

Children’s Bulletins and Books - We have special bulletins for our children each Sunday. The ushers will have them when they are handing out the weekly bulletins. Please feel free to ask them for this bulletin. Crayons are also available from the ushers. Christian books are also available for ages 0 to 10 + to look at or read during the service! Please ask an usher to direct you to the books so you or your child may pick out an age appropriate book bag or book.

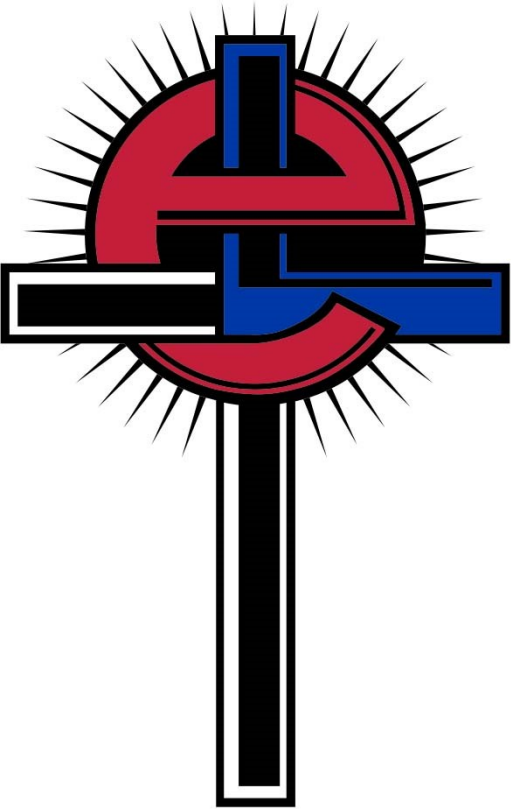
Bathrooms/Baby Changing Tables - are located in the Fellowship Hall, which is the large building in front of the church. (The building closest to the parking lot) There are changing tables in both bathrooms for your convenience. The bathrooms are located on the east end of the building.

Worship Attendance

Sunday, December 30 - 131 (75 - 8:00 am, 56 - 10:30am)
Christmas Eve - 174 - 4:00 pm 84 - 6:30 pm
Christmas Day - 93

<u>Income from week ending Dec. 30, 2018</u>	<u>Month Total</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>
First Fruits Offering	\$7258.50	\$28,371.62
School	\$2514.17	\$18,601.37
Preschool/Extended Care	\$3220.96	\$6608.83
Mortgage	\$180	\$945

**“The Lord God is Manifested
in the Incarnate Son”**



**Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church
January 6, 2018
The Epiphany of our Lord**

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE BEFORE HIM

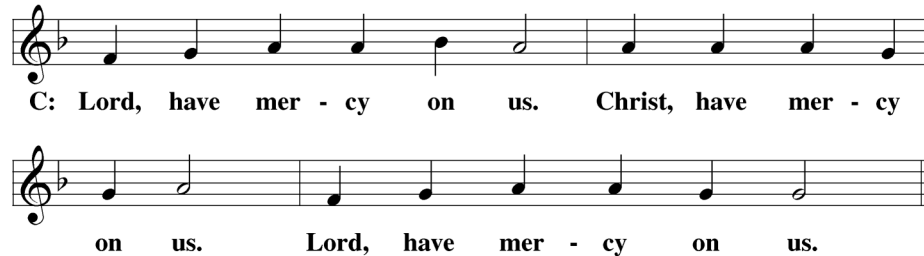
OPENING HYMN “The Star Proclaims the King is Here” (CW #91)

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



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

All: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Organist: Mrs. Janean Plocher
Worship leader: Pastor Ross Else

This Week at Emmaus

TODAY	Worship w/Lord's Supper	8:00 am
	Bible Study and Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship	10:30 am
MONDAY	School Resumes	
WEDNESDAY	Bible Class	6:30 pm
SATURDAY	Confessional Service w/Lord's Supper	6:00 pm
NEXT SUNDAY	Worship	8:00 am
	Bible Study and Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship w/Lord's Supper	10:30 am
	Quarterly Voters' and Call Meeting	11:45 am

Lord's Supper - is celebrated today in the 8:00 am service. Our Savior gives us his body and blood along with the bread and wine for our forgiveness in this Blessed Sacrament. Because he also wants us to examine ourselves prior to communing (1 Corinthians 11:23-29), and that those who commune with one another be united in doctrine and practice (1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Romans 16:1-17; 2 John 9-11), we respectfully ask that those who commune with us this morning are members of Emmaus, or members of congregations in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. If you are not a member and would like to join us for communion, please speak with Pastor Else, so we can set up a time to study what God's Word has to say to us concerning Lord's Supper and church fellowship. Thank you for your understanding.

Announcements

Those with ongoing health and other struggles - Lilly Ventura; Barb Wendt; Nancy MacDonald; Brad Anderson's cousin, Butch Fahler; Rich Tollefson; Barb Osborn; Barb Widmann; Pastor Retberg; David Conklin; Jean Bagley; Kimberly Fritz (cancer); Shaun Eversole (cancer); Chuck Widmann; Brad Anderson; Roger Wilde's wife, Carol; Polly Mackenzie; Vince Wallenberg; Ellen King; Diane Scheel; Linda Thompson's friend Kathy Desch (cancer);

Those who are – sick, unemployed, traveling, celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, serving in the military, single, married, parents, children.

Thank you - from the staff at Emmaus Lutheran Church and School for all of the prayers, cards and gifts during the Christmas season. They are all very much appreciated.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting and Call Meeting – will be held next Sunday, January 13, after the 10:30 am worship service. At this meeting we will be calling a full time teacher for grades 5 & 6 and to be athletic director. Everyone is invited to attend.

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As with Gladness Men of Old



1 As with glad - ness men of old Did the guid - ing
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to your
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare At your cra - dle,
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day Keep us in the
 5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright Need they no cre -



star be - hold, As with joy they hailed its light,
 low - ly bed, There to bend the knee be - fore
 rude and bare, So may we with ho - ly joy,
 nar - row way; And, when earth - ly things are past,
 a - ted light; You its light, its joy, its crown,



Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright, So, most gra - cious
 You whom heav'n and earth a - dore, So may we with
 Pure and free from sin's al - loy, All our cost - liest
 Bring our ran - somed souls at last Where they need no
 You its sun which goes not down. There for - ev - er



Lord, may we Ev - er - more your fol - lowers be.
 will - ing feet Ev - er seek your mer - cy seat.
 treas - ures bring, Christ, to you, our heav'n - ly King.
 star to guide, Where no clouds your glo - ry hide.
 may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–98, alt.
 Tune: Dix (77 77 77) Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872, alt.



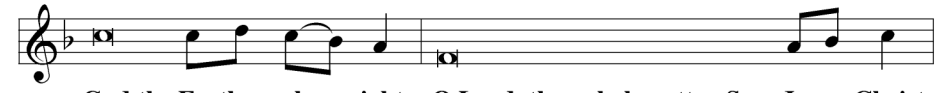
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

P: The LORD be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray. Lord God, by the leading of a star You once made known to the nations Your only begotten Son. Guide us, also, who know Him now by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of Your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD is dawning upon you. 2 Look, the darkness covers the earth, and deep darkness covers the peoples, but the LORD will dawn upon you, and his glory will be seen over you. 3 Nations will walk to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. 4 Look up. Look all around and see! All of them are gathered. They come to you. Your sons will come from far away, and your daughters will be carried on the hip. 5 Then you will look and be radiant. Your heart will race with excitement and burst with joy. For the great riches of the sea will be delivered to you. The wealth of the nations will come to you. 6 Caravans of camels will cover your land, young camels from Midian and Ephah. All of them from Sheba will come. They will carry gold and incense, and they will announce the good news of the LORD's praises. (EHV)

PSALM 72 (p.93 in front section of hymnal)

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-12

For this reason, I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—2 Surely you have heard of the administration of God's grace given to me for you, 3 namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation (as I have already written briefly). 4 When you read this, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ. 5 This mystery was not made known to people in past generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets. 6 This mystery is that in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and people who also share in the promise through the gospel. 7 I became a servant of this gospel, in keeping with the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. 8 To me—even though I am the very least of all the saints—

*SECOND SERVICE CLOSING PRAYER

P: Blessed Lord, You have given us Your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by Your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

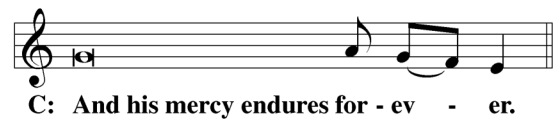
CLOSING HYMN

#83 – “As with Gladness Men of Old” Printed on page 14



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it You will strengthen our faith in You and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

was given this grace: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ 9 and to enlighten everyone about the administration of this mystery. In past ages this mystery remained hidden in God, who created all things. 10 He did this so that, through the church, the multifaceted wisdom of God in the heavenly places might now be made known to the rulers and authorities. 11 This was done according to the eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 In him we can freely approach God with confidence through faith in him.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him. Alleluia.
(Matthew 2:2b)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, when Herod was king, Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, 2 “Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” 3 When King Herod heard this, he was alarmed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 He gathered together all the people’s chief priests and experts in the law. He asked them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, because this was written through the prophet: 6 You, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are certainly not least among the rulers of Judah: because out of you will come a ruler, who will shepherd my people, Israel.” 7 Then Herod secretly summoned the Wise Men and found out from them exactly when the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you find him, report to me, so that I may also go and worship him.” 9 After listening to the king, they went on their way. Then the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them, until it stood still over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with overwhelming joy. 11 After they went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 Since they had been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route. (EHV)



THE 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 is seated 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 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 APOSTLES CREED

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

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

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

HOLY COMMUNION

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I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, For weak and
2 Oh, grant that I in man - ner wor - thy May now trust
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
4 Oh, let me loathe all sin for - ev - er As death and
5 Your heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners

wea - ry is my soul; O Je - sus, you a - lone are
sole - ly in your Word, And, con - scious of the sins be -
have a sin - ful heart, Yet you your lamb will ban - ish
poi - son to my soul, That I through will - ful sin - ning
may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to you in faith are

Refrain

a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole.
fore me, Look on - ly un - to you, O Lord.
nev - er, Nor will your faith - ful - ness de - part. Lord, may your
nev - er May see your judg - ment take its toll!
turn - ing; So let me, too, come trust - ing - ly.

bod - y and your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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| 6 Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed.
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now your guest.
<i>Refrain</i> | 11 Your body, giv'n for me, O Savior,
Your blood, which you for me have shed—
These are my life and strength forever;
By them my hungry soul is fed.
<i>Refrain</i> |
| 7 You here will find a heart most lowly
That feels unworthy in your sight,
That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely
Your merit pleads, as it is right.
<i>Refrain</i> | 12 With you, Lord, I am now united;
I live in you and you in me.
No sorrow fills my soul; delighted,
It finds its peace on Calvary.
<i>Refrain</i> |
| 8 By faith I call your holy table
The testament of your deep love,
For by your gift I now am able
To know the heart of God above.
<i>Refrain</i> | 13 Who can condemn me now? For surely
The Lord is near, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely
With Jesus I to heaven rise.
<i>Refrain</i> |
| 9 What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace.
<i>Refrain</i> | 14 Though death may threaten with disaster,
It cannot rob me of my cheer,
For he who is of death the master
With help and strength is always near.
<i>Refrain</i> |
| 10 This feast is manna, wealth abounding
Unto the poor, to weak ones pow'r,
To angels joy, to hell confounding,
And life for me in death's dark hour.
<i>Refrain</i> | 15 My heart has now become your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, your praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally.
<i>Refrain</i> |

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

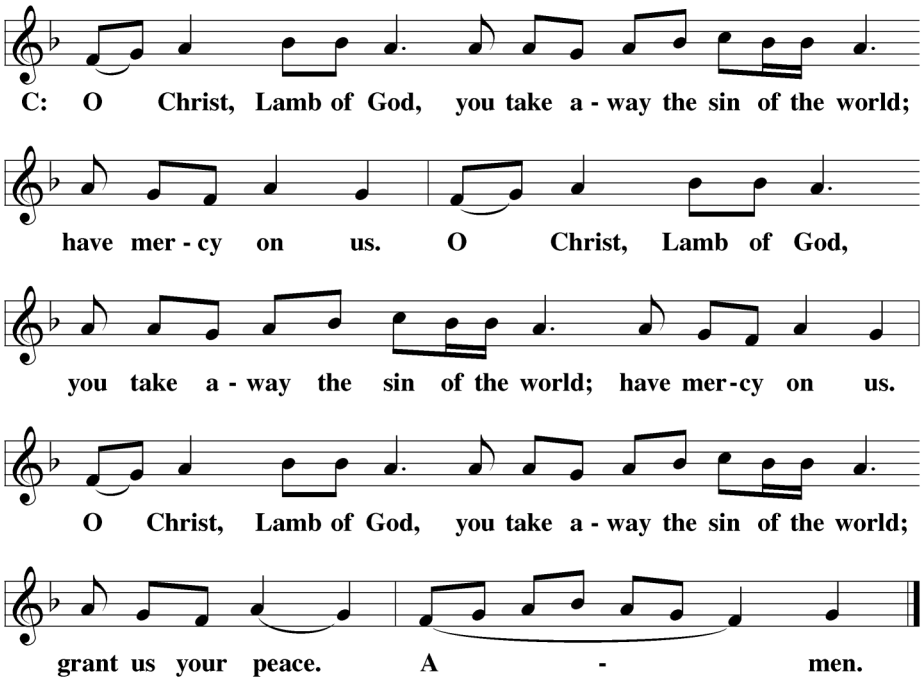
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION *(During the distribution the congregation will sing Hymn 310)*

Please be seated

HYMN

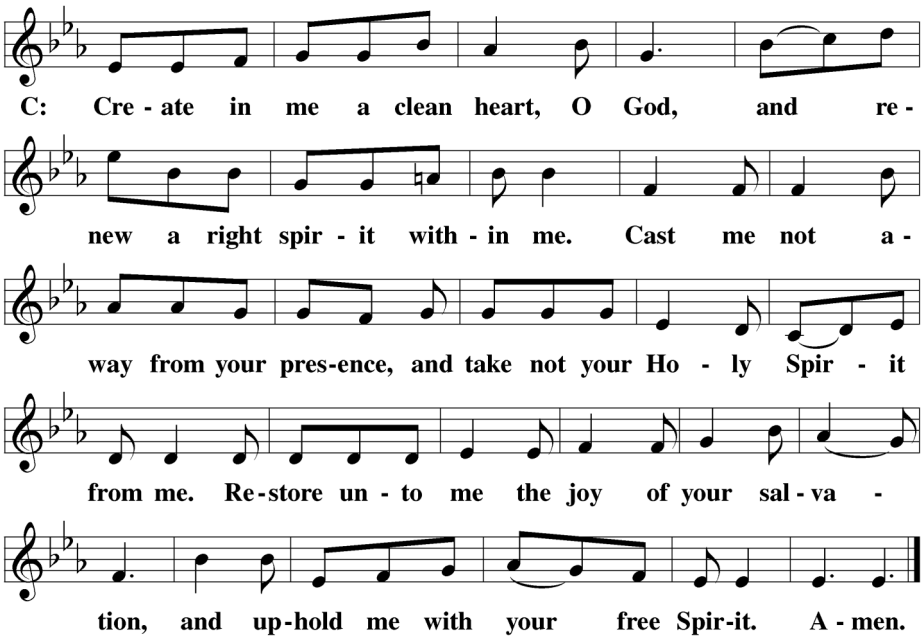
#79 “How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”

SERMON

Matthew 2:1-12

“The Lord has shown us where to find the King of the Jews”

- 1. In His Word
- 2. In the Word made flesh



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

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SERVICE continues with the Sacrament; **SECOND SERVICE** concludes with closing prayer and hymn on page 13.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed His glory as Your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

THE SANCTUS

