

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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May 1st, 2016
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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.

Order of Worship: The Common Service with Holy Communion, page 15

Hymns: 402, 410, 329
First Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm: Psalm 85, page 97
Second Lesson: James 1:22-27
Gospel Lesson: John 16:23-30
Sermon Text: James 1:22-27
Sermon Theme: "Those who hear God's Word also need to put it into practice"

1. Remembering what you look like
2. Putting your religion to good use

Organist: Mrs. Jill Kaiser
Worship leader: Pastor Ross Else

This Week at Emmaus

TODAY	Worship w/Lord's Supper	8:00/10:30 am
	Growing in God's Word	9:15 am
	Confirmation Examination in both services	
TUE-WED	Pastors' conference at Cross of Glory, Peoria	
TUESDAY	Board of Elders	7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY	Bible Study	6:30 pm
THURSDAY	<i>The Ascension of our Lord</i> Worship service with communion	6:30 pm
SATURDAY	Confessional Service w/Lord's Supper	6:00 pm
NEXT SUNDAY	Worship	8:00/10:30 am
	Welcome of confirmands	9:15 am
	8 th grade Confirmation w/Lord's Supper	10:30 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

New International Version (NIV 1984)

4 They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; 5 they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!" 6 Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. 7 The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people. 8 The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." 9 So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

Second Lesson – James 1:22-27

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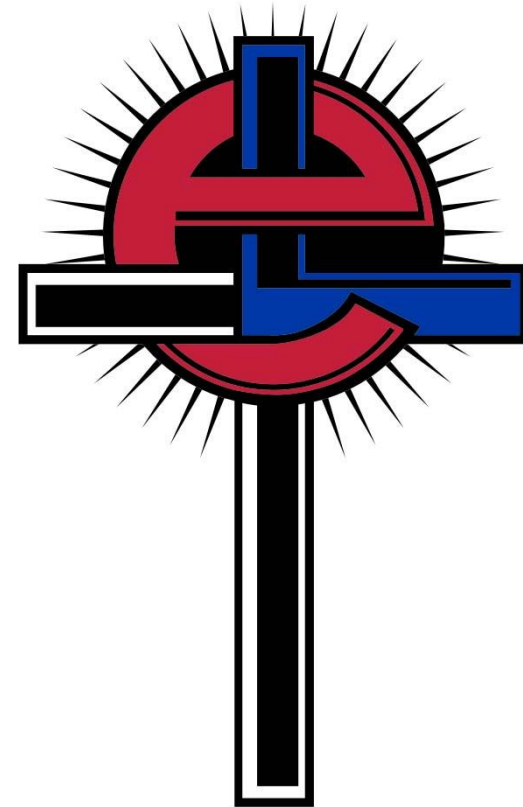
22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do. 26 Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. 27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Gospel – John 16:23-30

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23 In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. 24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. 25 “Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. 26 In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. 27 No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. 28 I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.” 29 Then Jesus’ disciples said, “Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. 30 Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God.”

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*"The Lord Jesus instructs us to
ask the Father in His name"*

Announcements

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