

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 29, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

Prelude “Hallelujah, My Father” by Tim Cullen (His People)

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation “Children of the Heavenly Father” arr. Bradley Ellingboe (His People)

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 1:1–5; antiphon: v. 6

*(The congregation will chant the verses in **bold**.)*



For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the | wicked,*
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of | scoffers;
but his delight is in the law | of the LORD,*
and on his law he meditates | day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not | wither.*

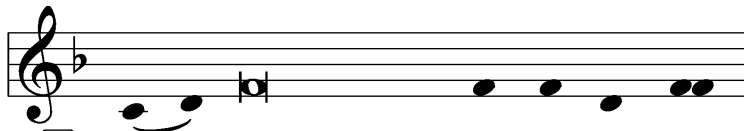
In all that he does, he | prospers.

The wicked | are not so,*
but are like chaff that the wind | drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,*
nor sinners in the congregation of the | righteous.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

Kyrie

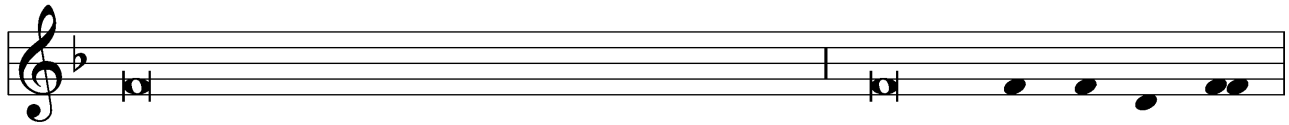
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



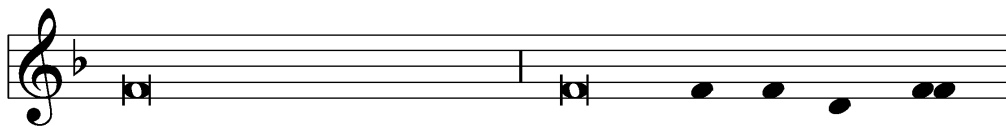
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



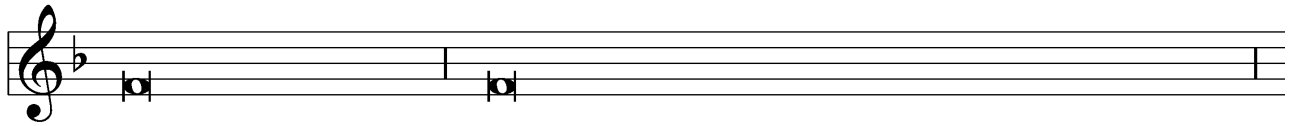
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



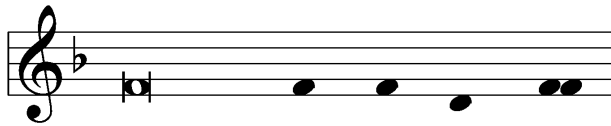
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise “Lord Keep Us Steadfast/Hallelujah” arr. David Mennicke (His People)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Epiphany 4

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:1–8

Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.” “With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will

the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 15; antiphon: Psalm 16:1

*(The congregation will chant the verses in **bold**.)*



Preserve me, | O God, *
For in you I take | refuge.

O LORD, who shall sojourn | in your tent?*

Who shall dwell on your | holy hill?

He who walks blamelessly and does | what is right*
and speaks truth | in his heart;

who does not slander with his tongue

and does no evil to his | neighbor,*

nor takes up a reproach a- | gainst his friend;

in whose eyes a vile person is despised,

but who honors those who | fear the LORD;*

who swears to his own hurt and | does not change;

who does not put out his money at interest

and does not take a bribe against the | innocent.*

He who does these things shall nev- | er be moved.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Preserve me, | O God, *
For in you I take | refuge.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus,

whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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All: Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Choir verse: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

All: Refrain

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

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

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

Hymn of the Day: "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

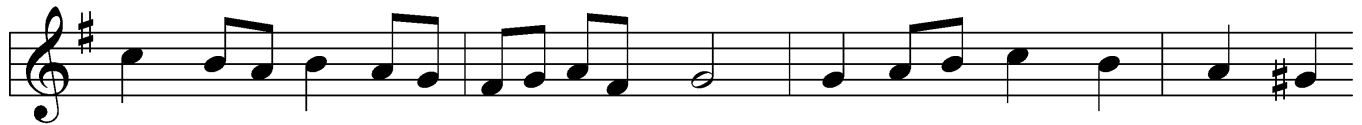
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1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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Sermon

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.

Prayer of the Church

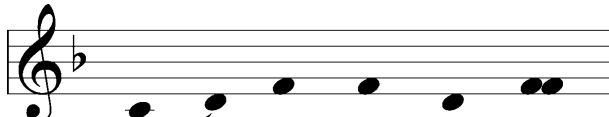
Offering “John 3:16” by B. E. Boykin (His People)

We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.

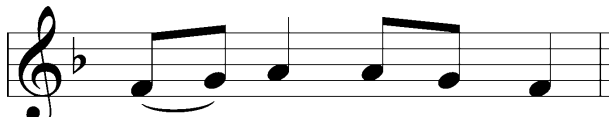
Service of the Sacrament

Preface

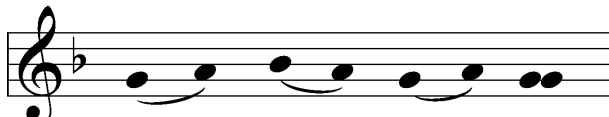
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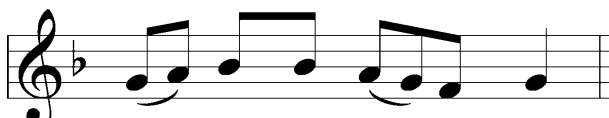
P The Lord be with you.



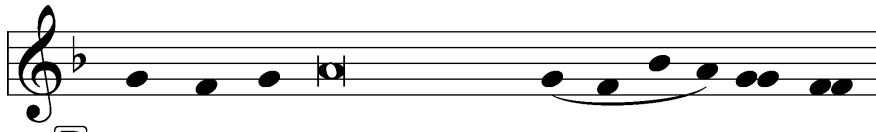
C And al - so with you.



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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en 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 who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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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 ✝ 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 ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

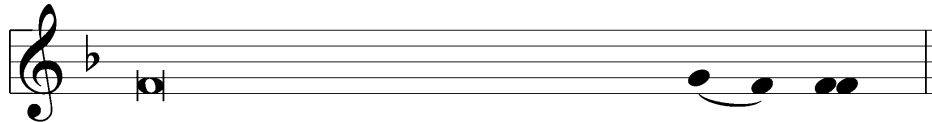
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei “Adoramus te Christe” by Theodore Du Bois (His People)

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.

Distribution Hymns: "In God's Presence" arr. John Helgen (His People)

"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

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1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine-yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

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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 A - men.

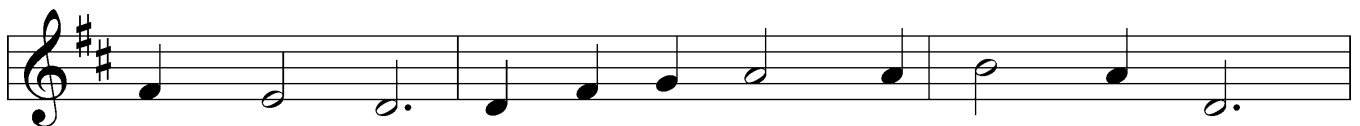
Benediction “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” Rick Carlson/Mark Arend (His People)

Hymn: “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

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1 Je - sus, Thy bound - less love to me No thought can reach, no
 2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure
 3 This love un - wea - ried I pur - sue And daunt - less - ly to
 4 In suf - f'ring be Thy love my peace, In weak - ness be Thy



tongue de - clare; U - nite my thank - ful heart to Thee,
 love a - lone; Oh, may Thy love pos - sess me whole,
 Thee as - pire. Oh, may Thy love my hope re - new,
 love my pow'r; And when the storms of life shall cease,



And reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly, Thine a -
 My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my
 Burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire! And day and night, be
 O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour, Be Thou my rod and



lone I am; Be Thou a-lone my con-stant flame.
heart re-move; My ev-'ry act, word, thought be love.
all my care To guard this sa-cred trea-sure there.
staff and guide, And draw me safe-ly to Thy side!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: *1 Corinthians 1:18* – “Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?” God’s ways are certainly not the world’s ways, including the way God tells us to manage the resources He’s given to us. The world says, “hold on, hold back and gather up.” Jesus says to store up treasure in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy and where no thief breaks in to steal. Whose way do you think is best? What is wiser: the wisdom of the financial gurus or the foolishness of God?

WELCOME to our guests from Concordia Academy! Today is CA Sunday at Emmaus.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The annual voters’ meeting of Emmaus will be held today, Sunday, January 29 after the service. We will be voting on the 2023 budget and copies of the annual report will be available. The chili cook-off will be after the meeting.

MOM & BABY ITEMS NEEDED: Every month Jeena Vomhof collects personal items for teenage moms (hand cream, body cream, pads, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, chapstick, etc.) and babies 6 months - 2 years old (diapers, diaper cream, wipes, toys, clothes, etc.) living at LifeHaven. At LifeHaven Transitional Living Services for Teen Moms, young mothers and their children are welcomed, accepted and supported. Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota’s LifeHaven is a family-style home on the east side of Saint Paul that provides housing and support to 16-17 year old mothers and their children, who are experiencing homelessness. If you would like to donate, items may be dropped off at Jeena’s store: Namaste Brows and Boutique, 1718B Lexington Ave. N, Roseville, MN 55113.

2022 GIVING STATEMENTS: You will receive your contribution statement in the mail if your total contribution amount for 2022 is \$250 or more. Statements were mailed January 16. If your contribution to Emmaus was less than \$250, you did not receive the statement by early February, or you need a replacement copy of your statement please either leave a message on the Emmaus church phone or call Nancy W.

LENT LUNCHESES: Following the 11:30 a.m. Lent services at Emmaus beginning Wednesday, March 1 please join us for a light lunch in the Social Hall, continuing each Wednesday through March 29. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship as we share our Lenten journey.

MEN'S GAME AFTERNOON: We will be having a men's (confirmation age and up) game afternoon on February 4th noon-4pm in the Social Hall. Food and drink will be provided. Bring any games you would like to play. Todd P will also bring a selection from their collection. Please RSVP to Todd P to ensure adequate food is available. If you miss RSVPing please still come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

SUPER BOWL TRAIL MIX: Are you ready for the big game? Are you ready for the better than normal commercials? Are you ready to have a good time on February 12th? The answer is...NO. You are missing something! What is it, you may ask? Emmaus Youth Trail Mix! To help enhance your Super Bowl experience (along with raise money for upcoming conferences), the Youth will be making a variety of trail mixes. They are...

-Chocolate Cherry (NUT FREE)

-Chex Mix with or without nuts

-Fruit and Nut with or without M&M's

-Puppy Chow

Trail mix comes in a quart-sized bag and is a free will donation. Let Pastor Nick or Dawn K know how much and what you would like by January 29th. Order pickup information coming soon.

HEAR "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: "Your Time to Shine" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. Light is necessary for life; God's light, even more so. (Matthew 5:14-16)

LWML WINTER GATHERING: Saturday, February 4, 9:30-11:00 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (655 Forest St N, St. Paul, MN 55106). Registration and refreshments at 9:00, \$5 donation. "For Such a Time as This: Lessons from Esther on Living as Christians in a Post-Christian Age" Presenter: Rev. Dr. Joshua Hollmann, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, Concordia University. Bring your Bible. If you are planning to attend, please notify Beth at 651-631-8956 or bdschust@msn.com by January 30.

CONCORDIA ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE: Concordia Academy's open house on February 7, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, gives prospective students and families a great chance to see how CA honors God through excellence in academics, arts, athletics, and more! Meet teachers and students, take a tour, learn about programs, and see if CA is the right fit. Please RSVP at www.concordiaacademy.com/openhouse.

VALENTINE'S EVENT: Bethel Lutheran Church will be hosting a Valentine's Day event on Tuesday, February 14, at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us for coffee, dessert, and fellowship! We look forward to seeing you there! Bethel is located at 670 Wheelock Pkwy W.

CONCORDIA ACADEMY SUMMER CAMPS

Summer can't come soon enough! **Registration is now open for 2023 Concordia Academy Camps!**

We're offering almost three dozen summer camps focusing on athletics, arts, STEM, and other areas for students in Grades 1-12. In addition to favorites like Boys and Girls Basketball, CSI, G3 (Genuinely Great Girls), Camp Create, Playmakers, Volleyball, and Youth Worship Team, **we're offering plenty of exciting new camps:**

- Act One Theatre Camp (for Grades 1-4)
- Beginner Hand Sewing
- Blast Off (a rocket-building camp)
- Bon Appetit! Cooking Camp
- To Infinity and Beyond (math camp)
- Video Production
- Volleyball (for Grades 2-4)

In addition, we're offering two weeklong sessions of our popular Auto Shop and ICE Lab camps.

Get all the details, view the CA Camps catalog, and register for camps by clicking on the link found at www.concordiaacademy.com/camps. Many camps have size limits and fill up quickly, so don't delay.

We can't wait to see you this summer!