

743 O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing



1 O gra-cious Lord, I firm-ly am be-liev-ing
 2 Lord, I have sinned, a thou-sand times of-fend-ing;
 3 You see my sin, yet seat me at your ta-ble;
 4 O Lamb of God, my faith-ful, lov-ing Sav-ior,
 5 Heav-en-ly Bread, my life and ben-e-dic-tion,



Your bound-less love will bless each faith-ful soul,
 My thank-less thoughts and words and deeds e-raise,
 Lord, as a guest, I sure-ly am the least:
 You I em-brace in faith and ho-ly love;
 This cup you give can take a-way each ill.



As from this al-tar we are here re-ceiv-ing
 To me your hand of mer-cy now ex-tend-ing,
 Un-clean, un-fit, of wor-thy deeds un-a-ble—
 Grant me the strength to show by my be-hav-ior
 Come and re-lieve my soul from all af-flic-tion;

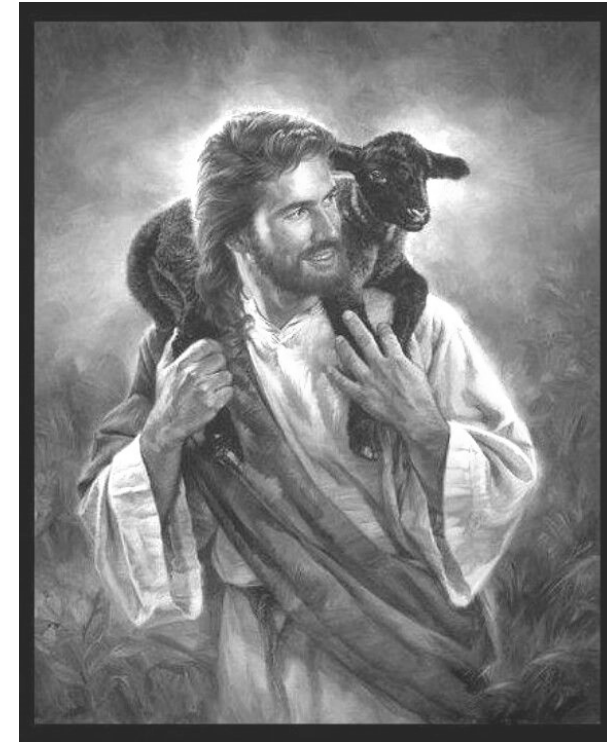


Your bod-y and your blood to make us whole,
 O God, my Sav-ior, I im-plore your grace,
 My heart pre-pare for this most ho-ly feast,
 A life now hid-den in your reign a-bove,
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**“Faith and life come from hearing
the message of Christ”**



**Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church
 September 8, 2019
 The 12th Sunday after Trinity**

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE BEFORE HIM

OPENING HYMN

“Thy Strong Word” (CW #280, verses 1-4)

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

Congregation: Amen.

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

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

P: Almighty God our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and action. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for His sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, for this purpose, that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those that believe on His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord to us all.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

C: Sings “Thy Strong Word” (CW #280, verses 4-5)

Ladies of Emmaus - Find room on your calendar to mark the date of October 12, 2019 for the LWMS Grand Canyon West rally. It will be held close to home, 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, by grace. Then also 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. Save the date: registration forms will be coming soon. Kay Retberg, Reporter LWMS

Martin Luther College Silver Anniversary Campaign - 2020 marks the 25th anniversary of the amalgamation of Dr. Martin Luther College and Northwestern College to become Martin Luther College, the WELS College of Ministry. One college that offers all tracks of ministry training. To celebrate this anniversary, MLC is launching ***Equipping Christian Witnesses***. For more information, pick up a pamphlet in the narthex under the mailboxes. There is also a poster in the Fellowship Hall hallway.

“40 Years in the Desert” - On Sunday, September 29, Deer Valley Luther 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.

Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center - Despite the heat that our summer brings we still have many clients that come in for help. We are blessed by the many conversations that we have with these women. Through The Holy Spirit we can reach them with the saving grace of Jesus our Savior. There are many that have had their children baptized. This we give thanks and praise. We are again in need of Layette items of new winter 3-6 mo onesies, outfits, bottles, shampoo, body lotion and baby wash. Also gently used boys size 3-4 shorts and t shirts (summer) and size 3-4 girls tops and shorts (summer).

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 1st - 128 (82 - 8:00 am, 46 - 10:30am)

<u>Income from week ending Sep 1, 2019</u>	<u>Month Total</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>
First Fruits Offering	\$4783	\$4783
School	\$11,970.31	\$11,970.31
Preschool/Extended Care	\$896.67	\$896.67
		\$8134

Worship Leader: Pastor Ross Else
Organist: Mrs. Marci Brekken

This Week at Emmaus

TODAY	Worship	8:00 am
	Bible Study	9:15 am
	Worship w/Lord’s Supper	10:30 am
TUESDAY	Board of Finance	6:00 pm
	Board of Properties	6:30 pm
WEDNESDAY	Bible Class	6:30 pm
THURSDAY	ACSTO Training	6:30 pm
NEXT SUNDAY	Worship w/Lord’s Supper	8:00 am
	Family Bible Study	9:15 am
	Worship	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 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 - 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; 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.

AZ Tuition Tax Credit Workshop - If you are not currently using the Tuition Tax Credit program when you file your taxes, please come learn how you could be supporting your school and helping a child receive a quality Christian education. Do you realize that it doesn’t cost you anything? We are having a free workshop on Thursday, September 12, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. **Questions?** Call or email the Emmaus office. office@emmauslutheran.com 602-843-3853.

Give us lips to sing thy glory, Tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats to shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

God the Father, light-creator, To thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light from Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

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

P: 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.



Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 29:17-24

17 Isn’t it true that in a very short time Lebanon be turned into an orchard, and the orchard will seem like a forest? 18 On that day, the deaf will hear the words of a book, and out of gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see. 19 The humble will rejoice in the LORD once again, and the poor will delight in the Holy One of Israel. 20 But the ruthless will come to nothing. Those who mock the LORD will be no more, and all those who plan evil will be cut off, 21 all those who slander others with a word or deceive those who judge cases at the city gate, all those who deprive the innocent of justice with false testimony. 22 Therefore this is what the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, says about the house of Jacob: Jacob will not be ashamed anymore. His face will not grow pale. 23 But when his children see what I

do among them, they will honor my name. They will honor the Holy One of Jacob. They will stand in awe of the God of Israel. 24 Those who are confused will come to understand, and those who complain will gladly receive instruction. (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

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)



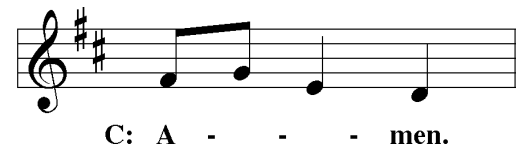
FIRST SERVICE continues here after the Lord's Prayer

HYMN

"Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness" (CW #353)

THE PRAYER FOR THE WORD

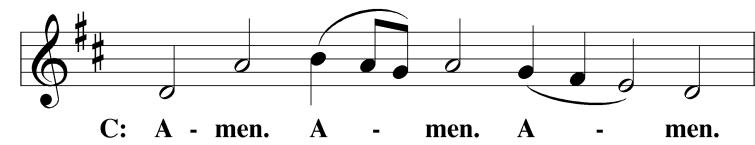
P: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may thus hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE BLESSING

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

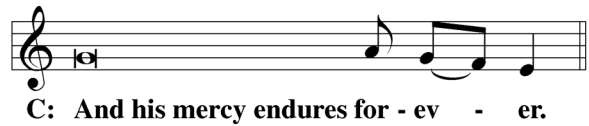
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon on you with favor and give you (+) peace.





C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

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.

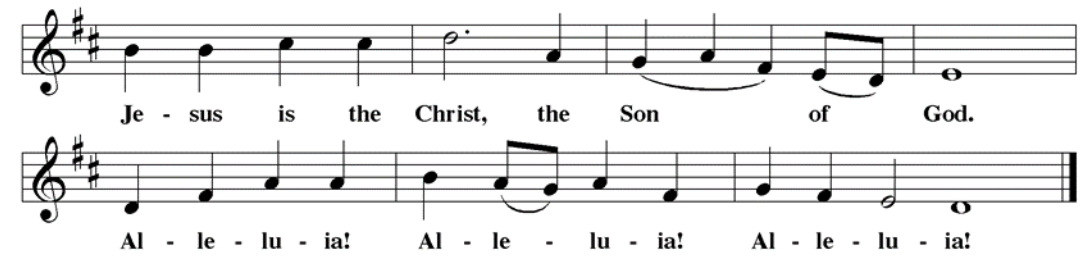


C: A - men.

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

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)



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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 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

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



DISTRIBUTION (*During the distribution the congregation will sing Hymn 743*)

The hymn is printed on page 16

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

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.”

HYMN “The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace” (CW #288)

SERMON 2 Corinthians 3:4-11

“Through the unfading glory of the gospel you truly live”

- 1. The glorious gospel proclaimed by God’s messengers
- 2. The gospel that always shines with surpassing glory

HYMNS OF THE LITURGY

272 Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

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

Text: Psalm 51:10-12.
Tune: SCHAFTE IN MIR, GOTT (PM) Johann G. Winer, 1583–1651, adapt.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P:** O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.
- C:** **We praise you for every grace and blessing.**
- P:** Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.
- C:** **Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.**
- P:** We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state (provincial), and local governments.
- C:** **Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**
- P:** Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.
- C:** **Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**
- P:** Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.
- C:** **Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**
- P:** Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.
- C:** **Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**
- Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*
- P:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.
- Silent prayer.*
- P:** Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.
- C:** **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SECOND SERVICE continues with the Sacrament; FIRST SERVICE concludes with the hymn, closing prayer, and blessing and on page 13.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



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



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: