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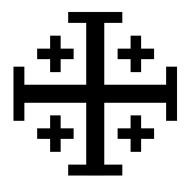
HOLY COMMUNION,

COMMONLY CALLED

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Renewed Ancient Text

July 16, A.D. 2023 Seventh Sunday After Pentecost



Welcome!

Thanks for joining us for worship today. Our name, Emmaus, is taken from a place and event near Jerusalem on the afternoon of Easter. Jesus met up with two disciples fleeing the city, dejected. They didn't recognize him, so along the way, he explained the Old Testament to them—how it pointed to him. Then, they invited him in to a house in the town of Emmaus. When he broke the bread at table, their eyes were opened and they recognized him. Thinking back, they realized their hearts burned within them as he explained the Scriptures to them. That is our hope for each Sunday as we gather for worship—that we would encounter Jesus in Scripture and the breaking of bread.

Please leave your name, phone, and email at the guest register in the entryway or narthex. We will get back to you.

For young children, age three and under, feel free to use the nursery in the rear corner. It's hooked up with sound so a parent can hear what's happening in church.

Children age four and up are welcome in Children's Church during the 10:30 service. They go to C.C. after a children's sermon and return for communion with their family.

We serve Sacred Food and Drink here...please don't bring beverages or snacks into church during worship (kids excepted).

Please turn off your cell phones.

A deacon calls the people to prepare themselves for worship.

The people kneel, and observe a time of silent prayer.

Preparatory Prayers for Individuals

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

They may be said or sung.

Celebrant Lord have mercy upon us.

People Christ have mercy upon us.

Celebrant Lord have mercy upon us.



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THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant People Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

MATTHEW 22:37-40

Gloria (Glory to God in the Highest)





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and, that we may receive what we ask, teach us by your Holy Spirit to ask only those things that are pleasing to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the same Spirit lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

First Reading

Isaiah 55

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy, and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy

One of Israel, for he has glorified you. "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; 7 let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. 12 "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

Reader. The word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 65

- ¹ You, O God, are to be praised in Zion, * and unto you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- ² You who hear our prayer, * unto you shall all flesh come.
- 3 My misdeeds prevail against me; *
 O be merciful and blot out our sins.

- ⁴ Blessed is the man whom you choose and receive unto yourself; * he shall dwell in your courts and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of your house, even of your holy temple.
- 5 You shall show us wonderful things in your righteousness, O God of our salvation*

for you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the isles that are far away.

- ⁶ You in your strength set firm the mountains, * and are girded about with power.
- ⁷ You still the raging of the seas, * the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be in fear of your wonders*

you make the morning and evening to shout with joy.

- 9 You visit the earth and bless it; * you make it very plenteous.
- ¹⁰The river of God is full of water; * you prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.
- ¹¹You water its furrows; you send rain into the little valleys; * you make it soft with the drops of rain and bless the increase of it.
- ¹²You crown the year with your goodness, * and your paths overflow with plenty.
- ¹³The fields of the wilderness are rich in pasture, * and the little hills rejoice on every side.
- ¹⁴The folds shall be full of sheep; * the valleys also shall stand so thick with grain that they shall laugh and sing.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:7-17

For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those, who are in the flesh, cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. 2 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Reader: The word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

"Seek Ye First"

Verse 1

Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness And all these things Shall be added unto you Allelu alleluia

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The Holy Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose, they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear."

¹⁸ "Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and

snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. 23 As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Verse 2

Man shall not live by bread alone
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds
From the mouth of God
Allelu alleluia

THE SERMON

Fr. Theron Walker

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed: *Celebrant and People*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the † resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon
Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."
Lector
For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.
Reader Lord, in your mercy: People Hear our prayer.
For <i>Foley</i> , our Archbishop, and <i>Bill</i> , our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Congregation, especially; in our parish:, those celebrating birthdays:, those celebrating anniversaries:, and in our diocese:, and in our town:
Reader Lord, in your mercy: People Hear our prayer.
For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. Especially:
Reader Lord, in your mercy: People Hear our prayer.
For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, especially in
Reader Lord, in your mercy: People Hear our prayer.
For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially:
Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People Hear our prayer.

For soldiers of this nation deployed to fight for the sake of
righteousness and freedom, and for those who bear the wounds of
combat:
Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People Hear our prayer.
For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other
adversity, especially:(the people are encouraged to pray aloud
for others).
Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People Hear our prayer.
1 vopic Treat out prayer.
For a spirit of repentance for the sins of abortion and hastening natural
death, and reverence for life as a gift from God.
Reader Lord, in your mercy:
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People Hear our prayer.
For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the
resurrection, [especially,] in thanksgiving let us pray.
Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People Hear our prayer.
i vopio licai dai piayci.

The Deacon concludes with this or some other appropriate Collect.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop or Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have † mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Deacon may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 JOHN 2:1-2

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY

Ascribe unto the LORD the honor due unto his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts. Psalm 96: 8.

The ushers present the bread and wine to the deacon, then pass the offering baskets.

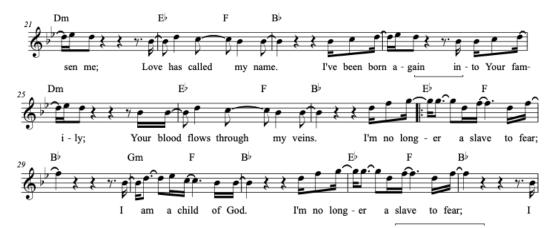














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The People stand while the offerings are presented.

Celebrant All things come from you, O Lord,

People And of your own have we given you.

1 CHRONICLES 29:14

After the altar is prepared the ushers, with the children at 10:30, present the people's offering of money, and we sing....



THE SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS



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THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People kneel or stand. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." †

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." †

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify † them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify † us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.** †

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Officiant and People

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

If the consecrated Bread was not broken earlier, the Celebrant breaks it now.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. The disciples knew the Lord Jesus.

People In the breaking of the bread. Alleluia.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People together may say

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies.

Apart from your grace,

we are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

LAMB OF GOD



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THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

JOHN 1:29, REVELATION 19:9

Please come forward by row up the center to receive the Sacrament. All baptized Christians are welcome. Take and eat the bread, then take and drink the wine. You may drink from the COMMON CUP, dip your bread in the common cup, or drink from a single serving cup. If you are not baptized, it would be our pleasure to bless in the Lord's Name. Please come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will offer up a special prayer for you. If you need gluten free bread, let the priest know.

"No Longer Slaves"

Verse 1

You unravel me with a melody You surround me with a song Of deliverance from my enemies Till all my fears are gone

Chorus

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

Verse 2

From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

You split the sea so I could walk right through it My fears were drowned in perfect love You rescued me so I could stand and sing I am a child of God

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together say the following,

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.

And now, Father,

send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

People accompany their first three responses with a sweep of the arm towards the cross above the holy table, and their final response with a sweep towards heaven. From the Book of Common Prayer of Kenya.

Minister All our problems,

People We send to the cross of Christ.

Minister All our sins.

People We send to the cross of Christ.

Minister All the devil's works.

People We send to the cross of Christ.

Minister All our hopes,

People We set on the risen Christ!

THE BLESSING

"The Trees Of The Field"

Verse

You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills
Will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy
And all the trees of the field
Will clap will clap their hands

Chorus

And all the trees of the field
Will clap their hands
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands
While you go out with joy

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THIS WEEK

Sunday:	8:00	Eucharist; 9:30 Class 10:30 Eucharist
	12:15	Anglicans for Life
Wednesday:	9:00	Vacation Bible School
		No Eucharist or Bible Study
	11:00	Finance Meeting
Thursday:	Morning:	Vacation Bible School
	2:30	Prayer Group

Friday: Morning: Vacation Bible School

Serving Sunday				
	8:00	10:30		
Lector	Dave N.	Jim V.		
Acolyte	Kelsey	Marsha		
Chalice	•	Caroline		
Jr. Acolyte		Sawyer & Kimberlyn		
Ushers	Thompson	Tom/Van't Land		
Prayer team	Laure	Hampton		
Children's church		Summer Break		
Flowers	Open			
Hospitality		Willis		

Save the Date

Saturday, August 12 - Spruce up Emmaus for Archbishop's visit. Sunday, August 20 - Archbishop Foley Beach visit to Emmaus.

SUNDAY CLASS

The Collects of the Church w/ Fr. Theron

Service Opportunity

Please reach out to Dave Thompson, Jr. Warden, if you are able to volunteer to mow at Emmaus. Typically, we need to mow every 2-3 weeks. Please check your calendars and let me know if you can take any of the following (approximate) dates:

July 20: Brown

August 3 Van Keuren

August 17

August 31

September 14

September 28

We have a riding lawn mower; training is provided. It will require about 4 hours each time but can easily be split into 2 hours segments.

Thank you - Dave Thompson, Jr. Warden, 719-963-5315

Camp-out in the Tabernacle of the Lord

Vacation Bible School

July 19-21 9:00-Noon

Emmaus Anglican Church

Come to a **Camp-out in the Tabernacle of the Lord!** Kids (K-6th Grade) and Youth Group Helpers are invited to gather together for a fun-filled time in the "Tent of the Lord" with learning, music, arts and crafts and celebration! Adult helpers are needed to join in the fun with snacks, crafts, music, and games. A sign-up sheet for kids and adults will be on the table in the Narthex so that we can prepare for the festivities! Or you may email Deacon Erin at eec031257@live.com to participate. Don't miss out! Invite your friends!

HEALING MINISTRY

SUNDAY MORNING. HEALING PRAYER. If you would like prayer for healing...or anything...a trained prayer minister, lay or clergy, will be present to anoint you and pray for the Holy Spirit to do a wonder in you during communion.

EMMAUS DINNER GROUPS EXTRAORDINAIRE EDGE

All are invited to dinner! Join a small group of parishioners for dinner or brunch. Groups meet on a rotating basis every two months. There's a host, then others bring appetizers, sides, salads, desserts, Jerry and Joleen Oordt shuffle the names, so you get to meet a wide range of parishioners. To get on the list: joordt@earthlink.net

KING SOOPERS LOYALTY PROGRAM

In the second quarter, April-June, 45 households used their King Sooper Cards to benefit Emmaus. We received \$490 in total

donations. King Soopers offers a Community Rewards Program whereby you may select an organization, like Emmaus Anglican Church, to receive donations from King Soopers based on your purchases. Once you select an organization, all future purchases will be applied to the program, at no cost to you. Donations are made quarterly based on a percentage of your spending. Thank YOU to those of you who are participating in this program. You can sign up on line or at the service desk of Kings. - *Scott*

ROADSIDE BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS

Don't know what to do when someone is at an intersection asking for money? We encourage you to NOT give money. However, Caroline Cooley and her kids have assembled a simple give away bag of items to bless someone living outdoors. Pick up a few to keep in your car...and give away.

Anglicans for Life

This Sunday, July 16, after the 10:30 service, the Emmaus Anglican's for Life Chapter will sponsor a You Tube presentation titled, "The Beauty of Possibility." Hosted by *Lighthouse Voices*, a collaboration of Focus on the Family and the Chuck Colsen Center, "Lighthouse Voices is here to bring you talks that explore hot-button issues from a biblical perspective..."

"The Beauty of Possibility" is, "Based on Philippians 4:13 and Psalm 139, this powerful presentation shatters the myth of the 'unwanted' child, exposes the evil of abortion, and celebrates the truth that we are all wanted by someone."

The speaker for this presentation is Ryan Bomberger. From Bomberger's website, "Ryan has a rather unique perspective of the innate nature of Purpose. His biological mother was raped yet courageously gave him a chance to live and the beautiful gift of adoption. He was adopted at 6 weeks of age and grew up in a loving, multi-"racial" Christian family of 15. With siblings of varying ethnicities, he grew up with a great appreciation for diversity. Ten of the thirteen children were adopted in this remarkable family. His life defies the myth of the "unwanted" child as he was adopted, loved, and has flourished.

Today, he is an Emmy® Award-winning Creative Professional who founded The Radiance Foundation (TRF), a life-affirming 501c3, along with his wife, Bethany. He is a 'factivist', international public speaker, columnist, educator, broadcast media designer, producer, and author of the powerful book, Not Equal: Civil Rights Gone Wrong.

Lunch will be served, and we hope you will join us!

Look for more details at the following links to get you informed, involved, and praying!

Pro-Life Colorado: https://www.prolifeco.org/

Catholic News Agency (28 March): https://denvercatholic.org/colorado-

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