

Sermon: "Playing Chicken"

Rev. David Steffenson

\*Hymn of the Day: "When Peace, like a River"

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\*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—**Installation of 2016 Emmanuel Council**

\*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: "O Savior, Precious Savior"**

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\*Table Blessing

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\*Closing Prayers

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\*Benediction

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**\*Sending Hymn: "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" - vs. 1**

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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: Your Word, O Lord, is a word of new life. May we be transformed by the good news of your saving work in the death and resurrection of Jesus so that we no longer live as enemies of the cross. Transform us into those whose daily lives mirror your love made known in Christ.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Majestic God, you call your people to daily repentance. Keep our ears open to your word of mercy. By your grace chip away at our hardened hearts, that we might live obediently and faithfully towards you. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Holy God, like mother hen, gather us under your wings. Protect us from harm and bring the gift of healing to those who are ill, 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: MarJean Damerval*

*Scripture Reader, Prayers & Communion Server: Lee Pearce*

*Ushers: Larry Vomhof & Cabe Siebenaler*

*Acolyte: Cabe 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 II**  
**Feb. 20, 2016**  
**6:00 p.m.**

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

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”**

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**\*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: “If You but Trust in God” vs. 1 & 4**

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**\*Salutation and Prayer of the Day**

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**First Lesson: Jeremiah 26:8-15**

**Psalm 4 (Responsively by half verse)**

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**Second Lesson: Philippians 3:17-4:1**

**\*Gospel Verse: “Return to the Lord”**

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**\*Holy Gospel: Luke 13:31-35**

**Children’s Message: “It’s Not CHEAP, CHEAP!”**

### **Jeremiah 26:8-15 — Jeremiah Prophecies Against the City**

8 And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! 9 Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord. 10 When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the Lord and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord. 11 Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.” 12 Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. 13 Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. 14 But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. 15 Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Philippians 3:17-4:1 — Sons Imitate the Savior**

17 Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. 18 For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. 4:1 Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading — Luke 13:31-35**

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke the 13th Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” 32 And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons & perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. 33 Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ 34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35 Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Gather us, gracious Lord, into the saving grace of your covenantal promises. Show us the light of your countenance and remind us often of our true citizenship; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

*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 equip the saints for Witness in the World during the 40 Days of Lent!*

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**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 generously.

**Men's Bible Study Breakfast:** Weekly fellowship around God's Word at 8 am Tuesdays at Charlie's (1408 2nd. St. SW). Join us in being Evangelical. Invite a friend. Share the Good News! We will meet on Tuesday, February 23 to discuss the readings for Lent III: Ezekiel 33:7-20 ; Psalm 85; I Corinthians 10:1-13; & Luke 13:1-9.

**Saturday School 2015:** Join us at 5:10 p.m. each Saturday in the Oasis Church Fellowship Hall as we learn Bible Stories and enjoy two special units this year; the Apostles' Creed during Lent, and the Lord's Prayer in the Spring. Games, skits, music and crafts will be a part of the learning experience. All youth are welcome to participate in Saturday School.

**Women of the Word!** Session 4 for the Evening Study Group will be held at Katie Siebenaler's house (12827 Hwy 52 S.E., Chatfield, MN) on Thursday, February 25 at 6:30pm. The afternoon study has ended and will reconvene in April.

**PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS:** During the month of February we are praying for Bishop Elementary School. We are delivering goodies on Monday, February 22 as an expression of our love and gratitude. Thanks for keeping the staff, students & families of our area schools in your prayers.

**Worship At Madonna Towers:** On the first Wednesday of each month, Pastor Dave is leading worship in the Chapel of the Madonna Towers Nursing Home. Our next Service will be on Wed, March 2 at 1:30pm. Contact Lee Pearce if you would like to volunteer and participate in this ministry.

**WINTER FUN DAY: Sunday, February 28 from 1-4pm!** Each year, Servants of Emmanuel enjoy some winter fun at Oxbow Park (5731 County Rd. 105 NW, Byron, MN). Cross country skiing will be enjoyed by many. For those not wishing to ski, fellowship, nature walking, animal observation, games, and refreshments will be offered in the large classroom/equipment room. Ski Rental Cost: \$5 for adults and children. Bring snacks & games to share with the other participants. Questions? Call Fred Morck (218-371-5647), or Darald & Leitha Bothun (507-252-8735). Please join us!

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**February 20, 2016**

**Lent II - 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 "Faith Practices: The Marks of Discipleship".

## **SEMAC Mission Trip**

Welcome Home members of the South East Minnesota Area Christians mission team. Thanks for serving the people of Brookport-Unionville, Illinois, in the name of Jesus!

**The February Emmanuel Prayer Calendar and Epistle Newsletter are available in print! Also, pick up your copy of the current issue of "Our Daily Bread Devotional".**

## **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- Sat, Feb. 20 - Saturday School @ 5:10pm; Lent II Worship @ 6pm with Installation of Council
- Monday, February 22 Deliver Treats to Bishop Elementary
- Tues. Feb. 23 at 8 am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Charlie's; Soup Supper at 5pm; Worship @ 6pm
- Wed, Feb. 24 - Church Council Mtg. @ 6pm
- Thurs, Feb. 25 - Clergy Gathering (12-2pm); Women's Bible Study at Katie Siebenaler's home (6:30pm)
- Sat, Feb. 27 - Saturday School @ 5:10pm; Lent III Worship @ 6pm