SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 15, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

Prelude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" -setting by John A. Behnke

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LSB 790 1 Praise the King Lord, the Al - might - y, the of to cre -2 Praise to the Lord. who o'er all things is won - drous - ly 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful ly, won - drous - ly, 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per work and de your 5 Praise to the let in Lord! 0 all that is me a tion! 0 soul, praise Him, for He my is your a And, reign - ing as on wings of an ea - gle. up -Health heed - less - ly made you, has be stowed and, when fend Sure ly His good and mer - cy you; ness shall dore Him! All that has life breath, come now and with sal - va health and tion! Let all who hear Now to His Have you not lift ing, sus - tain ing. All that is _ seen fall has stayed What need or grief Ev -_ ing, you. er has _ What dai ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new the Alprais -A - men Sound from His es be - fore Him! Let the tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad -0 - ra tion! need - ful has Sent His been by gra - cious or - dain ing? failed of Wings His re - lief? of mer - cy did shade you. His might - y do As with love He be - friends can you. peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him! Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–80; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78 Tune: Ander Theil Des Erneuerten

Gesang-Buchs, 1665, Stralsund Text and tune: Public domain

 \mathbf{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.

- 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.
- 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 31:14–16; antiphon: v. 24



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

Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,* all you who wait | for the LORD!
But I trust in you, | O LORD;* I say, "You | are my God."
My times are | in your hand;* rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse- | cutors!
Make your face shine on your | servant;* save me in your | steadfast love!
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.
Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,* all you who wait | for the LORD!

Pew Edition



Salutation and Collect of the Day

Proper 19 (Year B)

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

First Reading

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as

Isaiah 50:4–10

those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

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

Psalm

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



Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous;* our God is | merciful.
I love the LORD, because | he has heard* my voice and my pleas for | mercy.
Because he inclined his | ear to me,* therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;* I suffered distress and | anguish.
Then I called on the name | of the LORD:* "O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!"
Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous;*

our God is | merciful. The LORD preserves the | simple;*

when I was brought low, he | saved me.

Return, O my soul, | to your rest;* for the LORD has dealt bountifully | with you.

For you have delivered my | soul from death,* my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling;
I will walk be- | fore the LORD* in the land of the | living.

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. Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous;* our God is | merciful. Psalm 116:1–9; antiphon: v. 5

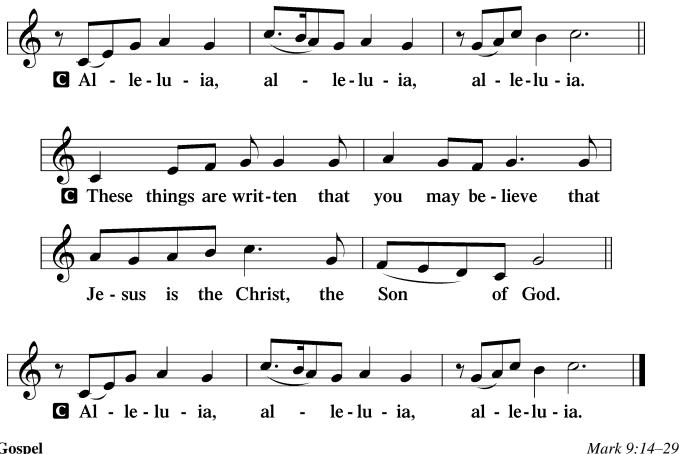
Epistle

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

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

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 H everlasting. Amen. Hymn of the Day: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"



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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

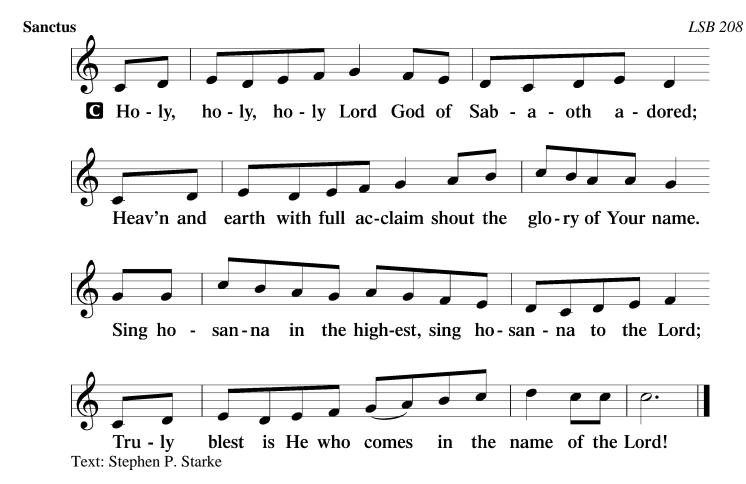
Offering "This Is My Father's World" -Timothy Albrecht

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

- **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:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

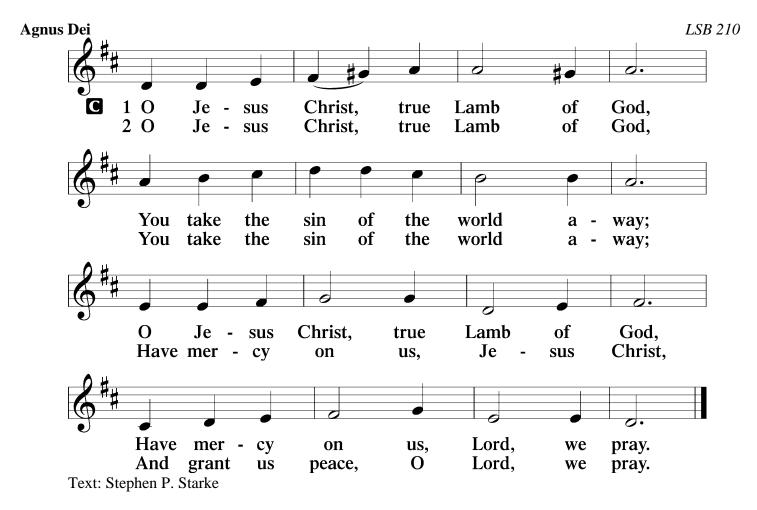
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



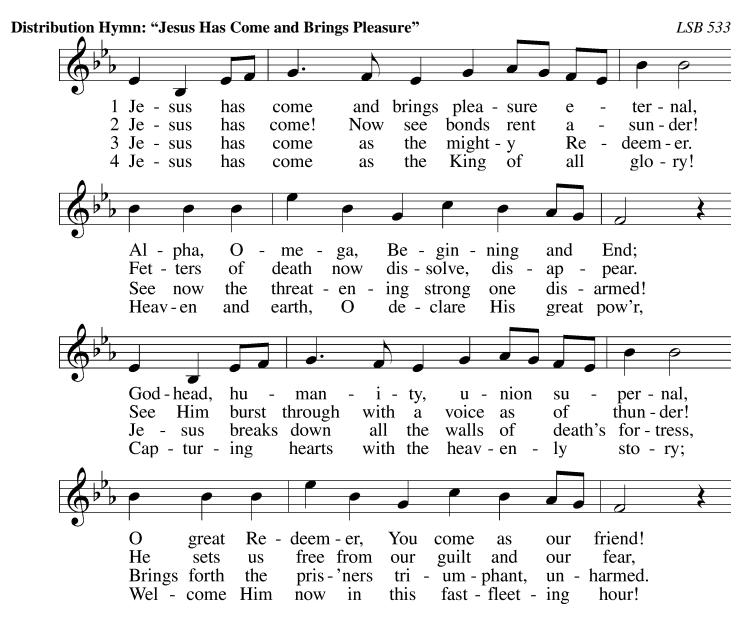
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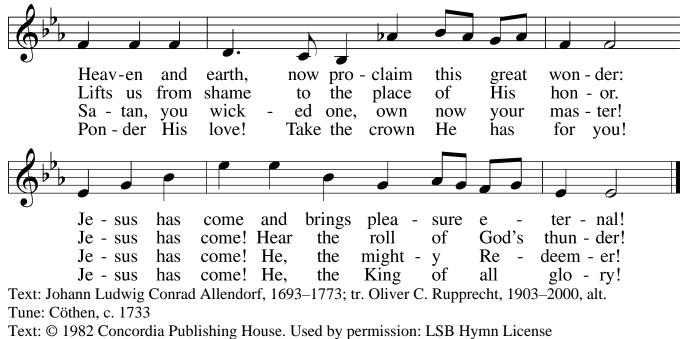
Distribution

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.

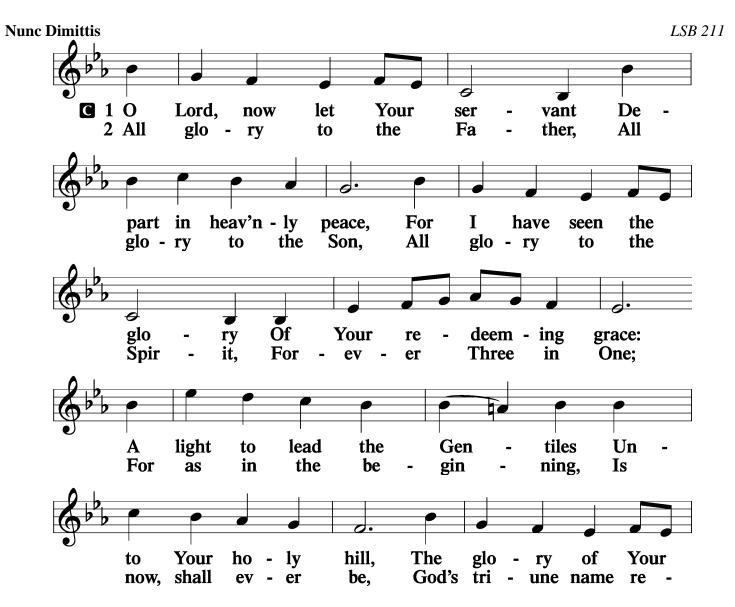
Communion is offered in two ways: the individual cup and the common cup. If you would like the individual cup, please partake as the assistant minister passes by after Pastor gives the bread. If you would like the common cup, let the assistant minister pass by, open your hands palm up, and Pastor will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

Special Music: "Father, I Put My Life in Your Hand" by John Michael Talbot (Paul and Betsy Hanson, vocals/guitar)





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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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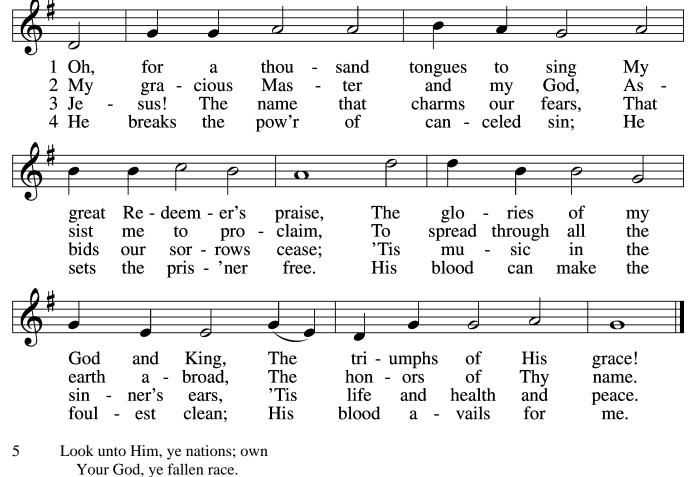
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- The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- **C** Amen.

Hymn: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"



Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.

- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry soul of man.
- To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.
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Postlude "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" -setting by John A. Behnke

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship 9:30 a.m.

FOR PASTORAL CARE outside of normal business hours, please contact Pastor Nick Kooi at 651-424-6294.

You are encouraged to take a walk this week with the Lord by reading Galatians. May the Lord make your heart burn with joy at the Good News and your place in His Kingdom!

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: Mark 9:24 – "Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, 'I believe; help my unbelief!'" Haven't we often felt like this! And notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith: He still has pity, and He still blesses the man. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith, as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm-tossed sea. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? A godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.

VOCATION? What is it and how does it apply to you? Join us after church for a presentation about vocation, how your vocation matters, and how we incorporate that in the ministry of Emmaus.

INCOMING! Watch your mailbox (the physical one, not email) for follow up information related to today's study on vocation.

MISSING: We are missing the bottom stand of one of our lemonade dispensers. If you borrowed them this summer, please check. Thanks!

TO ALL OF THE FUNERAL VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for helping in all of your positions for George Fortmeyer's funeral. I received a great compliment from George's daughter, Pat, "to tell all of the workers what a great job everyone did to make this a memorable day for the family." -Jan Nordstrom (coordinator of this funeral)

FALL & CHRISTMAS DECORATION SALE: Emmaus will be having a Fall and Christmas decoration sale running from 11/3 to 11/24. This will be free-will donation and all proceeds will benefit the church. This sale will be located on the back tables in the Social Hall. If you are interested in contributing items, please contact either Chris Goetz or Jean Galligan. Thank you!

CANDY BINGO: Join us for our first ever Candy Bingo! This event is for everyone in the congregation, regardless of age. Join us for some fellowship, laughs, prizes, and pizza! The event will be on September 28, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please sign up or RSVP to Pastor or Dawn Kooi so the appropriate preparations can be made.

HEAR "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: "All He Has to Say" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The story of Jacob's Ladder is not a prompt for us to climb higher; it's a promise that God comes down to our level. (Genesis 28:15)

LWML MITES: Where do your LWML Mites go? Disaster Response Team, Trinity Lutheran Church, Tyler, Texas | \$50,000: The Disaster Response Team of Trinity Lutheran Church in Tyler, Texas, responds to help victims of natural disasters. They are called to serve, have a presence on the ground, and assist with cleanup. While providing help, they listen to the victims and share the love of Jesus and bring hope, encouragement, and healing through God's Word and prayer. To learn more, visit www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-5.

PROCLAIMING CHRIST 2024: LET US SING OF JESUS

St. James Lutheran Church would like to invite you to join them for a conference celebrating 500 years of the first Lutheran hymnals and the Lutheran chorale. Entitled "Proclaiming Christ 2024: Let Us Sing of Jesus," the conference will begin at 7:00 PM on Friday, October 25 with A Hymn Festival of Reformation Hymns. On Saturday, October 26 presentations will be offered from 9:00-3:00 PM on various aspects of the Lutheran chorale by Dr. Martin Dicke, Rev. Kantor Richard C. Resch, Rev. Dr. Lowell Sorenson, and Rev. Kantor Timothy Frank of David's Harp. A special choir is being convened for the hymn festival. Singers from partner churches, schools, and the community are invited to join. The conference will be held at St. James Lutheran Church, 460 Annapolis St. W., West St. Paul, MN 55118. For more information and a Registration Form, please call (651) 457-9232, write to us at stjlc@saintjameslutheran.com or visit www.saintjameslutheran.com.

SINGERS NEEDED FOR REFORMATION CHOIR

Singers are invited to join the choir at St. James Lutheran Church in celebrating 500 years of the first Lutheran hymnals and the Lutheran chorale. The choir will sing at A Hymn Festival of Reformation Hymns that will be held at 7:00 pm on Friday, October 25. The hymn festival will open the conference "Proclaiming Christ 2024: Let Us Sing of Jesus" that will be held on October 25-26 at St. James Lutheran Church, 460 Annapolis St. W., West St. Paul, MN 55118. Singers from partner churches, schools, and the community are invited to join. For details and a Registration Form, please call (651) 457-9232, write to us at stjlc@saintjameslutheran.com or visit www.saintjameslutheran.com

THIS WEEK AT EMMAUS:

Today: 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Mon: 9 a.m. October Newsletter Deadline Wed: Bulletin Deadline 1:30 p.m. Bible Study (SH) 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: Roxann M ORGANIST: Barb B SOUND TECH: Todd P VIDEO TECH: Don V WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Andy V USHERS: Dave Haiden, Mark R COUNTERS: Eric R, Don V LECTOR: Paul D GREETER: Magdalena B ACOLYTES: Surraa Y, Rebecca Y