

**Service Committee** - We have created a survey for the members at Emmaus to raise awareness of all the opportunities that are available for our members to share their time and talents with Emmaus. Many of you might be surprised how many opportunities there are to serve both at the church and in the school. The survey can be filled out on-line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VM9KMTT> or you can obtain a paper copy of the survey in the back of church. If you choose to fill out the paper version please return it to Michelle Coda. Once the results are gathered we will contact you with opportunities to serve that fit within your specified level of interest. Please ask each member of the family to fill out the survey so we can do our best to match each person with opportunities they are interesting to them.

**Lenten suppers** - Lent is quickly approaching. We would like to continue coordinating supper before the worship services. Our Lent services start with Ash Wednesday, March 6 and go through April 10. We need a coordinator to make sure we have volunteers for meals, set up and clean up. If you are willing to serve for one or more weeks, please speak to Michelle Coda. A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship hallway for those who wish to plan ahead for meals.

**AZ Tuition Tax Credit Workshop** - Would you like to learn how the AZ Tuition Tax Credit Program works? Would you be willing to find out how you can help students at Emmaus without it costing you anything? We are having a free workshop on Tuesday, February 26, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. **Questions?** Call or email the Emmaus office. [office@emmauslutheran.com](mailto:office@emmauslutheran.com) 602-843-3853

**Licensed Christian counseling** - is available to all of our members through a program offered by Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Services. Some members have given gifts that have allowed us to pre-pay for counseling hours. Counseling services available include marriage, family, addiction, mental health, adult, child, etc. This counseling will be done via video conference on computer or other electronic device. If you are interested in making use of these counseling services, which are available at no cost to you as an individual, please contact Pastor Else who will direct you further.

**Pancake Breakfast** - Please join us Friday, March 1st, from 7:00-7:45 am, in the Fellowship Hall. The Emmaus staff will be preparing a free pancake breakfast in honor of National Pancake Day. Everyone is welcome to come eat pancakes with us!

**New Bible Information Class will start on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11 am.** This class is open to member and visitor alike - for anyone interested in learning more about God's Word, and about what we preach and teach at Emmaus; for those interested in finding out more about church membership; and for members who wish to review what they have been taught.

**Mother/Son Movie Night** - will be held on Friday, March 8. This event is for both church and school families. Pictures will be taken at 6 pm - Dinner at 6:30 pm. Drawings will be held for prizes! Donations are needed for the food items and prizes. If you would like to make monetary donations, we could then use them to purchase items. Please contact Sandy Bauer (602) 290-2502 if you are able to help with these items.

#### **Worship Attendance**

Sunday, February 10 - 116 (66 - 8:00 am, 50 - 10:30am)

<b>Income from week ending Feb. 10, 2019</b>	<b>Month Total</b>	<b>Monthly Budget</b>
First Fruits Offering	\$4933.67	\$10,863.67
School	\$3141.36	\$12,134
Preschool/Extended Care	\$2742.91	\$4742

## **“God reveals Himself in His mighty Word”**



**Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**February 17, 2019**  
**Epiphany 6**

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE BEFORE HIM

### OPENING HYMN “Thy Strong Word” (CW #280)

*STAND*

- P:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C:** And also with you.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

- P:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- The congregation may kneel.*
- C:** **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.
- C:** Amen.

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

#### LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*

- P:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Worship Leader: Pastor Ross Else  
Organist: Janean Plocher

#### 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
TUESDAY	Church Council Meeting	6:30 pm
WEDNESDAY	Bible Class	6:30 pm
SATURDAY	Information Class	11:00 am
	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
	Call Meeting	11:45 am

#### Announcements

**Those with ongoing health and other struggles** - Eunice Taves; Katie Conklin; Barb Osborn; Kay Retberg; Darwin Stellmacher; Lilly Ventura; Barb Wendt; Barb Widmann; Brad Anderson's cousin Butch Fahler; Rich Tollefson; Pastor Retberg; 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.

**Welcome new members**— We welcome into our family of believers by profession of faith Marva Clutter and Landi Branham. May the Lord continue to strengthen you in faith through Word and Sacrament, ladies, as we walk and work together in His kingdom. Jesus be with you!

**Call Meeting** - There will be a special Call Meeting on Sunday, February 24, after the 10:30 service to extend a new call for grades 5 & 6. Please plan to attend. We will also receive an update and recommendation from the church council on how to proceed with the property improvements voted on at the last voters' meeting, prior to the news that our mortgage was fully paid off.

**February Fun Night** - Do you have a child ages 3-5 or know someone who does? We are having a another Fun Night on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Miss Rachel Kramer will have fun activities for the children. The evening will end with a short devotion and snack. Call the office for more information at 602-843-3853. Please share with anyone you think might be interested.

**ALPHA Pregnancy Center Workday** - Next Saturday, 2/23, ALPHA will be having a workday starting at 9:00 am. They need furniture moved in preparation for getting new linoleum. While everything is moved they are also going to paint. If you can help, it would be greatly appreciated! ALPHA is located at 1822 W Indian School Rd in Phoenix. If you have any questions, please speak with Kay Retberg.

**Pavers:** Through a kind and generous gift, we were able to have pavers installed on the west side of church in front of the main entrance. We are thankful for this gift also as we seek to care for the physical property He has entrusted into our care. May the Lord alone be forever praised!

### \*SECOND SERVICE closing prayer

**P:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



### CLOSING HYMN “Almighty Father, Bless the Word” (CW #323)

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**Lord's Supper** - is celebrated today in the 10:30 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.



**P:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



**P:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**P:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



**P:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

## O LORD, OUR LORD

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.  
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

## THANKSGIVING

STAND

## 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 - joice and proud - ly bear his name.  
He re-news 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!

## \*FIRST SERVICE closing prayer

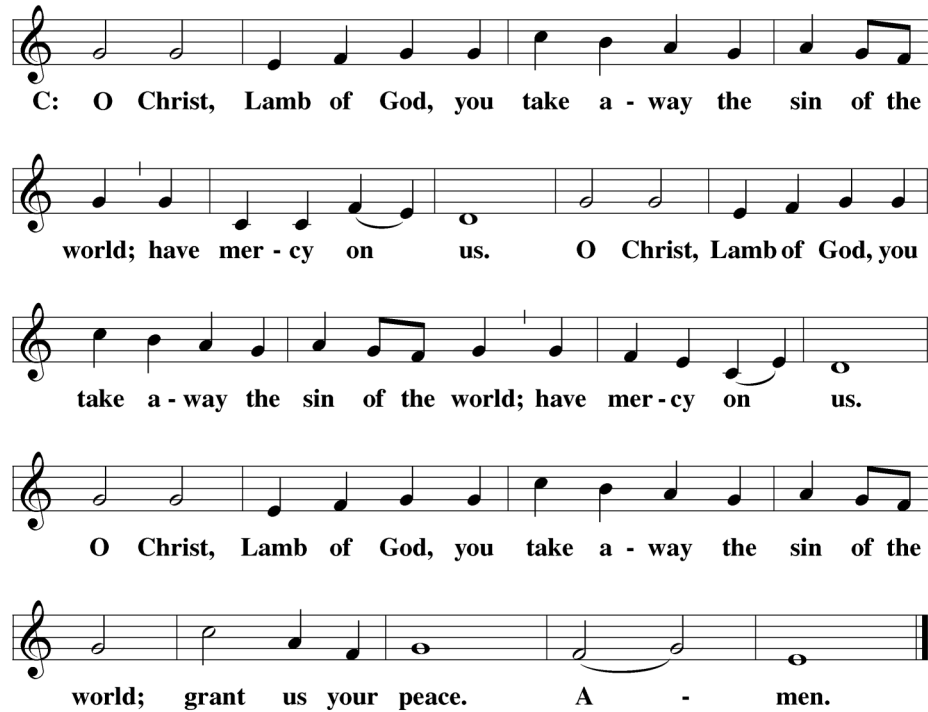
**P:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of Your Son may long for His coming again, and that all who have received in His true body and blood Your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

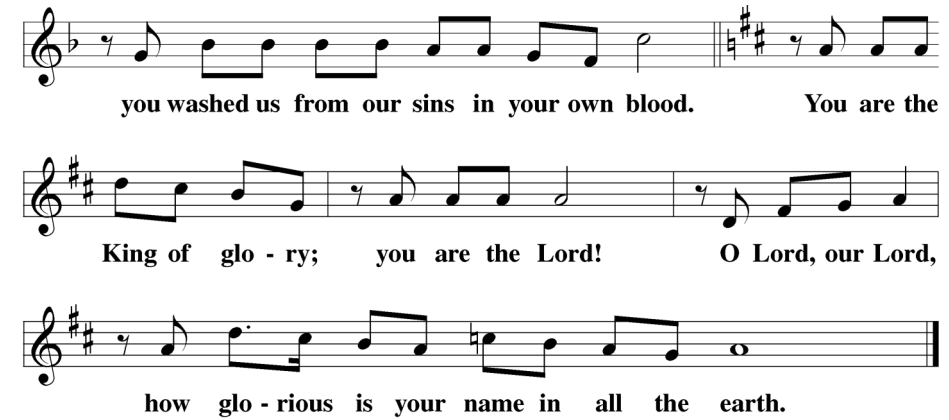


## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*



**DISTRIBUTION** (*During distribution the congregation will sing Hymn 312*)



P: Let us pray. Gracious Father, keep Your family, the Church, always faithful to You, that we may lean on the hope of Your promises and be strong in the power of Your love; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Please be seated*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

**Isaiah 55:10-13**

10 Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky and do not return there unless they water the earth, make it give birth, and cause it to sprout, and it gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 so it will be with my Word that goes forth from my mouth. It will not return to me empty. Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please, and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it. 12 Because in joy you will go forth, and in peace you will be carried along. The mountains and the hills will burst forth before you with shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thorn, a fir tree will grow up. Instead of the brier, a myrtle tree will grow up. And it will make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that will not be cut off. (EHV)

PSALM 1 (*p.64 in front section of hymnal*)

## SECOND LESSON

## Hebrews 4:9-13

9 So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. 10 For the one who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God rested from his work. 11 Therefore, let us make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall into the same pattern of disobedience. 12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It penetrates even to the point of dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow, even being able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from him, but everything is uncovered and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we will give an account. (EHV)

## VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Alleluia. (Luke 6:36)

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

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal-

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## 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.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*\*First service continues with the Sacrament; Second service continues on page 14*

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past He spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, who is the radiance of His glory.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ. To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 8:4-15

4 As a large crowd was gathering and people from one town after another were making their way to him, he spoke using a parable. 5 “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he sowed, some fell along the path. It was trampled, and the birds of the sky devoured it. 6 Other seed fell on rocky ground. As soon as it grew, it withered away, because it had no moisture. 7 Other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew up with it and choked it. 8 Other seed fell into good soil. It grew and produced fruit—one hundred times as much as was sown.” As he said these things, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear!” 9 His disciples asked him, “What does this parable mean?” 10 He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest I speak in parables so that ‘even though they see, they may not see, and even though they hear, they may not understand.’ 11 This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. 12 Those along the path are the ones who hear it, but then the Devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts to keep them from believing and being saved. 13 Those on the rocky ground are the ones who, when they hear, receive the word with joy, but they have no root. So they believe for a while, but then fall away in a time of testing. 14 The seeds that fell into the thorns are the ones who hear the word, but as they go on their way they are choked by the worries, riches, and pleasures of life, so they do not mature. 15 And the seeds in the good ground are the ones who hear the word with an honest and good heart, hold on to it tightly, and produce fruit as they patiently endure. (EHV)



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Please be seated*

HYMN

“Almighty God, Your Word is Cast” (CW #324)

SERMON

Isaiah 55:10-13

“God's Word Always Works”

- 1. Revealing exactly what He wants all to know
- 2. Fully accomplishing His promised deliverance

*STAND*

### 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.**

*BE SEATED*

### OFFERING

*STAND*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P:** Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

**C:** **Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

**P:** Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**C:** **Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**P:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**P:** Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.