

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

**Refrain:**

***So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.***

2. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above  
to bear it to dark Calvary. **[Refrain]**

3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
a wondrous beauty I see,  
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
to pardon and sanctify me. **[Refrain]**

4. To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,  
where his glory forever I'll share. **[Refrain]**

\* **Dismissal:**

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

***SERVANTS Tonight:***

*Pianist: Mary Ann Groven*

*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*

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**Worship—Lent 5**  
**April 2, 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: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” - LBW #104**

**\*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. Heavenly Father, you have drawn us through the waters of baptism and into your everlasting reign. Through Christ's life within us, guide us daily through death to sin and brokenness, and into new life in grace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21

**Psalm 126 - "The Church's One Foundation" - LBW #369**

**WOMEN:** *The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord; She is His new creation, By water and the Word; From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy Bride; With His own Blood He bought her, And for her life He died.*

**MEN:** *Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war She waits the consummation, Of peace forevermore, Till with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blest And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.*

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14

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

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

\*Holy Gospel: Luke 20:9-20

Children's Message: "We Press On!" (Posted on Facebook)

Sermon: "What's the PRIZE?" Rev. David Steffenson

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

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: "The Old Rugged Cross" - ReClaim #139**

*(Words printed on page 4)*

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**April 2, 2022**  
**Lent V - 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 are using the Holden Evening Prayer Liturgy. Our Midweek Lenten Worship Services (6pm) include a meditation on the Miracles of Jesus.

During the Season of Lent our Baptismal Font is 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 DAYS 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, April 2—Eve of Lent V Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, April 3—Mtg. of the Implementation Team (5pm)
- Tuesday, April 5 - Men’s Email Bible Study at 8:30am; **Midweek Lenten Service at 6pm with HEP Liturgy**
- Wed, April 6 - Men’s Bible Study 11am; Women’s Study at 1pm
- Church Council Meeting - Thursday, April 7 at 2:30pm
- Sat, April 9—Eve of Palm Sunday Worship at 6pm

**Acts 4:31—The  
Church Prayed!**

3. When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day.

4. 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: “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” - LBW #98**

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. Well might the sun in darkness hide, And shut its glories in  
When God, the mighty maker, died, For his own creatures' sin.
4. Thus might I hide my blushing face, While his dear cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
  5. 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.

## **Ten Year Anniversary Update!**

We received 2 Thrivent Action Team Grants in support of the SEMAC Mission Trip in Gibson City, Illinois. Pastor received a grant in support of reproducing CD’s and DVD’s of a sermon series on the Tenth Book of the New Testament, i.e. Ephesians. Darald Bothun is spearheading a Devotional Book on Ephesians. Julie Steffenson received a Thrivent Action Team grant in support of “losing your life for Jesus’ sake (sharing the good news of Easter; distribution of Emmanuel pens). Julie Engle received a grant in support of Easter Celebration Bags. Deb Vomhof is recruiting servants for our 7th annual reading through the entire New Testament on Easter Monday (April 18; 8am-5pm). Inclement weather? Reading will take place at Oasis Church.

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### Isaiah 43:16-21 — God will Make a Way

16 Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, 17 who brings forth chariot and horse, army & warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: 18 “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. 20 The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, 21 the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Philippians 3:4b-14 — Righteousness that Depends on Faith

4b... (T)hough I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith; 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading — Luke 20:9-20

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke the 20th Chapter.

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

9 [Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. 10 When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 11 And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. 12 And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. 13 Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘**What shall I do? I will send my beloved son**; perhaps they will respect him.’ 14 But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ 15 And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? 16 He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” 17 But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’? 18 Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” 19 The scribes & the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. 20 So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### \*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.

**Women's Bible Study:** The women of Emmanuel Lutheran are currently enjoying a Bible study based on the book: 12 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 at 11am.

### **Looking Ahead:**

- 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. Inclement weather? Mtg. at Oasis!

*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!*

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### 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: Lord Jesus, let your Church count everything as loss, compared to the surpassing worth of knowing you as Savior. Fill it with the longing to make you known to every sinner in the world, until you truly are *the* "all in all," *for* all. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Strengthen this congregation in faithful worship, loving fellowship, generous outreach, and holy living. Make this place a place of refreshment and refuge for souls battered by sin, sorrow, and suffering.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Give peace, justice, health, and safety to every nation, especially our own. Grant wisdom and integrity to all who have been entrusted with authority and power, especially our elected and appointed leaders. Teach us to love one another through deeds of mercy and words of understanding. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: So many people hunger for healing and thirst for reconciliation. They long for encouragement and seek understanding. They desire forgiveness, comfort, faith, and hope. Refresh them in the wilderness of their suffering, dear Lord – especially those we lift before you now **[NAMES]**. 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.**