

L: Breathe your Spirit of life and grace into all who all who are afflicted by sickness, sorrow or adversity – especially [NAMES]. As Jesus raised up Lazarus from death, we beseech you, raise up these dear ones from sickness & the power of sin, evil and death; and restore them to their loved ones. 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.

*Lord's Prayer: *Traditional Version* Page 91

*Benediction

*Hymn: "What Wondrous Love Is This" (vs. 1 & 4) #385

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Mary Ann Groven

Sound: Don Holtan

Scripture Reader & Assisting Minister: Julie Steffenson

Set-up & Take-down: Julie Steffenson

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; perhaps a telephone Tag-Team of sorts. We'll keep you posted

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Worship - Lent V
March 28, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Virtual Worship (*Virship*) **Lutheran Book of Worship**

“Service of the Word”

Prelude — Welcome/Announcements — Opening Prayer

*Gathering Hymn: “Abide With Me” #272

*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.

*Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, your Son came into this world bringing salvation and life to all who believe. May your Spirit breathe life into the dry bones of our lives so that we may follow and serve you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130:1-8

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Second Lesson: Romans 8:1-11

*Gospel Verse: "Return to the Lord"

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*Holy Gospel: John 11:1-53

Children's Message: "God Helps!"

Sermon: "I Sure Hope So!"

Rev. David Steffenson

***Hymn of the Day: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" #294**

*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.

*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: Heavenly Father, in daily life we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. Thank you for Jesus, who calls us by name and frees us from our tombs. Help us to firmly believe that He is our Resurrection and our Life. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Send your Holy Spirit to breathe new life into your Church. Raise it up to be the living body of your dear Son in the world. Purify and bless it, so that through Word and Sacrament, and by deeds of mercy and forgiveness, it may share your life and grace with all who are held captive to sin, evil and death. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Breathe your life-giving Spirit upon all to whom death draws near. Grant them serenity, faith, and reconciliation with you and their loved ones. Especially we plead on behalf of those who die alone, abandoned, unloved or unnoticed. Bless them with the mercy and grace promised by your Son to any who will receive him. Give a double portion of your Spirit to all who care for the dying. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

The Emmanuel Weekly

March 28, 2020

Lent V - 6 pm

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

BAPTISM: Walking Wet

During the Season of Lent our Baptismal Font is 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

NO SOUP SUPPER for the remainder of Lent. Tuesday, March 31: Virtual Worship at 6pm. Faith Story by Jana Pecinovsky.

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 April 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 28
NO G.I.F.T. & Saturday;
Lent V Virtual Worship at
6pm
- Tues, March 31 —**No
Soup Supper**; Virtual
Lenten Worship Service
at 6pm; no in-person
attendance.
- Saturday, April 4 — No
Saturday School &
G.I.F.T.; Eve of Palm
Sunday Virtual Worship
at 6pm.
- **March Birthdays!**
Though birthdays are
being celebrated in a
different fashion these
days, we continue to
remember Madelyn
Erwin & Jim Siebenaler
(March 29); & Scarlett
Serr (March 30) in your
prayers! Happy Birthday!

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! Group gatherings for this study are currently pending. Participants are reading and discussing Lysa TerKeurst’s book, It’s Not Supposed To Be This Way. Jenna Serr, study leader, will keep you posted as plans unfold.

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 currently meeting on Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. via emails. Pastor Dave is sending out Study Sheets to those who are on the internet.

Worship At Madonna Towers: Presently, Madonna Towers is on lock-down. Please keep our dear friends at Madonna Towers in your prayers during this time of global pandemic. Worship Services will resume when the “all-clear” is given.

FAITH STORIES—LENT 2020

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.

Read the April Newsletter for information regarding worship opportunities during Holy Week & our Celebration of Easter!

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.

Thank you for worshiping with us online. During these trying times we find our hope and peace in the presence of Jesus. We experience Community in the Body of Christ even as we “shelter in place” and practice physical distancing. We long for the day when we shall resume in-person worship, and embrace one another with the peace of Christ. Take care and be well!

Ezekiel 37:1-14 — These Bones Shall Live Again!

1 The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. 2 And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. 3 And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” 4 Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. 5 Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.” 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. 11 Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ 12 Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. 13 And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. 14 And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading of Psalm 130:1-8

L: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

C: O Lord, hear my voice!

L: Let your ears be attentive

C: To the voice of my pleas for mercy!

L: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

C: O Lord, who could stand?

L: But with you there is forgiveness,

C: That you may be feared.

L: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

C: And in his word I hope;

L: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,

C: More than watchmen for the morning.

L: O Israel, hope in the Lord!

C: For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

L: And with him is plentiful redemption.

C: And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Romans 8:1-11 — Life in the Spirit

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Opening 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, & 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.**

Gospel Reading — John 11:1-53

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John the 11th. Chapter.

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

1 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. 3 So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." 4 But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." 5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. 7 Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." 8 The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" 9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. 10 But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." 11 After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." 12 The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." 13 Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. 14 Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, 15 and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." 16 So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." 17 Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. 20 So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. 21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." 28 When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for

you." 29 And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. 31 When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. 34 And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus wept. 36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?" 38 Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." 43 When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." 44 The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." 45 Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, 46 but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. 47 So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. 48 If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." 49 But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. 50 Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." 51 He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, 52 and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. 53 So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Prayers for: Dan Berkland, Barb Steffenson, Leitha Bothun, Kelly Stoyles, Denny Damerval, Elaine Jacobson, Pam Hamman & Katie, Julie Peterson, Judy Pearce's daughter Brooke & granddaughter Gabriel, Michelle Paxson's sister Melodie, Robert Harrison, Keith Harrison, Brad Lund, Amy Cooper, Bernie Siebenaler, Barbara Wills, Clayton Bundy, Karen Otis, Philip Coolidge, Tina Williams son Jacob; those affected by the Coronavirus, and the families of those who grieve.