

Announcements

- ◆ A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests, friends both old and new. We pray that God has blessed your time among us with His Word and Holy Spirit. We cordially invite you to join us this morning for coffee and other refreshments downstairs following the Divine Service; and we ask that you please sign the guest book at the back of the church.

- ◆ Please note that GLORIA PATRI (“Glory be to the Father,” etc.) is omitted throughout Holy Week, wherever it would normally occur in the liturgy.
This includes the case of the Nunc Dimittis following the Holy Communion.

- ◆ Following coffee & refreshments, our Family Bible Class continues our study of the Old Testament Liturgy in Leviticus, looking at the rites and ceremonies of the means of grace, as well as the life of holiness that is to be lived by God’s people. Parents and children, youth and adults are welcome.

Catechesis class for younger and beginning catechumens meets at the same time. Also, Mike Jindra and Kirsten Block are teaching a catechesis class for children of approximately eight through twelves years of age. And Dave Smith is teaching a catechesis class for teenagers (and others interested).

- ◆ Throughout this Holy Week, you will have the opportunity to be gathered with your brothers and sisters in Christ for the Word of God and prayer at Emmaus. *The Order of Matins will be prayed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, beginning at 9:00 a.m.* These Matins will feature the Lord’s Passion from St. Matthew, St. Mark, and St. Luke, respectively. ***There will also be a spoken Divine Service on each of these days, beginning at 6:00 p.m.*** Sanctify this Holy Week unto yourself by giving attention to the Word of God and receiving the gifts of Christ our Savior.

- ◆ On the morning of Maundy Thursday (9:00 a.m.), there will be a brief service of Corporate Confession & Absolution, that we might be prepared for the celebration of the Cross and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Emmaus will be gathered for the Divine Service on Maundy Thursday at 6:00 p.m. That Service concludes with the ceremonial stripping of the Altar in preparation for the solemn observances of Good Friday.

- ◆ On Good Friday, members of Emmaus are invited to the annual *Tre Ore* service at Our Redeemer, South Bend, from 12:00 Noon until 3:00 p.m.

We will also then be gathered at Emmaus on Good Friday evening for the solemn observance of the Divine Service, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

- ◆ By His rest in the tomb, our Lord Jesus Christ sanctified the graves of His saints (of all those who believe and are baptized into Him). On the morning of Holy Saturday (19 April), we will be gathered at Emmaus to sanctify His Sabbath Rest unto ourselves by praying the Order of Matins at 9:00 a.m.

Following the Matins on Saturday, we are counting on the Emmaus Youth to prepare the Sanctuary for the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord.

- ◆ **Those with Easter lilies and other spring flowers to donate or loan for the decoration of the Sanctuary on Easter are encouraged to bring those to the church by Saturday morning. Many thanks for your assistance.**

- ◆ *The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord commences with the Great Vigil of Easter, beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Holy Saturday (19 April).* This service includes the dedication of the Paschal Candle for another year; Readings from the Old Testament that anticipate the Resurrection and the Life of our dear Lord Jesus Christ; the reaffirmation of Holy Baptism; and the celebration of the Holy Communion. The great Paschal Feast of our Lord's Resurrection continues on Easter Sunday morning (20 April) with the Chorale Communion Service at 6:00 a.m., and the chief Divine Service at 9:00 a.m. *Each of these fully festive Services will be different.*

- ◆ Remember that you will have the opportunity to enjoy an Easter Breakfast (or Brunch) after either one of the Divine Services next Sunday morning.

Thanks to the Smith family for hosting the breakfast for us again this year.

- ◆ We will continue to celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord throughout the First Week of Easter in daily Divine Service, as scheduled.

- ◆ **COLLECTIONS FOR 6 APRIL 2014: \$ 2,058.00**

In order to meet our financial obligations and commitments, an average of \$2190 is needed each week.

- ◆ **IN THE LORD'S SERVICE THIS LORD'S DAY: (ELDER) Robert Rhein; (USHERS) Caleb Smith & Tobias Tribble; (ACOLYTE) Lucas Jindra; (CRUCIFER) Matthew Horner; (ORGANIST) Deaconess Sandra Rhein; (GREETERS) Carrol McCarty & Pat Nering.**

- ◆ **Rev. D. Richard Stuckwisch, Pastor** Home Phone: (574) 233 – 0574

From the Lutheran Confessions

“Article X. The Holy Supper: They approve the tenth article, where we confess our belief that in the Lord’s Supper the body and blood of Christ are truly and substantially present and are truly offered with those things that are seen, the bread and the wine, to those who receive the sacrament. After careful examination and consideration of it, we firmly defend this belief. For since Paul says that the bread is ‘a participation in the Lord’s body,’ it would follow that the bread would not be a participation in the body of Christ but only in His spirit if the Lord’s body were not truly present.”

“We know that not only the Roman Church affirms the bodily presence of Christ, but that the Greek Church has taken and still takes this position. Evidence for this is their canon of the Mass, in which the priest clearly prays that the bread may be changed and become the very body of Christ. And Vulgaruis, who seems to us to be a sensible writer, says distinctly that ‘the bread is not merely a figure but is truly changed into flesh.’ There is a long exposition of John 15 in Cyril which teaches that Christ is offered to us bodily in the Supper. He says: ‘We do not deny that we are joined to Christ spiritually by true faith and sincere love. But we do deny that we have no kind of connection with Him according to the flesh, and we say that this would be completely foreign to the sacred Scriptures. Who has ever doubted that Christ is a vine in this way and that we are truly branches, deriving life from him for ourselves? Listen to Paul say, “We are all one body in Christ” (Rom. 12:5); “We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the same loaf” (I Cor. 10:17). Does he think perhaps that we do not know the power of the mystical benediction? Since this is in us, does it not also cause Christ to dwell in us bodily through the communication of the flesh of Christ?’ A little later he says, ‘Therefore we must consider that Christ is in us, not only according to the habit which we understand as love, but also by a natural participation,’ etc.”

“We have quoted all of this here, not to begin an argument on this subject (his Imperial Majesty does not disapprove this article), but to make clear to all our readers that we defend the doctrine received in the whole church — that in the Lord’s Supper the body and blood of Christ are truly and substantially present and are truly offered with those things that are seen, bread and wine. We are talking about the presence of the living Christ, knowing that ‘death no longer has dominion over Him.’”

(From the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, 1530)

Walking with Our Savior this Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY Divine Service of Communion 9:00 a.m.
Coffee & Refreshment Downstairs 10:30 a.m.
Catechesis / Family Bible Class 10:45 a.m.

MONDAY Holy Week Matins 9:00 a.m.
Spoken Divine Service 6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY Holy Week Matins 9:00 a.m.
Spoken Divine Service 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Holy Week Matins 9:00 a.m.
Spoken Divine Service 6:00 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY Confessional Service 9:00 a.m.
Service of Communion 6:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY *Tre Ore* Service at Our Redeemer 12:00—3:00
Solemn Divine Service 6:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY The Order of Matins 9:00 a.m.
(Youth Preparing the Sanctuary for Easter)

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER 8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
Luther's Chorale Communion 6:00 a.m.
• *Easter Breakfast* 7:30 a.m.
Divine Service of Communion 9:00 a.m.
• *Easter Breakfast/Brunch* 10:30 a.m.