

First Lesson – Jeremiah 23:16-29 (continued)

one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has chaff to do with grain?" declares the LORD. 29"Is not my word like a fire," declares the LORD, "and like a hammer that shatters rock?"

Second Lesson – Acts 20:27-38

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

27For I did not hesitate to proclaim to you the whole counsel of God.

28"Always keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers, to shepherd the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood. 29I know that after my departure savage wolves, who will not spare the flock, will come in among you. 30Even from your own group men will rise up, twisting the truth in order to draw away disciples after them.

31Therefore be always on the alert! Remember that for three years, night and day, I never stopped warning each one of you with tears.

32"And now I entrust you to God and to the word of his grace, which has power to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. 33I did not covet anyone's silver or gold or clothing. 34You yourselves know that these hands have provided for my needs and for those who were with me. 35In every way I gave you an example that, by working hard like this, we need to help the weak and to remember the words that the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

36After Paul said these things, he knelt down with all of them and prayed. 37They all wept very much, as they threw their arms around Paul's neck and kissed him. 38They were most distressed over the statement he made, that they would never see his face again. Then they accompanied him to the ship.

Gospel – Matthew 7:15-23

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

15"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16By their fruit you will recognize them. You do not gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles, do you? 17So then, every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit. 18A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit. 19Every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20So then, by their fruit you will recognize them. 21Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. 22Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and drive out demons in your name and perform many miracles in your name?' 23Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.'"

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church



*"Jesus warns His flock
about false prophets"*

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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: Divine Service 1, page 15 CWS

Hymns: 280, 536, 309, 323

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Psalms: Psalm 1, page 64

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Sermon Text: Matthew 7:15-23

Sermon Theme:

"Always beware of wolves in sheep's clothing"

- 1. Who try to hide their true intentions**
- 2. Who are clearly identified by their fruit**
- 3. Whose end is eternally devastating**

Organist: Mrs. Marilyn Feliciano

Worship leader: Pastor Ross H. Else

This Week at Emmaus

TODAY	Worship	8:00 am
	Bible Study	9:15 am
	Worship w/Lord's Supper	10:30 am
	Quarterly Voters' Meeting	11:45 am
WEDNESDAY	Bible Class	6:30 pm
	Information Class	11:00 am
SATURDAY	Confessional Service w/Lord's Supper	6:00 pm
	Worship w/Lord's Supper	8:00 am
NEXT SUNDAY	Bible Study and Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship w/Lord's Supper	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.

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16This is what the LORD of Armies says:

"Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They are deluding you. They speak visions from their own hearts and not from the mouth of the LORD.

17They keep saying to those who despise me, 'The LORD has said that you will have peace.' And to everyone who walks in the stubbornness of his own heart, they say, 'No harm will come to you.'

18Yet who has stood in the council of the LORD, to see and hear his word? Who has listened to his word and heard it?

19Look, a storm of the LORD! His wrath has gone out, a whirlwind twisting down, whirling on the heads of the wicked.

20The LORD's anger will not turn back until he has completely fulfilled the purposes of his heart. In later days you will understand it perfectly.

21I did not send these prophets, yet they ran. I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied.

22But if they had stood in my council, they would have caused my people to hear my words, and they would have turned them from their evil ways and from their evil deeds.

23Am I a God who is only nearby," declares the LORD, "and not a God far away?"

24Can anyone hide 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 who prophesy lies in my name have said. They say, 'I've had a dream! I've had a dream!'

25How long will this be in the hearts of these lying prophets?

These prophets proclaim the deceitfulness of their own minds. 27They think they can make my people forget my name with the dreams each one tells his neighbor, the way their fathers forgot my name because of Baal. 28Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream. But let the

Announcements

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Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center - Dear beloved people of Emmaus, Once again we at ALPHA Resource Center would like to show our gratitude for all the donations that we receive from you. I wish you could see the looks on the many women's faces and their children when they receive a new outfit or two. Most of our clients have very little and appreciate what they receive. Every chance we get we proclaim Jesus love for them. Please keep Alpha in your prayers. God bless you all, Bev Stellmacher

Installation - Our two new teachers, Miss Rachel Kramer and Mr. Jacob Andersen, will be installed during the 10:30 am worship service on Sunday, August 5th. Following the service, we will be having a welcome luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Emmaus will be providing fried chicken, drinks and dessert. Each family that attends is asked to bring a side dish or salad to share.

Biographies -

My name is Rachel Kramer. I grew up with my two brothers and one sister on a farm near Gibbon, MN. I attended Immanuel Lutheran School, Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School, and then Martin Luther College. I was assigned to teach Kindergarten and First Grade at Ascension Lutheran School in Escondido, CA. I served at Ascension for 13 years before accepting a call to teach First Grade at St. John Lutheran School in Redwood Falls, MN. Over the years, I have had the opportunity to travel around the United States, Europe, and Peru, even hiking the Inca Trail. I look forward to serving with you at Emmaus as we share the good news of Jesus our Savior!
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Hello! My name is Jacob Andersen. I am from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where I have lived my whole life. I am the son of Tricia and Brian Andersen and have two siblings. My brother Jon is currently studying Chemistry at Mount Mercy University and hopes to become a chemical engineer. My sister Alex is a student at John F. Kennedy High School in Cedar Rapids.

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I look forward to becoming a part of your congregation and part of your community. I hope that God blesses our time together and allows me to help my students grow not only in knowledge but also in their faith in Him.

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A/C update: Most of our A/C units have been in need of repair or replacement. Some special gifts have been given recently to assist us in meeting the costs involved. As a result, work will begin this week in replacing two of our units in rooms 1-2, with the better of those two being used to replace the broken unit that services the bathrooms for school. If you have any questions, please ask Nate Brekken, our Properties chairman.

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Children's Bulletins and Books - 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. Christian books are also available for ages 0 to 10 + to look at or read during the service! Please ask an usher to direct you to the books so you or your child may pick out an age appropriate book bag or book.

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Worship Attendance

Sunday, July 15 - 111 (73 - 8:00 am, 38 - 10:30 am)

<u>Income from week ending July 8, 2018</u>	<u>Month Total</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>
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