

\*Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32  
Children's Message: "Are You LOST?" (Posted on Facebook)  
Sermon: Dallas Groten

**\*Hymn of the Day: "Softly & Tenderly" - ReClaim #177**

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.)

Closing Prayers: (*L: Lord in your mercy; ... C: Hear our Prayer*)

Lord's Prayer: *Traditional Version*

\*Benediction

**\*Hymn: "Amazing Grace" - ReClaim #199**

1. Amazing Grace how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I'm found, Was blind but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed.

3. The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;

He will my Shield and Portion be, As long as life endures.

4. When we've been here ten thousand years,  
Bright, shining as the sun. We've no less days to sing God's  
praise, Than when we first begun.

\* Dismissal:

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*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 & marked with the cross of Christ forever we are praising, proclaiming & 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](http://www.emmanuelofrochester.org).*



**Worship—Lent 4**  
**March 26, 2022**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**"Service of the Word"**

\* indicates stand as you are able

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

\*Confession & Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. (Silence for reflection and self-examination)

**C: Heavenly Father, I know the wrong I have done, and my sin is always before me. I have broken your laws and done what is evil in your sight. Have mercy on me, according to your unfailing love. Wash away all my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a pure heart and renew a faithful spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has sent His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

**C: Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.**

**\*Hymn: "What Wondrous Love is This" - ReClaim #254**

**\*Greeting:**

P: Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all mercies, and the God of all consolation.

L: Seek the Lord while He may be found.

C: Call upon Him while He is near.

L: Let the wicked abandon their ways,

C: And the unrighteous their thoughts.

L: Let them turn to the Lord for mercy,

C: To our God who is generous in forgiving.

L: All you who are thirsty, come to the water. You who have no money, come, receive bread, and eat. Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk.

C: Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all mercies, and the God of all consolation.

P: God has made us His people through our baptism into Christ.

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.**

**\*Lenten Song: "If You but Trust in God"—LBW #453**

*If you but trust in God to guide you, And place your confidence in Him, You'll find Him always there beside you, To give you hope and strength within; For those who trust God's changeless love, Build on the Rock that will not move.*

*Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving, Offer your service faithfully, And trust His word; though undeserving, You'll find His promise true to be; God never will forsake in need, The soul that trusts in Him indeed.*

**\*Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray. Reconciling God, in you is mercy, forgiveness, & reconciliation. Whether we wander far from you or remain faithful, let us always rejoice in the never-ending & limitless outpouring of your compassion and forgiveness for repentant sinners; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 12:1-6

**Psalm 32 - "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" - ReClaim #142**

**WOMEN:** *I Beneath the cross of Jesus*

*I fain would take my stand,  
the shadow of a mighty Rock  
within a weary land;  
a home within the wilderness,  
a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noon tide heat  
and the burden of the day.*

**MEN:** *Upon the cross of Jesus*

*mine eye at times can see  
the very dying form of One  
who suffered there for me:  
and from my stricken heart with tears  
two wonders I confess,  
the wonders of redeeming love  
and my unworthiness.*

**ALL:** *I take, O cross, thy shadow  
for my abiding place:*

*I ask no other sunshine than  
the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by,  
to know no gain nor loss;  
my sinful self my only shame,  
my glory all the cross.*

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

**\*Gospel Verse: "Return to the Lord"**

*Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.*

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2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for me,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on.

### \* Hymn of the Day: "Softly & Tenderly" - ReClaim #177

1. Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, Calling for you and for me; See, on the portals He's waiting and watching, Watching for you and for me.

*Refrain:* Come home, come home, You who are weary, come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, Calling, O sinner, come home!

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, Pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not His mercies, Mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*

3. O for the wonderful love He has promised, Promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon, Pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

### SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Mary Ann Groven      Guest Preacher: Dallas Groten

Greeters: Tom & Sheri Vomhof

Assisting Minister, Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Sound/Video Recording: Don Holtan

Set-up and Take-down: Julie Steffenson & Peg Holtan

Hospitality: Serr Family in Oasis Fellowship Hall

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# The Emmanuel Weekly

March 26, 2022  
Lent IV - 6 pm

"Praising, Proclaiming and Practicing  
Emmanuel—God with us—in daily  
life!"



### BAPTISM: Walking Wet

This year on Tuesdays during the Season of Lent, we will be using the Holden Evening Prayer Liturgy. Our Midweek Lenten Worship Services (6pm) will include a meditation on the Miracles of Jesus.

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!

### WORK DAY Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the recent Work Days on the Church Land. Special Thanks to Larry Vomhof for organizing these events and to Judy Pearce for coordinating the lunch & snacks.

### Easter Sunday Worship

(April 17 at 10am) on the Church Land  
with Holy Communion

April Emmanuel Prayer Calendar &  
Epistle Newsletter are available in  
print! Also, "Our Daily Bread" March -  
May, 2022

### CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat, March 26—Lent IV Worship with Guest Preacher Dallas Groten; Fellowship Coffee: Girl Scout Treats hosted by the Serr Family in loving memory of Barb Steffenson
- Tuesday, March 29 Men's Email Bible Study at 8:30am; **Midweek Lenten Service at 6pm with HEP Liturgy**
- Wed, March 30 - Men's Bible Study 11am
- Sat, April 2—Eve of Lent 5 Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, April 3 Implementation Team Meeting at 5pm
- **Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed!**

## **Isaiah 12:1-6 — GOD is My Salvation**

1 You will say in that day: ‘I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. 2 “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength & my song, & he has become my salvation.” 3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. 4 And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. 5 “Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. 6 Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **2 Corinthians 5:16-21 — Be Reconciled!**

16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, & entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading — Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke the 15th Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” 3 So he told them this parable: 11... “There was a man who had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. 13 Not many days later,

the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. 14 And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. 16 And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. 17 But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ 20 And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ 22 But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. 23 And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate. 25 Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ 28 But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, 29 but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ 31 And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Hymn: “What Wondrous Love is This” - ReClaim #254**

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
    What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
    What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
        to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
        to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

**Women's Bible Study:** The women of Emmanuel Lutheran are currently enjoying a Bible study based on the book: Twelve Extraordinary Women (John MacArthur). Women meet twice a month at the home of Judy Pearce with Leitha Bothun as the study leader. Next Sessions : Wednesdays, April 6 & 20 at 1pm.

**Forty Days of Lent!** Lent began on Ash Wednesday, March 2. Our Lenten Theme this year is "The Miracle of Easter!" Midweek Lenten Services will be offered on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-6:45pm, featuring Holden Evening Prayer & "miracle stories" from the Bible. We hope you can join us!

**Men's Bible Study:** During the Season of Lent, study notes will be emailed to the men each week. In-Person studies will take place each Wednesday (March 30, at 11am).

**Invitation & Distribution:** *Holy Communion is the Lord's Supper for the Lord's People: "All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body & Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, & believe that Jesus Christ, crucified & risen, is truly present in, with & under the forms of bread & wine for the forgiveness of sins, life & salvation." With repentant hearts, we receive the body & blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins. Gluten-free wafers & consecrated grape juice are available in pre-filled cups.*

### **Looking Ahead:**

- Coffee Fellowship - Saturday, March 26 at 7pm in the Oasis Fellowship Hall; Girl Scout Treats hosted by the Serr Family in loving memory of Barb Steffenson
- Implementation Team Meeting - Sunday, April 3 at 5pm
- Church Council Meeting - Thursday, April 7 at 2:30pm
- Saturday, April 9 (6pm): Eve of Passion Sunday - Palm Sunday (Distribution of Palm Fronds)
- April 14 (6pm): Maundy Thursday with Foot Washing and Holy Communion
- April 15 (12:00 Noon): Good Friday Passion Reading
- April 16 (6pm): Eve of Easter (Holy Saturday). Celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord. *Easter Gift Bags* will be distributed.
- April 17 (10am): **Easter Sunday Worship on the Church Land** with Holy Communion

- April 18 (8am-5pm): Easter Monday Reading of the entire New Testament (Matthew - Revelation) on the church land with virtual opportunities as well. All 27 Books of the New Testament will be read by at least one person.

### **Closing Prayers:**

L: For the Church, the world, and our poor sinful selves, let us pray to our Lord, who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

*A brief silence*

L: Dearest Father, thank you for forgiving, welcoming, & restoring us, even when we squander your gifts and turn away from you! Thank you for your Holy Spirit, who brings us "to our right minds" and helps us repent. Thank you for your Son, who guides us to your embrace. He gives his Body and Blood as your homecoming feast; he clothes us with his own righteousness; he places the signet-ring of his Sonship upon our hand. We give you thanks, Father, not as we ought, but as we are able. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Help this congregation to pray for, seek out, and forgive those who have wronged us. Give us patience, graciousness, & humility. Make this a place where those who are estranged from us, and from you, may return and be reconciled. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Bring healing and hope to all who suffers especially: **[NAMES]**. Bring them back from the far country of pain, sorrow, or despair. Restore them to fellowship with all who love them, and increase their trust in you. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Hear us, dear Lord; and answer our prayers according to your will, to your glory and for the benefit of the people you long to save. **C: Amen.**