

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

## AS WE GATHER

How far can the human voice travel? Scientists tell us that the normal outdoor range for an adult voice traveling through still air is about 180 meters or 590 feet. Communication in Silbo, a whistled language of Spanish-speaking inhabitants of the Canary Islands, can travel five miles under ideal conditions. The sound of a voice traveling across still water at night can range up to 10.5 miles. Voices can carry! The message that the voices carry is what is most important. The spoken message about Jesus shared by Philip the deacon with the Ethiopian stranger made an eternal difference in that man's life. The words that we speak and the messages that we share are of great importance and have the divine potential to "spread the reign of God the Lord" (*LSB* 830:1).

## HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King" *LSB* 905

1       Come, Thou almighty King,  
Help us Thy name to sing;  
    Help us to praise;  
Father all-glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us,  
    Ancient of Days.

2       Come, Thou incarnate Word,  
Gird on Thy mighty sword;  
    Our prayer attend.  
Come and Thy people bless,  
And give Thy Word success,  
And let Thy righteousness  
    On us descend.

3       Come, holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear  
    In this glad hour!  
Thou, who almighty art,  
Now rule in ev'ry heart,  
And ne'er from us depart,  
    Spirit of pow'r.

△ 4       To Thee, great One in Three,  
Eternal praises be  
    Hence evermore!  
Thy sov'reign majesty  
May we in glory see,  
And to eternity  
    Love and adore.  
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## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 66:1–4, 8–9; 40:5*

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**People: sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!**

Pastor: Say to God, “How awesome are Your deeds!

**People: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name.”**

Pastor: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard,

**People: who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

Pastor: You have multiplied, O LORD my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You!

**People: I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, His Wonderous deeds, to 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.

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

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an 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.

**People: Amen.**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16*

Pastor: A little while, and you will see Me no longer;  
and again a little while, and you will see Me.

**People: I will extol You, my God and King,  
and bless Your name forever and ever.**

Pastor: Every day I will bless You  
and praise Your name forever and ever.

**People: The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Pastor: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,  
and all Your saints shall bless You!

**People: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,  
and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.**

**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.**

Pastor: A little while, and you will see Me no longer;  
and again a little while, and you will see Me.

**KYRIE**

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**FIRST READING** *Acts 8:26–40* (Philip witnesses about Jesus to the Ethiopian official.) An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **HYMN** “O Sing to the Lord” *LSB* 808

*The appointed Psalm for this day is Psalm 150. The hymn “O Sing to the Lord” is based on and inspired by that Psalm (stanzas 1-3 and 5), along with 1 Corinthians 12:3 (stanzas four and five; “no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit”), and Psalm 98 (stanzas 1-3). The text of Psalm 150 is printed below to help show how the words of Scripture shape and form the songs we sing.*

#### *Psalm 150*

*Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*

1 O sing to the Lord,  
O sing God a new song.

O sing to the Lord,  
O sing God a new song.  
O sing to the Lord,  
O sing God a new song.  
O sing to our God,  
O sing to our God.

2 For God is the Lord!  
And God has done wonders.  
For God is the Lord!  
And God has done wonders.  
For God is the Lord!  
And God has done wonders.  
O sing to our God,  
O sing to our God.

3 So dance for our God  
And blow all the trumpets.  
So dance for our God  
And blow all the trumpets.  
So dance for our God  
And blow all the trumpets.  
And sing to our God,  
And sing to our God.

4 O shout to our God,  
Who gave us the Spirit.  
O shout to our God,  
Who gave us the Spirit.  
O shout to our God,  
Who gave us the Spirit.  
O sing to our God,  
O sing to our God.

5 For Jesus is Lord!  
Amen! Alleluia!  
For Jesus is Lord!  
Amen! Alleluia!  
For Jesus is Lord!  
Amen! Alleluia!  
O sing to our God,  
O sing to our God.

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**EPISTLE 1 John 4:7-16** (An exhortation to lives of Christian love) Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of

God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *Romans 6:9; John 14:23*

Pastor: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

**People: Alleluia. If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 15:1–8* (Jesus says that He is the vine and His people are the branches.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty” –Text by Peter Ellis. Used by permission. CCLI

Lavish love, abundant beauty, gracious gifts for heart and hand,  
Life that fills the soul and senses, all burst forth at Your command.  
Lord, our Lord, Eternal Father, Great Creator, God and Friend.  
Boundless power gave full expression to Your love which knows no end.

Who am I that you should love me, meet my every need from birth?  
Why invest Yourself so fully in a creature made of earth?  
In Your loving heart You planned me, fashioned me with greatest care;  
Through my soul You breathed Your Spirit, planted Your own image there.

I am Yours. Eternal Father, all my body, mind and heart.  
Take and use me to Your glory, form Yourself in every part.  
Lord, Your love brings joy and gladness flowing forth within my soul.  
May my very breath and being rise to You, their source and goal.

**SERMON**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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**

### **HYMN SEQUENCE**

Pastor: A memorable newer song of the church was written by Gerald Coleman, using familiar biblical passages in thoughtful ways. In the first stanza we are reminded of our Baptism and how it binds us to our Lord for time and eternity. We are in Him, and He is with us! In the second stanza, the image of the vine and the branches that is at the heart of today's Gospel becomes the theme, reminding us of our dependence on our gracious Lord for nurture and care. In the third stanza, we see when believers proclaim what God has done, the proclamation always points others to the cross of Christ, where He gave Himself as payment for our sins and the sins of all people of all times. The Easter season underscores the ongoing, life-engendering presence of Jesus Christ, who is ever with us as we are walking lives of faith in this world in hope-filled anticipation of the world to come. Together we sing "Christ Is with Me."

#### **HYMN "Christ Is with Me"**

We were buried with Him into death,  
That as He was raised by God's glory,  
We might walk in life made new by grace.  
Having died with Christ, we shall live with Him.

*Refrain:* Christ is with me ev'rywhere I go.  
Never to leave me, this I know.

I have now been grafted to the vine,  
Drawing life from roots rich in mercy,  
Bearing fruit as I abide in Him:  
Fruit forever fresh, glorifying God. *Refrain*

I have now been crucified with Christ.  
I no longer live; Christ lives in me.  
Now I live by faith in God's own Son,  
One who loved me so— gave Himself for me. *Refrain*

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### **OFFERING**

*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 enter the sanctuary, or as the offering plates are passed at this time.*

#### **PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have graciously blessed us through the Word incarnate, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come in the flesh and for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. Rejoicing in our Baptism, which creates faith in our hearts and daily renews us, we laud and magnify Your holy name. With joy we join in the unending praise of the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven singing:

### **SANCTUS HYMN** “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Day and night we join to praise  
Your love and majesty.  
You alone are holy, worthy, and righteous.  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
We rejoice to join the hymns  
Of earth and sky and sea.  
Generations praise You, with saints and angels.  
Holy and bless'd through all eternity.

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## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have showed Your gracious power to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You nourish us that, firmly connected to Christ the Vine, we may grow in grace. Grant that we may receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood as we gather at His command.

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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  $\times$  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  $\times$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST** *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

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

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: 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** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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**

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

**People: Amen.**

## **AGNUS DEI HYMN** “O Lamb of God, We Pray”

O Lamb of God, we pray:

Take all our sins away—

Our faith increase.

Have mercy on us all,

Strengthen us when we fall,

Answer our fervent call

And grant us peace.

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*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.*

*Communion is offered in two ways: the individual cup and the common cup. If you would like the individual cup, please partake as the assistant minister passes by after Pastor gives the bread. If you would like the common cup, let the assistant minister pass by, open your hands palm up, and Pastor will return to give you the common cup.*

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** “The Lamb” *LSB* 547

1       The Lamb, the Lamb,

O Father, where's the sacrifice?

    Faith sees, believes

God will provide the Lamb of price! Refrain

ref     Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!

The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

2       The Lamb, the Lamb,

One perfect final offering.

    The Lamb, the Lamb,

Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. Refrain

3       The Lamb, the Lamb,

As wayward sheep their shepherd kill

    So still, His will

On our behalf the Law to fill. Refrain

4       He sighs, He dies,

He takes my sin and wretchedness.

    He lives, forgives,

He gives me His own righteousness. Refrain



5 He rose, He rose,  
My heart with thanks now overflows.

His song prolong  
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. Refrain

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1. Jesus is Lord  
The cry that echoes through creation  
Resplendent pow'r eternal Word our Rock  
The Son of God  
The King whose glory fills the heavens  
Yet bids us come to taste this living bread

2. Jesus is Lord  
Whose voice sustains the stars and planets  
Yet in His wisdom laid aside His crown  
Jesus the man  
Who washed our feet who bore our suffering  
Became a curse to bring salvation's plan

3. Jesus is Lord  
The tomb is gloriously empty  
Not even death could crush this King of love  
The price is paid  
The chains are loosed and we're forgiven  
And we can run into the arms of God

4. Jesus is Lord  
A shout of joy a cry of anguish  
As He returns and every knee bows low  
Then every eye  
And every heart will see His glory  
The judge of all will take His children home

### **BLESSING**

Pastor: May our Lord's body and blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and with joy.

**People: Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we bless You for having fed us with Your life-giving food. Strengthen us through the same, help us to rejoice in Your mercies that we may grow daily and reach out with Your love in every situation. Finally, in Your mercy, grant us a portion with the saints in light eternal. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.

**People: Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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 ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN** “Freely, Freely” –Words and Music by Carol Owens  
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1. God forgave my sin in Jesus’ name,  
I’ve been born again in Jesus’ name;  
And in Jesus’ name I come to you  
To share His love as He told me to.

*Refrain:* He said, “Freely, freely you have received:  
Freely, freely give.  
Go in my name, and, because you believe,  
Others will know that I live.”

2. All pow’r is giv’n in Jesus’ name,  
In earth and heav’n in Jesus’ name;  
And in Jesus’ name I come to you  
To share His pow’r as He told me to. *Refrain*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Worship 9:30 a.m.

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS:** *John 15:2 – “Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.”* God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord’s work for us, being grafted by grace into His vine, we desire to be more like Him, to grow into His image. That’s growth in fruit bearing — and it always comes with some pruning.

**LEAH FEDERWITZ:** On May 5th, Leah Federwitz will be visiting Emmaus and sharing a presentation with us during the adult Bible class. Leah is a missionary teacher with TeachBeyond. She is the daughter of missionaries Jonathan and Carrie Federwitz. She taught at Ukarumpa International School in Papua New Guinea for the past two years as an intern with Wycliffe Bible Translators. She is preparing to return as a supported missionary through TeachBeyond. On May 5th, she will share about her time in Papua New Guinea these past two years and her plans to return to teach there soon.

**COUNTERS:** We will be holding a class for offering counters on Sunday, May 5 after church in the Garden Room. Current counters and anyone interested in becoming a counter should plan to attend. Please see Nancy Wallner with questions.

**EMMAUS GARAGE SALE:** Items are now being accepted for the upcoming garage sale. Another day has been added to the sale. It will be held Thursday-Saturday, May 16-18. Donations can be brought to the stage area at the back of the Sunday School room. You may price your own items if you have an idea how to price them. Questions or helpful advice, contact Jean G. Proceeds from the garage sale will go toward replacing the Education area’s carpeting. Come shop! Payments through the Vanco mobile app will be an option.

**LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS:** It is time to renew your subscriptions to *The Lutheran Witness*. Cost for the year is \$24.97 per subscription per year beginning August 2024. Renewals must be into the church office no later than May 15, 2024. Checks should be made out to Emmaus. If you are interested in starting a new subscription, please talk to Maria in the office.

**NEW FREEDOM STORE DONATIONS:** The New Freedom Store is in need of the following specific items for homeless men and women: coats, sweatshirts, t-shirts, blue jeans, belts, socks, blankets and bedding, winter hats and gloves (nothing else please). Donations may be placed in the plastic bins near the restrooms, next to the food shelf donation bins.

**ADDRESS DIRECTORIES:** New Emmaus address directories have been printed. Copies are available in the narthex.

**CIRCUIT-WIDE ASCENSION EVE SERVICE:** On Wednesday, May 8th all congregations and schools in our Circuit are invited to Jehovah Lutheran (1566 Thomas Ave., St. Paul) for a joint worship service and international potluck to celebrate Christ's Ascension. Divine Service is at 6:30 p.m., meal to follow. You are invited to bring a dish to share. Singers are invited to join a massed choir for this festival. Dr. David Mennicke will lead the choir in a 5:45 p.m. rehearsal that night in Jehovah's balcony. Please contact David at [spoc@jehovahlutheran.org](mailto:spoc@jehovahlutheran.org) for more information on singing.

**HEAR "THE LUTHERAN HOUR"** on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: "Rejoicing On the Way" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. God empowers His people to share the Gospel with those they meet along the way. (Acts 8:28-39)

**BIKES NEEDED:** Espen's Scout Troop is planning its Annual Bike Sale. Do you have a used bike to donate? The Scouts will fix them up (if needed) and sell at the annual Troop 67 Bike Sale Saturday, May 4 from 9:00 a.m. - noon in the Nativity of Our Lord School gym in Saint Paul. Donations appreciated now through the first week of May. Please contact Kjersti, [nativitybikesale@gmail.com](mailto:nativitybikesale@gmail.com) to arrange a time to drop off, or have someone come to pick up, your donated bike(s). If you're looking for a new bike, mark your calendars now for Saturday, May 4th! Credit/Debit payments only. All proceeds go directly to support Troop 67.

**WANTED:** Rabbit traps. Please see Jean G.

### **Department spotlight: Financial Secretary**

Many of you may be wondering what the duties of the Financial Secretary are. Below is a high-level overview of this volunteer position. Currently there are two volunteers sharing this position, Nancy W and Alan M.

Responsibilities for Financial Secretary include:

- Maintaining counters supplies
- Training of counters
- Working with the bank if there are differences in the deposit
- Picking up banking bags/deposit receipts from the bank
- Weekly tracking member contributions for annual statement generation
- Generation and mailing of annual contribution statements for tax purposes
- Working with the Treasurer to assure contributions are being correctly categorized

**On May 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a class** following the 9:30 service to go over the counters process and answer any questions about counting. We are asking that current counters attend along with anyone who may have interest in helping with this volunteer opportunity at Emmaus.

**THIS WEEK AT EMMAUS:**

Today: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Bible Study

Wed: Bulletin Deadline

1:30 p.m. Bible Study

7 p.m. Confirmation Class

Fri: Office closed – call Pastor in emergencies

Sat: 12-5 p.m. Organist Rehearsal

Next Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Leah Federwitz presentation (SH)

10:30 a.m. Counters Class (GR)

**SERVING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY:**

PASTOR: Rev. Nick Kooi

ALTAR GUILD: Christine S

MUSIC LEADER: Pam U

SOUND TECH: Eric R

VIDEO TECH: Matt G

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