

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church
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April 2nd, 2017
5th 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 w/Communion pg 15

Hymns: 128, 110, 315, 376

First Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm: Psalm 45, page 83

Second Lesson: Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel Lesson: John 8:46-59

Sermon Text: Numbers 21:4-9

**Sermon Theme: "There's only one cure
for this deadly venom"**

- 1. The cause of the pain is clear**
- 2. The deadly needs to be acknowledged**
- 3. The only antidote is the LORD's Word of life**

Organist: Mrs. Marilyn Feliciano
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	NO Information Class	
TUESDAY	Board of Education	7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY	Fellowship Supper	5:45 pm
	Lenten Worship	6:30 pm
	Choir Practice	after church
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.

First Lesson – Numbers 21:4-9

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

4They set out from Mount Hor along the road to the Red Sea to go around the land of Edom, but the people became very impatient along the way. 5The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? Look, there is no food! There is no water! And we are disgusted by this worthless food!" 6The LORD sent venomous snakes among the people, and the snakes bit the people. As a result many people from Israel died. 7The people went to Moses and said, "We have sinned, because we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD to take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed on behalf of the people. 8The LORD said to Moses, "Make a venomous snake and put it on a pole. If anyone who is bitten looks at it, he will live." 9Moses made a bronze snake and put it on the pole. If a snake had bitten anyone, if that person looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

Second Lesson – Hebrews 9:11-15

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

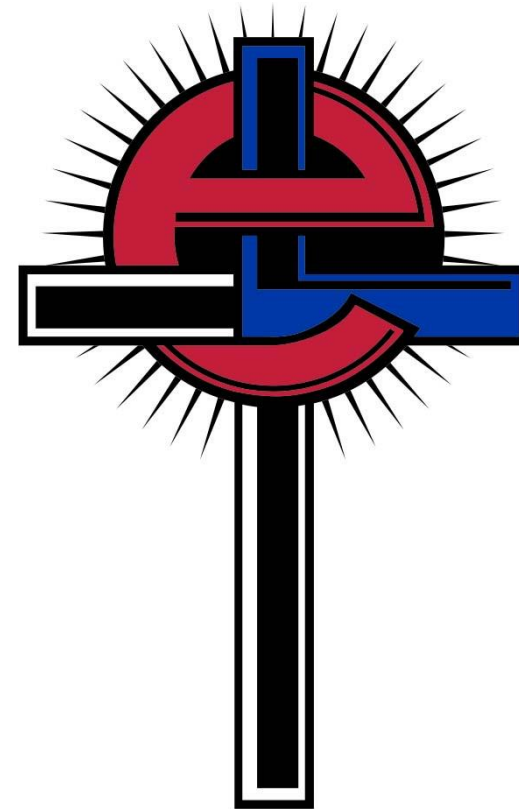
11But when Christ appeared as the high priest of the good things that were coming, he went through the greater and more complete tent, which was not made by human hands (that is, it is not part of this creation). 12He entered once into the Most Holy Place and obtained eternal redemption, not by the blood 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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“Jesus is our Redemption”

Announcements

In Our Prayers -

Those with ongoing health and other struggles - Chuck Widmann, surgery, Kathy Desch - cancer, (Linda Thompson's sister) Jason Steger, heart surgery (friend of Katie Conklin), Joseph Trovini, (Donna Schulz's father), Hunter Miller, Kim Miller, Brad Anderson, Anthony McCullough, (Sandy Griffiths' grandson) Julie Patterson (daughter-in-law of Jim and Judy Patterson), Vince Wallenberg, Ellen King, Cindy & Cynthia Mayotte,

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" - We will NOT be having information class this Monday night. Pastor Else will be out of town.

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

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

Fellowship Dinner - will precede each service at 5:45 pm. This Wednesday, 4/5, will be a **potluck**. Every family is asked to bring a main dish plus a salad, side or dessert. If you can help with setup and/or cleanup 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.

Easter Lilies - We would like to have live lilies on the altar this Easter. If you would be willing to contribute towards the lilies, please put a check or cash in an envelope and mark it "Lilies". It can be put in the offering plate or given to the office.

Holy Week Schedule - The week of April 10th is referred to as Holy Week - the last week of our Lord on Earth before his crucifixion and resurrection. There will be special worship services during this week.

* Maundy Thursday (April 13) at 6:30 pm with the Lord's Supper.

* Good Friday Tenebrae Service (April 14), at 6:30 pm

* Easter Sunday (April 16) Emmaus will be holding two special worship services, both with Communion.

Sunrise Service will be held outside at 6:30 am. At 9:00 am there will be another opportunity to show praise to our risen Savior.

Join us in between services for an Easter Breakfast. The breakfast is a potluck. Please bring an egg dish, fruit, pastries or donuts to share. We will hopefully have many visitors that morning, so please consider that when you are bringing your food. This will start around 7:30 am. We pray that you are able to join us as we celebrate the great news of our risen Savior!

Service Organization - We are looking for volunteers to head up each of our Service Organizations. The organizations are - Greeters, Altar Care, Church Cleaning, and Special Events. If you would be willing to be the contact person for any of these areas, please contact the office.

Choir for Palm Sunday & Easter - The choir singing for Palm Sunday and Easter will be practicing this Wednesday, 4/5, after the worship service. 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 on Trial"
4 th - 6 th grade meet in Room 6	"Jesus Blesses the Children"
7 th - High School age meet in Room 7	"Abraham's Children"
Adults meet in the Fellowship Hall	"Jonah: God's Reluctant Missionary to the Gentiles"

Worship Attendance

Sunday, March 26th - 155 (103 - 8:00 am, 52 - 10:30 am)

Wednesday, March 22nd - 63

<u>Income from week ending Mar. 26, 2017</u>	<u>Month Total</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>
First Fruits Offering	\$5224.96	\$22,159.47
School	\$5304.79	\$20,940
Preschool/Extended Care	\$17,295.88	\$12,140
Mortgage	\$4842.04	\$5470
	\$365	\$1295