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Second Lesson: I Corinthians 10:1-12

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*Holy Gospel: John 4:5-30, 39-42

Children's Message: "The Ultimate Thirst Quencher"

Sermon: "What's With the Water?" Rev. David Steffenson

***Hymn of the Day: "Jesus Sinners Will Receive"** #291

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 MarJean

*The Great Thanksgiving: - 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

*Benediction

***Sending Hymn: "When Peace Like a River"**

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*Dismissal

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Postlude

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CLOSING PRAYERS

A: Holy God, have mercy on this congregation; do not let it become a place of grumbling or quarreling, but rather a place where we worship you in spirit and in truth; care for one another with gentle and generous hearts; and share the living water of your blessed Son with everyone we know or meet. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, save your Church from faithless words and disobedient deeds. Make it a place where your living water flows, to quench the thirst, heal the hearts, and cleanse the souls of people perishing from the powers of sin, evil and death. Inspire all who share your holy Word so that many may hear, and come to believe, that your Son is indeed the Savior of the world. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, watch over all who endure pain, sorrow, fear, doubt, loneliness or despair, especially: [Names]. Be their shelter in the storms of life and give hope to their hearts, health to their bodies, calm confidence to their minds; and unshakable faith to their souls. 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 & Closing Prayers: Leitha Bothun

Communion Server: Leitha Bothun

Ushers: Matt Serr & Bob Mulvihill

Acolyte: Cabe Siebenaler

Coffee: Julie Steffenson

Treats: Jean Wanek

Sound: Pending

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends

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.



Worship - Lent III
March 18, 2017
6:00 p.m.

Lutheran Book of Worship “Service of Word & Sacrament”

* indicates stand as you are able

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

*Gathering Hymn: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” #290

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

*Salutation and Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Almighty God, consider the worthy desires of your humble servants. Reach out to defend us from evil by the word and work of your majestic right hand. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Numbers 20:1-13— The Waters of Meribah

1 And the people of Israel, the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people stayed in Kadesh. And Miriam died there and was buried there. 2 Now there was no water for the congregation. And they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. 3 And the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Would that we had perished when our brothers perished before the Lord! 4 Why have you brought the assembly of the Lord into this wilderness, that we should die here, both we and our cattle? 5 And why have you made us come up out of Egypt to bring us to this evil place? It is no place for grain or figs or vines or pomegranates, and there is no water to drink.” 6 Then Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the entrance of the tent of meeting and fell on their faces. And the glory of the Lord appeared to them, 7 and the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 8 “Take the staff, and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and tell the rock before their eyes to yield its water. So you shall bring water out of the rock for them and give drink to the congregation and their cattle.” 9 And Moses took the staff from before the Lord, as he commanded him. 10 Then Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, “Hear now, you rebels: shall we bring water for you out of this rock?” 11 And Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock with his staff twice, and water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their livestock. 12 And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not believe in me, to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them.” 13 These are the waters of Meribah, where the people of Israel quarreled with the Lord, and through them he showed himself holy.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

I Corinthians 10:1-12 — Warnings!

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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading — John 4:5-30, 39-42

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 and 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 and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and 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. ... 39 Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word. 42 They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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.

Men's Bible Study Breakfast: Each week, Emmanuel Men are meeting on Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. at Oasis Church for Bible Study and a continental breakfast. We are currently reading and discussing the Bible (Genesis-Revelation). Read pages 275-278 of the NIV Once A Day Bible (DAY 80) in preparation for this week's study (i.e. Numbers 35:1-36:13; Luke 3:23-4:13; & Proverbs 7:21-27).

Women of the Word! The Afternoon Bible Study Group will begin a new study after Easter (April 20-June 8) on Thursdays at 1pm at Oasis Church. The topic will be a Lutheran Understanding of Marriage and Family. The Evening Bible Study Group continues its study on Revelation monthly at the home of Katie Siebenaler at 6:30pm. Next Session: Wednesday, April 19.

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 Wednesdays, April 5 & 19 at 1:00 pm. Give Lee Pearce a call if you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry.

WORSHIP BAGS: A new resource is available for the children of our worshiping community. Interactive, age-appropriate, bags are available as families enter the worship space. Parents of young children have already commented on how wonderful these bags are for keeping small children engaged in worship. Children's Bulletins are also available at the entrance of the worship space. Visit with Julie Steffenson if you have questions or suggestions.

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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The Emmanuel Weekly

**March 18, 2017
Lent III - 6 pm**

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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 is a revised edition of Holden Evening Prayer. Our sermon series focusses on Martin Luther's Small and Large Catechisms. Contact Julie Steffenson if you would like to provide soup, bread or milk for one of the suppers.

Public Reading of the New Testament

We are celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord and the gift of God's Word by sharing a public reading of the entire New Testament on Easter Monday, April 17 from 6 am - Midnight. Refreshments will be offered. Stop by for a portion of the day and hear or read God's Word!

**The March Emmanuel Prayer
Calendar and Epistle Newsletter are
available in print!**

CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, March 18 - Saturday School @ 5:10pm; G.I.F.T. at 5:15pm; Lent III Worship at 6pm)
- Tues, March 21 - Men's Bible Study (8am) — Day 80 (pp 275-278); Text Study (10:30am); Soup Supper (5pm); Lenten Worship (6pm)
- Saturday, March 25 - Saturday School @ 5:10pm; G.I.F.T. at 5:15pm; Lent IV Worship at 6pm)
- Friday, April 7—Council Meeting at 1pm
- Sat, April 8—Eve of Palm Sunday Worship (6pm) with guest preacher—John Hoyum, NALC seminarian