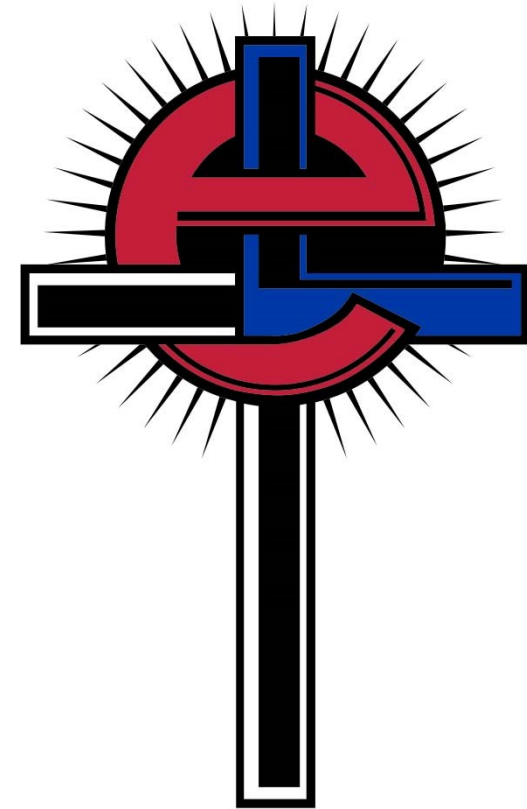


**“Jesus is the Narrow Door
to enter Heaven”**



**Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church
September 29, 2019
15th Sunday after Trinity**

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE BEFORE HIM

OPENING HYMN

“I Walk in Danger All the Way” (CW #431)

STAND

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



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.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Call Update - The Lord of the Church has extended a call to Pastor Else to serve as pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Farmington, WI. As Pastor Else deliberates the two calls he now holds, please keep him and the Else family in your prayers. Please also share your thoughts with him.

“40 Years in the Desert” - Today, September 29, Deer Valley Lutheran Church will have a special afternoon service at 4:00 pm to commemorate their 40th Anniversary. Pastor Else will be the guest preacher. After the worship service there will be time for fellowship at a cake and coffee reception in the Ministry Center. Everyone is invited as Deer Valley Lutheran Church marks this milestone.

Ladies of Emmaus - Mark the date of Oct. 12, 2019 for the LWMS Grand Canyon West rally. It will be held at Grace in Glendale. It will be a great way to spend your day in fellowship with Christian sisters here in the Valley. You will also be able to hear veteran missionary, Kerby Spevacek, as he speaks about his missionary journeys. Then hear Pastor Jeff Gunn as he tells about his home mission experience, and strategies for all of us to reach out to people right here in the valley. If you can't make the rally, think about a donation to support LWMS projects. Talk with Kay Retberg for more information. Registration forms are available in the narthex under the church mailboxes.

New Flags for Thanksgiving and Christmas – With the holidays fast approaching, we are getting ready to order Thanksgiving and Christmas flags like we had for Easter. If anyone is interested in making a donation towards the flags, it would be greatly appreciated. The total cost for flags and freight will be about \$150.00. If you wish donate put in envelope marked flags. Thank you.

Cash Back to Our School - Sonoran Express Car Wash, located at 16843 N. 43rd Ave (43rd Ave south of Bell) will return 5% of your purchases back to our school. Use code 47956. If you have any questions, please contact the office church/school office at 602-843-3853.

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, Sep 22nd - 176 (137 - 8:00 am, 39 - 10:30am)

<u>Income from week ending Sep 22, 2019</u>	<u>Month Total</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>
First Fruits Offering	\$5588	\$19,113
School	\$485	\$23,007.95
Preschool/Extended Care	\$0	\$17,843
		\$813

Worship Leader: Pastor Ross Else
Sermon: Pastor Lawrence Retberg
Organist: Mrs. Janean Plocher

This Week at Emmaus

TODAY	Worship w/Lord's Supper	8:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship w/Lord's Supper	10:30 am
	ALA Fall Concert	4:00 pm
	Deer Valley 40 th Anniversary Service	4:00 pm
TUESDAY	Board of Education	6:00 pm
	Board of Elders	6:30 pm
WEDNESDAY	Bible Class	6:30 pm
THURSDAY	Church Ministry Meeting	6:30 pm
FRIDAY	ALA Homecoming	
NEXT SUNDAY	Worship w/Lord's Supper	8:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship	10:30 am

Lord's Supper - is celebrated today in both services. 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 commune with us this morning are members of Emmaus, or members of congregations in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. 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.

Announcements

In our Prayers:

Those with ongoing health and other struggles - Nancy Thern; Bev & Darwin Stellmacher's nephew, Ray (cancer); Lilly Ventura; Collette Bodjanac; Katie Conklin; Sandy Griffiths; Sarah Eversole; Mikayla Vander Galien; Nicole Harris' grandmother Betty Klatt (cancer); Pastor Joel Frank and his wife Judy, as she battles cancer; Pastor Else's mother, Audrey Else; Dick and Linda Toetz's great grandson, Asher; Bill and Christa Hayes' friend, Chris Pool, (cancer); Marion Worgull's son-in-law, Pastor James Humann; Linda Thompson; Richard & Linda Toetz's brother-in-law, Dave Jagdfeld; Phyllis Baltisburger; Barb Osborn; Barb Widmann; Brad Anderson's cousin Butch Fahler; Rich Tollefson; Brad Anderson; Roger Wilde's wife, Carol; Vince Wallenberg; Ellen King; Diane Scheel; Jean Bagley & Linda Thompson's sister Kathy Desch (cancer)

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

Baptism - We rejoice along with Olivia and Shannon Rogers for the blessing of Holy Baptism. Olivia, one of our first grade students, was baptized into God's family recently during our Friday morning Chapel service. May the Lord strengthen and keep you Olivia and Shannon through His gracious word as you rejoice in His forgiveness and walk together with us in His Kingdom.

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

Musical notation for the hymn 'Gloria in Excelsis'. It consists of ten staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some staves containing rests or longer note values.

Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -

ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

HOLY COMMUNION

312 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, you have pre - prepared This feast for
2 Al - though you did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel
3 Yet, Sav - ior, you are not con - fined To an - y
4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious
5 Though rea - son can - not un - der - stand, Yet faith this

our sal - va - tion; It is your bod - y
hosts are dwell - ing, And in your pres - ence
hab - i - ta - tion, But you are pres - ent
Word be - liev - ing That your true bod - y is
truth em - brac - es: Your bod - y, Lord, is

and your blood, And at your in - vi - ta - tion
they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,
ev - 'ry - where And with your con - gre - ga - tion.
and your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.
ev - 'ry - where At once in man - y plac - es.

As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
And though your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry
Firm as a rock this shall stand, Un - moved by
This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, And there is
I leave to you how this can be; Your Word a -

you for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
and your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,
an - y dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.
naught you can - not do, For you, Lord, are al - might - y.
lone suf - fic - es me; I trust its truth un - fail - ing.

6 Lord, I believe what you have said;
Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for your grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

8 For your consoling supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it You will strengthen our faith in You and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

P: 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.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “On My Heart Imprint Your Image” (CW #319)

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P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope and love; and, that we may obtain what You promise, make us love what You command; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON **Isaiah 66:18-23**

18 As for me, because of their works and their thoughts, the time is coming for me to gather people from all nations and all languages. They will come, and they will see my glory. 19 Then I will set up a sign among them, and I will send out survivors from among them to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, to those who are archers, to Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands, who have not heard my message and have not seen my glory. Then they will declare my glory among the nations. 20 Then they will bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD. They will bring them on horses and chariots and wagons and mules and dromedaries to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, in the same way that the people of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel to the LORD’s house.21 Even from among these people I will take priests and Levites, says the LORD. 22 For just as the new heavens and the new earth that I am making will remain standing before me, declares the LORD, in the same way your offspring and your name will stand. 23 As often as one new moon follows another and one Sabbath follows another, all flesh will come to worship before me, says the LORD. (EHV)

PSALM 72 *(p.93 in front section of hymnal)*

SECOND LESSON **Hebrews 12:18-24**

18 You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to burning fire, to darkness, to gloom, to a raging storm, 19 to the sound of a trumpet, and to a voice that spoke. Those who heard the voice asked that not one more word be added, 20 because they could not endure what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned.” 21 The sight was so terrifying that even Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.” 22 Instead, you have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God; to the heavenly Jerusalem; to tens of thousands of angels in joyful assembly; 23 to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven; to God, who is the judge of all; to the spirits of righteous people, who have been made perfect; 24 to Jesus

the mediator of a new testament; and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better message than the blood of Abel. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia. (1 Timothy 1:10b)

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL

Luke 13:22-30



22 He went on his way from one town and village to another, teaching, and making his way to Jerusalem. 23 Someone said to him, “Lord, are only a few going to be saved?” He said to them, 24 “Strive to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. 25 Once the master of the house gets up and shuts the door, you will begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, ‘Lord, open for us!’ He will tell you in reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’ 26 Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ 27 And he will say, ‘I don’t know where you come from. Depart from me, all you evildoers.’ 28 There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown outside. 29 People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God. 30 And note this: Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” (EHV)



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It is printed on page 13 of the service folder

PLEASE STAND

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



P: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: And His mercy endures forever.

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.
C: Amen

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

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 end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN “Seek where You May to Find a Way” (CW #395)

SERMON Hebrews 12:18-24

- “God’s Path to Holiness and Heaven”
- 1. The mountain of God’s law
 - 2. The mountain of God’s grace

STAND

Cre - ate in me a
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 good and right so to do.

- P:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in His name, there He is with them to shepherd His flock till He comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
 God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
 ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
 ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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."