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6th Sunday of Easter

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.

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Hymns: 419, 410, 310, 472

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:6-11

Psalm: Psalm 85, page 97

Second Lesson: James 1:22-27

Gospel Lesson: John 16:23-33

Sermon Text: John 16:23-33

**Sermon Theme: "The Father answers your prayers
entirely for Jesus' sake"**

- 1. Because Jesus returned to the Father**
- 2. Because through faith in Jesus the Father loves you**

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
WEDNESDAY	Bible Class	6:30 pm

THURSDAY	Last Day of School - Closing Service 8 th grade Graduation	11:30 am 6:00 pm
SATURDAY	Confessional Service w/Lord's Supper	6:00 pm
NEXT SUNDAY	Worship Growing in God's Word	8:00/10:30 am 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 – Isaiah 55:6-11

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

6 Seek the LORD while he allows himself to be found! Call on him while he is near! 7 Let the wicked abandon his way. Let an evil man abandon his thoughts, and let him turn to the LORD, and he will show him mercy, and let him turn to our God, because he will abundantly forgive. 8 Certainly my plans are not your plans, and your ways are not my ways, declares the LORD. 9 Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my plans are higher than your plans. 10 Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky and do not return there unless they water the earth, make it give birth, and cause it to sprout, and it gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 so it will be with my Word that goes forth from my mouth. It will not return to me empty. Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please, and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it.

Second Lesson – James 1:22-27

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

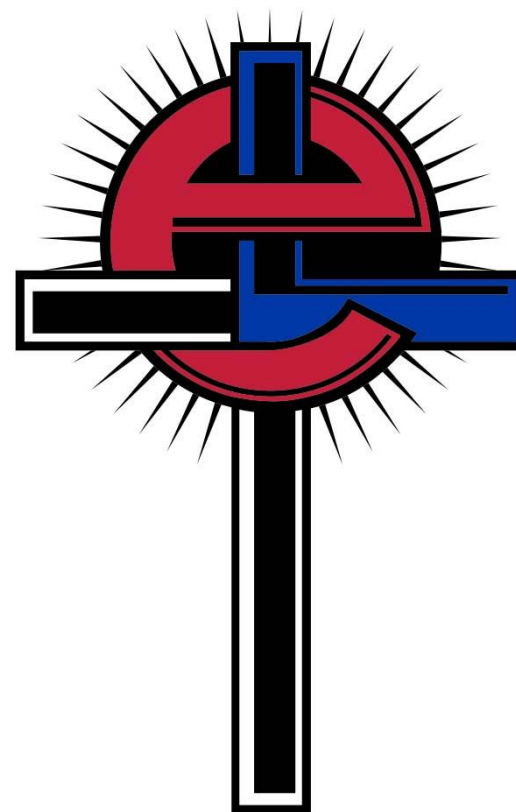
22Be people who do what the word says, not people who only hear it. Such people are deceiving themselves. 23In fact, if anyone hears the word and does not do what it says, he is like a man who carefully looks at his own natural face in a mirror. 24Indeed, he carefully looks at himself; then, he goes away and immediately forgets what he looked like. 25But the one who looks carefully into the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continues to do so—since he does not hear and forget but actually does what it says—that person will be blessed in what he does. 26If anyone considers himself to be religious but deceives his own heart because he does not bridle his tongue, this person’s religion is worthless. 27Religion that is pure and undefiled in the sight of God the Father is this: to take care of orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Gospel – John 16:23-33

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

“Amen, Amen, I tell you: Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. 24Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask, and you will receive, so that your joy may be made complete. 25“I have told you these things using figurative language. A time is coming when I will no longer speak to you using figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. 26In that day you will ask in my name, and I am not telling you that I will make requests of the Father on your behalf. 27For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. 28I came from the Father and have come into the world. Now I am going to leave the world and go to the Father.” 29“*Yes!*” his disciples said. “Now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative language. 30Now we know that you know everything and do not need to have anyone ask you anything. For this reason we believe that you came from God.”

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*“The Father answers our
prayers because of Jesus”*

Announcements

Those with ongoing health and other struggles - Joseph Trovini, (Donna Schulz's father), Terri Porter, (friend of the Toetz family) Polly Mackenzie, Barb Osborn, Hunter Miller, Brad Anderson, Vince Wallenberg, Ellen King, Diane Scheel

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

Giving thanks - along with Richard and Linda Toetz as they celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary. They are thankful for their 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. They invite you to the Fellowship Hall between services for cake.

Divine Call Received - Mr. Mark Kaiser received a call from St. Croix Lutheran High School in St. Paul, MN. The call is to teach Freshman English and do some coaching. As Mr. Kaiser deliberates between the call to St. Croix 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 call also gives the worker the opportunity to evaluate his gifts and where and how those gifts might be best used in God's kingdom.

Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center - Bev Stellmacher, an Emmaus member and an Alpha volunteer, asked to put the following in - Recently we had a work day at Alpha to do some much needed general cleaning. This week we received some new furniture which indeed spruces up our waiting room. In April we saw 54 clients, did a couple of pregnancy test and gave out 3 layettes for soon to arrive babies. We are in need of the following items: Baby wash & wipes and baby formula.. Clothing for layettes and used clothing 18 month to size 4. Monetary donations are always appreciated to help pay for rent, utilities and diapers. We are looking for more volunteers to help us out at the Alpha Center. I will tell you since coming aboard in January I can say that it's been a huge blessing to me and very rewarding. God indeed is working through all of our advocates. We thank you for any help that you can provide.

New Email List - Recently, the office computer quit functioning. We were able to recover most of our files, however, Mrs. Conklin's email contact list completely disappeared. If you have not already, please take a moment to **legibly** print your name and email address on the sheets outside of the Fellowship Hall, it would be greatly appreciated. If you have a new mailing address or phone number, please write that down as well. You may also email your information to Laurie in the office at office@emmauslutheran.com Thank you for your help!

Board Elections - This June we will once again have elections for the boards that are responsible for the faithful stewardship of the gifts God has given our congregation.

The positions are as follows: president (Chuck Widmann - current and eligible for another term) and vice-president (vacant); board of elders two positions (Karl Schossow and Howard Widmann current and both eligible for another term); board of church properties two positions vacant; board of finance one position (Dave Schulz current but ineligible for another term); board of education two positions (Marc Gantenbein current but ineligible for another term; Eric Coda current and eligible for another term). We are thankful for the faithful service of these stewards; as we are for all the gifts given our congregation and the myriad of ways in which God's people willingly and joyfully serve. Let us continue to give ourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because we know our labor in the Lord is not in vain.

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.

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.

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	"Abraham Prays for Lot"
4 th - 6 th grade meet in Room 6	"God Appears to Elijah"
7 th - High School age meet in Room 7	"Holy Spirit's Presence"
Adults meet in the Fellowship Hall	"Jonah: God's Reluctant Missionary to the Gentiles"

Worship Attendance

Sunday, May 14th - 129 (81 - 8:00 am, 48 - 10:30 am)

Income from week ending May 14, 2017	Month Total	Monthly Budget
First Fruits Offering	\$3906.30	\$8955.36
School	\$2913.15	\$22,720
Preschool/Extended Care	\$820.53	\$5850.25
Mortgage	\$305	\$26,730
		\$5990
		\$675

