

*Hymn of the Day: "O Jesus, You Have Promised" #503

*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

*Offertory: "*Create in Me*"

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*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

*Lord's Prayer: *Traditional Version*

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Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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*Table Blessing

*Closing Prayers

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*Benediction

*Sending Hymn: "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" #453

*Dismissal

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Postlude

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader/Prayers/Communion Server: Lee Pearce

Sound: Joe Konop

Set-up/Prepare: Julie Steffenson

Take Down/Restore: Janet Sunde

Ushers: Matt & Nora Serr

Coffee: Judy Pearce

Treats: Judy Caudill

PRAYERS

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

A brief silence

A: For the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church that in this season of Lent the church may be renewed through the spiritual disciplines of repentance, fasting and prayer, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: For our witness to God's care for His people as promised to the Patriarch Abraham and for boldness to proclaim that Jesus is the true Messiah, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: For this assembly that we might grow in faith and commitment as we praise the Lord in daily faithfulness, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: For those we know, & for those unknown to us who are experiencing illness of body, mind or spirit, or who journey through the valley of darkness, that they might know that nothing separates them from the love of God revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord, especially those we name now (*NAMES are offered*), let us pray to the Lord, Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: For strength to carry the cross in the midst of suffering, and courage to preach Christ crucified the gift of reconciliation and the source of an everlasting covenant, let us pray to the Lord. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into Your care, merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

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Worship—Lent II
Feb. 28, 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 Cross of Christ I Glory” #104

*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

First Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalms 22:22-30 (*Responsively by half verse* *) Page 225

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-11

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

*Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

Children’s Message: “A Pinky Promise”

Sermon: “Cross My Heart”

Rev. David Steffenson

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16—An Everlasting Covenant

1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, 2 that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” 3 Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, 4 “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. 5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. 7 And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ... 15 And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16 I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Romans 5:1-11—Peace with God through Faith

1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. 6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-38

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark the 8th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

27 And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” 28 And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” 29 And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” 30 And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. 31 And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” 34 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 35 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. 36 For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? 37 For what can a man give in return for his soul? 38 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER of the Day: “O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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The Emmanuel Weekly

February 28, 2015

Lent II - 6 pm

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

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.

Lenten Soup Supper

Wednesday, March 4 from 5-5:45pm
Hostesses: Deb Vomhof & Judy Caudill

Congratulations to Rich and Janet Sunde, celebrating Fifty Years of Christian Marriage on Wed, March 4.

The March Emmanuel Prayer Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are available in print!



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, February 28, Saturday School @ 5:10pm; Oasis Chili & Game Night @ 5:30pm; Lent II Worship @ 6pm
- Tuesday, March 3 Men’s Bible Study Breakfast @ 8am
- Wednesday, March 4 Soup Supper at 5pm; Lenten Worship @ 6pm Guest Preacher: Rev. Fred Morck
- Thursday, Feb. 26 Faithfulness Clergy Mtg. from 12:00–2pm
- Saturday, March 7 Saturday School @ 5:10pm; Lent III Worship at 6pm with Council Installation
- Tuesday, March 10 Council Mtg. @ 10am

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 3. Our Bible Readings for Lent III are: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; I Corinthians 1:18-31; & John 2:13-25.

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, youth are learning about Baptism & 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!

2015 Minnesota Food Share March Campaign: Be a Hero. Fight Hunger. This March, Channel One Supplement Food shelf is challenging businesses, faith communities, schools, and other organizations to "Be a Hero and Fight Hunger." The goal for 2015 is to raise \$225,000 and 225,000 pounds of food during the month of March. Emmanuel gifts of food and money will go directly to support our ministry partnership with Oasis Church & Supermarket Saturday.

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.

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!
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