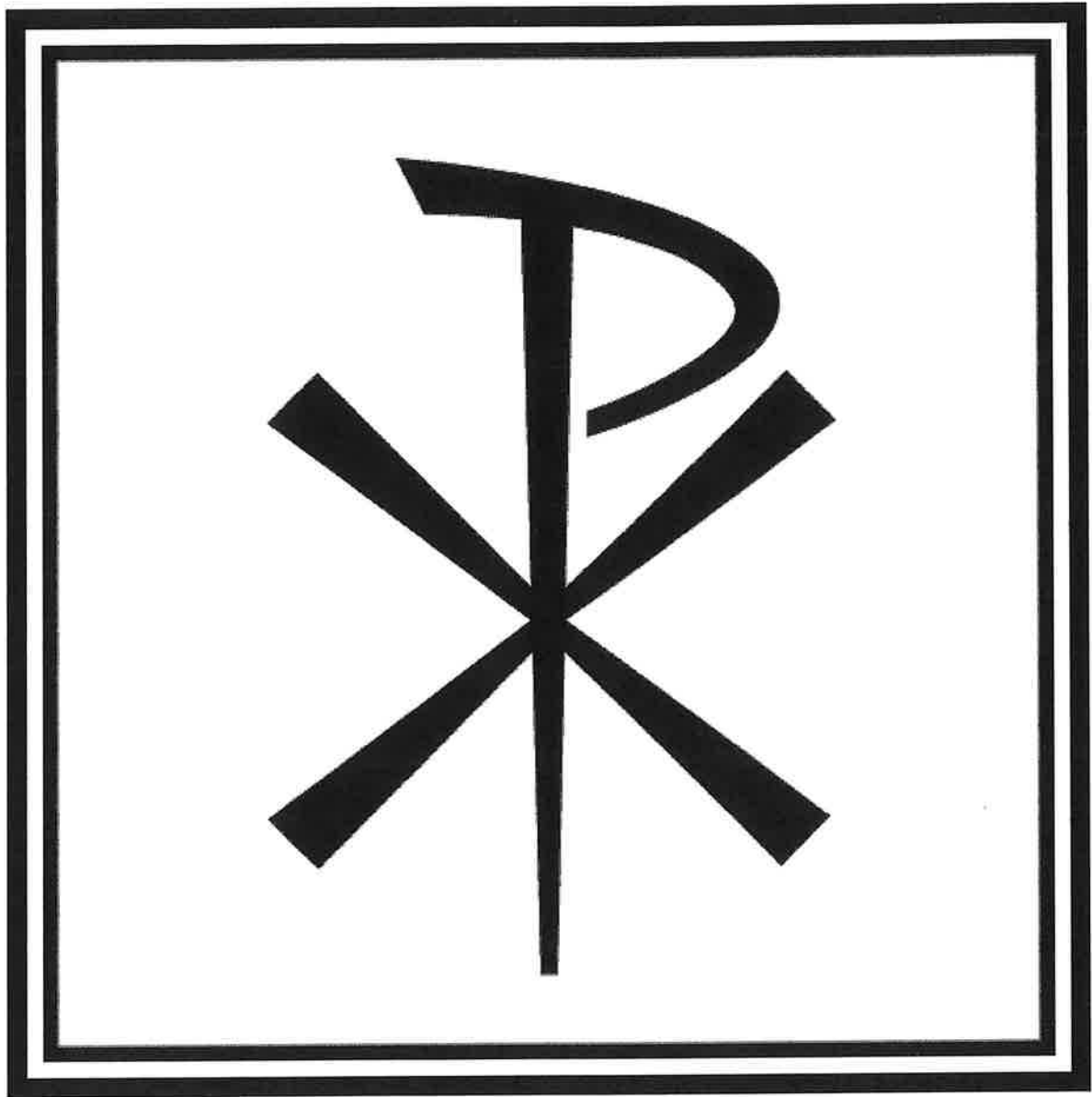


PROMISED TREASURES



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“Light Shining in the Darkness”

AS WE GATHER

“Let there be light,” God said (Genesis 1:3). And there was light. Through the promised treasure of His Word, God keeps speaking to us. And because He does, there is light. Light from above! Light never-ending! Light that enlightens our way to life everlasting! Jesus Christ is this “light of the world” (John 8:12), the light no darkness can overcome. By His Word and Spirit, this light breaks through again today, enters our lives, and enables us to shine brightly for Him.

+ THE ORDER OF SERVICE +

THE PRELUDE: (11:30) “Ah, Dearest Jesus”

Oley & Macheimer

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE OPENING HYMN: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Hymn 427

(Please stand as you are able)

THE INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 2:1-11)

Leader: For our sake God made Jesus to be sin who knew no sin,

People: so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

Leader: But He was wounded for our transgressions;

People: He was crushed for our iniquities;

Leader: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

People: and with His stripes we are healed.

Leader: Lord Jesus, search our hearts and minds that we may receive Your Word, share in Your Spirit, and be renewed in our relationships with You and with one another.

(We observe a moment of silence for personal prayers of confession)

Leader: With humble hearts, let us pray together:

People: Lord Jesus, the Father's only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, hear us as we pray.

Leader: Darkness seeks to overtake us and rob us of the light, distracting us from Your never-failing presence in our lives.

People: Our rebellion against You in thought, word, and action is why You died for us—

Leader: to forgive our sins, to redeem our lives, and to cancel the debt we owe to God.

People: With hearts that are humble and lives ever grateful, help us to receive Your grace, bow before You in worship, and confess that You alone are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Leader: Almighty God our heavenly Father shows His mercy to us in the sending of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, the true light of the world who scatters the darkness of our sin and shines upon us the bright beams of His mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You are the light of the world, and no amount of darkness in our world can overcome Your presence shining in our lives. Renew our hearts and minds during this Lenten season as we receive the promised treasures of Your Word; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 5:1-2, 8-14

Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ⁸for

at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING: John 8:12-18

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." ¹³So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." ¹⁴Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. ¹⁷In your Law it is written that the testimony of two men is true. ¹⁸I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

(11:30) THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

Inside back cover of hymnal

(7:00) THE APOSTLES' CREED (Spoken together)

Inside back cover of hymnal

(Please be seated)

THE SERMON HYMN: (11:30 & 7:00) "One House Abides Unending"



1 One house a - bides un - end - ing, One Mas - ter
 2 The wealth of all cre - a - tion We squan - dered
 3 With end - less hun - ger driv - en The grave cried
 4 Ex - change our ash for beau - ty, A - noint our



fears no fall, One Lord pro - vides, at - tend - ing The
 at our birth. The heirs of con - dem - na - tion Sowed
 out for more, But Je - sus Christ has giv - en Safe
 grief with joy; Dear Lord, who paid our du - ty, All

dai - ly want of all. When ru - in would al -
 tears in blight - ed earth. But light, the world's first
 pas - sage through its door: His flow - ing blood our
 grace for us em - ploy. Feed us the sav - ing

lure them Whose one es - tate was need, One
 trea - sure, The Mas - ter worked a - new In
 rai - ment, The flood to purge our shame; The
 man - na Lest on the way we fail And

Fa - ther would se - cure them In will, in trust, in deed.
 prom - ise, and in mea - sure No mor - tal eye could view.
 liv - ing God the pay - ment That buys for us His name.
 sweet - en our Ho - san - na To ho - ly Eas - ter's hail.

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THE SERMON

Pastor Dan May

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS (7:00)

(11:30 - Please place your offering in the collection plate as you exit the sanctuary.)
 Please take the black binder at the end of each pew, and fill out the appropriate info. We encourage our members to greet our visitors after the service.

THE OFFERTORY: (11:30) "O Sacred Head"

Cruger

(Please stand, as you are able)
 THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You for blessing us with the opportunity to meditate again on the cross of Christ and receive Your promised treasures.

People: Grant that the message of the Lamb of God slain for our salvation bring us the riches of Your pardon and peace.

Leader: Lead us to see that our sins caused Jesus' great agony in the garden, that our sins nailed Him to the cross of Calvary,

People: that He was forsaken by His Father so that we might never be forsaken, and that He died so that we may live.

Leader: Lord Jesus, grant that especially during this sacred season the treasured story of Your wondrous love for us would draw us closer to You.

People: Enable us to walk in the light of Your grace, knowing that You are truly the light of the world that darkness can never overcome.

Leader: Holy Spirit, lift up troubled souls everywhere. Grant wholeness to those hurting in heart, body, and mind. Work Your healing power in the lives of those in need, and in the lives of all we name before You in our hearts.

People: All glory, honor, and praise be to You, with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken together)

(11:30) THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

(7:00) LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER (Spoken together)

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Leader: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

People: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Abide with Me"

Hymn 878

THE POSTLUDE: (11:30) "Abide with Us, O Savior"

Bach

SERVING

Liturgist	Pastor Dan Sheaffer
Piano	(11:30) Bev Williams
Organ	(7:00) Jacob Shepard
Flute	(7:00) Marizza Shepard
Acolyte	Lucy Moll
Altar Guild	Becki Elonzae, John & Donna Hofrichter, Judy Kalb, Sandy Behling
Usher Crew 3 (7:00)	Ed Davis, Chuck Karrick, Kevin Sark, Bryson Berg, Dave Bieberich, Matt Benne, Austin Harless, Barry Gynn, Tom Matson
Audio (7:00)	Jim Wudy

+MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES +

March 22 - "Bread of Life"

March 29 - "Palms and Victory"

Lenten services are held at 11:30 a.m. (Communion service) and 7:00 p.m.

+ HOLY WEEK SERVICES +

Maundy Thursday, April 6 - Services with Holy Communion will be held at 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 7 - Worship Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. & Tenebrae Service at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 9 - Easter services held at 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. with Holy Communion.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Building faith in the city

We are a caring family of baptized Christians bound together in the forgiveness which God has provided all people through His Son.

This family exists to announce this gift of forgiveness to individuals of all nations and cultures through the preaching of God's Word and the administration of the Sacraments. Emmanuel instructs young and old according to the confessional standard of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and reaches out through forgiving relationships, working to connect all members of the family through caring friendships.

Emmanuel serves as shepherds of the sheep; seekers of the lost; friends of sinners; and caregivers to the poor, lonely and broken-hearted. It is a family that cares for all people and reaches out to witness to the love and forgiveness found in Jesus Christ.

Emmanuel Worship Services are designed to share God's love and forgiveness through the ministry of Word and Sacrament. We offer a variety of worship styles and we encourage you to worship in the liturgical style that best meets your needs.

Saturday Evening Divine Service—This service offers a contemporary setting and is held on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning Divine Services—These services are held on Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. and feature worship in a traditional liturgical setting.

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In the Cross of Christ | Glory

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1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

Abide with Me

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1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.