

Sermon: “FAITH Seals the Deal”

Rev. David Steffenson

\*Hymn of the Day: “If You But Trust in God to Guide You” #453

\*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—**Gift of Music: Scott Schilbe**

\*Offertory: “*Create in Me*”

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\*Offertory Prayer: “Blessed Are You”

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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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*Invitation & Distribution: 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 and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified & risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread & wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.” We are practicing head of the aisle Communion tonight by means of Intinction.*

Lamb of God

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**Communion Hymn: “What Wondrous Love Is This”**

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\*Table Blessing

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\*Closing Prayers

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\*Benediction

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**\*Sending Hymn: “O Jesus, I Have Promised”**

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\*Dismissal

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Postlude

## PRAYERS

A: Let us pray to God, crying out for His mercy, confident that our Father hears our prayers because the Son of Man suffered, died and was raised for us.

*A brief silence*

A: Our Father in heaven, continue to establish Your saving covenant with us as You did with Abraham, that we who surely deserve nothing from You may rely on You for everything. While we were still Your enemies, at the right time You gave Your Son to die for us. Grant us repentant hearts and faith that rejoices that His death has reconciled us to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Our Father in heaven, be with those who pass through difficult times and know sickness or heartache, loneliness or despair [NAMES]. Heal each one as You know best. Provide for those who lack money, home or the necessities of life. In every time of testing, teach Your children to hold tightly to You in faith, that in the end they may know the comfort of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Our Father in heaven, Your Son promises deliverance from evil. Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave that He won for us. Bring us with all Your saints to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom. 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.**

## WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

*Pianist: Scott Schilbe*

*Scripture Reader & Prayers: Matt Serr*

*Communion Server: Judy Caudill*

*Ushers: Darald Bothun & LeRoy Quam    Acolyte: Ava Siebenaler*

*Coffee: Peg Holtan*

*Treats: Jenna Serr & Nora*

*Sound: Don Holtan*

*Set-up: Julie Steffenson*

*Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends*

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**Worship - Lent II**  
**February 24, 2018**  
**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: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” #107**

\*Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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

**Psalm 22:23-30 (Responsively by half verse) Page 224**

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-11

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

\*Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

Children’s Message: “I AM not Ashamed!”

### **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 & 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 — Justified by Faith Alone**

1 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 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:** Eternal and Immortal God, only you are able to transform the hopelessness of a shameful death into the hope and promise of eternal life. Show us the way to stand firm in the promise of eternal life through all of life’s trials & tragedies; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

# The Emmanuel Weekly

February 24, 2018

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 Tuesday during Lent will be at 6pm, preceded by a soup supper at 5pm. Our liturgy is a revised edition of Holden Evening Prayer. Our sermon series is looking at Jesus’ “Parables of Judgment”.

Soup providers for February 27 are: Jenna Serr & Katie Siebenaler. Bread Providers are: Judy Pearce & Margaret Quam.

## SEMAC Mission Trip

Welcome Home! The South East Minnesota Area Christians mission team served Christ and His people in the Houston Texas area (Feb. 10-24). We are hosting a “welcome home” reception on March 3.

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



## CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, February 24  
G.I.F.T. & Saturday School at 5:10pm; Lent II Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, Feb. 25—Happy Birthday! Emmanuel Lutheran turns 6.
- Tues, Feb. 27—Men’s Bible Study at 8am; Text Study at 10:30am; Soup Supper (5pm); Mid-Week Worship at 6pm
- Saturday, March 3  
G.I.F.T. & Saturday School at 5:10pm; Lent III Worship at 6pm; Welcome Home Reception for SEMAC at 7:15pm
- Wednesday, March 7  
Madonna Towers Worship at 1pm.

**Communication Cards - Offering Envelopes:** The offering envelope, in your bulletin is also being used as a visitor and communication card. If you are visiting with us, please know that your presence is your gift to us. We have a generous congregation & ask only that you share your contact information with us. Members & visitors may use the communication envelopes to indicate a desire for a pastoral visit, a prayer concern, or changes in contact information. Envelopes may be placed in the offering basket. Thanks.

**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.

**Second Sunday in Lent (Year B):** Jesus instructed his disciples and the crowd that gathered around him that to live as the Son of Man lives, they must be willing to suffer. If anyone thought they wanted to follow after him, they must be ready to deny themselves and take up the cross. The paradox of following Christ is that life is found in giving it up rather than holding onto it with a white-knuckled grip. This is the truth for all generations!

**Faith Practices:** During the Season of Lent, remember to use your Lenten Prayer Calendar. Lent will be a time of discernment for us, as we prayerfully consider God’s will for Emmanuel’s future, & the future purchase of a building site for our congregational ministry.

**Men’s Bible Study Breakfast:** The men of Emmanuel are looking at the Book of Acts on Tuesdays at 8am and discussing the gift of Witnessing in Daily Life. They meet at Oasis Church weekly for conversation & coffee.

**Saturday School & G.I.F.T.** — G.I.F.T. and Saturday School meet weekly on Saturday nights at 5:10pm. Julie is teaching our little ones Bible Stories. Pastor Dave is teaching grades 3-8 a class on Creation & Fall, using C.S. Lewis’ book, “The Magician’s Nephew”. The Adults are discussing the “Truth about Islam”.

*Thanks for worshiping 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 grant repentant hearts to God’s people during the 40 Days of Lent!*

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