

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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March 6, 2016
Fourth Sunday in Lent

"Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad with her"

WELCOME: To all of 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.

Pre-service music – Hand Chimes

"Go to Dark Gethsemane", "Were you there?", "God So Loved"

Order of Worship: Common Service with communion, pg 15

Hymns: 384, 349, 312, 616

First Lesson: Exodus 16:2-21

Psalm: Psalm 145, page 119

Second Lesson: Galatians 4:21-31

Gospel Lesson: John 6:1-15

Sermon Text: John 6:1-15

Sermon Theme: "The Bread of Life provides
all the food you'll ever need"

1. He know your needs
2. He's able to meet your needs
3. He wants you to trust in Him

Organist: Mrs. Janean Plocher

Worship leader: Pastor Ross Else

This Week at Emmaus

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| TODAY | Worship w/Lord's Supper | 8:00/10:30 am |
| | Growing in God's Word | 9:15 am |
| MONDAY | Choir Practice | 6:30pm |
| TUESDAY | Board of Finance | 6:00 pm |
| | Board of Properties | 6:30 pm |

WEDNESDAY

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| Fellowship Dinner | 5:45 pm |
| Lent Worship | 6:30 pm |
| Choir Practice | after church |

FRIDAY

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| Basketball Shootout | 3:00 pm |
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SATURDAY

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| Confessional Service w/Lord's Supper | 6:00 pm |
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NEXT SUNDAY

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| Worship | 8:00/10:30 am |
| Growing in God's Word | 9:15 am |
| Board of Education | 11:45 am |

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.

The First Article: Creation

"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true." Luther's Small Catechism.

First Lesson – Exodus 16:2-21

English Standard Version (ESV)

2 And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, 3 and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." 4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. 5 On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." 6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, 7 and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" 8 And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him--what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD." 9 Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'" 10 And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. 11 And the LORD said to Moses, 12 "I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and

in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God." 13 In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. 14 And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. 15 When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. 16 This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.'" 17 And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. 18 But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. 19 And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over till the morning." 20 But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. 21 Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

Second Lesson – Galatians 4:21-31

English Standard Version (ESV)

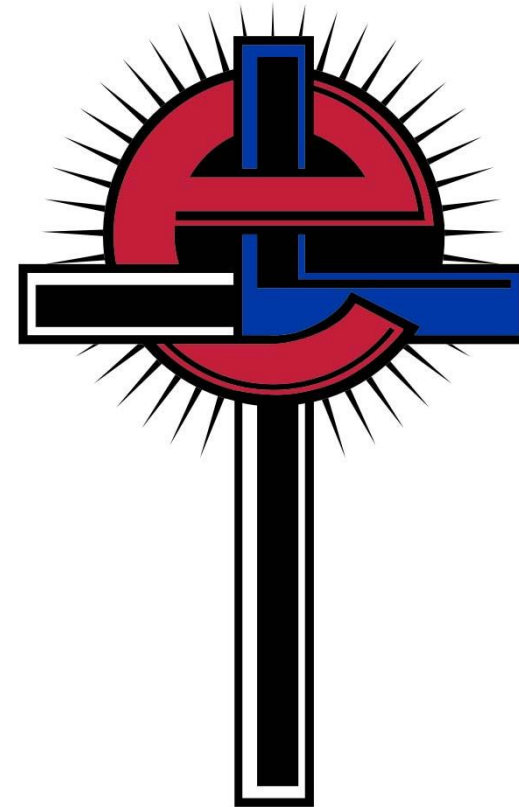
21 Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? 22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. 23 But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. 24 Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. 25 Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. 26 But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. 27 For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband." 28 Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. 29 But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. 30 But what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman." 31 So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

Gospel – John 6:1-15

English Standard Version (ESV)

1 After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. 2 And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. 3 Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. 5 Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. 7 Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" 10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. 11 Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!" 15 Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

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*"The Lord graciously supplies
our great need for mercy"*

Announcements

In Our Prayers -

Those who mourn - the Popelier family, as they mourn the death of Grace's sister, Marsha, the Conklin family, as they mourn the death of David's uncle, Mike, Beth Bowers and family, as they mourn the death of her sister-in-law, Diane. May the Lord, through His word, comfort, strengthen and give them hope in His unfailing promises of life and peace in Christ.

Those in hospice - Paula Schaffer, Cheryl Glynn's mother

Those with ongoing health and other struggles - Jennifer Ellis, Pastor David Beckman, cancer, Barb Widmann, Vita Marie Tollefson, Dylan Denneson, Julie Patterson, (daughter-in-law of Jim and Judy Patterson), cancer, Theodore & Colette Bodjanac, Josh and Zach Soto, Barb Wendt, Kathy Boyd, Vince Wallenberg, Ellen King, Paul Krause, Cynthia Mayotte, Katie Conklin, Diane Scheel,

Our shut-ins - Adeline Schwandt & Harold Weimer

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

President - Jeff Stuebs

Dear Emmaus Brothers and Sisters,

The last six short years we've spent as part of the Emmaus family have been one of the greatest blessings of our lives. You welcomed us from the start with open arms. We grew together in love and worship of our Savior, and we have learned to trust Him in all we do.

Our family will soon be embarking on a new adventure as the Lord has called us to South Carolina. We have sold our home here and are preparing for the move.

It is for this reason that I must resign as your congregational president. It has been my great honor and privilege to serve you and the Lord in this capacity. We shall forever cherish our family here and pray that we see each one of you again in glory. Thank you.

Your brother in Christ,
Jeffrey Stuebs

Thank you - to the Emmaus School children in grades 5-8 for playing the hand chimes for our preservice music this morning.

Lent - The theme for our midweek Lent services is *"Ironies of the Passion"*. Most would likely not ascribe the word "irony" to Jesus' passion. However, certain events in the gospel accounts - Caiaphas' unintentional prophecy, the Jewish leaders' hypocrisy, and others - are quite ironic. The theme for each week is as follows:

Mar 9 - "This Man Went Home Justified" (Luke 18:9-14)

Mar 16 - "Don't You Fear God?" (Luke 23:39-43)

Fellowship Dinner - will precede each service at 5:45 pm. The theme of our meal this Wednesday, 3/9, is chicken. Every family is asked to bring a salad, side or dessert to go with the main dish. Help with setup and cleanup would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please talk with Judy Stuebs or contact the office.

Mother-Son Evening - is set for Friday, March 18th from 6-8:00 pm. All boys and moms are invited for a fun-filled evening of good food (chicken, potatoes, rolls, green beans, corn and make-your-own sundaes), Wii Fit and board games, and prizes for all! Please sign up in rear of church, school office or by calling the school office or Judy Stuebs at 623-297-7314.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church - in Tempe will be hosting a gathering for Special Needs Adults on Sat., March 12th at 3:30PM. The devotion, music and crafts will focus on the Easter message. Please contact Pat Stern- 928-600 9129 to RSVP.

ALA Scrip Program - is changing. Please read the enclosed flyer for all the information.

Sunday School - Please join us between services from 9:15 - 10:15 am for the further study of God's Word. There is Sunday School for ages 3 through high school and also Bible Study for the adults.

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| Preschool - grade 3 meet in Rm1 | "The Foolish Rich Man" |
| 4 th - 6 th grade meet in Room 1 | Bible Study |
| 7 th grade - High School age | Fasting |
| Adults meet in the Fellowship Hall | Bible Study - 2 nd Corinthians |

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.

Children's Bulletins - 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. Each week's bulletin will correspond with the current week of the church year calendar.

Worship Attendance

Wednesday, February 24th - 91

Sunday, February 28th - 189 (137 - 8:00 am, 52 - 10:30 am)

| <u>Income from week ending Feb. 28, 2016</u> | <u>Month Total</u> | <u>Monthly Budget</u> |
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| First Fruits Offering | \$4354.15 | \$21,008.93 |
| School | \$22,875.64 | \$38,264 |
| Preschool/Extended Care | \$956.80 | \$4466.62 |
| Mortgage | \$1290 | \$2460 |