

*Hymn: "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" #480

*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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*Benediction

*Sending Hymn: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" #259

*Dismissal

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Postlude

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Scripture Reader/Prayers/Communion Server: Julie Steffenson

Sound: Don Holtan

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take Down: Janet Sunde

Treats: Judy Pearce & friends

Ushers: LeRoy Quam & Bob Harms

CLOSING PRAYERS:

A: Let us pray for the church, the world and all people according to their needs. —*A brief silence*

A: Heavenly Father, You alone are worthy of worship. You made the heavens and the earth. You created us in your image. You made a covenant with your people. We thank, praise and glorify you for keeping your covenant with us. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

A: One God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, keep us from worship of false gods. Let our thoughts, speech & deeds honor your holy name. Grant us never to tire of worship. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, be present among those whose lives are at risk for bearing witness to the Gospel. Keep Christians that are persecuted faithful in proclaiming Christ crucified. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Precious Savior, bring healing to all who are hospitalized, those who seek counseling, those who suffer silently from wounds that cannot be seen and those we now name silently or aloud (*list names*). Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Gracious Father, as your Son journeyed to the cross, abide with those for whom death draws near. Hold before their closing eyes the promise that in dying with Christ they shall be raised with him. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands we commend all who whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day: “Eternal Lord, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death & resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word & obey it, so that we become instruments of your redeeming love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives & reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now & forever. **Amen.**”

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Worship - Lent III
March 7, 2015
6:00 p.m.

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

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

*Gathering Hymn: “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” #423

*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: Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19 (*Responsively by half verse**) Page 223

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 1:18-31

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

*Holy Gospel: John 2:13-25

Children’s Message: “Two Tables & Ten Words”

Sermon: “Temple Talk”

Rev. David Steffenson

Exodus 20:1-17—Two Tables: Ten Words

1 And God spoke all these words, saying, “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
3 “You shall have no other gods before me. 4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 7 “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. 8 “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. 12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. 13 “You shall not murder. 14 “You shall not commit adultery. 15 “You shall not steal. 16 “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 17 “You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

I Corinthians 1:18-31—Preaching Christ Crucified

18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” 20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 26 For consider your calling, brothers: not many of

you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. 30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 2:13-25

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John the 2nd Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

13 The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. 15 And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. 16 And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.” 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” 18 So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” 19 Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” 20 The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” 21 But he was speaking about the temple of his body. 22 When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. 23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. 24 But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people 25 and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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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 10. Our Bible Readings for Lent IV are: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-9; Ephesians 2:1-10; & John 3:14-21.

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 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 equip the saints for Witness in the World during the 40 Days of Lent! Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org.

The Emmanuel Weekly

March 7, 2015

Lent III - 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 11 from 5-5:45pm
Hostesses: Judy Pearce & Leitha Bothun

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



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, March 7
Saturday School @ 5:10pm; Lent III Worship at 6pm with Council Installation
- Sunday, March 8
Daylight Savings Time begins - Spring Ahead!
- Tuesday, March 10
Men's Bible Study Breakfast @ 8am;
Council Mtg. @ 10am
- Wednesday, March 11
Soup Supper at 5pm;
Lenten Worship @ 6pm
- Saturday, March 14
Saturday School @ 5:10pm; Lent IV Worship at 6pm
- Saturday, March 21
Supermarket Saturday
Easter Hams.