

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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March 5th, 2017
1st 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 with communion, page 15

Hymns: 754, 200, 311, 726

First Lesson: Genesis 3:1-15

Psalm: Psalm 91, page 100

Second Lesson: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon Text: Genesis 3:1-15

**Sermon Theme: "Only One could rescue man
from his fatal fall"**

- 1. The crafty foe sowed deathly devastation**
- 2. Adam and Eve could not hide their disobedience**
- 3. The LORD Himself would deal Satan the death-blow**

Organist: Mrs. Janean Plocher

Worship leader: Pastor Ross Else

This Week at Emmaus

TODAY	Worship w/Lord's Supper Growing in God's Word	8:00/10:30 am 9:15 am
MONDAY	Information Class	6:30 pm
TUESDAY	Board of Elders Board of Education	6:30 pm 7:00
WEDNESDAY	Fellowship Supper Lenten Worship Choir Practice	5:45 pm 6:30 pm after church

FRIDAY	Mother/Son Movie Night	6:00 pm
SATURDAY	Confessional Service w/Lord's Supper	6:00 pm
NEXT SUNDAY	Worship	8:00/10:30 am
	Growing in God's Word	9:15 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.

Third Petition

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven

What does this mean?

God's good and gracious will is done when He breaks and defeats every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh, which try to prevent us from keeping God's name holy and letting His kingdom come.

And God's will is done when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and in the faith as long as we live. This is His good and gracious will.

First Lesson – Genesis 3:1-15

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

1Now the serpent was more clever than any wild animal which the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Has God really said, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" 2The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, 3but not from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. God has said, 'You shall not eat from it. You shall not touch it, or else you will die.'" 4The serpent said to the woman, "You certainly will not die. 5In fact, God knows that the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was appealing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She gave some also to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists. 8They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9The LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" 10The man said, "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself." 11God said, "Who told you that you were

naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?" 12The man said, "The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it." 13The LORD God said to the woman, "What have you done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." 14The LORD God said to the serpent: Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all the livestock, and more than every wild animal. You shall crawl on your belly, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. 15I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will crush your head, and you will crush his heel. 16To the woman he said: I will greatly increase your pain in childbearing. With painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, but he will rule over you. 17To Adam he said: Because you listened to your wife's voice and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, "You shall not eat from it," the soil is cursed on account of you. You will eat from it with painful labor all the days of your life. 18Thorns and thistles will spring up from the ground for you, but you will eat the crops of the field. 19By the sweat of your face you will eat bread until you return to the soil, for out of it you were taken. For you are dust, and to dust you shall return. 20The man named his wife Eve because she would be the mother of all the living. 21The LORD God made clothing of animal skins for Adam and for his wife and clothed them.

Second Lesson – Hebrews 4:14-16

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

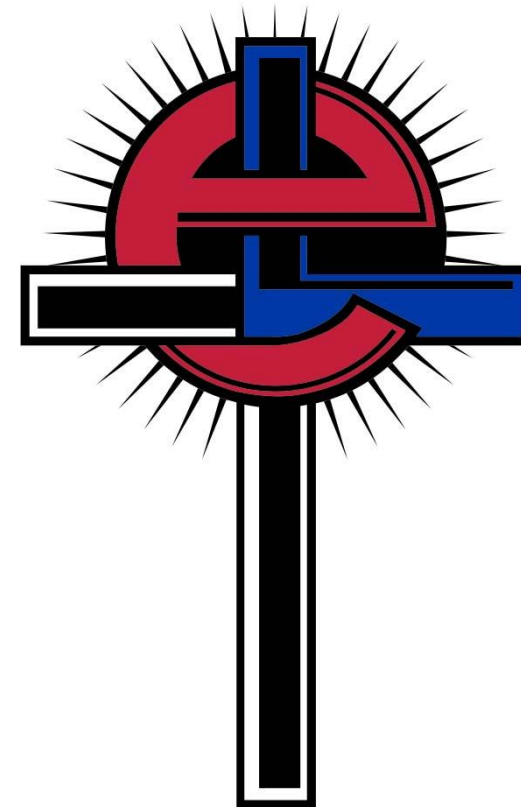
14Therefore, since we have a great high priest, who has gone through the heavens, namely, Jesus the Son of God, let us continue to hold on to our confession. 15For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet without sin. 16So let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Gospel – Matthew 4:1-11

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. 2After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3The Tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread." 4But Jesus answered, "It is written: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God." 5Then the Devil took him into the holy city. He placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6and he said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you. And they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." 7Jesus said to him, "Again, it is written: You shall not test the Lord your God." 8Again the Devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9He said to him, "I will give you all of these things, if you will bow down and worship me." 10Then Jesus said to him, "Go away, Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" 11Then the Devil left him, and just then angels came and served him.

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*"The Messiah shall call on the LORD;
the LORD will answer"
Jesus does battle in our place*

Announcements

In Our Prayers -

Those with ongoing health and other struggles - Jason Steger, heart surgery (friend of Katie Conklin) Faith Conklin, surgery (daughter-in-law of David & Laurie Conklin), Joseph Trovini, (Donna Schulz's father), Hunter Miller, Kim Miller, Brad Anderson, Paul Dameron, Marilyn Stults, Barb Osborn, Harry Norris, Anthony McCullough, (Sandy Griffiths' grandson) Julie Patterson - cancer, (daughter-in-law of Jim and Judy Patterson), Vince Wallenberg, Ellen King, Cindy Mayotte, Diane Scheel

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

It's Tax Time - Wait! Before you file your taxes, would you consider donating what you would otherwise pay in Arizona state tax to support students at Emmaus? Learn more at www.acsto.org or call the office at 602-843-3853.

"The Wonders of God" - is the title of our Bible information class that is being offered every Monday night from 6:30-7:30. This class is intended to be a review of the truths of Scripture 1) for anyone simply interested in an overview of what the Bible says; 2) for those interested in learning more about what our church and school teaches; 3) for those interested in becoming communicant members of Emmaus; and 4) for members wishing to have a review of God's Word as they learned it in catechism class. Each week we will review a section of the workbook that was assigned the week before. Bring your questions and your desire to dig into the Bible, as we learn about the wonderful things God has done for us.

Lent - The theme for our 6:30 pm midweek Lent services is *"Repent: Turn to Jesus"* The theme for each week is as follows:

Mar 8 - "Repent: Turn to Jesus. He Holds the Key to Heaven" (Luke 23:35-43)

Mar 15 - "Repent: Turn to Jesus. Do Not Turn Away" (Matthew 27:1-5)

Mar 22 - "Repent: Turn to Jesus to Release the Guilt of the Past" (Ps 51:1-3)

Mar 29 - "Repent: Turn to Jesus When You Face Temptation" (Mark 14:32-38, Luke 22:45,46)

Apr 5 - "Repent: Turn to Jesus. He Changes Your Life" (Luke 7:44-50)

Fellowship Dinner - will precede each service at 5:45 pm. The theme of our first meal on Wednesday, 3/1, is sub sandwiches. Every family is asked to bring a salad, side or dessert to go with the main dish. If you can help with setup and/or cleanup on any of the Wednesdays, please sign up on the form in the Fellowship Hall or in the back of the church. It would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please talk with Jill Kaiser, Janean Plocher or contact the office at 602-843-3853.

Mother/Son Movie Night - will be held on Friday, March 10th, starting at 6:00 pm. Donations for food, prizes for the boys, moms and decorations will be gladly accepted. If you are interested in volunteering your time to help with serving or cleanup please contact Sandy Bauer at azbauers@q.com or at 602-290-2502. Thank you!

Artificial Grass - We are looking at installing artificial grass on the south side of the church. The cost of this project is approximately \$10,000. We would like to get this completed by Easter. If you would like to contribute to this special project, please see Nathan Brekken, or any of the Board of Properties members. We would like to get a count of donations as soon as possible. A survey was emailed out this past week. If you don't have an email, there should be a copy in your mailbox in the narthex. Thank you.

Choir for Palm Sunday & Easter - If you would like to be a part of the choir please join us this Wednesday after the worship service. We will be singing for Palm Sunday and Easter morning. If you have any questions, please speak with Mrs. Plocher.

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.

Preschool - grade 3 meet in Rm1	"Paul's Farewell & Arrest"
4 th - 6 th grade meet in Room 6	"A Healed Man Serves God"
7 th - High School age meet in Room 7	"Water"
Adults meet in the Fellowship Hall	"Worship and the Lutheran Liturgy"

Dearly loved brothers and sisters in Christ,

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:3-6) How does one adequately express the gratitude due our gracious and holy God for all the blessings He pours out on us? Through His Word He calls us His own children; through Word and Sacrament He forgives, justifies, comforts, strengthens and keeps us. And then He ties us together through the bond of faith into this fighting the good fight church family! He is to be thanked and praised always. And I thank Him for each of you, and for bringing us together at this time in this place to walk and work together in His kingdom. Thank you so much for your prayers, your kindness, and all of your expressions of appreciation last weekend. It means a great deal and serves as a tremendous encouragement. May God grant that each of us remain ever humble before His Word and strive always to not only keep our focus on Christ and His Word alone, but that we also faithfully proclaim that Word of truth to the world around us. Jesus be with you all. Yours in Christ, Pastor Else

Worship Attendance

Sunday, February 26th - 126 (62 - 8:00 am, 64 - 10:30 am)

<u>Income from week ending Feb. 26, 2017</u>	<u>Month Total</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>
First Fruits Offering	\$3484.67	\$18,335.67
School	\$34,900.47	\$35,330
Preschool/Extended Care	\$4512.66	\$3855.40
Mortgage	\$1242.20	\$3012.20