

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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February 21, 2016
Second Sunday in Lent

"Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your loving-kindness"

WELCOME: To all of our guests and visitors we extend a warm and sincere welcome. To those seeking a church home, we offer fellowship with a living Redeemer, membership in His Church and citizenship in His Kingdom. Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for the salvation of mankind. Please sign our Guest Register as you leave the church.

Order of Worship: Service of Word and Sacrament, page 26

Hymns: 419, 413, 317, 409

First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-32

Psalms: Psalm 25, page 74

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon Text: Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon Theme: "No matter the size of the obstacles, faith in Christ refuses to let go of His promises"

1. Crying out to Him for mercy
2. Falling before Him for help
3. Holding Him to His Word of truth

Organist: Mrs. Jill Kaiser
Worship leader: Pastor Ross Else

This Week at Emmaus

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| TODAY | Worship w/Lord's Supper | 8:00/10:30 am |
| | Growing in God's Word | 9:15 am |
| | Fellowship Potluck | 11:45 am |
| TUESDAY | Women's Group Meeting | 6:30 pm |

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| WEDNESDAY | Fellowship Dinner | 5:45 pm |
| | Lent Worship | 6:30 pm |
| | Choir Practice | after church |
| SATURDAY | Confessional Service w/Lord's Supper | 6:00 pm |
| NEXT SUNDAY | Worship | 8:00/10:30 am |
| | Growing in God's Word | 9:15 am |

Lord's Supper - is celebrated today. 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 are members of Emmaus, or members of congregations in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, commune with us this morning. 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.

"Here then you can see what it means to believe. It may indeed seem an easy matter, but it is in fact a high and great art. Therefore when you feel your sin, when your bad conscience smites you, or when persecution comes, then ask yourself whether you really believe. At such times one is wont to run to saints and helpers and cloisters and in the desert for succor and relief, crying: 'O my dear man, intercede for me! O dear saint, help me! O let me live! I promise to become pious and to do many good works.' That is how a terrified conscience speaks. But tell me, where is faith? If you believe in the words of Christ, 'None of them is lost whom Thou has given me' (John 17:12), then as a Christian you must say: 'I acknowledge no saint here. I am a poor sinner deserving of death; but in defiance of sin and death I cling to Thee, and I will not let Thee go. I have taken hold of Thee dear Lord Christ. Thou art my Life, and this is the Father's will, that all who adhere to Thee have eternal life and be raised from the dead. In the meantime let my fate be what it will. I may be beheaded or burned at the stake.' No other life - whether it be called the monastic life or the life of St. Augustine or of St. John the Baptist - will arm a person for victory. Only faith in Christ can do so." Martin Luther

First Lesson – Genesis 32:22-32

English Standard Version (ESV)

22 The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23 He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. 24 And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. 25 When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. 26 Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." 27 And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." 28 Then

he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." 29 Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. 30 So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." 31 The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. 32 Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

Second Lesson – 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7

English Standard Version (ESV)

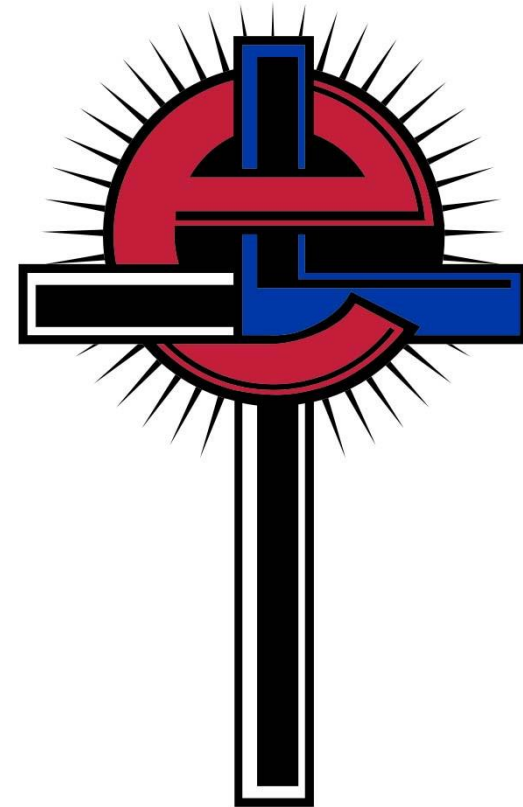
1 Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. 2 For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. 3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, 5 not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; 6 that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. 7 For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

Gospel – Matthew 15:21-28

English Standard Version (ESV)

21 And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." 23 But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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*"The Serpent Crusher is
the People's Champion"*

Announcements

In Our Prayers -

Those in hospice - Paula Schaffer, Cheryl Glynn's mother, Mike Conklin, David Conklin's uncle

Those with ongoing health and other struggles - Pastor David Beckman, cancer, Nancy, (Jeanne't Wendt's mother), Barb Widmann, Vita Marie Tollefson, Dylan Denneson, Julie Patterson, (daughter-in-law of Jim and Judy Patterson), cancer, Theodore & Colette Bodjanac, Josh and Zach Soto, Barb Wendt, Kathy Boyd, Vince Wallenberg, Ellen King, Paul Krause, Cynthia Mayotte, Katie Conklin, Diane Scheel, Harold Weimer

Our shut-ins - Adeline Schwandt & Vince Wallenberg

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

New member potluck - is being held today, immediately following the second service. Please bring a main dish, salad, side or dessert to pass. Join us at 11:45 am to welcome our newest members.

Lent - The theme for our midweek Lent services is *"Ironies of the Passion"* Most would likely not ascribe the word "irony" to Jesus' passion. However, certain events in the gospel accounts - Caiaphas' unintentional prophecy, the Jewish leaders' hypocrisy, and others - are quite ironic. The theme for each week is as follows:

Feb 24 - "He Had Been Wanting to See Jesus" (Luke 23:6-12)

Mar 2 - "Not During the Feast" (Matthew 26:1-5)

Mar 9 - "This Man Went Home Justified" (Luke 18:9-14)

Mar 16 - "Don't You Fear God?" (Luke 23:39-43)

Fellowship Dinner - will precede each service at 5:45 pm. The theme of our meal this Wednesday, 2/24, is Mexican. Every family is asked to bring a salad, side or dessert to go with the main dish. Help with setup and cleanup would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please talk with Judy Stuebs or contact the office.

Sunday School - Please join us between services from 9:15 - 10:15 am for the further study of God's Word. There is Sunday School for ages 3 through high school and also Bible Study for the adults.

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| Preschool - grade 3 meet in Rm1 | "Joash Repairs the Temple" |
| 4 th - 6 th grade meet in Room 1 | Bible Study |
| 7 th grade - High School age | Angel of the Lord |
| Adults meet in the Fellowship Hall | Bible Study - 2 nd Corinthians |

Ministry Workers Committee - will have a meeting on Saturday, February 27th at 8:00am.

W.I.L.D. Day at Pilgrim Lutheran Church - Mark your calendars for the Pilgrim Lutheran Church annual W.I.L.D. (Women Inspiring, Learning, and Doing) Workshop that will be held Saturday, March 5 from 8:30am - 1:00pm in Pilgrim's Fellowship Hall at 3257 E University Drive in Mesa. This is a great opportunity to network with the ladies from other WELS congregations and hear speakers from our missionary field including John Sebald from Truth In Love Ministry and John Kramer from Mission to The Children. Morning coffee and pastries as well as lunch are included in the workshop. The cost is \$10 per person on the day of the event but if you bring a donation for Mission to The Children, the admission fee will be \$5. Items that are needed include: tooth brushes (child) and tooth paste, crayons, children's books in Spanish, Walmart gift cards to buy school supplies for school next August, and children's clothing, new only (customs does not allow used clothing to enter Mexico).

Please register for the event by calling the Pilgrim Church office at (480) 830-1723 or (480) 830-1724. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann at (480) 654-3706 or maryannwe@cox.net.

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.

Children's Bulletins - 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. Each week's bulletin will correspond with the current week of the church year calendar.

Worship Attendance

Ash Wednesday 88
Sunday, February 14th - 142 (84 - 8:00 am, 58 - 10:30 am)

| <u>Income from week ending Feb. 14, 2016</u> | <u>Month Total</u> | <u>Monthly Budget</u> |
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| First Fruits Offering | \$5191.88 | \$10,839.53 |
| School | \$801.67 | \$3166.46 |
| Preschool/Extended Care | \$285.75 | \$1968.28 |
| Mortgage | \$280 | \$860 |