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Second Lesson: I Corinthians 1:18-31

*Gospel Verse: "Return to the Lord"

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*Holy Gospel: John 2:13-22

Children's Message: "What's with the Tables"

Sermon: "Boasting in the LORD"

Rev. David Steffenson

*Hymn: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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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—**Gift of Music: Karen Salz**

*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: "Salvation unto Us Has Come"

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*Table Blessing

*Closing Prayers

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*Benediction

***Sending Hymn: "Lift High the Cross"**

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*Dismissal

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Postlude

PRAYERS

A: Let us pray to God, crying out for His mercy, confident that our Father hears our prayers because the Son of Man suffered, died and was raised for us.
A brief silence

A: We pray for true wisdom in Christ, that the faithful may recognize that the foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of the world, Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We pray for SEMAC & their faithful offering of compassion, hope, and service to those in need, that all may know Christ's love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We pray for those who pass through difficult times & know sickness or heartache, loneliness or despair [NAMES]. Heal each one as You know best. Provide for those who lack money, home or the necessities of life. Teach Your children to hold tightly to You in faith, that in the end they may know the comfort of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We pray for those who receive the Ten Commandments that they may obey the will and words of the Law Giver, and for those who enter the House of God, that they may worship, serve and pray with reverence and awe. 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: Don Holtan

Communion Server: Peg Holtan

Ushers: Bob Harms & Creig Anderson

Acolyte: Addison Siebenaler

Sound: Don Holtan

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Peg Holtan

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends

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Worship - Lent III
March 3, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Lutheran Book of Worship

“Service of Word & Sacrament”

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude (SEMAC pictures on the Oasis screen)

Welcome/Announcements

Moment for Mission: Larry Vomhof — “SEMAC”

***Hymn: “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”**

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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.

***Prayer of the Day:**

P: Holy Father, you made it clear to your chosen people that you are the one true God who is worthy of our worship. Grant us grace and boldness to cast aside all pursuits that can so easily become our idols and keep us faithful in our worship of you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

Exodus 20:1-17 — Commandments Given

1 God spoke all these words, saying, 2 “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 3 You shall have no other gods before me. 4 You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 7 You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. 8 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. 12 Honor your father & your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. 13 You shall not murder. 14 You shall not commit adultery. 15 You shall not steal. 16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 17 You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

I Corinthians 1:18-31 — Wise or Foolish?

18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, & the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” 20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased

God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. 22 For Jews demand signs & Greeks seek wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews & folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 26 For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low & despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. 30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading — John 2:13-22

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John the 2nd Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

13 The Passover of the Jews was at hand, & Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, & the money-changers sitting there. 15 And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. 16 And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” 18 So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” 19 Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” 20 The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, & will you raise it up in three days?” 21 But he was speaking about the temple of his body. 22 When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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.

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.

Third Sunday in Lent (Year B): The Law of the Lord is perfect and provides a framework for God's people to live together with him and one another. At the heart of God's law are the care and protection of his beloved people. These rules for living faithfully were not meant to keep humanity in shackles — on the contrary! They were given to Israel and all people after them so that we would have true freedom, peace, & joy.

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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The Emmanuel Weekly

March 3, 2018

Lent III - 6 pm

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

SEMAC Mission Trip

Welcome Home! The South East Minnesota Area Christians mission team served Christ and His people in the Houston Texas area (Feb. 10-24). Tonight we welcome them home with thanksgiving to God.

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 March 6 are: Peg Holtan & Leitha Bothun. Bread Providers are: Leitha Bothun & Peg Holtan.

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



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, March 3
G.I.F.T. & Saturday School at 5:10pm; Lent III Worship at 6pm; SEMAC Reception (7pm)
- Monday, Mar. 5—Movie: "Tortured for Christ"
- Tues, March 6—Men's Bible Study at 8am; Text Study at 10:30am; Soup Supper (5pm); Mid-Week Worship at 6pm
- Wednesday, March 7
Madonna Towers Worship at 1pm.
- Saturday, March 10
G.I.F.T. & Saturday School at 5:10pm; Lent IV Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, March 11
Daylight Savings Time begins (Spring Ahead)