

Sermon: "Repent! Or Else!"

Rev. David Steffenson

***Hymn of the Day:** "Out of the Depths"

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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

*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: "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"**

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*Table Blessing

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*Closing Prayers

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*Benediction

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***Sending Hymn: "O Master, Let Me Walk" - vs. 1 & 4**

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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: Mighty Lord, may your Spirit stir us in order that we might learn to be wise & faithful followers of Jesus. By the Spirit's sanctifying work help us to lead lives that bring glory to you, drawing others into your kingdom. Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Merciful God, help us to answer your call to repentance, knowing that what you desire is not vengeance and punishment, but our loving response to your invitation to turn again to you and your ways. Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Lord, heal your servants of their sicknesses & diseases. Tonight we pray for (**names**); bless your saints with wellness. 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: Larry Vomhof

Communion Server: Deb Vomhof

Ushers: LeRoy Quam & Rich Sunde

Acolyte: Emma Matzke

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Judy Caudill

Sound: Don Holtan

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends

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!

Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org.



Worship - Lent III
Feb. 27, 2016
6:00 p.m.

Lutheran Book of Worship

“Service of Word & Sacrament”

* indicates stand as you are able

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

***Gathering Hymn: “I Lay My Sins on Jesus”**

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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: Ezekiel 33:7-20

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Psalm 85:1-13 (Responsively by half verse)

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 10:1-13

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

***Holy Gospel: Luke 13:1-9**

Children’s Message: “I AM ... Warning You”

Ezekiel 33:7-20 — Return to Me, Says the LORD

7 “So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8 If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. 9 But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. 10 “And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ 11 Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel? 12 “And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. 13 Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. 14 Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, 15 if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. 16 None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live. 17 “Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. 18 When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. 19 And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by this. 20 Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

I Corinthians 10:1-13 — The Example of the Israelites

1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 and all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. 6 Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. 7 Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” 8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9 We must

not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, 10 nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. 11 Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. 12 Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading — Luke 13:1-9

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

31 There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. 4 Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” 6 And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. 7 And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ 8 And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. 9 Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Lent III

Everlasting God, draw us into this season of repentance and create within us fertile soil in which your Word bursts forth in lives marked by the abundant fruit of your grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

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WINTER FUN DAY at Oxbow Park on Sunday, February 28 has been cancelled. Watch for a possible Spring/Summer outing.

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, March 1 to discuss the readings for Lent IV: Isaiah 12:1-6; Psalm 32; II Corinthians 5:16-21; & Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.

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 5 for the Evening Study Group will be held at Katie Siebenaler's house (12827 Hwy 52 S.E., Chatfield, MN) on Thursday, March 17 at 6:30pm. The Afternoon Study has ended and will reconvene on Wednesday, March 30 at 1pm (Topic: "Women of the Word: New Testament Ladies").

PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS: During the month of February we are praying for Bishop Elementary School. We delivered goodies on 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.

Super Tuesday! Minnesota DFL Party and Republican Party Caucuses: Tuesday, March 1 starting at 7:00 pm. Voting for our next President! "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's." Government is designed by God to bring glory to the Father and goodwill to our neighbors.

The Emmanuel Weekly

**February 27, 2016
Lent III - 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".

Marriage Enrichment "Grace-Filled Marriage"

The missing ingredient in most marriages is not Love. What is missing is Grace. This 8 week DVD Book series is being held at Calvary Evangelical Free Church, beginning on Sunday, March 6 (6:00-7:30pm). Child-care is available! More Info: 507-292-1397.

The March 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. 27 - Saturday School @ 5:10pm; Lent III Worship @ 6pm
- Sunday, Feb. 28 - Winter Fun Day—Cancelled!
- Tues. March 1 at 8 am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Charlie's; Soup Supper at 5pm; Lenten Worship @ 6pm; Caucuses at 7pm
- Wednesday, March 2 Worship at Madonna Towers @ 1:30pm
- Sat, March 5 - Saturday School @ 5:10pm; Lent IV Worship @ 6pm
- Sunday, March 6 Marriage Enrichment at Calvary Evangelical Free Church (6pm)