Third Sunday in Lent: The Law of the Lord is perfect & provides a framework for God's people to live together with him & one another. At the heart of God's law are the care and protection of his beloved people. These rules for living faithfully were not meant to keep humanity in shackles — on the contrary! They were given to Israel and all people after them so that we would have true freedom, peace, and joy.

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.

"Real Presence in Unexpected Places"—LENT 2021

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"
(John 20 & Mark 16)

Easter Monday, April 5: Reading through the entire 27 Books of the New Testament in celebration of our Lord's Resurrection!

***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!*

Visit us at: *www.emmanuelofrochester.org.*

Emmanuel
Lutheran Church of Rochester

Worship - Lent III
March 6, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Lutheran Book of Worship
"Service of the Word"

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

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

*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: Holy Father, you made it clear to your chosen people that you are the one true God who is worthy of our worship. Grant us grace & boldness to cast aside all pursuits that can so easily become our idols and keep us faithful in our worship of you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19:1-14 (*Responsively by half verse*) INSERT

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

*Gospel Verse: "Return to the Lord" LBW Page 83

*Holy Gospel: John 2:13-23

Children's Message: "Not just Do's & Don'ts" (Facebook Page)

Sermon: "Sweet Words *for you*" Rev. David Steffenson

*Hymn of the Day: "In Christ Alone"—ReClaim #215

(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: (Each petition ends with "Lord in your Mercy"; and the people respond with, "Hear our prayer".

*Lord's Prayer: *Traditional Version*

*Benediction

*Hymn: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"—LBW #98

*Dismissal: P: Repent and Believe in the Gospel!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Karen Salz Sound: Don Holtan
Assisting Minister,/Scripture Reader/Prayers: Julie Steffenson
Ushers: Pending Sanitizing Team: Janet Sunde
Set-up and Take-down: Julie Steffenson & Peg Holtan

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, 31so 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 2:13-23

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 & 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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The Emmanuel Weekly

March 6, 2021
Lent III - 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. 113 cans collected so far.

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, March 6, Lent III Worship at 6pm; Collecting SOUP! 113 cans received thus far.
- Tuesday, March 9 Men's Email Bible Study @ 8:30am.
- Wednesday, March 10 Men's In-Person Bible Study at 11am; Mid-week Lenten Worship
- Saturday, March 13, Spring Ahead @ 2am Daylight Saving Time; Lent IV Worship at 6pm; Collecting SOUP!
- Sunday, March 14 Implementation Team Mtg. @ 5pm
- April 5, Easter Monday Reading of the New Testament!

Exodus 20:1-17 — Commandments for Free People

1 God spoke all these words, saying, 2 "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, 6but 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.

Psalm 19:1-14 — Read responsively

L: The heavens declare the glory of God,
C: And the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
L: Day to day pours out speech,
C: And night to night reveals knowledge.
L: There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.
C: Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.
L: In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
C: And, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
L: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,
C: And there is nothing hidden from its heat.
L: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
C: The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;
L: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
C: The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;
L: The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;
C: The rules the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
L: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
C: Sweeter also than honey & drippings of the honeycomb.
L: Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
C: In keeping them there is great reward.
L: Who can discern his errors?
C: Declare me innocent from hidden faults.
L: Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
C: Let them not have dominion over me!
L: Then I shall be blameless,
C: And innocent of great transgression.
L: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
C: O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 — Wisdom & Folly

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

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

1. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep His statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
To know and do His will!

2. Order my footsteps by Thy Word
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.

3. Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget Thy way,
Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

4. Make me to walk in Thy commands--
'Tis a delightful road--
Nor let my head or heart or hands
Offend against my God.

Hymn: "In Christ Alone" — ReClaim #215

(vs 1-2 before the sermon; vs 3-4 after the sermon)

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love, and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God, was satisfied.
For every sin, on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground, His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth, in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands, in victory, Sin's curse has lost, its grip on me.
For I am His, and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry, to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck, me from His hand.
Till He returns, or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Hymn: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed 98 "—LBW #518

1. Alas! and did my Savior bleed, And did my sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head For sinners such as I?

2. Was it for sins that I had done, He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!

3. Thus might I hide my blushing face,
While his dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes to tears.

4. But tears of grief cannot repay, The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away: It's all that I can do.

Easter Monday (April 5): In-Home Bible Reading

Each year, on Easter Monday, Emmanuel Lutheran publicly reads the entire N.T. (all 27 Books, New Testament) in celebration of our Lord's Resurrection. Last year was a virtual tag-team reading of the N.T. due to COVID-19. This year will be our 6th year in a row of reading the N.T. on Easter Monday. We are inviting participants to select a Book of the New Testament and to commit to reading it out loud (in their home) anytime on Easter Monday. The Jewish Day begins in the evening at 6pm. That means participants can read their chosen Book of the N.T. anytime from 6pm on Easter night (April 4) thru Midnight on April 5. Contact Pastor Dave indicating the N.T. Book you wish to read.

Prayers for Lent III — March 6, 2021
THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Let us humbly beseech God for his mercy upon the Church, the world, and one another.
A brief silence

L: Thank you, Father, for your dear Son. Thank you for making him your living Temple. Thank you for making him our eternal "house of prayer." Give us faith to pray together, with him, "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name." Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

L: Cleanse and purify your Church. Make it into a house of prayer for all people. Give it pastors, bishops, and leaders who preach, preside, and teach faithfully, and whose lives adorn the Gospel with holiness. Use it to draw all people to yourself. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

L: Bless your suffering Church, that it may never be overcome by bitterness or despair, but may be a beacon of your saving love in a sin-darkened world. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

L: We pray for fathers and mothers and everyone entrusted with the care and nurture of your little ones. Give them the grace and faith to they may teach their children your commandments and to bring them to your House, there to receive your gracious Word and Sacraments. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

L: Guide the rulers of the nations to seek your will, & give them the strength to do it. Teach us to live by your commandments; give wisdom and prudence to our elected leaders; and grant us your peace. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

L: You are the strength of all who suffer and the joy of all who are sorrowful. Be present with your merciful care to all whose need is great, especially, [NAMES]. Give them, and all who love them, grace to trust in Christ Jesus. He alone is their life, health, hope, and salvation. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

L: Gracious heavenly Father, we entrust into your merciful care all our departed loved ones. Comfort all who grieve. Keep our feet in the path of your commandments; our hearts firmly fixed on your forgiving love; & our eyes forever focused on the Cross of Christ Jesus, until you bring us safely into your welcoming embrace and eternal home. 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.