

WORSHIP SERVANTS:

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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.

Lenten Theme: “Real Presence in Promising and Unexpected Places”—Good Friday, April 2: “Dead Man Walking” (Luke 23:32-43); Eve of Easter, April 3: “Practicing Resurrection & Real Presence” (I Corinthians 15:1-15; Mark 16:1-20).

EASTER MONDAY: On April 5 a Public Reading of the entire New Testament will take place in our individual homes. Contact Pastor Dave if you would like to participate in the reading of the entire of New Testament. This is our sixth year in a row of celebrating our Lord’s resurrection with Bible Reading.

Congregational Meeting: Notice is given that Emmanuel Lutheran Church will have a congregational meeting on Saturday, April 24 at 7pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to approve recommendations and funding for specified steps in our Phase One “Building for the Future” Plan of Action. A quorum of 35% of our members is required. Actions are by majority vote with no proxy or absentee voting permitted. An Emmanuel Huddle will be held on Saturday, April 17 at 7pm for information sharing.

Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Worship 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.*



Worship
Maundy Thursday
April 1, 2021
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. We are in one continuous Service since Palm Sunday.*)

CONFESSON 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 & 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 and repentance.*)

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.

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

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

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time and G major. The first three staves are for the congregation, labeled "Refrain - All". The fourth staff is for the leader or all, labeled "Leader or All". The lyrics are as follows:

Refrain - All (3 staves):
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 staff):
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 ..

Refrain (1 staff):
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 -
- 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: Holy God, your Son gave us a new commandment, and through his act of radical servanthood he showed us the way of true love. Grant that we may share his servant nature as we live out your

reign awaiting the promise of his return; 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 READING: Hebrews 9:11-22

HYMN: “In Christ Alone”—Song Insert

GOSPEL: John 13:1-20, 31b-35

MESSAGE: “Servants of the Towel” — Dallas Groten

HYMN: “Love Consecrates the Humblest Act”—Song Insert

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 unable to practice the foot washing due to COVID-19 We invite you to consider how you might serve your neighbor in safe ways during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Offering (Thanks for supporting the ministry of Emmanuel.)

*PRAYERS—See Insert

*THE LORD'S PRAYER—Traditional Version

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN: “Go To Dark Gethsemane”—Song Insert

Stripping of the Altar: Psalm 22 is read, followed by a closing prayer. Please leave the church in silence. We remain in one continuous Service of Worship since Palm Sunday. In-person & Virtual Worship continues tomorrow at 12:00 Noon with our Good Friday Service and on Saturday at 6pm with our Easter Worship.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Let us pray to our merciful God on behalf of the Church, the world, and one another.

A brief silence

A: Holy God, purify your Church. Fill it with your Spirit, so it more perfectly loves you & the people your Son came to redeem. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Bless this congregation. Fill us with your Spirit, so we more perfectly reflect the servant-love of Jesus to one another, and to our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Bestow wisdom upon all who have authority & power in our world. Fill them with your Spirit, so they may accomplish your will for the well-being of the people entrusted to their care. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Grant courage & integrity to our military, medical personnel, first responders, & to all who risk their lives for the sake of others. Fill them with your Spirit, so they may establish safety, peace, and healing in this troubled world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We plead on behalf of everyone who is sick, grieving, and in need of healing, especially those who seek our prayers

[NAMES]. Fill them with your Spirit, and grant them complete restoration as they cling to Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We pray for all who are baptized into the death & resurrection of Christ during these holy days. Fill them with your Spirit, so that they may more perfectly follow in his footsteps. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: For these things, and for whatever else is needful, dear Father, we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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The Emmanuel Weekly

Thursday, April 1, 2021

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.

Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed!

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 Dave. Thanks for joining us.

The April 2021 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

- Maundy Thursday—Apr. 1 Worship @ 6pm; Guest Preacher: Dallas Grotel
- Good Friday (April 2) Worship @ 12:00 Noon with the traditional Bidding Prayer
- Sat, April 3—Easter Worship at 6pm
- Monday, April 5—Public Reading of the New Testament (in homes); Implementation Team Meeting at 1pm.
- Wed, April 7—Men's In-Person Bible Study at Oasis Church (11am)
- Thurs, Apr. 8—Zoom Council Meeting at 1pm
- **Congregational Meeting** on Sat, April 24 (7pm)

Hebrews 9:11-22 - Mediator of the New Covenant

11 But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) 12 he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, & the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. 15 Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. 16 For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. 17 For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. 18 Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. 19 For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, 20 saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.” 21 And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent & all the vessels used in worship. 22 Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: John 13:1-20 & 31b-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th Chapter.

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

1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2 During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come

from God and was going back to God, 4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, & taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 5 Then he poured water into a basin & began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” 7 Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” 8 Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.” 9 Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” 10 Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” 11 For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.” 12 When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. 16 Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. 18 I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, ‘He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.’ 19 I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. 20 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, & whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.” ... 31b “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. 32 If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. 33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ 34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Maundy Thursday Hymns

HYMN: “In Christ Alone” — ReClaim #215

ALL—1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

WOMEN—2. In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

MEN—3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

ALL—4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

HYMN: “Love Consecrates the Humblest Act” LBW #122

1. Love consecrates the humblest act
And haloes mercy's deeds;
It sheds a benediction sweet
And hallows human needs.
2. When in the shadow of the cross
Christ knelt and washed the feet
Of his disciples, he gave us
A sign of love complete.
3. Love serves and willing stoops to serve;
What Christ in love so true
Has freely done for one and all,
Let us now gladly do!

***HYMN: “Go To Dark Gethsemane”—LBW #109**

1. Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
2. Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn from him to bear the cross.
- 3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

Listening for the Promise—Weekly Devotional

Maundy Thursday - April 1, 2021

“I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.” - John 13:15

Jesus met with his disciples in the upper room to celebrate the Passover feast. During the supper, we are told that he got up, took off his outer garment, wrapped a towel around himself, and proceeded to wash the disciples' feet. The washing of feet was a necessary task at any social gathering, for most people of the time either went barefoot or wore sandals. The roads & streets were mostly dirt, but the job of foot washing always fell to the lowest slave or servant. When Jesus and the disciples met in the upper room, they had no slaves or servants, No one offered to be a servant & take up this lowly job. Jesus rose to the task.

Peter objected, saying that he would not allow his Master to do such a lowly thing. Jesus explained that while Peter did not really understand what was happening in this ritual, he would later, and that if Jesus did not wash his feet, Peter had no place with him. And Peter, being who he was, being brash and somewhat impulsive, then said, “Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!” I think Jesus probably chuckled at this, and told Peter, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, but not all of you.” (The “you” in the last statement is plural in the Greek.) When Jesus said that not all of them were clean, he knew the one who was about to betray him.

Near the end of his teaching he says: “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” In this new commandment, Jesus is saying that we should do as he has done. We should love one another just as he has loved us. This was new, and not just the same as the “second greatest commandment” which is that we should “love our neighbors as we love ourselves.” This new commandment differs in that the guideline is NOT how much we love ourselves, but rather the way in which Jesus has loved each of us. And how is that? He gave up his place in heaven to come among us as one of us. He lived a sinless life to prove that such was possible. And finally, he sacrificed himself on the cross so that we might each share with him in eternal life. Will we do as much for others? Real Presence in Promising Places & in Unexpected Places!

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