

# ***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 Genesis, relying especially on Dr. Luther’s extensive commentary on that sacred text. Parents and children, youth and adults are welcome.

Catechesis class for younger and beginning catechumens meets at the same time. Also, Mike Jindra and Ian Walsh are teaching a catechesis class for children of approximately eight through twelve years of age. And Dave Smith is teaching a class for teenagers and others who may be 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 will conclude 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 (15 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 (15 April).***

The Paschal Feast continues on Easter Sunday morning (16 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 Mike & Anita Wright for hosting the Easter breakfast this year.

There is also a sign-up sheet by the kitchen downstairs for those who are willing and able to contribute or assist in various ways with the breakfast. If you have any questions, please speak with Deaconess Rhein. Thanks!

- ◆ 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 2 APRIL 2017: \$ 1,719.00**

In order to meet our financial obligations and commitments, an average of \$2400 is needed each week.

- ◆ **IN THE LORD'S SERVICE THIS LORD'S DAY:**  
(ELDER) Robert Rhein; (USHERS) Matthew Horner & Egon Tribble;  
(ACOLYTE) Timmy Jindra; (CRUCIFER) Justinian Stuckwisch;  
(ORGANIST) Deaconess Sandra Rhein; (GREETER) Pat Nering.

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

## **On the Church Year**

*“The name for Maundy Thursday is so ancient that there is some doubt what ‘Maundy’ really means. Most scholars suppose that it is a late Latin corruption for the word mandatum, ‘commandment.’ Then ‘maundy’ would refer to the instructions Christ gave His disciples: ‘A new commandment I give unto you that ye love one another.’ Other likely possibilities are the Latin word mundo, ‘to wash,’ referring to the footwashing, or the Saxon maund, ‘basket,’ referring to the distribution of money and food to the poor.*

*“Good Friday has almost as many different names as Maundy Thursday. One of the common ones in northern Europe was Karfreitag, as it was known in Germany; Kar meaning sorrow or mourning. Long Friday, Great Friday, Holy Friday, or as in the ancient church, Preparation Day, were other common names. The word ‘good’ in Good Friday may refer to the great good that God accomplished for mankind on that day, but more likely it represents a vowel shift from the older form of God’s Friday. The change from God’s Friday to Good Friday would exactly parallel the one from ‘God be wi’ ye’ to ‘Goodbye.’*

*“Holy Saturday, also known as Great Sabbath or Sabbath of Glory, reflects the quiet of the Jewish Sabbath and particularly Christ’s rest in the tomb. It was an important day of fasting; not even the weak and children were excused.*

*“Generally there were no services during the daylight hours of Holy Saturday, though by the 14th century some of the rites anciently appointed to the Easter Vigil, which began at sundown, were transferred to an earlier time of day. Since 1955 the Roman Catholic Church has once again returned to the older use.*

*“Holy Saturday marked the day when the catechumens reached the final stage of instruction and preparation. Usually they gathered in the church in the afternoon, with men on one side and women on the other — a pattern which could be found in some American churches as recently as a generation ago.*

*“The catechumens were again exorcised against the powers of Satan, and their ears and noses were touched with holy chrisms. Facing West, each of them in turn recited: ‘I renounce you, Satan, with all your pomp and works,’ and facing East: ‘I dedicate myself to you, Jesus Christ, eternal and uncreated Light.’*

*“In the last hours of daylight the catechumens were left alone to meditate and pray, awaiting along with all the faithful, the Vigil of Easter — when they would be received in Baptism and would share in the Eucharist.”*

**(From THE YEAR OF THE LORD, by Theodore J. Kleinhaus, CPH 1967)**

# ***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.