

\*Hymn of the Day: “Amazing Grace” #448

\*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/Music: “Ain’t No Rock Gonna Shout for Me”

\*Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray: Blessed are you,

**C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*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*

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn: “Lead On, O King Eternal”

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\*Table Blessing

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\*Closing Prayers

\*Gift of Music: “A Choral Benediction”

\*Dismissal

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Postlude - “When In Our Music God Is Glorified”

### CLOSING PRAYERS:

A: Gracious Father, the heavens declare your glory. The universe is filled with your light. Your Truth is a beacon to your Divine will. Keep us from spiritual blindness. Grant that with the eyes of faith we may continue to live in the light of Christ. Lord in your mercy;

**C: Hear our Prayer.**

A: Holy Spirit, give us grace to discern the spiritual blindness around and within us, that repenting of our sins, we may turn toward God with new hearts and follow Jesus with joy. Lord in your mercy;

**C: Hear our Prayer.**

A: Shepherding Lord and Savior, send your goodness and mercy to those who dwell in the shadows of fear and grief. Be with all the sick, especially those we name before you (*names*). Grant healing and hope to your people. We thank you for the blessed saints who rest from their labors and praise you forever. Bless we pray our sister congregation, Emmanuel Lutheran of Grafton. Grant them safe travels, faithful service, and the song of your love on their lips and in their hearts always. Lord in your mercy;

**C: Hear our prayers.**

P: We give you thanks gracious Father for the offering of your Son and the life-giving power of His body and blood. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love and unite the wills of those whom you have fed one heavenly food, through 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 and Sacrament is a blessing to you. Special welcome and thanks to our guests from Emmanuel of Grafton, Iowa. Your partnership in ministry, prayers, financial support, and offering of music is a blessing of encouragement and grace to the Servants of Emmanuel in Rochester. 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! Visit us at: [www.emmanuelofrochester.org](http://www.emmanuelofrochester.org).

### WORSHIP SERVANTS:

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader, Communion Assistant & Prayers: Lee Pearce

Ushers: Arne Nelson & Larry Vomhof

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Judy Pearce and Julie Steffenson



**Worship  
Eve of Lent IV  
March 29, 2014  
6:00 p.m.**

## Lutheran Book of Worship

### “Service of Word & Sacrament”

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude - “Come Walk With Me” - Emmanuel Choir, Grafton

Welcome/Announcements

\*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: “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” LBW #98

\*Salutation and Prayer of the Day Page 82

First Lesson: I Samuel 16:1-13

Psalms 23 (Responsively by half verse) Page 225

Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14

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

\*Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

Children’s Message: “Blind, but Now I See”

Gift of Music: “A Servant in Your Heavenly House”

Sermon: “Who Sinned?”