

**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 the are interesting to them.

**Lenten Season** - The Season of Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. Worship will be at 6:30 pm on the following dates - 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, & 4/10. A fellowship dinner will precede each service at 5:45 pm.

**Lenten suppers** - Lent is quickly approaching. We would like to continue our tradition of 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 will be in the Fellowship hallway for those who wish to plan ahead for meals.

**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, February 17 - 123 (70 - 8:00 am, 53 - 10:30am)

<b>Income from week ending Feb. 17, 2019</b>	<b>Month Total</b>	<b>Monthly Budget</b>
First Fruits Offering	\$4341	\$15,204.67
School	\$1844.34	\$4985.70
Preschool/Extended Care	\$681.07	\$3423.98
		\$18,702
		\$12,134
		\$4742

“Jesus makes the blind see”



Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church  
February 24, 2019  
Epiphany 7

# THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE BEFORE HIM

## OPENING HYMN

“In You, O Lord, I Put My Trust” (CW #448)

STAND

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C:** *(spoken)* Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

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

**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.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*



**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:** *(spoken)* Amen.

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

**Father/Daughter Dance** - was a fun night for all who attended. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time or made a donation of money or food for the event.

**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.

**February Fun Night** - Do you have a child ages 3-5 or know someone who does? We are having 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.

**AZ Tuition Tax Credit Workshop** - *Is NOT just for parents!* Come learn how the AZ Tuition Tax Credit Program works. Find out how you can help students at Emmaus without it costing you anything. We are having a free workshop this 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. Have dessert and find out how you can help Emmaus Lutheran School.

**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.

**New Bible Information Class has started on Saturdays 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.

**LWMS Rallies** - Ladies of Emmaus, Sisters in Christ, are you ready for a get-away weekend or two? The LWMS International Rally will be held June 27-30 in Des Moines, Iowa, under the theme: Let us ever WALK WITH JESUS in the Heartland. Listen to home and world missionaries tell about their joys and frustrations as they carry out the great commission. For more information and registration form go to [www.lwms.org](http://www.lwms.org). Check it out! A little closer to home is the LWMS Grand Canyon West Circuit Rally, April 6th at Cross of Christ Lutheran in Kingman, AZ. The bulletin insert gives you all the information. Grab a friend, and make it a week-end get away. You will also learn about missions from our mission counsellor, Pastor Matt Vogt, and learn things about Katy Luther that you've never heard before from Debbie Dietrich. Mail your registration sheet by March 25th.

Worship Leader: Pastor Ross Else  
Organist: Mrs. Marci Brekken

**This Week at Emmaus**

TODAY	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
TUESDAY	ACSTO Workshop	6:30 pm
WEDNESDAY	Bible Class	6:30 pm
THURSDAY	Fun Night for ages 3-5	6:30 pm
SATURDAY	Information Class	11:00 am
NEXT SUNDAY	Worship w/Lord’s Supper	8:00 am
	Bible Study and Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship	10:30 am

**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.

**Announcements**

**Those with ongoing health and other struggles** - Bonnie Miller (upcoming surgery); Eunice Taves; Katie Conklin; Barb Osborn; Kay Retberg; Darwin Stellmacher; Lilly Ventura; Barb Wendt; Barb Widmann; Brad Anderson’s cousin Butch Fahler; Rich Tollefson; Jean Bagley; Kimberly Fritz (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)

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** - along with the families of Lilly Ventura and Shaun Eversole, who have both had recent scans showing their cancer is in remission. To God be the glory!

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

**Call Meeting** - There will be a special Call Meeting today, 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.

**GLORY TO GOD**

*Gloria in Excelsis*



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -

ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

**\*FIRST SERVICE continues here**

**P:** Blessed Lord, grant to Your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above. Let nothing hinder Your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve You in steadfast faith and confess Your Name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** *(spoken)* Amen.

**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:** *(spoken)* Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**

**“Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing” (CW #443)**

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## THANKSGIVING

## SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc Dimittis*


In peace, Lord, you let your  
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my  
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for  
ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the  
glo - ry, 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 forever.**

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: **(spoken) Amen.**

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: **(spoken) Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, You govern all things in heaven and on earth. In Your mercy hear our prayers and grant us Your peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## THE WORD

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35:3-7

3 Strengthen the weak hands, and make feeble knees firm. 4 Tell those who have a fearful heart, “Be strong. Do not be afraid. Look! Your God will come with vengeance, with God’s own retribution he will come and save you.” 5 Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be cleared. 6 The lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy. Waters will flow in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. 7 The burning sand will become a pool, and in the thirsty ground there will be springs of water. Grass, reeds, and rushes will be in the haunts where the jackals once lay. (EHV)

PSALM 71 (*p.92 in front section of hymnal*)

## SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and know all the mysteries and have all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away everything I own, and if I give up my body that I may be burned but do not have love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient. Love is kind. Love does not envy. It does not brag. It is not arrogant. 5 It does not behave indecently. It is not selfish. It is not irritable. It does not keep a record of wrongs. 6 It does not rejoice over unrighteousness but rejoices with the truth. 7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never comes to an end. But if there are prophetic gifts, they will be done away with; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be done away with. 9 For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, 10 but when that which is complete has come, that which is partial will be done away with. 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a

child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 Now we see indirectly using a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I was fully known. 13 So now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love. (EHV)

### VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end. Alleluia. (Lamentations 3:22)

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

### GOSPEL

**Luke 18:31-43**

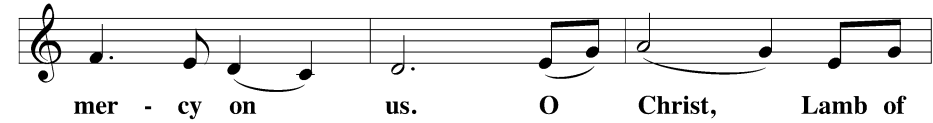
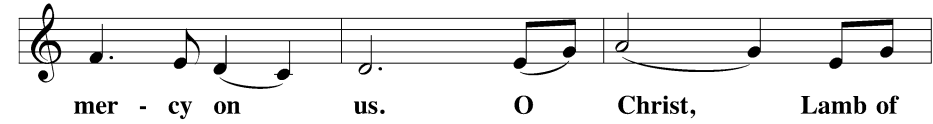


31 He took the Twelve aside and said to them, “Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written through the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished. 32 Indeed, he will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, mistreat him, spit on him, 33 flog him, and kill him. On the third day, he will rise again.” 34 They did not understand any of these things. What he said was hidden from them, and they did not understand what was said.

35 As he approached Jericho, a blind man sat by the road, begging. 36 When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. 37 They told him that Jesus the Nazarene was passing by. 38 He called out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” 39 Those who were at the front of the crowd rebuked him, telling him to be quiet. But he kept calling out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” 40 Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, he asked him, 41 “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, I want to see again.” 42 Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight. Your faith has saved you.” 43 Immediately he received his sight and began following Jesus, glorifying God. All the people, when they saw this, gave praise to God. (EHV)

### O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*



**DISTRIBUTION** (*During the distribution the congregation will sing Hymn 742*)

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY***Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,  
 God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -  
 ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -  
 ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
 na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

**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: Amen

Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

**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.

**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.

*Please be seated*

HYMN                      “Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness” (CW #353)

SERMON    Luke 18:31-43

“The Word of Christ gives sight to the blind”

- 1. The Word of His Willing Sacrifice Completed
- 2. The Word of His Mercy

STAND

Cre - ate in me a  
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -  
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your  
pres-ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from  
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -  
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*\*10:30 service continues with the Sacrament;  
8:00 service continues on page 14*

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.  
C: And also 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 good and right so to do.

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: