

Sermon: “How Do I Love Thee?”

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*Hymn of the Day: “Amazing Grace”

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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: Scott Schilbe**

*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: “Beautiful Savior”

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*Table Blessing

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*Closing Prayers

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*Benediction

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***Sending Hymn: “I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus”**

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*Dismissal

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Postlude

PRAYERS

A: Let us pray for the temporal and eternal needs of both the Church and the world.

A brief silence

A: For bold, unwavering trust in God's grace, that we may rejoice in all the good gifts from above that we neither merit nor deserve, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

For the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name, that God's people may be strengthened in the true faith, and His Gospel Kingdom extended to all nations, to the very ends of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For this congregation, its mission and its people; for the ability to meet the needs that arise as we do the work God has given us to do; and for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For those who are sick, [*especially...NAMES,*] that God would grant healing to their bodies and strength to bear their infirmities with patience and grace, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

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.

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!

Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org.

The Gather Vocal Band — Friday, April 20 (7pm): Groups of 10+ receive ticket price of \$23.00. Contact Margaret Quam!



Worship - Lent IV
March 10, 2018
6:00 p.m.

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

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

***Gathering Hymn: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” #439**

***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: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” #107**

*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: “We Love Because...”

Numbers 21:4-9 — The Bronze Serpent

4 From Mount Hor [the Israelites] 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 — Alive Together with Christ

1 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading — John 3:14-21

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

14 [Jesus said,] “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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of mercy, renew us daily in the gift of baptism, and remind us of the promise we have through your Son’s cross. Let us always look to the cross as the sure and certain sign of forgiveness of sins, hope and healing in this life, and the promise of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Scott Schilbe

Scripture Reader & Prayers: Darald Bothun

Communion Server: Leitha Bothun

Ushers: Darald & Leitha Bothun

Acolyte: Ava Siebenaler

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Katie Siebenaler

Sound: Don Holtan

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends

The Emmanuel Weekly

March 10, 2018

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 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 is looking at Jesus' "Parables of Judgment".

Soup providers for March 13 are: Samia Nelson & Julie Engle. Bread Provider is: Julie Engle.

EASTER MONDAY

On April 2 a Public Reading of the entire New Testament will be held at Oasis Church beginning at 5:00am. Sign up sheet is located in the Gathering Space.

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

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.

Fourth Sunday in Lent (Year B): The reality of sin in human life brought on death, but that was not God's intention for the crowning glory of his creation. Through Jesus, God came to put an end to sin, death, and the power of the "sons of disobedience," as Paul put it. Thanks to Christ, who was lifted up on the cross, God's mercy has been given to all who believe. He has made us alive together with Christ, and we are saved by grace.

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; 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".

Women's Bible Study: New study, new time, & new location. A six session study on the "Great Commissions" of the Bible begins on Thursday, April 19 at 10am. Location: The Bridgemoor Pavilion (Bldg. #5520) of the Homestead of Rochester (residence of Nancy Stanley).

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CALENDAR ITEMS

- 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)
- Tues, March 13—Men's Bible Study at 8am; Text Study at 10:30am; Soup Supper (5pm); Mid-Week Worship at 6pm
- Friday, March 16—Clergy Faithfulness Mtg. at 12:00 Noon.
- Saturday, March 17
G.I.F.T. & Saturday School at 5:10pm; Lent V Worship at 6pm
- Thursday, March 22
Council Meeting