

*Hymn of the Day: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #229

*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

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*Offertory Prayer: "Blessed Are You" Page 88

*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

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*Table Blessing Page 92

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*Sending Hymn: "Jesus Still Lead On!" #341

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Postlude

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader/Prayers/Communion Server: Deb Vomhof

Sound: Joe Konop

Set-up/Prepare: Julie Steffenson

Take Down/Restore: Janet Sunde

Ushers: Ava and Cabe Siebenaler

Coffee: Judy Pearce

Treats: Margaret Quam

PRAYERS

A: Together, let us gather before our all-loving and everlasting God, in fervent prayer for all people everywhere according to their needs.

a brief silence

A: Lord, remind us constantly that you are with us as we face the trials, temptations and fears of life in this world. We thank you for your perfect example, and for the many saints throughout history who have remained faithful & trusted in you when facing challenging times. May we learn to turn to you & trust you more every day. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: As we enter this time of repentance and reflection, may we remember Jesus' baptism in the Jordan and your Spirit descending on him like a dove. Let your Spirit be with us each day as we look back, learn from our past and forge ahead with the goal of always pleasing you and doing our part to fulfill your will. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Lord, help us appreciate the gifts that you shower on us every day. May we recognize that every good gift comes from you. Help us to share your love and glorify you in word and deed. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We pray for leaders in our communities, our nation and all the nations of the world. Guide them by your Word and Spirit as they carry out their duties. May their decisions, words & actions further your plan & bring justice to all people. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We ask your blessing upon your church. May it bring honor & glory to your Holy Name through teaching & preaching, worship & song, service & sharing. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We thank you for people who choose lives of service, especially members of our military, police officers, fire fighters and medical professionals. Be with them & their families as they serve our society. May we follow their example by using our gifts to serve others. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Loving God, comfort your people who are hurting today. Grant healing and an extra measure of your love to those who are ill, in pain, hungry or cold, and all who live in sadness and despair, especially those we name before you (*names*). Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We commend all for whom we pray into your hands, trusting in your constant love and mercy, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.



Worship—Lent I
Feb. 21, 2015
6:00 p.m.

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

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

*Gathering Hymn: “In the Hour of Trial” #106

*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: “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” #301

*Salutation and Prayer of the Day Page 82

First Lesson: Genesis 22:1-18

Psalms 25:1-10 (*Responsively by half verse*) Page 226

Second Lesson: James 1:12-18

*Gospel Verse: “Return to the Lord” Page 83

*Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

Children’s Message: “Don’t Tempt Me”

Sermon: “I AM Tested!”

Rev. David Steffenson

Genesis 22:1-18—The Sacrifice of Isaac

22 After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 2 He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship & come again to you.” 6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. 7 And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire & the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” 8 Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together. 9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 12 He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called the name of that place, “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.” 15 And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven 16 and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven & as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, 18 and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

James 1:12-18—In the Hour of Trial

12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, & he himself tempts no one. 14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading—Mark 1:9-15

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark the 1st Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And when he came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” 12 The Spirit immediately drove Him out into the wilderness. 13 And He was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And He was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to Him. 14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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The Emmanuel Weekly

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.

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, February 24. Our Bible Readings for Lent II are: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 5:1-11; and Mark 8:27-38.

Saturday School: 5:10 p.m.—Christian Education for all ages on Saturdays prior to Worship! Each week we'll enjoy singing, a Bible Lesson/Craft & a snack (kid friendly). Contact Julie Steffenson for more information or to share your ideas: (507)-206-3048. During the Season of Lent, kids will be learning about Baptism and making keepsake banners.

Looking Ahead: Emmanuel will host its first Mother-Daughter Brunch on Sat, May 2, 2015. Speaker will be Lee Ann Knutson: "Faith Like a Teapot Ministry". The Teapot Singers will share gifts of music. Judy Pearce & friends are organizing this event. Save the Date & bring that special mother, daughter, woman or girl in your life to this special event! Contact Judy if you would like to help.

SAVE THE DATE! Sat, April 18, 2015 (6:00pm) Emmanuel Lutheran Choir, Grafton, Iowa will perform an Easter Cantata during worship at Emmanuel Lutheran, Rochester, MN. Invite a friend!

Thank you to Julie Steffenson for providing our simple supper of bread and soup on Ash Wednesday. May grant us joy as we embrace a simpler way of living during the Season of Lent; fasting, praying & almsgiving. **Thanks also** to Pastor Fred & the Bothuns for organizing our Winter Fun Day at Oxbow Park on Feb. 15.

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

Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org.

February 21, 2015
Lent I - 6 pm

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BAPTISM: Walking Wet

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 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!

Lenten worship each Wednesday during Lent will be at 6pm. Our liturgy will be a revised edition of Holden Evening Prayer. Our sermon series will look at Baptism via favorite water stories from the Bible.

Our Sympathies

Emmanuel Lutheran had its first funeral this past Thursday. A dear friend and beloved member of our congregation, Sharon Fae Hart, fought the good fight, finished the race and kept the faith. She has received the crown of righteousness which the Lord, our righteous judge awards to all who love the appearing of Jesus. May God comfort the family and friends of Sharon with the blessed assurance of resurrection unto eternal life. Special thanks to all of the Emmanuel Servants who helped with Sharon's Memorial Service.



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, February 21, Supermarket Saturday @ 10am; Saturday School @ 5:10pm; Lent I Worship @ 6pm
- Tuesday, February 24 Men's Bible Study Breakfast @ 8am
- Wednesday, Feb. 25 Lenten Worship @ 6pm
- Thursday, Feb. 26 Faithfulness Clergy Mtg. from 12:00–2pm
- Saturday, February 28 Saturday School @ 5:10pm; Lent II Worship at 6pm
- Looking Ahead: Saturday, March 7 Installation of 2015 Church Council (6pm)