

Veneration of the Cross—*Spoken Three Times*

P: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

C: **Oh, come, let us worship Him.**

***Hymn:** “Were You there” (*Verses 1-3*) #147

Adoration:

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C: **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

**No Benediction. We are in one continuous Service of Worship until we receive the Benediction on Easter.*

Public Reading of the New Testament: We are celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord and the gift of God’s Word by sharing a public reading of the entire New Testament on Monday, March 28 from 6 am - 10 pm. Refreshments, snacks, and door prizes will be offered. Stop by for a portion of the day and hear God’s Word!

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 29. Our Bible Readings for Easter II are: Acts 5:12-20; Psalm 148; Revelation 1:4-18; and John 20:19-31.

Electronic Giving: Members wishing to contribute to Emmanuel Lutheran with automatic giving may do so by contacting Judy Caudill or Deb Vomhof. Offerings are transferred once a month on the 15th of the month.

Women’s Bible Study: “Women of the Word! Session 6 (“In the Days of the Judges”) for the Evening Study Group will be held at Katie Siebenaler’s house (12827 Hwy 52 S.E., Chatfield, MN) on Tuesday, April 26 at 6:30pm. The Afternoon Study Group will reconvene on Wednesday, March 30 at 1pm (Topic: “Women of the Word: New Testament Ladies”).

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 30 - An **Emmanuel Huddle**. Join us after worship as we share refreshments and conversation regarding our Ministry Together.

The Emmanuel Weekly

March 25, 2016

Good Friday - 12:00 Noon

**“Praising, Proclaiming and Practicing
Emmanuel—God with us—in daily
life!”**

*A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
To save a world of sinners.
He bears the burden all alone,
Dies shorn of all His honors.
He goes to slaughter, weak and faint,
Is led to die without complaint;
His spotless life he offers.
He bears the shame,
the stripes, the wrath;
His anguish, mockery, and death,
For us he gladly suffers.*

—Paul Gerhardt, 1648.

The Second of the “Three Holy Days” is Good Friday. In Today’s Liturgy, we gather with the whole church for three simple actions: To hear our Lord’s Passion from St. John’s Gospel, to remember all creation in prayer, and to meditate on the mystery of our salvation on the Cross. The Bidding Prayer has been a part of the Good Friday Liturgy since at least the Fourth Century.

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



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Today: 12:00 Noon Good Friday Worship, Bidding Prayer; Oasis Worship at 7pm
- Holy Saturday, March 26 Resurrection of our Lord Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, March 27 Buried Alleluias return. Christ is Risen Indeed!
- Monday, March 28 Public Reading: The New Testament (6am-10pm)
- Tues. March 29 at 8 am Men’s Bible Study Breakfast at Charlie’s
- Wednesday, March 30 Women’s Bible Study: “Ladies of the New Testament” (1pm)
- Friday, April 1—Clergy Faithfulness Meeting at 12:00 Noon

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. 14 As many were astonished at you -- his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind -- 15 so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. 53:1 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned--every one--to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? 9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. 11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, & he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death & was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Thanks for worshiping with us on this Good Friday. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service 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! Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org.



**Worship
Good Friday
March 25, 2016
12:00 Noon**

ReClaim Hymnal

** indicates stand as you are able!*

Service begins in silence: Seen as a part of the larger celebration of the mystery of salvation, it is appropriate for Good Friday to be an austere time of reflection and intercession, as well as the adoration of Christ, our sacrificial lamb.

Opening Prayer:

P: Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Lesson: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

***Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" #149**

Passion Narrative: John 18:1-19:42

Passion Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" #269

Sermon: "Faith Practices: Spiritual Warfare"

--Rev. David Steffenson

The Bidding Prayer: Each bid offered by Don Holtan is followed by silent prayer. At the end of the silent praying, a prayer will be offered by Pastor Dave. Each prayer will conclude with: "We ask this through Christ our Lord." Congregation responds, "AMEN".

The Lord's Prayer: Traditional Version

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***Hymn: "Ah, Holy Jesus"**

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