

**\*TABLE BLESSING** — *Given to those who partake.*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *(for those who partake)*

P: Lord Jesus, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion you have given us forgiveness of sins, & a remembrance of your suffering and death. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father & the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**\*HYMN: “Go To Dark Gethsemane”** **LBW #109**

Stripping of the Altar: Psalm 22 is read, followed by a closing prayer. Please leave the church in silence. We remain in one continuous Service of Worship since Palm Sunday. Worship continues tomorrow at 12:00 Noon with our Good Friday Virtual Worship Service; our Easter Virtual Worship will take place on Saturday at 6pm.

**We continue to post the weekly Services and Sermons on our Emmanuel website and on Facebook when it is possible.  
Thanks for joining us for Virtual Worship.  
Join us for prayer each day at 4:31pm.**

### **WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:**

*Pianist: MarJean Damerval*

*Scripture Reader, & Prayers: Julie Steffenson*

*Communion Servers: Pastor Dave and Julie Steffenson*

*Sound: Don Holtan*

*Set-up & Take-down: Julie Steffenson*

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**Worship**  
**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 9, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m.**

## **Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II**

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

**GATHERING** *(We assemble in silence, preparing our hearts for worship. We are in one continuous Service since Palm Sunday.)*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Dear Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord’s call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, & the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, and enter the paschal celebration reconciled with God and with one another.

*(Silence is kept for reflection and repentance.)*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**\*GATHERING SONG: “Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land”**

Pastor on the verses. *Congregation on the Refrain.*

*Refrain – All*

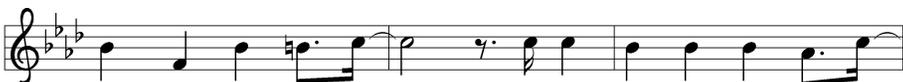


Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a  
wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a  
wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

*Leader or All*



1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a  
2 When Je - sus was on earth, . . . the . .  
3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .



mum - bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -  
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -  
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

*Refrain*



- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.  
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.  
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

**\*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.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Holy God, your Son gave us a new commandment, and through his act of radical servanthood he showed us the way of true love. Grant that we may share his servant nature as we live out your

reign awaiting the promise of his return; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 24:3-11

**SECOND READING:** Hebrews 9:11-22

**\*GOSPEL:** John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**MESSAGE:** “Washed in His Blood”

**\*HYMN: “Love Consecrates the Humblest Act” LBW #122**

**WASHING OF FEET**

P: On this night we have heard our Lord’s commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God’s love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death. Tonight we are unable to practice the foot washing due to the need to “shelter in place.” We invite you to consider how you might serve your neighbor in safe ways during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

**\*PRAYERS—See Insert**

**\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER for Holy Week**

P: Holy God our living water...both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER—Traditional Version**

**DISTRIBUTION & COMMUNION**

*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 & believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.” Tonight, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we are serving the Lord’s Supper following Worship to those who gather in the parking lot. Distribution will be done from 7:00-7:30pm, in a safe, distancing manner.*

said, “Not all of you are clean.” 12 When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. 16 Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. ... 31b “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. 32 If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. 33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ 34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**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 live & give generously.

**Saturday School & G.I.F.T.** — Postponed until further notice.

**Men’s Bible Study Breakfast:** — Happening online via Email.

**Women’s Bible Study:** New study on I Peter begins on April 23. Perhaps via Email or Zoom. We’ll keep you posted.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Cancelled this year due to the Coronavirus. Good Lord willing, we may be able to have an Egg Hunt on May 23—Easter VII. We will keep you posted.

**EASTER MONDAY:** On April 13 a Public Reading of the entire New Testament will take place in our individual homes with a telephone tag-team of sorts. Contact Pastor Dave if you would like to participate in this tag-team reading of the Bible.

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Thursday, April 9, 2020**  
**Maundy Thursday - 6 pm**

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

## **Paschal Triduum**

With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

**Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed!**  
Each day at 4:31pm, Members and Friends of Emmanuel are connecting for prayer while staying put in their own homes. Send prayer requests to Pastor Dave. Thanks for joining us.

**The April 2020 Emmanuel Prayer Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are available in print! Also, pick up your copy of the current issue of “Our Daily Bread” Devotional.**



## **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- Maundy Thursday-April 9 Virtual Worship @ 6pm; Holy Communion is being served via social distancing in the church parking lot from 7:00-7:30pm.
- Good Friday (April 10) Virtual Worship @ 12:00 Noon with the traditional Bidding Prayer; Also Anniversary of LeRoy & Margaret Quam
- Sat, April 12—Virtual Easter Worship at 6pm
- Monday, April 13—Public Reading of the New Testament (5am-12:00 Midnight)
- Tues, April 14—Men’s Bible Study via email; Happy Birthday to Neil Proechel

### **Exodus 24:3-11 -**

3 Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do." 4 And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. 5 And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. 6 And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, & half of the blood he threw against the altar. 7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." 8 And Moses took the blood & threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words." 9 Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, 10 and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. 11 And He did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Hebrews 9:11-22 - Mediator of the New Covenant**

11 But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) 12 he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. 15 Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. 16

For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. 17 For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. 18 Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. 19 For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, 20 saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you." 21 And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. 22 Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading: John 13:1-17 & 31b-35**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th Chapter.

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

1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2 During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, 4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, & taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." 8 Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." 9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 10 Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." 11 For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Let us pray to our merciful God on behalf of the Church, the world, and one another. *A brief silence*

A: Holy God, purify your Church. Fill it with your Spirit, so it more perfectly loves you and the people your Son came to redeem. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Bless this congregation. Fill us with your Spirit, so we more perfectly reflect the servant-love of Jesus to one another, and to our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Bestow wisdom upon all who have authority and power in our world. Fill them with your Spirit, so they more perfectly accomplish your will for the well-being of the people entrusted to their care especially during this global pandemic. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Grant courage & integrity to our military, to all first responders and medical personnel, & to all who risk their lives for the sake of others; especially during these dangerous days of COVID-19. Fill them with your Spirit, so they more perfectly establish safety, peace, and healing in this troubled world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: We plead on behalf of everyone who is sick, grieving, and in need of healing, especially those who seek our prayers [NAMES]. Fill them with your Spirit, and grant them complete restoration as they cling to Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Heavenly Father, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we share a foretaste of your heavenly feast, prepared for all whom you have redeemed by the passion, death, & resurrection of your beloved Son. Fill us with your Spirit, so that we might more perfectly take up our Cross, follow Jesus wherever he leads, and encourage one another along life's way. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: For these things, and for whatever else is needful, dear Father, we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Listening for the Promise—Weekly Devotional

Maundy Thursday - April 9, 2020

**“I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.” - John 13:15**

Jesus met with his disciples in the upper room to celebrate the Passover feast. During the supper, we are told that he got up, took off his outer garment, wrapped a towel around himself, and proceeded to wash the disciples' feet. The washing of feet was a necessary task at any social gathering, for most people of the time either went barefoot or wore sandals. The roads & streets were mostly dirt, but the job of foot washing always fell to the lowest slave or servant. When Jesus and the disciples met in the upper room, they had no slaves or servants, but no one offered to be a servant & take up this lowly job. Jesus rose to the task.

Peter objected, saying that he would not allow his Master to do such a lowly thing. Jesus explained that while Peter did not really understand what was happening in this ritual, he would later, and that if Jesus did not wash his feet, Peter had no place with him. And Peter, being who he was, being brash and somewhat impulsive, then said, “Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!” I think Jesus probably chuckled at this, and told Peter, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, but not all of you.” (The “you” in the last statement is plural in the Greek.) When Jesus said that not all of them were clean, he knew the one who was about to betray him.

Near the end of his teaching he says: “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” In this new commandment, Jesus is saying that we should do as he has done. We should love one another just as he has loved us. This was new, and not just the same as the “second greatest commandment” which is that we should “love our neighbors as we love ourselves.” This new commandment differs in that the guideline is NOT how much we love ourselves, but rather the way in which Jesus has loved each of us. And how is that? He gave up his place in heaven to come among us as one of us. He lived a sinless life to prove that such was possible. And finally, he sacrificed himself on the cross so that we might each share with him in eternal life. Will we do as much for others?

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