

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Karen Salz

Scripture Reader & Prayers: Jenna Serr

Communion Server: Judy Caudill

Ushers: LeRoy Quam & Creig Anderson

Acolyte: Gavin Edwards

Sound: Don Holtan

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Julie Edwards

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends

Sunday Morning Worship! One of our Emmanuel goals for 2020 is to explore a Sunday morning worship option. On a trial basis, Emmanuel will host a Sunday worship offering, once a month for six months (April-September). The location for this new worship service will be the Gathering Place of the Homestead of Rochester. Worship will be held at 9:30am on the last Sunday of each month. This Service is not intended to replace our Saturday night worship. It will be a second option for those who are unable to worship on Saturday nights. It will be a convenient opportunity for residents of the Homestead, & it will be an opportunity for invitational evangelism on our part. Why not come to worship on a Saturday night for your own spiritual nourishment, and then invite/bring a guest to the Sunday morning option for their benefit. It's all about growing the Kingdom of God and sharing the message of salvation with others. A new serving team, those not currently volunteering for worship tasks on Saturday nights, will be invited to provide leadership for this new outreach ministry. Please lift this new Worship Service up to the Lord in your daily prayers. **Save the Dates:** April 26; May 31; June 28; July 26; August 30; & September 27. Pass the WORD around!

Easter Monday—April 13! Once again members and friends of Emmanuel will be celebrating the resurrection of our Lord by hosting a Public Reading of the entire New Testament. Jean Wanek has received a Thrivent Action Team grant in support of this ministry. Save the Date and plan on joining us for fellowship and learning as we hear and read God's Word together! Time: 5am-Midnight.

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Worship - Lent III
March 14, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Lutheran Book of Worship “Service of Word & Sacrament”

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

***Gathering Hymn: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” #499**

***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: “Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” #230**

*Salutation and Prayer of the Day

First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95 (Responsively by half verse)

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Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-8

*Gospel Verse: “Return to the Lord”

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*Holy Gospel: John 4:5-30

Children’s Message: “Living Water 4U”

Sermon: “Jesus WATERS Your Story” Rev. David Steffenson

*Hymn of the Day: “Rock of Ages” #327

*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 by our Worship Pianist

*The Great Thanksgiving: (*spoken*)

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: “Built on a Rock”

#365

*Table Blessing

*Closing Prayers (“*Lord in your mercy,*” ... “*Hear our prayer.*”)

*Benediction

*Sending Hymn: “When Peace, like a River”

#346

*Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

The Emmanuel Weekly

March 14, 2020

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! Baptism means daily repentance and daily renewal; daily dying and daily rising!

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 be, “Faith Stories within our Family.”

Lenten Faith Stories

Tuesday, March 17: Faith Story by Jean Wanek. Soup Providers: Peg Holtan & Jean Wanek; Bread & Milk: Janet Sunde.

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

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 live & give generously.

Women’s Study! A new Study for Women has begun. Participants are reading & discussing Lysa TerKeurst’s book, It’s Not Supposed To Be This Way. Location: Home of Jenna Serr. Childcare is being provided. Next gathering is Sunday, March 22 at 6pm.

New Life Family Services Baby Shower! One of our Emmanuel Goals for 2020 is to host a baby shower in support of young pregnant women who seek out the help of New Life Family Services. Contact Pastor Dave if you would like to help with this ministry opportunity.

Men’s Bible Study Breakfast: Emmanuel Men are meeting on Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. at Oasis Church for Bible Study & fellowship.

Worship At Madonna Towers: On the first & third Wednesdays of each month, Emmanuel members are invited to participate in a ministry to area seniors. Our next Worship Service will be on Wednesday, March 18 at 1:00 pm. Give Lee Pearce a call if you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry.

FAITH STORIES Continue—LENT 2020

Lent III: The Samaritan Woman’s Story (John 4)

Tuesday, March 17: Jean Wanek

Lent IV: The Story of the Man Born Blind (John 9)

Tuesday, March 24: Bob Harms

Lent V: Lazarus’ Story (John 11)

Tuesday, March 31: Jana Pecinovsky—New Life Family Services

Palm Sunday-Easter: The Jesus Story (Philippians 2)

Thanks for worshipping 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, March 14
G.I.F.T. and Saturday School at 5pm; Lent III Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, March 15
9am—Pastor Dave at Immanuel in Wykoff;
Women’s Study at 6pm
- Tues, March 17—Men’s Bible Study at 8am; Text Study (10:30am); Soup Supper at 5pm; Lenten Worship Service at 6pm
- Wednesday, March 18
Madonna Towers
Worship (1pm)
- Thursday/Friday, March 19 & 20: Clergy Mtgs.
- Saturday, March 21
G.I.F.T. and Saturday School at 5pm; Lent IV Worship at 6pm

Exodus 17:1-7 — Water from a Rock

1 All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” 3 But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” 4 So Moses cried to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” 5 And the Lord said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Romans 5:1-8 — Peace Through God

1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. 6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading — John 4:5-30

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John the 4th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

5 So [Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. 7 A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” 8 (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” 11 The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well & drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” 13 Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” 15 The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.” 16 Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” 17 The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” 19 The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” 21 Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit & truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit & truth.” 25 The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” 26 Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.” 27 Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” 28 So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, 29 “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” 30 They went out of the town and were coming to him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Closing Prayers

L: Let us lift our hearts and voices to the Lord in prayer, that he would be merciful to his people.

A brief silence

L: Heavenly Father, thank you for Jesus, your living water given to quench our deepest thirst. Sometimes we don't realize how thirsty we are. Sometimes what we drink makes us even thirstier. Thank you that Jesus provides exactly what we need most – your goodness, love, forgiveness, and life – in the most spiritually digestible form: Himself. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Make your Church a place where your living water flows. In it, quench the thirst, heal the hearts, and cleanse the souls of people perishing from the powers of sin, evil and death. Inspire all who preach and teach to share your holy Word so that many may hear, and come to believe, that your Son is the Savior of the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Lord, the fields are ripe for the harvest. Send, guide, and strengthen missionaries to preach the Good News. Make each of us disciples “*on a mission with you*” eagerly sharing the Living Water with thirsty souls in our communities. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Thank you for the people and organizations that make clean drinking water available throughout the world. Thank you: for water pumps and purification units; for sanitation and irrigation instruction; for desalinization and chlorination; and for the simple joys of a glass of cold water or a hot shower. Grant that all who benefit from the pure and refreshing waters of this life may also be drawn to the Living Water of eternal life, Jesus Christ your Son.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Refresh & heal with your Living Water everyone troubled by illness, pain, grief, despair, fear, guilt or confusion. We pray especially for [NAMES]. Give them renewed strength; deep peace; unshakeable hope; and abiding faith in your gracious compassion.

Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: With reverence and affection, we entrust our beloved dead into your unfailing care. Wipe away the tears of those whose grief runs deep. Refresh us with your Word and Sacraments as we pass through the dark valleys and desert places of this life. Help us to encourage one another; to rejoice even though suffering; to honor and cultivate good character; to live in hope; and to lean on your never-failing promises. Speed the day when, in Spirit and in truth, the whole company of the redeemed will worship you, and acclaim your beloved Son as the Savior of the world, our Lord and our God. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Into your hands, gracious Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.