

*Hymn: "What Wondrous Love Is This" #385

***Installation of Church Council**

*Preface:

*Confession of 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.

Exhortation and Promises:

Sharing God's Peace:

P: 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" Page 96

*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* Page 91

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Communion Hymn: "Amazing Grace" #448

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*Benediction

*Sending Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" #377

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Postlude

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 and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation." We are practicing head of the aisle Communion tonight by means of Intinction.

Prayer of the Day: "God of all mercy, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**"

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Mandy Lambrecht

Scripture Reader/Prayers: Darald Bothun

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Sound: Don Holtan

Communion Server: Leitha Bothun

Take Down: Janet Sunde

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Janet Sunde

Ushers: Larry Vomhof andCabe Siebenaler

CLOSING 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: We confess to you, O God, that your light has come into the world, & we have loved the darkness. In these Lenten days lead us again from darkness to the light that is your Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent into the world, not to condemn it, but to save it.

Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: You have created us, O God, in your Son, for good works. Fill these Lenten days with the disciplines of fasting, prayer, repentance and deeds of love. Make us agents of your holy work. Hold up before all the world your Son, who was himself lifted up on the cross, so that we might believe and have eternal life. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: For all those in positions of authority; For those who work for peace; For those who heal; For the military and all who defend us; For those who are persecuted for righteousness sake; For all the baptized, and for those who have not yet come to its saving water; For those who have asked for our prayers, especially [*names*], and for all those for whom no one else will pray: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: In ages past, and in whatever days remain until He comes again, your Son has shown the immeasurable riches of his grace in loving-kindness toward us. Remembering with thanks those who have gone before us, and awaiting with patient joy that day on which He will come again, we pray: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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Worship - Lent IV
March 14, 2015
6:00 p.m.

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

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

*Gathering Hymn: “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” #98

*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 to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” #301

*Salutation and Prayer of the Day

First Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-9 (*Responsively by half verse**) Page 267

Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10

*Gospel Verse: “Return to the Lord” Page 83

*Holy Gospel: John 3:14-21

Children’s Message: “The Giving Tree”

Sermon: “God’s Address”

Rev. David Steffenson

Numbers 21:4-9—The Bronze Serpent

4 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. 5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” 6 Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. 7 And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. 8 And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” 9 So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ephesians 2:1-10—Saved By Grace ALONE

1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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Gospel Reading: John 3:14-21

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John the 3rd. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. 21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

"An Evening with the Gaither Vocal Band" -- featuring Bill Gaither, Wes Hampton, David Phelps, Adam Crabb, Todd Suttles, and other special guests. This event is being held at the Mayo Civic Center on Sunday, April 19 at 3pm. There is a special ticket price of \$22.50 per person for Groups of 15+ (plus groups receive two additional free complementary tickets). If you are interested in treating yourself to a special night of music and attending this event, contact Pastor Dave ASAP.

Council Highlights—March 10, 2015: Election of Officers—Kari Richards, President; Lee Pearce, Vice President; Don Holtan, Secretary, and Arne Nelson, Treasurer. A special meeting to resolve remaining Constitution & Bylaws questions is being set. Church-at-Large gifts will be submitted twice a year: January and July. Lee Pearce will draft an Ushers' Duties List. Pastor Dave and Arne will draft a written policy for staff vacation & benefits. Pulpit supply compensation was increased from \$90.00 to \$125.00 per Worship Service, plus mileage. Pianist rate will remain at \$90.00 per Worship Service. Gloria Wiebusch 2015 Discipleship Covenant was approved. Thrivent Choice Dollars received in March: \$472.00. Next Council Meeting: April 21 @ 10am.

The Emmanuel Weekly

March 14, 2015
Lent IV - 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 Wednesday during Lent will be at 6pm. Our liturgy will be a revised edition of Holden Evening Prayer. Our sermon series will look at Baptism via favorite water stories from the Bible.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Wednesday, March 18 from 5-5:45pm
Hostesses: Marcia Harms & Samia Nelson

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



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, March 14
Saturday School @
5:10pm; Lent IV Worship
at 6pm
- Tuesday, March 17
Men’s Bible Study
Breakfast @ 8am
- Wednesday, March 18
Soup Supper at 5pm;
Lenten Worship @ 6pm
- Thurs, March 19 - Clergy
Mtg. in La Crosse , WI
@ 10am
- Saturday, March 21
Supermarket Saturday @
9am with Easter Hams;
Saturday School @
5:10pm; Lent V Worship
at 6pm
- Friday, March 27 @
12:00 Noon—Clergy
Faithfulness Mtg. at
Oasis Church

Men’s Bible Study Breakfast: Emmanuel Men are meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 8 a.m. at Charlie’s (1408 2nd. St. SW) for breakfast & a first look at the lectionary readings for the week. Bring a friend, sit at the feet of Jesus & practice being evangelical. Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 17. Our Bible Readings for Lent V are: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; & John 12:20-33.

Saturday School: 5:10 p.m.—Christian Education for all ages on Saturdays prior to Worship! Each week we’ll enjoy singing, a Bible Lesson/Craft & a snack (kid friendly). Contact Julie Steffenson for more information or to share your ideas: (507)-206-3048. During the Season of Lent, youth are learning about Baptism & making keepsake banners.

Looking Ahead: Emmanuel will host its first Mother-Daughter Brunch on Sat, May 2, 2015. Speaker will be Lee Ann Knutson: “Faith Like a Teapot Ministry”. The Teapot Singers will share gifts of music. Judy Pearce & friends are organizing this event. Save the Date & bring that special mother, daughter, woman or girl in your life to this special event! Contact Judy if you would like to help.

SAVE THE DATE! Sat, April 18, 2015 (6:00pm) Emmanuel Lutheran Choir, Grafton, Iowa will perform an Easter Cantata during worship at Emmanuel Lutheran, Rochester, MN. Invite a friend!

2015 Minnesota Food Share March Campaign: Be a Hero. Fight Hunger. This March, Channel One Supplement Food shelf is challenging businesses, faith communities, schools, and other organizations to "Be a Hero and Fight Hunger." The goal for 2015 is to raise \$225,000 and 225,000 pounds of food during the month of March. Emmanuel gifts of food and money will go directly to support our ministry partnership with Oasis Church & Supermarket Saturday.

MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP: Signposts guide our way—Disciples seek to pray daily, worship weekly, grow spiritually, read & study Scripture on a regular basis, serve others, share the good news, and give generously.

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