

## Second Lesson – Ephesians 5:1-9

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

Therefore, be imitators of God as his dearly loved children.  
2And walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

3But do not let sexual immorality, any kind of impurity, or greed even be mentioned among you, as is proper for saints.  
4Obscenity, foolish talk, and coarse joking are also out of place. Instead, give thanks.

5Certainly you are aware of this: No immoral, impure, or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ, who is God. 6Let no one deceive you with empty words. It is because of these things that the wrath of God is coming on the sons of disobedience. 7So do not share in what they do.

8For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, 9for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth.

## Gospel – Luke 11:14-28

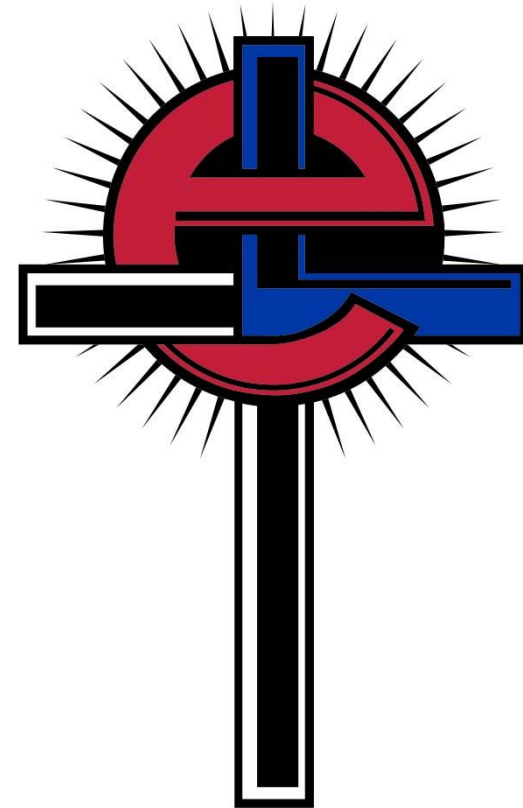
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14Jesus drove out a demon, which was mute. After the demon had gone out, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowds were amazed. 15But some of them said, "He drives out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons." 16Others were testing him by demanding of him a sign from heaven. 17But he knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is destroyed. And a house divided against itself falls. 18If Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? You say that I drive out demons by Beelzebul. 19But if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons drive them out? So they will be your judges. 20Yet if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

21"When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. 22But when someone stronger attacks him and defeats him, he takes away that man's full armor, in which he had trusted, and divides up his plunder.

23"The one who is not with me is against me. The one who does not gather with me scatters. 24When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places, seeking rest, but does not find any. Then it says, 'I will return to my house, the one I left.' 25When it returns, it finds the house swept and put in order. 26Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they go in and dwell there. The last condition of that man becomes worse than the first." **(Continued on back page of Announcements)**

# Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church



*"Jesus overcomes the strong man"*

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Third 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: Common Service, page 15**

**Hymns: 737, 472, 311 (1st service), 419 (1,3,5-7)**

**First Lesson: Jeremiah 26:1-15**

**Psalms: Psalm 73, page 94**

**Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:1-9**

**Gospel Lesson: Luke 11:14-28**

**Sermon Text: Luke 11:14-28**

**Sermon Theme: "Christ has the power to plunder Satan's stronghold"**

- 1. To drive out demons**
- 2. To seize all of Satan's armor**
- 3. To fill us with the abundant blessing of His Word**

**Organist:** Mrs. Marilyn Feliciano

**Worship leader:** Pastor Ross Else

**This Week at Emmaus**

<b>TODAY</b>	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
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Fellowship Dinner	5:45 pm
	Lent Worship	6:30 pm
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	Worship	8:00 am
	Bible Study and Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship w/Lord's Supper	10:30 am

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

**First Lesson – Jeremiah 26:1-15**

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: 2"This is what the LORD says: Stand in the courtyard of the LORD's house, and speak to all the people from the towns of Judah that have come to worship at the house of the LORD. Tell them everything I have commanded you to tell them. Do not hold back a single word. 3Maybe they will listen and everyone will turn from his evil way. Then I will relent and not go through with the disaster that I was planning because of the evil things they have done."

4Say to them, "This is what the LORD says: If you will not listen to me and follow my law that I have set before you, 5and if you do not listen to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I have sent to you again and again (but you have not listened), 6then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city an object of cursing for all the nations of the earth."

7The priests, the prophets, and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words at the house of the LORD.

8Jeremiah finished saying everything the LORD had commanded him to say to all the people. Then the priests, the prophets, and all the people seized him, saying, "You must die! 9Why do you prophesy in the name of the LORD that this house will be like Shiloh and that this city will be desolate with no one living here?" All the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

10When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and sat in the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house.

11Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people. "This man deserves the sentence of death for prophesying against this city, which you heard with your own ears!"

12Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and to all the people, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things that you have heard. 13Now reform your ways and your actions, and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not go through with the disaster he has pronounced against you. 14But as for me, look, I am in your hands. Do with me as is good and right in your sight. 15But know this for certain: If you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live here, for truly the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

## 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

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

**Call received** - The voters of Trinity Lutheran Church, El Paso, Texas, have extended the call to Pastor Else to be their shepherd. As Pastor Else now wrestles with where to continue serving as pastor in the kingdom, your prayers and thoughts are welcome and appreciated. Please also keep the saints at Trinity in your prayers as they continue during their pastoral vacancy.

**Voters' Call Meeting** - Today, Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 - 3/7, 3/14, & 3/21. A fellowship dinner will precede each service at 5:45 pm.

**Lenten Suppers** - 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.

**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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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.

**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.

### Worship Attendance

Wednesday, February 21 - 85

Sunday, February 25 - 166 (121 - 8:00 am, 45 - 10:30 am)

### Income from week ending Feb. 25, 2018

	<u>Month Total</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>
First Fruits Offering	\$4223	\$19,896.50
School	\$1443.34	\$21,500
Preschool/Extended Care	\$935	\$7181.07
Mortgage	\$265	\$40,930
		\$7480
		\$1260

### **(Luke 11:14-28 continued)**

27While he was saying these things, a woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that carried you, and the breasts at which you nursed!"

28But he said, "Even more blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it."