

## PRAYERS

A: Dearest heavenly Father, thank you for forgiving, welcoming, and restoring us, even when we have foolishly squandered your great gifts and turned away from you! Thank you for your Holy Spirit, who brings us “to our right minds” and helps us repent. Thank you for your Son. He guides us to your embrace; he gives his Body and Blood as the home-coming feast; he clothes us with his own righteousness; and he places the signet-ring of his Sonship upon our hand. We give you thanks, Father, not as we ought, but as we are able. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Make your Church faithful in proclaiming both your Law and Gospel. Make it lovely with holiness, gentle in rebuke, warmhearted in reconciliation, and generous in welcoming all whom you have led to repent. Lord in your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Loving Savior, bring healing, hope, and wholeness to everyone who suffers – especially: [NAMES]. Bring them back from the far country of pain, sorrow, or despair. Restore them to the fellowship of all who love them, and increase their joyful trust in you. 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: Mary Ann Groven*

*Scripture Reader & Prayers: Deb Vomhof*

*Communion Server: Judy Caudill*

*Ushers: LeRoy Quam & Bob Harms*

*Acolyte: Elijah Matzke*

*Coffee: Peg Holtan*

*Treats: Deb Vomhof*

*Greeters: Bob & Marcia Harms*

*Sound: Don Holtan*

*Set-up: Julie Steffenson*

*Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends*

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**Worship—Lent 4**  
**March 30, 2019**  
**6:00 p.m.**

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

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

\* Invocation

**\*Gathering Hymn: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” #499**

**\*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: “If You but Trust in God” vs. 1 & 4 #453**

\*Salutation and Prayer of the Day Page 82

First Lesson: Isaiah 12:1-6

**Psalms 32 (Responsively by half verse) Page 230**

Second Lesson: II Corinthians 5:16-21

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

\*Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Children's Message: "Ambassadors"

Sermon: "Ministers of Reconciliation" Rev. David Steffenson

**\*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 (*Gift of Music by worship pianist*)

\*Offertory: "*Create in Me*"

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**\*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: "What Wondrous Love Is This"**

**#385**

\*Table Blessing

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\*Benediction

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**\*Sending Hymn: "Just As I Am"**

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\*Dismissal

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Postlude

**Prayer of the Day:** Reconciling God, in you is mercy, forgiveness, & reconciliation. Whether we wander far from you or remain faithful, let us always rejoice in the never-ending and limitless outpouring of your compassion and forgiveness for repentant sinners; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**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.

**Faith Practices:** During the Season of Lent, remember to fill your M&M's Minis tube with coins or cash. There's nothing sweeter than the love of Jesus. Share it and show it in word & deed. Proceeds from the Lenten Tubes will support the Emmanuel Hospitality House.

**Men's Bible Study Breakfast:** Men of Emmanuel are looking at the Book of Psalms on Tuesdays at 8am & discussing the appointed Psalm for the week. This Week (April 2): Looking at Psalm 126.

**Saturday School & G.I.F.T.** — G.I.F.T. and Saturday School meet each Saturday night prior to worship. G.I.F.T. meets at 5pm and is looking at "Aging Well". Saturday school for the youth are looking at Bible Stories and the Ten Commandments.

**Worship at Madonna Towers:** Twice a month on Wednesdays, Emmanuel members are invited to participate in a ministry to area seniors. Our next Madonna Towers Worship Services will be on Wednesdays, April 3 & 24 at 1:00 pm. Contact Lee Pearce if you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry.

**Women's Devoted Hearts Conference: "Broken & Beautiful".** Friday, April 26 (6:30-9:00 pm) & Saturday, Apr. 27 (8:30 am – 2:45 pm) at Autumn Ridge Church in Rochester. **COST:** \$57 thru March 31, 2019 (\$62 after March 31). For more information, see the flier on the resource table.

**Coming Soon: "Unplanned".** The true story of Abby Johnson, who worked as a director of a Planned Parenthood Clinic. After eight years and 22,000 abortions, she could no longer deny the reality that innocent babies were being put to death on her watch. She was done. Abby is now one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America. This movie is a must see! (ROCHESTER GALAXY 14)

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**March 30, 2019**

**Lent IV - 6 pm**

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

## **BAPTISM: Walking Wet**

This year on Tuesdays during the Season of Lent, we will be singing and praying the Psalms, & using the Holden Evening Prayer Liturgy. Midweek Lenten Worship (6pm) will be preceded by Soup Suppers at 5pm. Soup providers this week (Apr. 2): Samia Nelson & Marcia Harms

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 Family 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.

## **Mega Kids Camp—July 29-Aug. 1**

For Preschool age 4-Grade 6. Registration opens on April 1 (no joke!). More than 300 youth participated in this amazing kids ministry in 2018. See Pastor Dave for registration information or go online: [www.evangelum.org](http://www.evangelum.org).

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



## **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- Sat, March 30—Saturday School at 5:10pm & G.I.F.T. at 5pm; Lent IV Worship at 6pm
- Monday, April 1—Mega Kids Camp Early Bird Registration begins!
- Tues, April 2—Men's Bible Study at 8am; Text Study at 10:30am; Soup Supper at 5pm; Mid-week Lenten Worship (Psalm 32) at 6pm
- Wed, April 3—Worship at Madonna Towers (1pm)
- Friday, April 5—Council Meeting at 1pm
- Sat, April 6—Saturday School at 5:10pm & G.I.F.T. at 5pm; Lent V Worship at 6pm

## Isaiah 12:1-6 — Shout & Sing for Joy

1 You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. 2 “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” 3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. 4 And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. 5 “Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. 6 Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## II Corinthians 5:16-21 — In Christ, a New Creation!

16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, & entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading — Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke the 15th Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” 3 So he told them this parable: 11... “There was a man who had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. 13 Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country,

and there he squandered his property in reckless living. 14 And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, & he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. 16 And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. 17 “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ 20 And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ 22 But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. 23 And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate. 25 Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ 28 But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, 29 but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, & I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ 31 And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

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