

Second Lesson – Romans 5:1-5

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

1Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
2Through him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God.

3Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, 4and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. 5And hope will not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us.

Gospel – Matthew 15:21-28

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21Jesus left that place and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22There a Canaanite woman from that territory came and kept crying out, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! A demon is severely tormenting my daughter!"

23But he did not answer her a word. His disciples came and pleaded, "Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us."

24He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

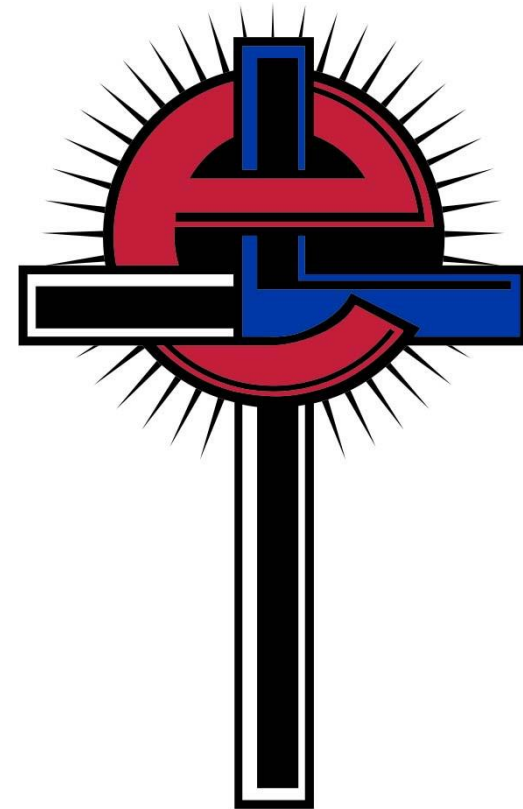
25But she came and knelt in front of him, saying, "Lord, help me."

26He answered her, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

27"Yes, Lord," she said, "yet the dogs also eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

28Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, your faith is great! It will be done for you, just as you desire." And her daughter was healed at that very hour.

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church



"Holding God to His Word"

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February 25, 2018
Second Sunday in Lent

WELCOME: To all 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: Divine Service 1, page 15 CWS

Hymns: 447, 413, 768

First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-32

Psalm: Psalm 25, page 74

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon Text: Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon Theme: "No matter the obstacles, faith refuses to let go of Christ's promises"

- 1. In your anguished cries for mercy**
- 2. When His answer is silence**
- 3. When His answer sounds strange**

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

This Week at Emmaus

TODAY	Worship Bible Study and Sunday School	8:00/10:30 am 9:15 am
WEDNESDAY	Fellowship Dinner Lent Worship	5:45 pm 6:30 pm
FRIDAY	Pancake Day	7:00 - 8:00 am

NEXT SUNDAY

Worship w/Lord's Supper	8:00 am
Bible Study and Sunday School	9:15 am
Worship	10:30 am
Call Meeting	11:45 am

Lord's Supper – will be celebrated in the 8:00 am service next Sunday. Please prepare your hearts and minds accordingly this week.

First Lesson – Genesis 32:22-32

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22He got up that night and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of the Jabbok. 23He took them and sent them across the stream, and he also sent his possessions across. 24Jacob was left alone, and he wrestled with a man there until daybreak. 25When the man saw that he could not defeat him, he touched the socket of his thigh, and the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated as he wrestled.

26The man said, "Let me go. It's daybreak." Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." 27Then he said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob."

28Then he said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have fought with God and with men, and you have won."

29Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." He said, "Why do you ask what my name is?" Then he blessed him there.

30Jacob named the place Peniel, because he said, "I have seen God face to face, and my life has been spared." 31The sun rose as he crossed over at Peniel, and he was limping because of his thigh. 32For that reason, to this day the people of Israel do not eat the tendon of the hip that is on the socket of the thigh, because God touched the socket of Jacob's thigh on the tendon of the hip.

Announcements

In Our Prayers -

Those with ongoing health and other struggles - Nicole Harris' great uncle Cyril; Judy Frank (Pastor Joel Frank's wife); Kathy Desch and Patricia Alvarado (sisters of Linda Thompson and Jean Bagley); Dale Schaumberg (Laurie Conklin's father); Tony Natalie's mother; Roger Wilde's wife Carol, and his brother Earl; Audrey Else (Pastor Else's mother); Jim Patterson; Sarah Eversole; Pastor Sweet; Barb Osborn; Polly Mackenzie; Brad Anderson; Vince Wallenberg; Ellen King; Diane Scheel

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Voters' Call Meeting - On Sunday, March 4th, we will be holding a special Call Meeting to call 2 teachers for our school. This meeting will start after the 10:30 am service is over. Everyone is welcome to attend. Voting members are strongly encouraged to attend.

Lenten Season - The Season of Lent started on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. The theme of our Lent worship will be "Jesus Christ is our great High Priest". Worship will be at 6:30 pm on the following dates - 2/28, 3/7, 3/14, & 3/21. A fellowship dinner will precede each service at 5:45 pm.

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WELSSA Accreditation - Emmaus Lutheran School's WELSSA Accreditation expires in 2019. We are starting the process for re-accreditation in March and must have everything completed by March 2019. Your help and support in serving on a committee is important to the success of this process. Please see the insert or speak with Mr. Plocher for more information.

Mother-Son Movie Night - will be on Friday, March 9th, at 6:00 p.m. Please see the flyer insert in the bulletin for the menu. If you are able to help with this event for food or prizes or with your time that evening, please call Sandy Bauer at 602-290-2502. Please RSVP to Laurie Conklin at 602-843-3853 in the office by March 7.

Baby Shower - Sandy Griffiths is hosting a baby shower for Leah Else-Carney on Saturday, March 10th, from 12:00 - 3:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a luncheon. All ladies and girls of the congregation are invited. Please RSVP to Sandy Griffiths at 623-693-5228 if you plan on attending.

Outreach - We continue to look for opportunities to reach out to our community and share the good news of a Savior. From postcards for our Night in Bethlehem and VBS events, to social media like our website and Facebook, to advertising in print, we strive to make people aware of our church and school. Many of these outreach endeavors come with a cost. If you would like to make a donation to help with these expenses, please write **Outreach** on the outside of an envelope and it will be added to our current Outreach Fund. These donations can then be put into the weekly collection plate or given to Pastor Else or the office.

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.

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Sunday, February 18 - 152 (84 - 8:00 am, 68 - 10:30 am)

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