Lord's Supper - is celebrated today in the 8:00 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.

A/C Update – Work has begun on replacing/repairing our A/C units. Due to some generous gifts from God’s people, we have been able to replace the units in classrooms 1-2 with new units. In addition, one of the replaced units was moved to service the school restrooms, which had no A/C for the most of last school year. So three rooms are now up and running, for which we are very grateful. As additional funds become available, we will continue replacing our units. If you have any questions, please ask Nate Brekken, our Properties chairman.

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.

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, August 12 - 128 (72 - 8:00 am, 56 - 10:30 am)

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“Faith comes from hearing”

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church
August 19, 2018
Pentecost 13
THE GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE BEFORE HIM

OPENING HYMN  “Father, We Praise You” (CW #581)

STAND

P:  The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C:  And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P:  God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

The congregation may kneel.

C:  Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P:  God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Organist:  Mrs. Marilyn Feliciano
Worship leader:  Pastor Ross H. Else

This Week at Emmaus

TODAY  Worship w/Lord’s Supper  8:00 am
Bible Study and Teen Group  9:15 am
Worship  10:30 am

TUESDAY  Church Council Meeting  6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY  Bible Class  6:30 pm

SATURDAY  Information Class  11:00 am
Confessional Service w/ Lord’s Supper  6:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY  Worship  8:00 am
Bible Study and Sunday School  9:15 am
Worship w/Lord’s Supper  10:30 am

Announcements

Those with ongoing health and other struggles - Lottie Tweed; Kimberly Fritz (cancer, surgery); Betty Klett, Nicole Harris’ grandmother; Shaun Eversole (cancer); Bob Strother, Gail Strother’s husband (surgery); Linda Toetz (eye surgery); Chuck Widmann; Barb Widmann; Kathy Boyd; Gary Holman, Ada Weimer’s brother (leukemia); Diane Natalie; Barb Osborn; Pastor David Sweet; Cynthia Mayotte; Kathy Boyd’s brother, Carl; Judy Frank; Roger Wilde’s wife Carol; Polly Mackenzie; Brad Anderson; Vince Wallenberg; Ellen King; Diane Scheel; Linda Thompson’s friend Kathy Desch (cancer); Linda’s niece, Tammy Naranjo.

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

Thank you –

Dear Members of Emmaus,
Thank you so much for welcoming me last Sunday with the wonderful lunch, the cards, and the amazing bouquet of gift cards! I truly appreciate your kindness and generosity! I am thankful for the privilege of serving with you as we share the love of Jesus with children and their families.

In His service,  Rachel Kramer

Dear Members of Emmaus,
I would like to extend my sincere thankfulness and gratitude for the welcome that you extended to my family and to myself. I also thank you for the wonderful gifts and the lovely meal you provided following Installation, and for the support and encouragement you bestowed to me. I thank the Lord so often for placing me in such an encouraging environment, and hope that we may continue to give this support and encouragement to each other throughout our time together.

God’s Blessings to all of you,  Jacob Andersen
P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

CLOSING HYMN #234 – “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: Amen.

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.
O LORD, OUR LORD

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth. Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love. You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit; you make us pure and holy in your sight. You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth. O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us; you made your Father known;

THANKSGIVING

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell everyone what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.

He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**FIRST LESSON**

18Who is a God like you, who forgives guilt, and who passes over the rebellion of the survivors from his inheritance? He does not hold onto his anger forever. He delights in showing mercy. 19He will have compassion on us again. He will overcome our guilty deeds. You will throw all their sins into the depths of the sea. 20You will give truth to Jacob and mercy to Abraham, as you swore to our fathers from days of old. (EHV)

**PSALM 34** (p.80 in front section of hymnal)
SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:4-11

4 Such is the confidence we have through Christ before God. 5 Not that we are competent by ourselves to claim that anything comes from us; rather, our competence is from God. 6 He also made us competent as ministers of a new testament (not of letter, but of spirit). For the letter kills, but the spirit gives life. 7 If the ministry that brought death (which was engraved in letters on stone) came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look directly at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face (though it was fading), 8 how will the ministry of the spirit not be much more glorious? 9 For if the ministry that brought condemnation has glory, the ministry that brought righteousness has even more glory. 10 In fact, in this case, what was glorious is no longer very glorious, because of the greater glory of that which surpasses it. 11 Indeed, if what is fading away was glorious, how much more glorious is that which is permanent! (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia. (Hebrews 4:12)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei
P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
Sanctus

GOSPEL LESSON
Mark 7:31-37

31 Jesus left the region of Tyre again and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of the Decapolis. 32 They brought a man to him who was deaf and had a speech impediment. They pleaded with Jesus to place his hand on him. 33 Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then he spit and touched the man’s tongue. 34 After he looked up to heaven, he sighed and said, “Ephphatha!” (which means “Be opened!”) 35 Immediately the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was set free, and he began to speak plainly. 36 Jesus gave the people strict orders to tell no one, but the more he did so, the more they kept proclaiming it. 37 They were amazed beyond measure and said, “He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!” (EHV)

HYMN
#353 “Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness”

SERMON
Mark 7:31-37

“The One who opens the ears and loosens the tongue is truly remarkable”

1. Everything He does is good
2. Everything He says is good

STAND

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no
THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*First service continues with the Sacrament; Second service continues on page 14

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.