

Sermon: "I AM Pressing On!"

Rev. David Steffenson

\*Hymn of the Day: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #132

\*Confession: *from With One Voice*

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" #179

\*Offertory Prayer:

\*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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*Invitation & Distribution: Holy Communion is the Lord's Supper for the Lord's People: "All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified & risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread & wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation." We are practicing head of the aisle Communion tonight by means of Intinction.*

**Communion Hymn: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" #192**

\*Table Blessing

\*Closing Prayers

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\*Benediction

\*Sending Hymn: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #243

\*Dismissal

Postlude

## PRAYERS

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *A brief silence*

A: Gracious Father, all that we have is a trust from you. Grant that we may be faithful tenants bearing fruit for your glory. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Loving God, renew our trust in you during this Lenten season. Remind us of the immeasurable worth of knowing Jesus as the Cornerstone of our faith. Grant that we, like Paul, might press on, and remain faithful in following Jesus and witnessing to your grace. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Holy God, you lead us through dark valleys shadowed by suffering. Bless your saints with courage and mercy, hope and healing. Tonight we pray for (names). 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.**

## WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

*Pianist: MarJean Damerval*

*Scripture Reader & Prayers: Deb Vomhof*

*Communion Server: Judy Caudill*

*Ushers: Larry Vomhof & Joe Vomhof*

*Acolyte: Ava Siebenaler*

*Sound: Don Holtan*

*Coffee: Peg Holtan*

*Treats: Judy Pearce*

*Set-up: Julie Steffenson*

*Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends*

**Thanks** for worshipping 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!

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**Worship - Lent V**  
**March 12, 2016**  
**6:00 p.m.**

## ReClaim Hymnal

### “Service of Word & Sacrament”

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” #138**

**\*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: “If You Will Trust in God” vs. 1 & 6 #222**

\*Salutation and Prayer of the Day

First Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21

**Psalm 126** (*Responsively by half verse*)

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Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14

\*Gospel Verse: “Return to the Lord”

\*Holy Gospel: Luke 20:9-20

Children’s Message: “What’s the Prize?”

### 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 and 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 Depends on Faith

4b 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 And [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 and 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.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY: Lent V

God of new life, 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 & brokenness and into new life in grace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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# The Emmanuel Weekly

**March 12, 2016**

**Lent V - 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 Tuesday during Lent will be at 6pm, preceded by a soup supper at 5pm. Our liturgy will be a revised edition of Holden Evening Prayer. Our sermon series will look at “Faith Practices: The Marks of Discipleship”.

## **Marriage Enrichment “Grace-Filled Marriage”**

The missing ingredient in most marriages is not Love. What is missing is Grace. This 8 week DVD Book series is being held at Calvary Evangelical Free Church on Sunday evenings (6:00-7:30pm). Childcare is available! More Info: 507-292-1397.

**The March Emmanuel Prayer  
Calendar and Epistle Newsletter are  
available in print! Also, pick up your  
copy of the current issue of “Our  
Daily Bread Devotional”.**



## **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- Saturday, March 12  
Saturday School @  
5:10pm; Lent V Worship  
@ 6pm
- Sun, March 13 - Day  
Light Savings Time  
Begins
- Tues. March 15 at 8 am  
Men’s Bible Study  
Breakfast at Charlie’s;  
Soup Supper at 5pm;  
Lenten Worship @ 6pm
- Thursday, March 17  
Pastors’ Mtg in La  
Crosse (10am); Ladies’  
Bible Study at Katie  
Siebenaler’s home  
(6:30pm)
- Saturday, March 19  
Supermarket Saturday @  
10am; Saturday School  
@ 5:10pm; Palm &  
Passion Worship @ 6pm

**SAVE THE DATE:** Public Reading of the New Testament (Monday, March 28 from 6 am - 10 pm). Sign-up Sheet available!

**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 generously.

**Men’s Bible Study Breakfast:** Weekly fellowship around God’s Word at 8 am Tuesdays at Charlie’s (1408 2nd. St. SW). Join us in being Evangelical. Invite a friend. Share the Good News! We will meet on Tuesday, March 15 to discuss the readings for Palm and Passion Sunday: John 12:12-19; Deuteronomy 32:36-39; Psalm 118:19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; and Luke 22:1-23:5

**Saturday School 2015:** Join us at 5:10 p.m. each Saturday in the Oasis Church Fellowship Hall as we learn Bible Stories and enjoy two special units this year; the Apostles’ Creed during Lent, and the Lord’s Prayer in the Spring. Games, skits, music and crafts will be a part of the learning experience. All youth are welcome to participate in Saturday School. No Saturday School on March 26.

**Women of the Word!** Session 5 for the Evening Study Group will be held at Katie Siebenaler’s house (12827 Hwy 52 S.E., Chatfield, MN) on Thursday, March 17 at 6:30pm. The Afternoon Study has ended and will reconvene on Wednesday, March 30 at 1pm (Topic: “Women of the Word: New Testament Ladies”).

**PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS:** During the month of March we are praying for Gibbs Elementary School. We are delivering goodies as an expression of our love and gratitude. Thanks for keeping the staff, students & families of our area schools in your prayers.

**Worship At Madonna Towers:** On the first Wednesday of each month, Pastor Dave is leading worship in the Chapel of the Madonna Towers Nursing Home. Our next Service will be on Wednesday, April 6 at 1:30pm. Contact Lee Pearce if you would like to volunteer and participate in this ministry.

**Movie: “Risen”** - Experience the Resurrection through the eyes of an unbeliever. “Eager to quash rumors of Jesus’ resurrection, the Roman senate appoints powerful Tribune Clavius (Joseph Fiennes) to investigate. His life is soon turned on its head as he is confronted with questions of who Jesus really was and why the Roman Empire fears Him.” “Not since The Passion of the Christ has a ‘faith-based’ film been so well done in every respect.” - Eric Metaxas