

L: Your Son did not shrink from suffering and death. Grant grace to all who are persecuted for Jesus' sake, so that they glory in his Cross, and rejoice in his resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

L: Teach the people of Emmanuel to follow Jesus in humble service and cross-bearing. Let our worship, words & lives, glorify you and build up the Body of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

L: Through your everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah, you blessed all nations. Grant to all people the blessings of peace, freedom, and righteousness, which apart from you cannot flourish. Guide our nation, that our words and deeds may please and glorify you, the Lord of the whole earth. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

L: We lift before you the needs and prayers of all who cry out to you for help, especially: [NAMES]. Grant to them the joy of your saving help & restore them to health & hope. 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: "Beautiful Savior"—LBW #518

*Dismissal:

P: Repent and Believe in the Gospel!

C: Thanks be to God!

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 II
February 27, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Lutheran Book of Worship

"Service of the Word"

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

*Hymn: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"—LBW #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.

*Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: 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 and tragedies; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

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

Psalm 22:23-31 (*Responsively by half verse*)

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Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-11

*Gospel Verse: “Return to the Lord”

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*Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

Children’s Message: “Cross My Heart & HOPE!”
Steffenson (Posted on Emmanuel Facebook Page)

Rev. David

Sermon: Rev. Waldemar Gies

***Hymn of the Day: “O Jesus I Have Promised”—LBW #503**
(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.)

Installation of the 2021 Church Council

*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: Holy Father, thank you for Peter and all the apostles, saints, and martyrs who boldly confessed Jesus as Lord and God. Thank you for pastors and seminary professors, mentors and spiritual guides, who help us do the same. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Inspire your Church to boldly & faithfully acclaim Jesus to the world as your only Son, & its only Savior. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

The Emmanuel Weekly

February 27, 2021

Lent II - 6 pm

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



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.**

Men’s Bible Study IN-PERSON: Join us on Wednesdays, March 10 & 24 at 11am 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.

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

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. 84 cans collected so far.

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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.

**Thank you to Pastor Waldemar
Gies for serving as our guest
preacher tonight!**

**The 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 27
Lent II Worship at 6pm;
Guest Preacher: Rev. Gies; Installation of Church Council;
Collecting SOUP! 84 cans received thus far. Thanks for caring in the name of Jesus!
- Sunday, February 28
Implementation Team Meeting at 5pm
- Tuesday, March 2
Men’s Email Bible Study @ 8:30am.
- Friday, March 5—Zoom Council Meeting at 2pm
- Saturday, March 6
Lent III Worship at 6pm; Collecting SOUP!
- **4:31 — Prayer Time!**

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!

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 — God’s Faithful 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.

Psalm 22:23-31 — Read responsively

L: You who fear the Lord, praise him!

C: All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

L: For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him,

C: But has heard, when he cried to him.

L: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

C: My vows I will perform before those who fear him.

L: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;

C: Those who seek him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever!

L: All the ends of the earth shall remember & turn to the Lord.

C: And all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

L: For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

C: All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;

L: Before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

C: Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

L: They shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

Romans 5:1-11 — Reconciled to God

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 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Mary Ann Groven Liturgist: Pastor Dave
Guest Preacher: Pastor Waldemar Gies
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

Hymn: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” — LBW #104

1. In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
3. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the Cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

Hymn: “O Jesus, I Have Promised”—LBW #503 (vs 1-2 before the sermon; vs 3-4 after the sermon)

1. O Jesus, I have promised, to serve you to the end;
Remain forever near me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle, if you are by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway, if you will be my guide.
2. Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
But, Jesus, then draw nearer, to shield my soul from sin.

3. Oh, let me hear you speaking, in accents clear and still
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
Now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.
4. O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
That where you are in glory, your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised, to serve you to the end;
Oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

Hymn: “Beautiful Savior”—LBW #518

1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

“Real Presence in Unexpected Places”—LENT 2021

- Ash Wednesday:** “Practicing Our Piety Publicly” (Mt. 6:1-6, 16-21)
Wednesday, Feb. 24: “Saul Gets Saved: Kicking Against the Goads”
(Acts 9:1-19a; & 26:9-18)
Wednesday, March 3: “When Lord? Buckets of Shrimp!”
(Matthew 15:29-39; & 25:31-46)
Wednesday, March 10: “Go and Do Likewise” (Luke 10:25-37)
Wednesday, March 17: “It’s a Miracle” (John 2:1-11)
Wednesday, March 24: “God’s Got Plans for YOU!” (Jer. 29:10-14)
Eve of Palm Sunday, Mar. 27: “Barefoot on Holy Ground” (Ex. 3:1-15)
Maundy Thursday, April 1: “Servants of the Towel”
(John 13:1-20; 34-35) – Guest Preacher: Dallas Groten
Good Friday, April 2: “Dead Man Walking” (Luke 23:32-43)
Eve of Easter, April 3: “Practicing Resurrection & Real Presence”
(Mark 16:1-20)