Second Lesson - Hebrews 9:11-15

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

11But when Christ appeared as the high priest of the good things that were coming, he went through the greater and more complete tent, which was not made by human hands (that is, it is not part of this creation). 12He entered once into the Most Holy Place and obtained eternal redemption, not by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood. 13Now if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkled on those who were unclean, sanctifies them so that their flesh is clean, 14how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works, so that we worship the living God?

15For this reason, he is the mediator of a new covenant. A death took place as payment for the trespasses committed under the first covenant, so that those who are called would receive the promised eternal inheritance.

Gospel – John 8:46-59

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

46"Who of you can convict me of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? 47Whoever belongs to God listens to what God says. The reason you do not listen is that you do not belong to God."

48The Jews responded, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?"

49Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon. On the contrary, I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. 50I do not seek my own glory. There is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. 51Amen, Amen, I tell you: If anyone holds on to my word, he will certainly never see death."

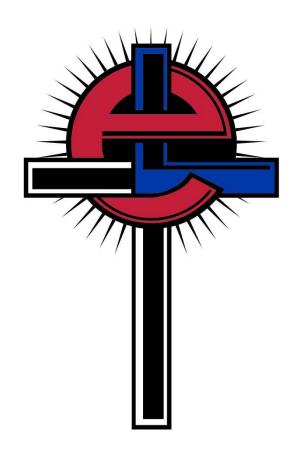
52So the Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and so did the prophets. Yet you say, 'If anyone holds on to my word, he will certainly never taste death.' 53You are not greater than our father, Abraham, are you? He died. And the prophets died. Who do think you are?"

54Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, about whom you say, 'He is our God.' 55Yet you do not really know him, but I do know him. If I said, 'I do not know him,' I would be a liar like you. But I do know him, and I hold on to his word. 56Your father Abraham was glad that he would see my day. He saw it and rejoiced."

57The Jews replied, "You aren't even fifty years old, and you have seen Abraham?"

58Jesus said to them, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Before Abraham was born, I am." 59Then they picked up stones to throw at him. But Jesus was hidden and left the temple area.

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8.00 am

March 18, 2018 Fifth 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.

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Hymns: 122, 110, 312 (1st service), 376

First Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm: Psalm 45, page 83

Second Lesson: Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel Lesson: John 8:46-59 Sermon Text: John 8:46-59

Sermon Theme: "The only cure for death is

found in the Word of Christ"

1. By it we learn to know the Father

2. By it we rejoice to believe in the Son

Organist: Mrs. Marilyn Feliciano **Worship leader:** Pastor Ross Else

TODAY

This Week at Emmaus

100/(1	Bible Study and Sunday School Worship	9:15 am 10:30 am
TUESDAY	Church Council Meeting	6:30 pm
WEDNESDAY	Fellowship Dinner Lent Worship	5:45 pm 6:30 pm
FRIDAY	Basketball Shootout	1:45 pm

Worship w/Lord's Supper

SATURDAY Confessional Service w/Lord's Supper 6:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY

Worship

8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am

Bible Study and Sunday School Worship w/Lord's Supper

<u>Lord's Supper</u> – will be celebrated in the 10:30 am service next Sunday. Please prepare your hearts and minds accordingly this week.

First Lesson - Exodus 3:1-15

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

Now Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, a priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2The Angel of the LORD appeared to him in blazing fire from within a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but the bush was not burning up. 3Sohe said, "I will go over and look at this amazing sight—to find out why the bush is not burning up."

4When the LORD saw that Moses had gone over to take a look, God called to him from the middle of the bush and said, "Moses! Moses!" Moses said, "I am here."

5The LORD said, "Do not come any closer. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." 6He then said, "I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."

Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

7The LORD said, "I have certainly seen the misery of my people in Egypt, and I have heard their cry for help because of their slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. 8So I have come down to deliver them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 9Now indeed, the Israelites' cry for help has come to me. Yes, I have seen how the Egyptians are oppressing them. 10Come now, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

11But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

12So he said, "I will certainly be with you. This will be the sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will serve God on this mountain."

13ButMoses said to God, "If I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what should I say to them?"

14So God replied to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He also said, "You will say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you."

15God also told Moses, "Say this to the Israelites: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my name forever, and this is how I am to be remembered from generation to generation.'

Announcements

In Our Prayers -

Those with ongoing health and other struggles - Bob King, Jacob Brekken; 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

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

<u>Call Meeting</u> - On Sunday, March 4th, the Holy Spirit led the voting members of Emmaus Lutheran Church to call Miss Rachel Kramer to teach 1st & 2nd grade, and Mr. Kaesmeyer to teach 5th & 6th grade and be our Athletic Director. Miss Kramer (<u>missrachelkramer@yahoo.com</u> 760-215-2629) currently teaches at St.John Lutheran School in Redwood Falls, MN. Mr. Kaesmeyer (<u>jkaesmeyer@christthelordbrookfield.org</u> 262-825-2914) is currently teaching at Christ the Lord Lutheran School in Brookfield, WI. Please keep Miss Kramer and Mr. Kaesmeyer in your prayers as they deliberate the call to Emmaus and their current calls.

<u>Lenten Worship</u> - The theme of our Lent worship will be "Jesus Christ is our great High Priest". Our last Lenten worship service will be at 6:30 pm this Wednesday, 3/21. A fellowship dinner will precede the service at 5:45 pm.

<u>Lenten Supper</u> - Prior to the Lenten Service there will be a Soup/Sandwich Supper. Please bring a soup or casserole or salad to go with the sandwiches that will be provided. Please also bring cookies or a dessert.

<u>WELSSA Accreditation</u> - 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.

<u>Children's Bulletins and Books</u> - 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.

<u>Bathrooms/Baby Changing Tables</u> - 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.

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 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.

Worship Attendance

Wednesday, March 14 - 56 Sunday, March 11 - 138 (80 - 8:00 am, 58 - 10:30 am)

Income from week ending	March 11, 2018	Month Total	Monthly Budget
First Fruits Offering	\$3710	\$11,228.50	\$22,870
School	\$4452.27	\$28,670.93	\$17,940
Preschool/Extended Care	\$689.39	\$2216.94	\$7300
Mortgage	\$165	\$370	