

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

**Prelude** “This Joyful Eastertide” -setting by Kevin Hildebrand  
“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” -arr. J. Wayne Kerr

Confession and Absolution

**Hymn of Invocation: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”**

*LSB 469*



1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n to - day!” Saints on earth and an - gels say;  
2 Love’s re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;  
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, re - ply.  
Lo! Our Sun’s e - clipse is o’er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.  
Death in vain for - bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led;  
Foll’wing our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n!  
Praise to Thee by both be giv’n!  
Thee we greet triumphant now:  
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt.

Tune: French, 13th cent.

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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 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 66:1–2, 8–9, 20; antiphon: v. 16*

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



Come and hear, all you who | fear God,\*  
and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

**Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;\***  
**sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!**

Bless our God, O | peoples;\*  
let the sound of his | praise be heard,  
**who has kept our soul among the | living\***  
**and has not let our | feet slip.**

Blessèd | be God,\*  
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!

**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.**

Come and hear, all you who | fear God,\*  
and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

#### Pew Edition

#### Kyrie

*LSB 204*



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



**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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

*Easter 6*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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

*Acts 10:34–48*

Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen

by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

*Psalm 98; antiphon: v. 2*



The LORD has made known his sal- | vation; \*  
 he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

**Oh sing to the LORD a new song,  
 for he has done | marvelous things! \***

**His right hand and his holy arm  
 have worked salva- | tion for him.**

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation; \*  
 he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

**He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
 to the house of | Israel. \***

**All the ends of the earth have seen  
 the salvation | of our God.**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth; \*  
 break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

**Sing praises to the LORD | with the lyre, \*  
 with the lyre and the sound of | melody!**

With trumpets and the sound | of the horn \*  
 make a joyful noise before the | King, the LORD!

**Let the sea roar, and all that | fills it; \*  
 the world and those who | dwell in it!**

Let the rivers clap their hands;  
 let the hills sing for joy together be- | fore the LORD, \*  
 for he comes to | judge the earth.

**He will judge the world with | righteousness, \*  
 and the peoples with | equity.**

**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.**

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation; \*  
 he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

## Epistle

*1 John 5:1–8*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 15:9–17*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit

should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Apostles' Creed

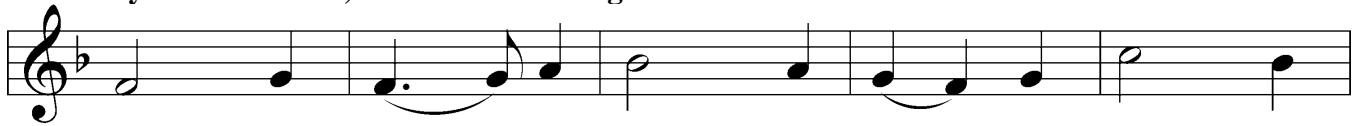
**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

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: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

LSB 700



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to  
 3 Come, Al - mighty - y, to de - liv - er; Let us  
 4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy  
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in  
 all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -  
 spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



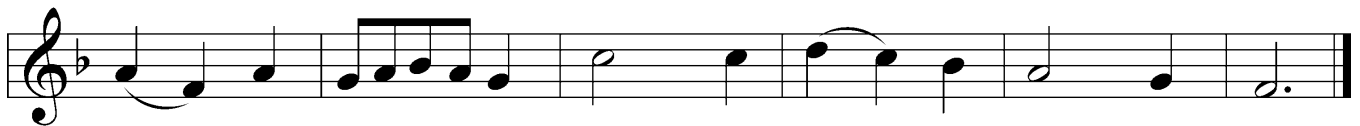
hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
 Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.  
 turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.  
 great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -  
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha  
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee  
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as  
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee  
 heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88 Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–87

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## Sermon

## Prayer of the Church

### Offering "He's Risen, He's Risen" -setting by Kenneth T. Kosche

*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.*

### Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

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**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

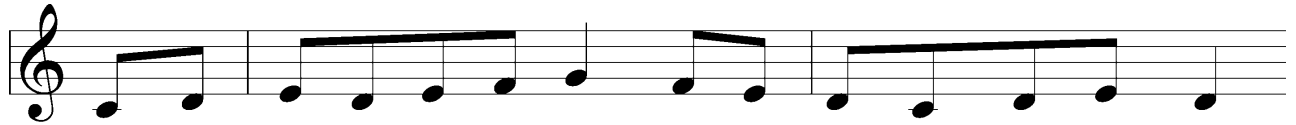
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary... 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.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke



## 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.

...

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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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.

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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### 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.*

*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.*



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me  
 2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;  
 3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;  
 4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!  
 New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.  
 The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.  
 God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim  
 Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;  
 For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;  
 Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.  
 The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.  
 The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.  
 Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

- 5 The gifts are in the feast,  
 Gifts far more than we see;  
 Beneath the bread and wine  
 Is food from Calvary.  
 The body and the blood  
 Remove our ev'ry sin;  
 We leave His presence in  
 His peace, renewed again.
- 6 All glory to the One  
 Who lavishes such love;  
 The triune God in love  
 Assures our life above.  
 His means of grace for us  
 Are gifts He loves to give;  
 All thanks and praise for His  
 Great love by which we live!

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Hymn: “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

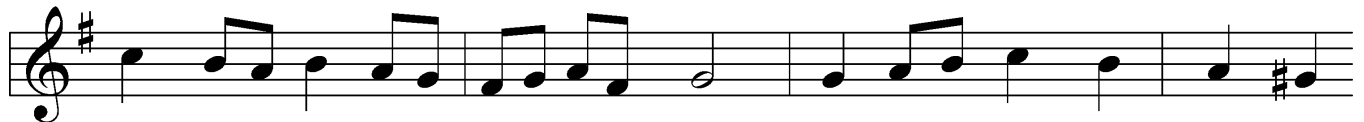
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1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and  
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



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.

Text: Somerset T. C. Lowry, 1855–1932, alt.

Tune: Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse . . . Contradanseu, c. 1710, Amsterdam

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**C** 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.  
 ...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**

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- 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 ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

**Hymn: “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”**

LSB 490



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -  
2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is  
3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus  
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall  
5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!  
giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,  
liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,  
sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell  
mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er  
Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is  
Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I  
Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will  
When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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**Postlude “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!” -setting by Jacob Weber****Acknowledgments**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship 9:30 a.m.

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS:** *1 John 5:3 – “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.”* God’s commandments are not burdensome, but that’s only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore, we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and rejoice in the Law of the Lord, loving God and our neighbor by keeping His commandments.

**LEAH FEDERWITZ** is a special guest visiting us today. She is the daughter of missionaries Jonathan and Carrie Federwitz. She serves as a missionary teacher with TeachBeyond in Papua New Guinea. This morning in adult Bible class she will share with us about her experience serving in Papua New Guinea for the past two years as an elementary teacher and her plans to return to PNG for the upcoming school year in July. Don’t miss her display set up in the narthex. We welcome Leah Federwitz to Emmaus!

**COUNTERS:** We will be holding a class for offering counters today after church in the Garden Room. Current counters and anyone interested in becoming a counter should attend.

**EMMAUS GARAGE SALE: Deadline for donating items is Sunday, May 12.** 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! The sale will be held Thursday-Saturday, May 16-18. 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: “Unforecastable” Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. It’s been said that God’s call often comes as a surprise. In Acts 9, we meet three men who found themselves called in ways they could neither forecast nor control. (Acts 9:31)

## **THIS WEEK AT EMMAUS:**

Today: 9:30 a.m. Worship

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

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

Mon: 1 p.m. LifeLight (GR)

Wed: Bulletin Deadline

6 p.m. Confirmation Class

Thurs: 1 p.m. Emmaus Quilters (SH)

4-9 p.m. Quilting Queens (SH)

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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. Bible Study

## **SERVING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY:**

PASTOR: Rev. Nick Kooi

ALTAR GUILD: Donna H

ORGANIST: Barb B

SOUND TECH: Ken N

VIDEO TECH: Don V

WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Mark G

USHERS: Gary B, Ken K, Gregg W

COUNTERS: Gary B, Roxann M

LECTORS: Chris G, Elizabeth G

GREETER: Jan N

ACOLYTE: Micah 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.