

***GATHERING SONG: “Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land”**

Pastor on the verses. *Congregation on the Refrain.*

Refrain – All

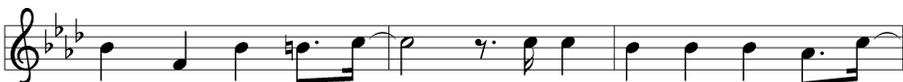


Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a
wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a
wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Leader or All



1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a
2 When Je - sus was on earth, . . . the . .
3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .



mum - bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

Refrain



- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

***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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray: Heavenly Father, source of all love, on the night of His betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as He loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, &

give us the will to serve others as Christ served us. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives & reigns with you & the Holy Spirit, one God, now & forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-14

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

***GOSPEL:** John 13:1-17, 31b-35

MESSAGE: “The Lord’s Supper for you”

***HYMN: “O Living Bread from Heaven”**

LBW #197

WASHING OF FEET

P: On this night we have heard our Lord’s commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God’s love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death. Tonight we are inviting 4-8 people to participate in the foot washing, symbolically representing our shared call to do for others as Christ does for us. *During the foot washing the following music is sung:*

“Love Consecrates the Humblest Act” - LBW #122

“Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service” - LBW #423

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION—See insert**

***PEACE**

P: 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 MarJean

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Blessed are you, 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.

C: Amen.

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Holy God our living water...both now and forever.

C: Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER—Traditional Version**

DISTRIBUTION & COMMUNION MUSIC (MarJean)

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 & believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation." We are practicing head of the aisle Communion tonight by means of Intinction.

***TABLE BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Lord Jesus, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion you have given us forgiveness of sins, and a remembrance of your suffering and death. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***HYMN: "Go To Dark Gethsemane"**

LBW #109

Stripping of the Altar: Psalm 22 is read, followed by a closing prayer. Please leave the church in silence. Worship continues tomorrow with our Good Friday Service at 12:00 Noon, and our Easter Worship on Saturday at 6pm.

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Worship
Maundy Thursday
April 13, 2017
6:00 p.m.

Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II

** indicates stand as you are able*

GATHERING *(We assemble in silence, preparing our hearts for worship.)*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Dear Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, & the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, and enter the paschal celebration reconciled with God and with one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Exodus 12:1-14 - The Lord's Passover

1 The Lord said to Moses & Aaron in the land of Egypt, 2 "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. 3 Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. 4 And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he & his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, 6 and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. 7 "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts & the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8 They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. 10 And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 11 In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man & beast; & on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. 13 The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. 14 "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

I Corinthians 11:23-26 - In Remembrance

23 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Emmanuel Weekly

Thursday, April 13, 2017
Maundy Thursday - 6 pm

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

Paschal Triduum

With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

EMMANUEL HUDDLE

On Saturday, April 22, following our evening Worship Service, an Emmanuel Huddle will be offered during the Fellowship Time. Join as we discuss our mutual ministry!

The April 2017 Emmanuel Prayer Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are available in print! Also, pick up your copy of the current issue of "Our Daily Bread" Devotional.



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Good Friday Worship at 12:00 Noon (April 14)
- Saturday, April 15
Easter Worship at 6pm
Resurrection of our Lord
- Sunday, April 16
Buried Alleluias return.
Christ is Risen Indeed!
- Monday, April 17 - Public Reading of the New Testament (6 a.m.)
- Tuesday, April 18 at 8 am - Men's Bible Study Breakfast; Text Study (10:30am)
- Wed, April 19 - Madonna Towers Worship (1pm); Lady Light at Katie Siebenaler's (6:30pm)
- Thursday, April 20
Women's Bible Study at Oasis Church (1pm)

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader, Prayers, & Communion Server: Jenna Serr

Ushers: Darald & Leitha Bothun

Acolyte: Pending

Sound: Don Holtan

Set-up: Julie Steffenson Take-down: Janet Sunde & Friends

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.

Men's Bible Study Breakfast: Each week, Emmanuel Men are meeting on Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. at Oasis Church for Bible Study and a continental breakfast. We are currently reading and discussing the Bible (Genesis-Revelation). Read pages 370-373 of the NIV Once A Day Bible (DAY 108) in preparation for this week's study (i.e. Joshua 19:1-21:19; Luke 18:31-19:10; & Proverbs 10:1-10).

Women of the Word! The Afternoon Bible Study Group begins an eight-week study on Thursday, April 20 at 1pm at Oasis Church. The topic will be the Lutheran Understanding of Marriage and Family ("The Luther Household"). The Evening Bible Study Group (Lady Light) continues its study on Revelation, monthly at the home of Katie Siebenaler at 6:30pm. Next Session: Wednesday, April 19.

No Saturday School & G.I.F.T. April 15: Each week at 5:10pm youth and adults meet for Christian Education. The youth will be treated to an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 22.

Public Reading of the New Testament: We are celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord and the gift of God's Word by sharing a public reading of the entire New Testament on Easter Monday, April 17 from 6 am - Midnight. Refreshments will be offered. Stop by for a portion of the day and hear or read God's Word!

EMMANUEL GROUP PHOTO: On Saturday, April 15 - Easter Eve - we will be taking a group photo of our Emmanuel Church Family. Dress in your Easter best and put on your resurrection smiles. Anyone wishing to bring an Easter plant is welcome to do so!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Let us pray for the whole church and for all the people of God. *A brief silence*

A: Lord of our Salvation, we give thanks for your only Son, who on this night, knowing the suffering and death that awaited Him, shared bread & wine with His friends, and Who nourishes us all with life-giving forgiveness in Holy Communion. Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Lord God our Father, grant that we may show love toward you and one another as Jesus has commanded. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we walk with the sign of salvation upon us. Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Lord God of us all, help us to follow the example of Jesus. As He washed the feet of His disciples, may we also humble ourselves in like manner and serve others. Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Lord God Almighty, Healer of all, drive thoughts of wickedness from our hearts. Grant healing to all who suffer, and bring them to wholeness. Comfort those who mourn, and strengthen those who are oppressed. We bring to you, aloud or in the silence of our hearts, those who are in need of your healing presence & power (*NAMES*) ... Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Lord God our Protector, on this night when Jesus was betrayed and was obedient to your will, we remember those who are falsely accused, and those who are victims of hatred, prejudice, gossip, & family strife. Give them comfort, hope, and faith, that they may persevere and witness to your goodness. Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

P: These things and all for which we pray, we ask in Jesus' name.
C: Amen.

Thanks for worshiping 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. 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! Servants of the Towel!

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