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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.

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First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:16-29

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Sermon Text: Matthew 7:15-23

**Sermon Theme: "Always beware of wolves
in sheep's clothing"**

- 1. They come to devour God's flock**
- 2. By their fruit, you will recognize them**
- 3. We never want to share in their fatal end**

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
TUESDAY Church Council 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY Bible Study
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 – Jeremiah 23:16-29

English Standard Version (ESV)

16 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. 17 They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'" 18 For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? 19 Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. 20 The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. 21 "I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. 22 But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. 23 "Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? 24 Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. 25 I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' 26 How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, 27 who think to make my

people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? 28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. 29 Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

Second Lesson – Romans 8:12-17

English Standard Version (ESV)

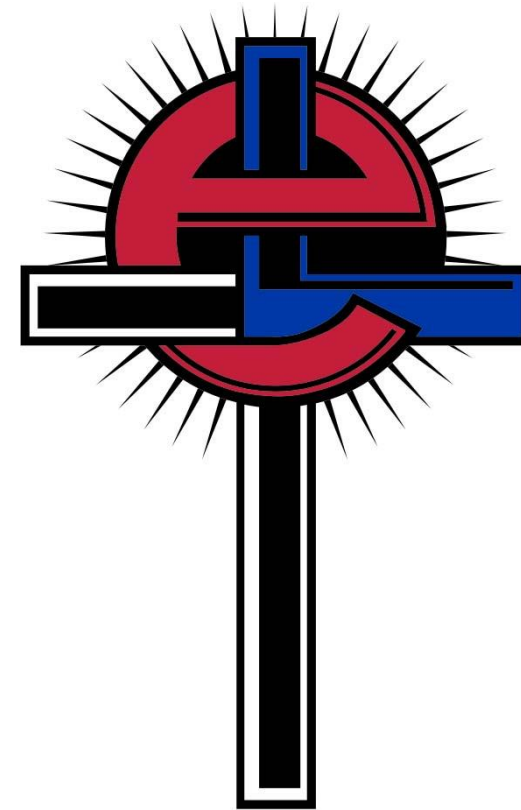
12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Gospel – Matthew 7:15-23

English Standard Bible (ESV)

15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. 18 A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. 21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' 23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

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*"Those entrusted with the Word
are to proclaim in faithfully"*

Announcements

In Our Prayers -

Those with ongoing health and other struggles - Ron Osborn Sr., David Conklin, Marilyn Stults, Caleb Olson, (Brekken family relative), Jennifer Soriano, Vince Wallenberg, Vita Marie Tollefson, Theodore Bodjanac Sr., (health), Anthony McCullough, (Sandy Griffiths' grandson) Pastor David Beckman, cancer, Julie Patterson, (daughter-in-law of Jim and Judy Patterson), cancer, Kathy Boyd, Vince Wallenberg, Ellen King, 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.

Preschool Aide Position - God has blessed our school with twelve, 4 year old PreK students so far for the 2016-2017 school year. If we enroll more than 15 students, we will need to have an aide in the classroom. The hours will be from 9:45 AM - 12:15 PM (Tues & Thurs) and 8:15 AM - 12:15 PM (Mon, Wed, Fri) if and when we reach 16 students. The compensation is \$9.50 per hour. Benefits are not included. This person will assist Mrs. Else in the PreK classroom and work one-on-one with the PreK students. This person will also be compensated to complete 18 continuing education clock hours each year to keep our AZ ECM license current. Please see Maria Else or Andy Plocher for more information or an application

Thank You - David, Laurie and Katie Conklin would like to thank their Emmaus family for all of the prayers, cards and meals they have received after David's recent accident. They are all truly appreciated. We are blessed to have so many brothers and sisters in Christ.

Job Openings - Arizona Lutheran Academy is looking to fill the following position, Morning Bus Driver. For more information contact Arizona Lutheran Academy at 602-268-8686 or ALAcoyotes.org.

ALA - Arizona Lutheran Academy is in great need of families to host ALA students, both international and domestic. Right now we have male and female students who need homes and we don't have enough families to host these students. Host families provide a loving home for a student during the school year. They are asked to provide a bed, a good study environment, meals, and transportation to and from school each day. All families receive compensation for hosting.

Would you consider opening your home to one of these students? Host families make ALA a reality for these students! We need you! Please contact Pastor Brad Bode, bode@alacoyotes.org, for more information about housing a domestic student. Contact Mrs. Lynnette Stahmann, internationals@alacoyotes.org, for more information about housing an international student.

Paradise Valley Lutheran Church - has an opening for a preschool aide, 20 hours per week (Monday to Friday, 7:30-11:30 AM). If you are interested please contact Pastor Casmer at 602-992-4981 (office), 602-403-8310 (cell) or by email at pastor@pvlutheran.org .

Sunday School Help Needed - We are in need of people to teach lessons and do crafts with the children in Preschool - 3rd grade. If you can help in either of these areas please speak with Jill Kaiser.

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	"God Appears to Elijah"
4 th - 6 th grade meet in Room 6	"How Can I Get Along Better With People of Other Races or Cultures"
7 th grade - High School age	"Reconciliation"
Adults meet in the Fellowship Hall	Luther's Large Catechism

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.

Worship Attendance

Sunday, July 10th - 121 (80 - 8:00 am, 41- 10:30 am)

<u>Income from week ending July 10, 2016</u>	<u>Month Total</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>
First Fruits Offering	\$3438.50	\$16,880
School	\$4000.00	\$34,780
Preschool/Extended Care	\$ 0	\$3600
Mortgage	\$220	\$445

