

L: Holy God, the old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe. Protect us from harm and bring the gift of healing to those who suffer illness, especially those we name before you [NAMES]. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, most merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

\*Lord's Prayer: *Traditional Version*

\*Benediction

\*Hymn: "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"—LBW #333

\*Dismissal:

P: Repent and Believe in the Gospel!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### ***WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:***

Pianist: Mary Ann Groven

Assisting Minister, Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Ushers: Pending

Sanitizing Team: Lee & Judy Pearce

Sound: Don Holtan

Set-up and Take-down: Julie Steffenson & Peg Holtan

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

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**Worship - Lent I**  
**February 20, 2021**  
**6:00 p.m.**

## **Lutheran Book of Worship**

### **“Service of the Word”**

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

\*Hymn: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”—LBW #229

\*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: O Lord God, you would have us put no trust in anything we do. Mercifully grant that by your power we may be defended against all adversity; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now & forever.

**C: Amen.**

First Lesson: Genesis 22:1-18

**Psalm 25:1-10** (*Responsively by half verse*)

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Second Lesson: James 1:12-18

\*Gospel Verse: “Return to the Lord”

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\*Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

Children’s Message: “Testing, One, Two, Three”

Sermon: “Steadfast Under Trial” Rev. David Steffenson

**\*Hymn of the Day: “In the Hour of Trial”—LBW #106**  
(*Verses 1-2 before the sermon; Verses 3-4 after the sermon*)

\*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.** (*Sharing of God’s peace may be done as an expression from the heart, without actual contact.*)

Offering (No passing of baskets; offerings may be placed in the basket located by the church entrance as one leaves; offerings of support may also be given electronically or sent via U.S. mail. Thanks for supporting the ministry of Emmanuel.)

\*Prayers

L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence*

L: Heavenly Father, Your Son knew hunger in the wilderness and yet His reliance on You did not fail. Give to Your baptized people a steady trust in Your promises & hope in Your final deliverance. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Holy God, keep us steadfast in faith; be merciful to us; and forgive us when we succumb to the temptations that beset us throughout our earthly pilgrimage. When we come to the end of our life on earth, grant that the Cross of your beloved Son may sustain us in true faith & hope, granting us resurrection unto eternal life, through Christ our Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## Gospel Reading — Mark 1:9-15

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

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

9 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.**

**First Sunday in Lent (Year B):** We often read Genesis 22 with stunned silence and bewilderment. Would God really demand that Abraham offer his child as a burnt sacrifice? In faith, Abraham spoke the truest words he could, even though he had no idea that it would be the truth for that day, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” This epic story foreshadows what God would do on the cross of Calvary many years later.

**Men’s Bible Study IN-PERSON:** Join us on Wednesday, February 24 from 11am-12:00 Noon for a study of the appointed Bible Readings for the week ahead. We’ll meet in the Oasis Church, wearing masks & practicing safe, physical distancing. Bring a Bible.

**Midweek Virtual Worship during the Season of Lent:** “Real Presence in Unexpected Places!” Join us for Midweek worship via our Emmanuel Facebook page & Church Website.

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# The Emmanuel Weekly

**February 20, 2021**

**Lent I - 6 pm**

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

### **BAPTISM: Walking Wet**

During the 40 days of Lent, we remember our baptism into the death & resurrection of Jesus. This year on Wednesdays during Lent, we will be participating in virtual worship via our Emmanuel Facebook page. Each week we will hear stories of how God reveals Himself as saving grace and real presence in unexpected places.

### **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 give/live generously.

### **M’m! M’m! Good! Lenten Soup!**

On Saturdays in Lent, Emmanuel is collecting store-bought soup which will be given to the local Salvation Army Food Pantry. Thanks for sharing the Real Presence of Jesus in your care for others.

**February Emmanuel Prayer Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are available in print! Also, pick up your copy of the current “Our Daily Bread”.**



### **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- Saturday, February 20  
Lent I Worship at 6pm;  
Collecting SOUP!
- Tuesday, February 23  
Men’s Email Bible Study  
@ 8:30am.
- Wednesday, Feb. 24  
Men’s In-Person Bible  
Study at 11am; Mid-  
Week Lenten Worship
- Saturday, February 27  
Lent II Worship at 6pm;  
Installation of Church  
Council; Collecting  
SOUP!
- Sunday, February 28  
Implementation Team  
Meeting at 5pm
- Friday, March 5 - Zoom  
Council Mtg. @ 2pm
- **4:31 — Prayer Time!**

## Genesis 22:1-18 — Will You Sacrifice Your Son?

1 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, & 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, & took two of his young men with him, & 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 and 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 & laid the wood in order & bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand & 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, & I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and 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.**

## Psalm 25:1-10 — Read responsively

L: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust;  
**C: Let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.**

L: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
**C: They shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

L: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.  
**C: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.**

L: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

**C: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;**

L: According to your steadfast love remember me,

**C: For the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

L: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

**C: He leads the humble in what is right, & teaches the humble his way.**

L: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

**C: For those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

## James 1:12-18 — The Crown of Life

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, and 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.**

**Hymn: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”—LBW #229**

1. A mighty fortress is our God,  
A bulwark never failing:  
Our helper He, amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work his woe;  
His craft and power are great,  
And armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

**Solo** — 2. Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side,  
The Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth is his name,  
From age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

**Solo** — 3. And though this world, with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim,—  
We tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo! His doom is sure,—One little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly powers—  
No thanks to them—abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
This mortal life also:  
The body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is for ever.

**Hymn of the Day: “In the Hour of Trial”—LBW #106**  
(vs 1-2 before the sermon; vs 3-4 after the sermon)

1. In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me  
Lest by base denial, I depart from thee.  
When thou see'st me waver, With a look recall  
Nor for fear or favor, Suffer me to fall.
2. With forbidden pleasures, Should this vain world charm  
Or its tempting treasures, Spread to work me harm,  
Bring to my remembrance, Sad Gethsemane  
Or, in darker semblance, Cross-crowned Calvary.
3. Should thy mercy send me, Sorrow, toil, and woe,  
Or should pain attend me, On my path below,  
Grant that I may never, Fail thy hand to see;  
Grant that I may ever, Cast my care on thee.
4. When my last hour cometh, Fraught with strife and pain,  
When my dust returneth, To the dust again,  
On thy truth relying, Through that mortal strife,  
Jesus, take me, dying, To eternal life.

**Hymn: “Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me”—LBW #333**

1. Lord, take my hand and lead me, Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect and feed me, From day to day.  
Without your grace and favor, I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.
2. Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;  
For you, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.  
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
For when your hand is guiding, In peace I go.
3. Lord, when the shadows lengthen, And night has come,  
I know that you will strengthen, My steps toward home,  
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!  
So take my hand and lead me, Unto the end.