Rev. Roy C. Olsen, III Lector: Seminarian Noah Dunsmore Communion Assistant: Rev. Dr. Jon Bruss Acolyte: Hunter Durlacher Elder: Mr. Stan Veit Organist: Mr. Timothy LaCroix Choir: Emmaus Adult Choir

### **MISSION OF EMMAUS LUTHERAN:**

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

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#### Sunday, February 18 1st Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Divine Service - Holy

Communion

Donuts, coffee, and juice will be served before Sunday School & Bible Class at the back of the gymnasium. Please feel free to join us!

10:20 a.m. Adult Bible Class Sunday School Nursery: Becca Bultemeier, Stacey Durlacher

### Monday, February 19

**Presidents' Day** NO School Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, February 20** 8:20 a.m. School Chapel

### Wednesday, February 21

7:00 p.m. Lent Worship Acolyte: Erik Olsen

#### Thursday, February 22

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

#### Saturday, February 24

A Night at the Races School Auction @ FW Country Club 6:00 - 10:00p.m.

#### Sunday, February 25

#### 2nd Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Divine Service - Holy Communion Acolyte: Niko Spanos Elder: Jacob Bushur
10:20 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes Sunday School Nursery: Zoe Dahnke, Esther Spanos



#### COURAGEOUSLY CONFESSING CHRIST

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## EMMAUS MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP FOCUS



### FEBRUARY: STEWARDSHIP OF THE BODY OF CHRIST (*KOINONIA*)

### Stewardship Goal:

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

There is one body and one Spirit--just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call-- one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. (Eph 4:4-6 ESV)

### <u>Family Stewardship Discussion</u> Read the Bible verse above aloud first.

- 1. These are comforting words for each one of us. There is a unity that comes to us, outside of us, given as a gift. What does this verse tell us about unity? There are actually two aspects of unity spoken here? What are they? (HINT: Think vertical first, then horizontal.) What does Baptism have to do with this unity in either the vertical or horizontal relationship?
- 2. Have you read the Large Catechism on Baptism? If not I would encourage you to take some time since it is not long but full of wonderful Gospel as we are reminded of all the gifts we are given in Baptism. We are one in Christ as He has brought us together through the waters of Baptism. We are truly brothers and sisters in Christ. To Him Alone be the Glory.

### Bible Readings for Next Sunday:

Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 5:1-11; Mark 8:27-38



### "LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR"

Lent I – The Lord God forbid father Abraham from sacrificing his boy Isaac (Genesis 22:12). The lesson extends to us, too. Abortion is immoral because it is unnecessary. Jesus alone serves as beast of burden in the solemn rite of righting wrongs (Mark 1:13). Death always hatches from sin (James 1:15), but we belong in the business of redemption. If God's forgiveness forgets even abortion (Psalm 25:7), we ought to forget about it also.

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

RuthLLV Rehab: Beverly Baals, for rehab for broken pelvis from a fall, congestive heart failure.LukeRiley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis: Layla Stockinger, received bone marrow<br/>transplant on January 9th

Moses Ashton Creek: **Doris Snyder,** for rehab after having hip surgery and invertiplasty procedure Deborah Ashton Creek: **Carol Rose,** for rehab

Joseph Bill Bradley, recovering from surgery

- Ruth Marti Evans, as she continues to experience health issues
- Moses Eric Hoffman, recovering from surgery
- Moses Dave Kendall, continuing to recover at home
- John Ruth LaBrash, diagnosed with diabetes
- John Beverly Lee, scheduled for shoulder replacement on Tuesday
- Moses Pamela Richter, experiencing health issues

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

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

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

John Jason Billue, Lisa Kanning, LaBrash Family, Steve & Beverly Lee, David Mabee Family, John

FCG Nine, Peck Family, and Ed Steinbacher Family.

#### Pray for

Faith Korte, as she prayerfully considers a Call to Trinity Lutheran School, Monroe, MI.

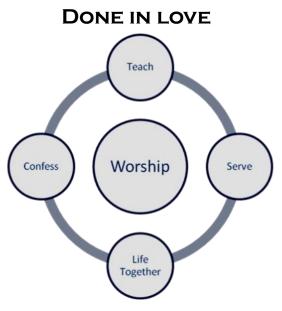
#### Pray for

For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.

<u>Serving in the Armed Forces:</u> 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.

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





### **MID-WEEK LENT WORSHIP**

### Wednesday, February 21 7:00 p.m.

#### Sustained in Sickness

Since the fall into sin, no part of our human nature has escaped the ravages of original sin. Not only has sin separated us from God to our spiritual detriment, but our bodies, created for perfect health, endure sickness and injury. King David announces God's answer to this catastrophe in Psalm 41:3: "The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness You restore him to full health." This is a beautiful promise, but what does it mean for you and your infirmities? As all the Scriptures bear witness to Jesus, the gifts contained in these words are only revealed by your Baptism into Him by whose wounds we are healed.

### 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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**Nursery** (for Infants through 2 year old's) will be open during Sunday School/Bible Class time in the Pre-School Room (east hallway).

**Preschool (3 yr. olds)** - **Gr 1 Students** will meet in Ms. O'Brien's/ Kindergarten Room (front hallway).

Grades 2-5 meet in Mrs. Dahnke's/Grade 5 Classroom (west hallway).

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

#### Adult Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this morning, as we read and study God's Word. This morning we will be focusing on our Lenten theme, Be Gracious to Me, and this week's topic Sustained in Sickness. Text: Psalm 41:3. Seminarian Noah Dunsmore will be leading the class today.

### **DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS**

**Higher Things Reflections** - Sunday the First Week in Lent - Holy Saturday (2/18 to 3/30/2024) 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.

**<u>Portals of Prayer</u>** - 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, February 11, Worship: 184 Adult Bible Class: 41 Ash Wednesday, February 14: 78

### LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH CONCERT @ EMMAUS -

The Concert Band from Lutheran High School South, in St. Louis will perform a concert of music at Emmaus at **Saturday**, **March 2**, at 7:00 pm. All are invited to here this band perform standard literature, jazz and Broadway tunes. Please join us for an enjoyable evening of music!

Emmaus FY 2023-2024 Offerings & Tithes Needed				
Offerings Needed Weekly Beginning July 1, 2023	\$6,894.00			
Offerings Rec'd Last Sunday	\$2,977.00			
Electronic Offerings Rec'd Last Week	\$1,743.70			
Budgeted Overage (Shortfall)	\$4,720.70			
Budgeted Offerings Needed YTD	\$227,502.00			
Envelope Offerings Received YTD (includes Electronic Offerings) **	\$233,015.50			
Budgeted Overage (Shortfall) YTD	\$5,513.50			
Long-Term Commitments/Obligations & Initiatives				
Mortgage Balance	\$1,016,347.49			
Concordia Lutheran High School Congregation Assessment Balance	\$38,562.50			
Sanctuary Fund/Foundation	\$304,082.95			

**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 <u>jolsen@emmauslutheranfw.org</u> 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

# The Lutheran South Wind Symphony & Jazz Band

of St. Louis, Missouri





Featuring works by Manslanka - Giroux - Van der Roost Rodgers & Hammerstein - Nestico - Coletrane

Emmaus Lutheran Church 8626 Covington Rd | Ft. Wayne, IN Saturday, March 2 7:00 PM 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.

**EMMAUS FACEBOOK PAGE!** - Emmaus has a new Facebook page. Follow us at <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> <u>profile.php?id=100089549997428&mibextid=LQQJ4d</u> or scan the QR code to view the page! If you have any event photos please send them to either Kirsten Bohnke at kirsten.bohnke@gmail.com or Paul Stockinger at paul\_stockinger@yahoo.com





**PRAYER REQUESTS** - Did you know...You can share your prayer requests or praises by clicking "Prayer" on the Emmaus homepage at emmausfortwayne.org. *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6* 

### WAYS TO HELP EMMAUS:

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

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

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

#### Advantage Recycling

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

#### **PROJECT CONNECT 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: "Depression: Understanding The Pieces of The Puzzle": Depression is a debilitating condition that can leave one devastated and hopeless. Assisting depressed individuals takes love, respect, patience, and support. There are no simple solutions, but knowing God is with us—no matter what we're going through—can comfort and sustain us.

**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 <u>many</u> 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). <u>Please contact the</u> <u>church office, 459-7722 and press "3"</u>. 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 February/March 2024 issue of The Royal Messenger is available to pick up in the front hallway for those who have requested a printed copy. <u>The deadline for submitting information for the April/May 2024 issue is Monday, April 1st (no joke!).</u> 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 <u>Sundays</u> 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 Good is This?* - Genesis 22 takes us to one of the more challenging sections of God's Word. Does God condone sacrificing your children? Of course not! But what is God up to in this incident where He tells Abraham to sacrifice Isaac? What good is God up to in our lives when He allows all sorts of pain and problems? Speaker: Rev. William Mueller.

**CONCORDIA IRVINE** *(a)* **CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY - FEB. 25** - The Concordia Choir from Concordia University Irvine performs their Midwest Tour 2024 through Indiana and Michigan in late February. The talented ensemble of 48 collegiate singers, under the direction of Dr. Michael Bush, presents a meaningful program of classics from sacred choral literature, while featuring the compelling music of living composers. Enjoy a beautiful evening of music as they perform at CTS Kramer Chapel, on Sunday, February 25, at 4:30 p.m.

**THE KAPELLE** - The Concordia University Chicago Kapelle is kicking off their spring tour at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on **Friday**, **March 1**, 2024 @ 7 pm. The event is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be received to support the Kapelle.

**COUGARS CONNECT GATHERINGS** - Join fellow alumni at a gathering before the concert at ACME by Full Circle, 1105 E State Blvd., from 4:30-6:00p.m. Appetizers and drinks will be served. Then head over to Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the concert beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets to the alumni gathering at ACME by Full Circle are only \$10 and a portion of the proceeds will benefit CUC music tours. Family & friends of CUC alumni are also welcome to purchase tickets. Purchase tickets online at https://4agc.com/commerce\_pages/ee7f4268-27be-4c67-88d8-273d6d35c9bb.

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL IN CONCERT AT CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL** - Concordia Lutheran Church and School is thrilled to host the Singing Saints from St. Paul Lutheran High School, Concordia, Missouri on their 2024 domestic tour. The touring choir is made up of 46 students from the 60+ voice concert choir and they will be performing a varied program that includes classic German choral works by Mendelssohn, Bruckner, and Haydn, as well as some hymns, anthems and spirituals. St. Paul Lutheran High School is the only remaining LCMS residential high school in the U.S. The choir, under the direction of Dr. Jerrode Marsh, will present their concert program at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1st. The concert is free, but donations are kindly requested to help cover expenses for their tour.

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

**PART-TIME RECEPTIONISTS NEEDED** - Cross Connections Counseling Ministries is currently hiring for Part Time Receptionists. Responsibilities will include maintaining confidentiality, answering phones, scheduling, greeting clients, supporting counselors, minor bookkeeping, general hospitality and miscellaneous clerical duties. 20-28 hours a week, weekday hours. Positive, ministry work environment. Pay varies based on experience. Knowledge of Quickbooks, accounts payable & receivable a plus. Send resume to:

kirkreber@crossconnectionscounseling.com or call 260-260-373-0213, ext. 105.

NIPSCO ENERGY ASSISTANCE - Beginning December 1, incomeeligible 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 SILVER. customers should visit NIPSCO.com/ SERV and 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 <u>CLHS Winter Musical - Guys and Dolls</u>, Friday, February 23 and Saturday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Considered by many to be the perfect musical comedy, Guys and Dolls ran for 1,200 performances when it opened on Broadway in 1950. Set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City, Guys and Dolls is an oddball romantic comedy. Gambler, Nathan Detroit, tries to find the cash to set up the biggest craps game in town while the authorities breathe down his neck; meanwhile, his girlfriend and nightclub performer, Adelaide, laments that they've been engaged for fourteen years. Nathan turns to fellow gambler, Sky Masterson, for the dough, and Sky ends up chasing the straight-laced missionary, Sarah Brown, as a result. Guys and Dolls takes us from the heart of Times Square to the cafes of Havana, Cuba, and even into the sewers of New York City, but eventually everyone ends up right where they belong. This musical is directed by Mr. Chris Murphy, with musical direction by Mrs. Kathryn Peperkorn.

#### 2024-2025 Freshman Scheduling Nights

#### Monday, February 26 and Thursday, February 29

Mark your calendar for our Freshmen Scheduling Nights. This is the time to come in and set up the schedule for your incoming freshman. Dates are split based on your last name. The dates are Monday, February 26, 2023 and Thursday, February 29, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. You must have submitted an application for admission to attend. During this time, you will have the opportunity to select your classes and ask questions of your counselor before your freshmen year.

Students will be assigned dates based on their last names:

A-M:	6:30	PM	February	26
N-Z:	6:30	PM	February	29

Please arrive at the auditorium door for check-in. We will also take your photo for our High School Signing Day! Students and parents will be shown the calendar and other information about starting the school year as well as setting up your schedule.