

# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 5, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

**Prelude** “Jesus, Lead Thou On” -Paul Manz

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” -Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. D. Hustad, C. Callahan

Confession and Absolution

**Hymn of Invocation: “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”**

LSB 609



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich  
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd  
4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro-claim;  
e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way  
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for  
Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these  
Christ, the Shep-herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that  
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know:  
Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow  
By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
For these words I now believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace;  
From the Law I stand acquitted.  
Christ hath purchased my release  
And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
Also I have been forgiven;  
And when I this earth must leave,  
I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to Him I cleave:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.  
Amen.

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** Amen.

### Service of the Word

#### Introit

The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit. Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help, when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary. Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the**

beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

## Pew Edition

### Kyrie

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**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

*Proper 18 (Year B)*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## First Reading

*Isaiah 35:4–7a*

Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 146*

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

## Epistle

*James 2:1–10, 14–18*

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ... What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse



## Holy Gospel

*Mark 7:31–37*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

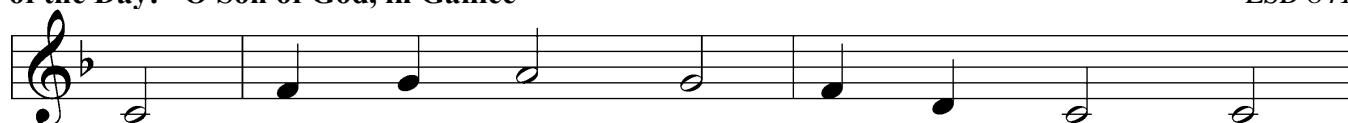
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

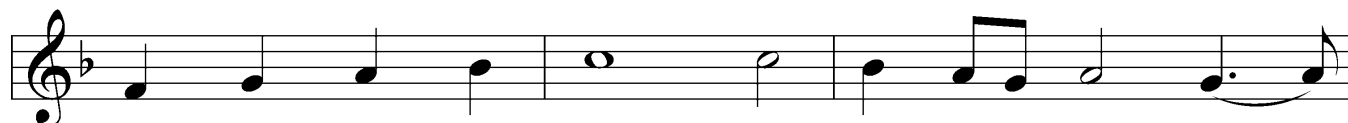
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy Christian Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

# Hymn of the Day: "O Son of God, in Galilee"

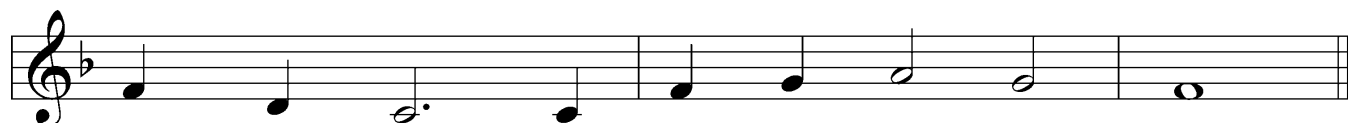
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1 O Son of God, in Gal - i - lee You  
 2 O lis - ten to the si - lent prayer Of  
 3 The speech - less tongue, the life - less ear You  
 4 Mean - while to them the lis - t'ning ear Of  
 5 Then in Your prom - ised hap - py land Each



made the deaf to hear, The mute to speak, the  
 Your af - flict - ed ones. O bid them cast on  
 can re - store, O Lord; Your "Eph - pha - tha," O  
 stead - fast faith im - part, And let Your Word bring  
 loss will prove a gain; All mys - t'ries we shall



blind to see; O bless - ed Lord, be near.  
 You their care; Your grace to them make known.  
 Sav - ior dear, Can in - stant help af - ford.  
 light and cheer To ev - 'ry trou - bled heart.  
 un - der - stand, For You will make them plain.

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## Sermon "Ephphatha"

### I. Broken Things

- What are things that you can't fix?
- What does Jesus do with a broken world, and broken people?

### II. A Broken Man (7:31-33)

- Why does Jesus place His fingers in the man's ears, and touch his tongue?

### III. Jesus Opens the Man and Creation (7:34-37)

- How many miracles take place?
- Inadvertent, unintended reverse psychology

### IV. Jesus Opens

- Jesus opens...
  - E
  - T
  - 
  - H

## Prayer of the Church

**Offering** “Lord Help Us Ever to Retain” -set. John Eggert

### Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface

*LSB 208*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

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

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### Sanctus

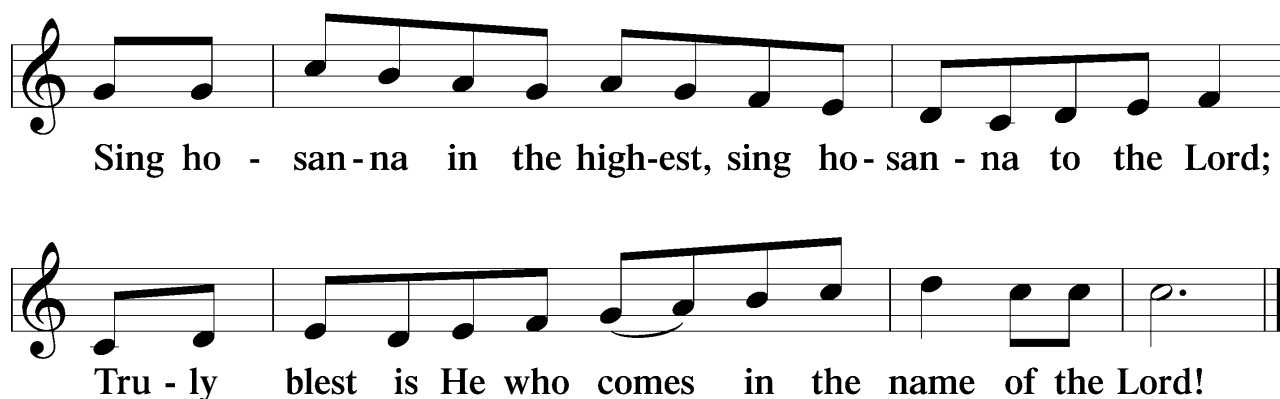
*LSB 208*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### Lord's Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\nabla$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."  
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\nabla$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



## Pax Domini

LSB 209

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 210

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## Distribution

*You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing. You may kneel, but it is not required.*



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 212

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## Hymn: “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

LSB 853



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord,  
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find  
3 We mar - vel how Your saints be - come  
4 In what You give us, Lord, to do,

When once we heed Your call: To live ac - cord - ing  
Your yoke is hard to bear; If world - ly pres - sures  
In hin - dranc - es more sure; Whose joy - ful vir - tues  
To - geth - er or a - lone, In old rou - tines or

to Your Word And dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,  
fray the mind, And love it - self can - not un - wind  
put to shame The cas - ual way we wear Your name  
ven - tures new, May we not cease to look to You,

That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.  
Its tan - gled skein of care: Our in - ward life re - pair.  
And by our faults ob - scure Your pow'r to cleanse and cure.  
The cross You hung up - on— All You en - deav - ored done.

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## Postlude Selections from the “Keyboard Works” -Henry Purcell

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS:** *James 2:2 – “For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in ...”* God shows no partiality. Rich and poor alike are called into the Kingdom. And both rich and poor alike have something to contribute to the Kingdom in accordance with the callings God has given them in their lives. This is why both the Old and New Testaments talk about proportional giving – that is giving a proportion of our income to the Lord’s work. This makes it possible for rich and poor alike to have the honor of supporting God’s work.

**CHOIR RISERS:** We are in the process of doing some fall cleaning, and would like to clear out the old choir/youth group risers that are currently being stored in the back of the fellowship hall. First, we want to make sure that they are not going to be used for a future event. If not, then there are 2 options for vacating them from the church. If anyone can use them, please contact the church. Another option is to see if they can be recycled via a local organization. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Chris G. Thank you!

**BARNABAS BUDDIES:** Coming this fall to our congregation on September 12th is Barnabas buddies. This will be for children college age and under who have attended one activity in the last two years. An adult or family will pick the child’s name off the board. They will then during the year send letters, postcards, etc. to the children. They will also be praying for them. During the year the adult or family will not tell the children who they are. In May or June we will have a get together to reveal yourself to your Barnabas buddy. Any questions contact Nicole P. or Pastor Nick.

**QUILTING...or rather TYING:** A loose organization of Emmaus women over thirty plus years have met monthly to make quilts for various non-profit organizations such as Lutheran World Relief, Orphan Grain Train, and Global Health Ministries. In more recent years they have coordinated their efforts with a community-based quilting group and assembled their colorful and various patterned quilt tops with donated batting and fabric backs. An abundance of unfinished quilts have been waiting in storage for more than a year and are ready for some willing hands to assist with the last step of tying. Anyone interested in this project can join in on **Thursday, September 9th from 1-4 p.m.** in the social hall. Plans are to meet monthly until all the quilts have been finished and hung in our sanctuary for dedication. Any questions, contact Renata B.

**LOST & FOUND:** Please check the table by the office for any items that might belong to you. There are mostly children’s items this time, but also some sunglasses, keys, earrings, etc. Anything not claimed by September 20 will be donated/discarded. Thank you!

**\$1,068 REASONS TO SAY THANK YOU!** That is the amount that the youth raised through the shoe collection fundraiser. We could not have done it without you. (That was 2,670 pounds of shoes.) **We are no longer accepting shoes.** If anyone approaches you when you are at church with a shoe donation, please encourage them to donate to a local charity. Thanks!

**E-MAIL NEWSLETTER:** Visitors, if you would like to receive the *Emmaus Footprints* (our monthly newsletter), please leave a note with your email address for Maria in the office. Members, please make sure we have your current email address.

**THE EMMAUS CHOIR** will resume rehearsals starting Thursday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Rehearsals are Thursdays, September through December from 6:30-8 pm. The choir is open to all without audition. For this fall, the choir will be providing service music on three Sundays (including Reformation and the First Sunday in Advent) and Christmas Eve. We will work together to develop excellence in musicianship and a repertoire based on the historic liturgy and rich history of Lutheran hymnody. Questions? Contact Jim G. at [emmaus.lutheran.choir@gmail.com](mailto:emmaus.lutheran.choir@gmail.com).

**PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesdays we will have a prayer and Bible Study group. Please check with Pastor Kooi for the current start time. Each week, we will gather together to pray and study a text. We will be meeting in-person and virtually. For those that attend virtually, we will have you join us via Zoom (contact Pastor Kooi for the link). Please contact Pastor Kooi for more details.

**HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR”** on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week’s broadcast: “Living, Mighty, Active Faith” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. An elephant is a living, mighty, active thing. So is the faith of Jesus. (Isaiah 35:4-7)

**CONCORDIA ACADEMY ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS:** Registration is still open for Concordia Academy's 7th-8th grade football team and 5th-8th grade Dance Team. These programs are open to students from any Twin Cities-area school and are designed to offer opportunities that will complement...not replace...the sports offerings at these students' current schools. In addition, our new Beacon Buddies program offers flag football, volleyball, soccer, and basketball camp options on Saturday mornings for students in 1st-4th grade. Information and registration can be found at [www.concordiaacademy.com/beams](http://www.concordiaacademy.com/beams) .

**CONCORDIA ACADEMY CRAFT FAIR:** The Concordia Academy Craft Fair returns on November 13, and registration is now open for crafters and vendors. Go to [www.concordiaacademy.com/craftfair](http://www.concordiaacademy.com/craftfair) for details!

### **MAIN STREET LIVING CHOIR**

We are looking for singers to come sing in the Main Street Living Choir! We hope to meet in September (things could change so we will keep you posted). As of right now, we have to decide if we will meet on a Friday afternoon (September 24) or Saturday morning/afternoon (September 25).

If anyone is interested in singing with us, here's the plan. We will meet ahead of time for a little bit to rehearse and warm up (hymns will be sent to you ahead of time). You're welcome to bring your own hymnal (LSB) or we have plenty to share! Wear black pants and a white top. Recording will take a couple of hours so if you need a stool or chair, let me know ahead of time.

Check out Main Street Living here: <https://www.mainstreetliving.com/twincities/>

Please contact Amy Schutte, Music Director at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Heights, to RSVP. You can email me at [acschutte10@gmail.com](mailto:acschutte10@gmail.com) or call the church and leave a voicemail at 651-457-3929 X111. We need as many singers as we can get of ANY age! Please join us! Also, when you RSVP, let me know if you can do Friday afternoon or need to do Saturday. Give me YOUR email so I can reach you personally. THANK YOU!