

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

MarJean & Pastor on 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: “Faith Practices: Communion”

***HYMN: “Where Charity & Love Prevail” LBW #126**

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 3-8 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 - Emmanuel Weekly 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
March 24, 2016
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.

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader & Prayers: Jenna Serr

Communion Server: Katie Siebenaler

Usher: LeRoy Quam & Rich Sunde

Acolyte: Ava Siebenaler

Sound: Don Holtan

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde and Friends

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!

Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org.

Saturday School: Christian Education for all ages on Saturdays at 5:10pm. Each week we'll enjoy singing, a Bible Lesson/Craft & a snack (kid friendly). There will be NO Saturday School on March 26. Saturday School will resume on April 2.

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 Monday, March 28 from 6 am - 10 pm. Refreshments, snacks, and door prizes will be offered. Stop by for a portion of the day and hear God's Word!

MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Signposts guide our way—Disciples seek to pray daily, worship weekly, grow spiritually, read & study Scripture on a regular basis, serve others, share the good news, and give generously.

The Emmanuel Weekly

Thursday, March 24, 2016
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.

THANKS FOR WORSHIPING WITH US TONIGHT!

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**The April 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 (Mar. 25)
- Holy Saturday, March 26 Resurrection of our Lord Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, March 27 Buried Alleluias return. Christ is Risen Indeed!
- Monday, March 28 Public Reading: The New Testament (6am-10pm)
- Tues. March 29 at 8 am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Charlie's
- Wednesday, March 30 Women's Bible Study: "Ladies of the New Testament" (1pm)
- Friday, April 1—Clergy Faithfulness Meeting at 12:00 Noon

Men's Bible Study Breakfast: Emmanuel Men are meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 8 a.m. at Charlie's (1408 2nd. St. SW) for breakfast & a first look at the lectionary readings for the week. Bring a friend, sit at the feet of Jesus & practice being evangelical. Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 29. Our Bible Readings for Easter II are: Acts 5:12-20; Psalm 148; Revelation 1:4-18; and John 20:19-31.

Praying for our Schools: During the month of April we are praying for Sunset Terrace Elementary School. We are delivering goodies on Monday, April 11 as an expression of our love and gratitude. Thanks for keeping the staff, students and families of our area schools in your prayers.

Women's Bible Study: "Women of the Word! Session 6 ("In the Days of the Judges") for the Evening Study Group will be held at Katie Siebenaler's house (12827 Hwy 52 S.E., Chatfield, MN) on Tuesday, April 26 at 6:30pm. The Afternoon Study Group will reconvene on Wednesday, March 30 at 1pm (Topic: "Women of the Word: New Testament Ladies").

Worship At Madonna Towers: On the first Wednesday of each month, Pastor Dave is leading worship in the Chapel of the Madonna Towers Nursing Home. Our next Service will be on Wednesday, April 6 at 1:30pm. Contact Lee Pearce if you would like to volunteer and participate in this ministry.

Electronic Giving: Members wishing to contribute to Emmanuel Lutheran with automatic giving may do so by contacting Judy Caudill or Deb Vomhof. Offerings are transferred once a month on the 15th of the month.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 30 - An **Emmanuel Huddle**. Join us after worship as we share refreshments and conversation regarding our Ministry Together.

THANK YOU: We are offering thanks to God for the gift of Lent and the contribution of soups and breads provided for our mid-week Lenten Services. Thanks for participating in this fellowship opportunity.

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 in our 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.