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May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Seventh 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: Word (1st service), page 38**  
**Word and Sacrament (2nd service), page 26**

**Hymns:** 599, 169, 768, 597

**First Lesson:** Ezekiel 36:22-28

**Psalm:** Psalm 78, page 95

**Second Lesson:** 1 Peter 4:7-11

**Gospel Lesson:** John 15:26-16:4

**Sermon Text:** John 15:26-16:4

**Sermon Theme:** "Jesus' departure means  
you'll never be alone"

1. The Holy Spirit comes to point you to Christ
2. The Holy Spirit comes to strengthen you  
when you face persecution

**Organist:** Mrs. Janean Plocher

**Worship leader:** Pastor Ross Else

**This Week at Emmaus**

TODAY	Worship	8:00/10:30 am
	Welcome of confirmands	9:15 am
	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation w/Lord's Supper	10:30 am

TUESDAY	Board of Finance	6:00 pm
	Board of Properties	6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY	Bible Study	6:30 pm
FRIDAY	Family Entertainment Night	6:00 pm
SATURDAY	Rohr/Soriano Wedding	5:30 pm
NEXT SUNDAY	Worship w/Lord's Supper	8:00/10:30 am

**Lord's Supper** - is celebrated today in the 10:30 am service. 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 – Ezekiel 36:22-28**

New International Version (NIV 1984)

22 "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. 23 I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Sovereign LORD, when I show myself holy through you before their eyes. 24 "'For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. 25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. 28 You will live in the land I gave your forefathers; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

## Second Lesson – 1 Peter 4:7-11

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7 The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. 8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 11 If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

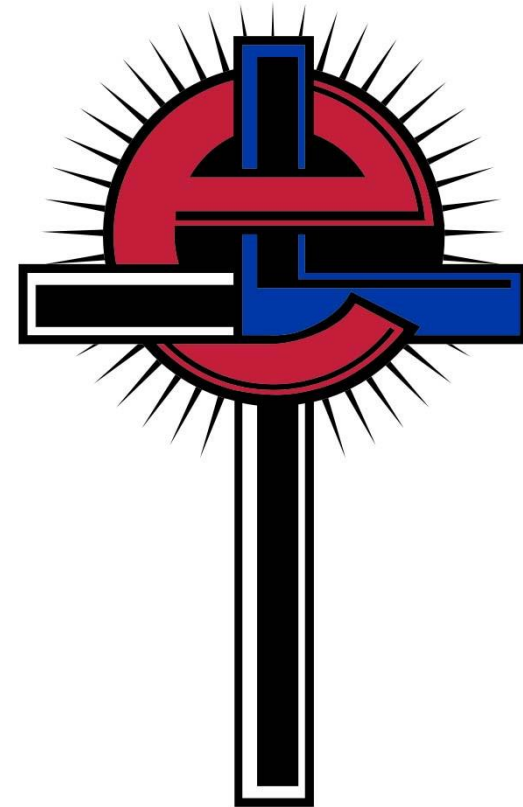
## Gospel – John 15:26-16:4

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26 "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. 27 And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

16:1 "All this I have told you so that you will not go astray. 2 They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God. 3 They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. 4 I have told you this, so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you. I did not tell you this at first because I was with you.

# Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church



*"Hear, O LORD,  
when I cry with my voice!"*

## **Announcements**

### **In Our Prayers -**

**Giving thanks** - along with Dick and Linda Toetz at the birth of their great granddaughter, Ryleigh.

**Those with ongoing health and other struggles** - Vince Wallenberg, Jennifer Ellis, Theodore Bodjanac Sr., (health), Anthony McCullough, (Sandy Griffiths' grandson) Pastor David Beckman, cancer, Dylan Denneson, Julie Patterson, (daughter-in-law of Jim and Judy Patterson), cancer, Kathy Boyd, Vince Wallenberg, Ellen King, Paul Krause, Cynthia Mayotte, 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.

**Welcome** - We welcome into communicant membership today Ms. Makayla Kaiser, Ms. Kaylee Palm, and Ms. Mallory Sheets. May the Lord in His mercy and grace preserve these young ladies in the faith through Word and Sacrament all their days. The Lord bless and keep them always!

**Call received** - The Lord of the Church has seen fit to extend the call to Pastor Else to serve the saints at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pigeon, MI. As Pastor Else deliberates between the call to St. John's and the call to Emmaus, he asks for not only your prayers but also your questions and input. In addition to giving everyone the opportunity to earnestly pray to the Lord of the Church in these matters, the calls also give the worker and the congregations the opportunity to evaluate strengths and weaknesses, as well as the gifts given to all, and where and how those gifts might be put to use at this time in His kingdom. It also gives to all the opportunity to trust that His good and gracious will be done.

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** - Please make plans to join us on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, as we give thanks to God for allowing His servant, Mark Kaiser, to teach His precious Word to His little lambs in our Lutheran elementary schools for 25 years, and at Emmaus for the last 10 of those years. We invite you to join with us in giving thanks to our Lord on this occasion at our 10:30 am service. You are also invited to join us in our Fellowship Hall afterward for a meal and opportunity to remember some of the blessings the Lord has given throughout Mark's 25 year teaching ministry. If you would be willing to help by bringing food for the luncheon please see Ms. Angie Hintz or find the sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday School** - will not be held today. Instead we ask everyone to join us in welcoming our three, 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmands. Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 8:00 am service.

**Family Entertainment Night** - will be held on Friday, May 13th, at 6:00 pm. It will be held in the inner school courtyard. Our theme this year is "Emmaus on Broadway". Though metal chairs will be set-up, you are invited to bring your own lawn chairs. You may also bring blankets if you would like to sit in the grass. Everyone is invited to come enjoy an evening of songs and entertainment.

**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**

Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> - 139 (87 - 8:00 am, 52 - 10:30 am)

<u><b>Income from week ending May 1, 2016</b></u>	<u><b>Month Total</b></u>	<u><b>Monthly Budget</b></u>
First Fruits Offering	\$4467	\$20,916
School	\$375	\$31,942
Preschool/Extended Care	\$394.25	\$5388
Mortgage	\$350	