

Responsive Reading of Psalm 142

L: With my voice I cry out to the Lord;

C: With my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord.

L: I pour out my complaint before him;

C: I tell my trouble before him.

L: When my spirit faints within me, you know my way!

C: In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

L: Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me;

C: No refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul.

L: I cry to you, O Lord;

C: I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

L: Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low!

C: Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me!

L: Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name!

C: The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me.

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: MarJeanDamerval

Scripture Reader & Prayers: Lee Pearce

Ushers: Tom & Sheri Vomhof

Acolyte: Nora Serr

Sound: Don Holtan

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends

Easter Monday—April 13! Members and friends of Emmanuel will be celebrating the resurrection of our Lord by hosting a Public Reading of the entire New Testament on April 13. Jean Wanek has received a Thrivent Action Team grant in support of this ministry. Given the Coronavirus Pandemic, we may need to conduct this year's Bible Reading in a different fashion. We'll keep you posted

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Worship - Lent IV
March 21, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Lutheran Book of Worship "Service of Word & Sacrament"

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

***Gathering Hymn: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" #456**

***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: "O Word of God Incarnate" #231**

*Salutation and Prayer of the Day

First Lesson: Isaiah 42:14-21

Psalm 142

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Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14

***Gospel Verse: "Return to the Lord"**

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***Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41**

Children's Message: "Who Sinned?"

Sermon: "A Pool Called SENT"

Rev. David Steffenson

*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. (*Seated for Gift of Music*)

Offering: Basket is located at the entrance of the Worship Space.
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 One Kind—Bread only, which is the flesh and blood of Jesus.

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn: "Lord, Take My Hand & Lead Me" #333

*Table Blessing

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

*Benediction

***Sending Hymn: "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" #346**

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

The Emmanuel Weekly

March 21, 2020
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! Baptism means daily repentance and daily renewal; daily dying and daily rising!

Lenten Faith Stories

Tuesday, March 24: Worship at 6pm. Faith Story by Bob Harms. **NO SOUP SUPPER** for the remainder of Lent.

Acts 4:31!

Each day at 4:31pm, Members and Friends of Emmanuel are connecting for prayer while staying put in their own homes. Send prayer requests to Pastor.

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”.



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, March 21
NO G.I.F.T. & Saturday;
Lent IV Worship at 6pm
- Tues, March 24—Men’s Bible Study at 8am; Text Study (10:30am); **No Soup Supper**; Lenten Worship Service at 6pm with just a skeleton crew
- Saturday, March 28
NO G.I.F.T. & Saturday School; Lent V Worship at 6pm
- **March Birthdays!**
Though birthdays are being celebrated in a different fashion these days, we continue to remember Samia Nelson (March 22), Peg Holtan (March 27); Madelyn Erwin (March 29); & Scarlett Serr (March 30) in our prayers!

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! Participants are reading and discussing Lysa TerKeurst’s book, It’s Not Supposed To Be This Way. Group gatherings for this study are currently pending. We’ll keep you posted.

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: Emmanuel Men are meeting on Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. at Oasis Church for Bible Study & fellowship. Study sheets are available for those unable to attend. Coffee will be served.

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 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

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

We continue to post the weekly sermons on our Emmanuel website and on Facebook when it is possible.

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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Isaiah 42:14-21 — God Restores His People

14 For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. 15 I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. 16 And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. 17 They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." 18 Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! 19 Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the Lord? 20 He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. 21 The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ephesians 5:8-14 — Children of Light

8 For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), 10 and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. 11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. 13 But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, 14 for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading — John 9:1-41

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John the 9th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud 7 and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. 8 The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some said, "It is he." Others said,

"No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." 10 So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" 11 He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." 12 They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." 13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. 14 Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 15 So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." 16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. 17 So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." 18 The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight 19 and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" 20 His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. 21 But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." 22 (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) 23 Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." 24 So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." 25 He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." 26 They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" 27 He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" 28 And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. 29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." 30 The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. 32 Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." 34 They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" 37 Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." 38 He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." 40 Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" 41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."

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: Holy Father, thank you for the light of sun and moon, stars and streetlights, candles and lamps. Thank you for these “created lights” that are the faintest glimmer shed from your true and uncreated Light, your Son, Jesus Christ. Lead us, even when eyes fail and earthly lights grow dim, to his kindly light, which no darkness can overcome. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Heal the blindness of your Church. Give it eyes to see its own sin, and to repent. Give it eyes to see the world’s sins, and to offer your forgiveness to any who will receive it. Give it eyes to see the plight of all who are afflicted by the powers of sin, death and the devil, and to proclaim your gracious redemption, bestowed through the Passion of your dear Son. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Let your healing, blessing and grace rest upon the blind and deaf; and upon those with impaired or distorted senses of touch or taste, balance or movement. We often take for granted these gifts; unless it happens to us, we can’t imagine lacking them. Give them strength and courage. Sharpen the perception of their other senses. Surround them with people whose respect and encouragement leads them to greater faith in you, their light and their life. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: As your dear Son healed the man born blind, we pray that he would also bring healing, light, hope, and renewed faith to everyone who suffers from any affliction. Especially we lift up the needs of: [NAMES]. Lift them up from their pain, sorrow, fear or grief. And give them the joy of your saving help, now and always. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: 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.

Prayers for: Dan Berkland, Barb Steffenson, Leitha Bothun, Cara Bothun and her family, Kelly Stoyles, Denny Damerval, Elaine Jacobson, Pam Hamman & Katie, Julie Peterson, Judy Pearce’s daughter Brooke and granddaughter Gabriel, Brad Lund, Robert Harrison, Amy Cooper, Bernie Siebenaler, Barbara Wills, Clayton Bundy, Karen Otis, Philip Coolidge, those affected by the Coronavirus, and the families of Dave and Diane Malcomson, Dennis Boatman, and Donovan & Nicole Lambright in their sorrow.

Prayer of the Day!

Heavenly Father, you give sight to the blind and life to those who trust in your Son. May the light of your Christ pierce through our blindness and open us to your way of life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER: Almighty God, heavenly Father, give us grace to trust You during this time of illness and distress. In mercy put an end to this pandemic that afflicts us and our global neighbors. Grant relief to those who suffer, and comfort all who mourn. Sustain all medical personnel in their labors and cause Your people ever to serve You in righteousness and holiness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**