

Sermon: "The LORD Will Provide" Rev. David Steffenson

*Hymn of the Day: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #229

*Confession:

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: Pray in the Holy Spirit.

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God,

C: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you. (Share God's peace with one another.)

Offering—**Gift of Music: Karen Salz**

*Offertory: "Create in Me"

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*Offertory Prayer: "Blessed Are You"

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*The Great Thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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.

Eucharistic Prayer for Lent

*Lord's Prayer: *Traditional Version*

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Invitation & Distribution: Holy Communion is the Lord's Supper for the Lord's People: "All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified & risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread & wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation." We are practicing head of the aisle Communion tonight by means of Intinction.

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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*Table Blessing

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*Closing Prayers

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*Benediction

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***Sending Hymn: "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"**

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*Dismissal

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Postlude

PRAYERS

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence

A: Heavenly Father, Your Son knew hunger in the wilderness and yet His reliance on You did not fail. Give to Your baptized people a steady trust in Your promises and hope in Your final deliverance. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, keep us steadfast in faith; be merciful to us; and forgive us when we succumb to the temptations that beset us throughout our earthly pilgrimage. When the long Lent of this life is complete and the hour of our death draws near, grant that the Cross of your beloved Son may sustain us in true faith and patient hope, granting us resurrection unto eternal life through Christ our Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, the old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe. Protect us from harm and bring the gift of healing to those who suffer illness, especially those we name before you (**NAMES**). Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, most merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Karen Salz

Scripture Reader, Prayers & Communion Server: Jenna Serr

Ushers: Rich Sunde & Creig Anderson

Acolyte: Addison Siebenaler

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Judy Pearce

Sound: Don Holtan

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends

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Worship - Lent I
February 17, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Lutheran Book of Worship **“Service of Word & Sacrament”**

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

***Gathering Hymn: “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” #345**

***Greeting:**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And Also with you.

P: The Word is near you.

C: On your lips and in your heart.

P: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

C: And believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

P: Faith comes from what is heard,

C: And what is heard comes through the Word of Christ.

***Lenten Song: “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage” #239**

*Salutation and Prayer of the Day

First Lesson: Genesis 22:1-18

Psalm 25:1-10 (Responsively by half verse) Page 226

Second Lesson: James 1:12-18

*Gospel Verse: “Return to the Lord” Page 83

*Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

Children’s Message: “This Is a TEST”

Genesis 22:1-18 — Will You Sacrifice Your Son?

1 After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 2 He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, & go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, & took two of his young men with him, & his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship & come again to you.” 6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. 7 And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” 8 Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together. 9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there & laid the wood in order & bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand & took the knife to slaughter his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 12 He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called the name of that place, “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.” 15 And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven 16 and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will surely bless you, & I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, 18 and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

James 1:12-18 — The Crown of Life

12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. 14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading — Mark 1:9-15

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark the 1st Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” 12 The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. 14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O Lord God, you would have us put no trust in anything we do. Mercifully grant that by your power we may be defended against all adversity; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now & forever. **Amen.**

The Emmanuel Weekly

February 17, 2018

Lent I - 6 pm

**“Praising, Proclaiming and Practicing
Emmanuel—God with us—in daily
life!”**



BAPTISM: Walking Wet

During the Season of Lent our Baptismal Font will be located at the entrance of our Worship Space, reminding us that baptism is our entrance into the Kingdom of God. Dip your finger into the waters of baptism and trace the cross on your forehead. Remember that you are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. God’s Word. God’s Promise!

Lenten worship each Tuesday during Lent will be at 6pm, preceded by a soup supper at 5pm. Our liturgy will be a revised edition of Holden Evening Prayer. Our sermon series will look at Jesus’ “Parables of Judgment”.

Soup providers for February 20 are: Judy Pearce & Julie Steffenson. Bread Providers are: Jenna Serr and Peg Holtan.

SEMAC Mission Trip

Please keep the South East Minnesota Area Christians mission team in your prayers as they serve Christ and His people in the Houston Texas area (Feb. 10-24).

February Emmanuel Prayer Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are available in print! Also, pick up your copy of the current “Our Daily Bread”.

Communication Cards - Offering Envelopes: The offering envelope, in your bulletin is also being used as a visitor and communication card. If you are visiting with us, please know that your presence is your gift to us. We have a generous congregation & ask only that you share your contact information with us. Members & visitors may use the communication envelopes to indicate a desire for a pastoral visit, a prayer concern, or changes in contact information. Envelopes may be placed in the offering basket. Thanks.

MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP: Faith Practices! Signposts guide our way—Disciples pray daily, worship weekly, grow spiritually, read & study Scripture on a regular basis, serve others, share the good news, and give/live generously.

First Sunday in Lent (Year B): We often read Genesis 22 with stunned silence and bewilderment. Would God really demand Abraham offer his child as a burnt sacrifice? In faith, Abraham spoke the truest words he could, even though he had no idea that it would be the truth for that day, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” This epic story foreshadows what God would do on the cross of Calvary many years later.

Faith Practices: During the Season of Lent, remember to use your Lenten Prayer Calendar. Lent will be a time of discernment for us, as we prayerfully consider God’s will for Emmanuel’s future, & the future purchase of a building site for our congregational ministry.

Men’s Bible Study Breakfast: The men of Emmanuel are looking at the Book of Acts on Tuesdays at 8am and discussing the gift of Witnessing in Daily Life. They meet at Oasis Church weekly for conversation & coffee.

Saturday School & G.I.F.T. — G.I.F.T. and Saturday School meet weekly on Saturday nights at 5:10pm. Julie is teaching our little ones Bible Stories. Pastor Dave is teaching grades 3-8 a class on Creation & Fall, using C.S. Lewis’ book, “The Magician’s Nephew”. The Adults are discussing the “Truth about Islam”.

Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Word & Sacrament is a blessing to you. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever we are praising, proclaiming and practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! May the power of the Holy Spirit grant repentant hearts to God’s people during the 40 Days of Lent!

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CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, February 17
G.I.F.T. & Saturday School at 5:10pm; Lent I Worship at 6pm
- Tues, Feb. 20—Men’s Bible Study at 8am; Text Study at 10:30am; Soup Supper (5pm); Mid-Week Worship at 6pm
- Wed, February 21
Madonna Worship (1pm)
- Saturday, February 24
SEMAC returns from Texas; G.I.F.T. & Saturday School at 5:10pm; Lent II Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, Feb. 25—Happy Birthday! Emmanuel Lutheran turns 6.
- Church Council—Thurs, March 8 at 10am