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5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 17, 2024



Come to Faith, Honor God's Word

*To be inspired and reconnected to God's Word and God's people,
to share the message of the cross, and to bring God's love and
healing to people in need.*

Prelude- Karen
Call to Worship, Ringing of Church Bell
Announcements
*“All who believe in Jesus as their Lord,
are welcome to the Lord’s Table.”*

Opening Hymn #492 “O Master Let Me Walk With You”

Verse 1

**O Master, let me walk with you
In lowly paths of service true;
Tell me your secret;
help me bear the strain of toil,
The fret of care.**

Verse 2

**Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.**

Verse 3

**Teach me your patience;
Share with me a closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.**

Verse 4

**In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broad'ning way,
In peace that only you can give;
With you, O Master, let me live.**

CCLI Song # 1758776

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (PG 56)

(PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE)

- ↑P) In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C) **Amen**
P) Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, and all desires known
and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus
Christ our Lord.
C) **Amen**

- P) If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
(SILENCE FOR REFLECTIONS AND SELF-EXAMINATION)
- 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) Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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**

(Please be seated)

Hymn #95 “Glory Be To Jesus”

Verse 1

**Glory be to Jesus,
Who, in bitter pains,
Poured for me the lifeblood
From his sacred veins.**

Verse 2

**Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find;
Blest be his compassion,
Infinitely kind.**

Verse 3

**Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream
Which from endless torment
Did the world redeem.**

Verse 4

**Abel's blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies;**

**But the blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries.**

Verse 5

**Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.**

Verse 6

**Lift we then our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood.**

(Please stand)

Holy Communion (pg 57)

- 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) In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C) ***Lord, have mercy.***
- P) For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C) ***Lord, have mercy.***
- P) For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C) ***Lord, have mercy.***
- P) For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- C) ***Lord, have mercy.***
- P) Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C) ***Amen.***
- P) Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
- C) ***Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***
- P) The Lord be with you.

- C) *And also with you.*
P) Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C) **Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

(Please be seated)

Installation of Council Members

APOSTLES' CREED (PG. 65)

**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.**

The First Lesson is from 2 Kings 4:32-37

When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on his couch. He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the LORD. Then he got on the bed and lay on the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out on him, the boy's body grew warm. Elisha turned away and walked back and forth in the room and then got on the bed and stretched out on him once more. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes.

Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, “Call the Shunammite.” And he did. When she came, he said, “Take your son.” She came in, fell at his feet and bowed to the ground. Then she took her son and went out.

Psalm: 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me A willing spirit.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Amen.

God Story

Children's Sermon

The Second Lesson is from 1 Corinthians 15:50-57

I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Please stand)

C) Return to the Lord, your god, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love

The Holy Gospel according to John 11:21-27, 32-44

C) Glory to you, O Lord.

“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

“Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. “Where have you laid him?” he asked.

“Come and see, Lord,” they replied.

Jesus wept.

Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”

But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. “Take away the stone,” he said.

“But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”

Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

P) The Gospel of the Lord.

C) *Praise to you, O Christ.*

(Please be seated)

The Sermon

Hymn #97 “Christ, The Life Of All The Living”

Verse 1

**Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Christ, yourself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through your suff’ring, death, and merit
Life eternal I inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,
Dearest Jesus, unto you.**

Verse 2

**You have suffered great affliction
And have borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
For you chose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,
Dearest Jesus, unto you.**

Verse 3

Then, for all that bought my pardon,
For the sorrows deep and sore,
For the anguish in the garden,
I will thank you evermore;
Thank you for the groaning, sighing,
For the bleeding and the dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
Praise you evermore on high.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response:

- P) Lord in your mercy,
- C) **Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P) Peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C) **And also with you.**

OFFERING (PG. 66)

- C) *Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.*
- P) Let us pray.
- P) Merciful Father,
- C) **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER (PG. 68)

- 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.***
- P) It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

- C) *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*
- P) Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.
- C) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P) In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new testament in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(SING)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our debts,
 as we forgive our debtors;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom and the power,
 and the glory, forever and ever.
 Amen.**

COMMUNION (PG. 72)

- C) *Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*
- P) The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C) **Amen.**
- C) *Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A light to reveal you to the*

nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P) Let us pray.

C) **Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P) The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C) ***Amen, Amen, Amen.***

Hymn #385 “What Wondrous Love Is This”

Verse 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**

Verse 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**

Verse 3

**To God and to the Lamb
I will sing I will sing
To God and to the Lamb I will sing
To God and to the Lamb
Who is the Great I Am
While millions join the theme
I will sing I will sing
While millions join the theme
I will sing**

Verse 4

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 thro' eternity I'll sing on

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P) Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C) **Thanks be to God.**

+Announcements for Upcoming Week & Information for Members+

PRAYER REQUESTS HEALING AND HEALTH CONCERNS...

Dorene Feick, Chelsea Payne, Austin Drake (Karen Schulteis' nephew), Lana Adams-Herr (wife of Galen Herr), Dennis Subbert, Hayden Greazel (Myrna Erb-Gundel great-grandson), Dave Homan

Greenfield Rehab Center Residents – Ralph Lane, LaVerne Estell, Harold Nelson, Irma Jacobson, Charlene Baudler, Irma Mitchell, Georgia Crawford

Assisted Living Residents – Larry Hohertz, Deloris Plymesser, Margaret Marckmann

Remember Our Service Men and Women Serving at Home and Abroad

– Special prayers for Lucas Queck, Austin Brown (grandson of Stan Brown), Curtis Darr, Colton Hernandez (great-grandson of Phyllis Hanke), Brett Schafroth (Lori and Brian Fox's nephew), Zachary Scar

FB Bible Study is on Monday, March 11 at 10:00am

Church attendance for Sunday, March 10 was 103.

General giving update for month to date as of January 31, 2024

Budget \$18,520.83

Actual \$25,617.71

7,096.88

Installation of Council Members - Today

We will be installing our Church Council Members today for this year. Our Council Members are: Roger Jensen – President, John Baudler - Vice President, Gini Herr – Secretary, George Feazell – Treasurer, Louise

Johnson – Outreach Ministry, Iris Westphal – Music and Worship, Rhonda Boehm – Adult Ministry, Raedeen Bigelow – Property Ministry, Judy Albers – Childrens Ministry

TODAY is the K.F.C. High School Kids Breakfast at 9:30

The High School kids invite you to a fundraising breakfast on St. Patrick's Day between services on March 17! Get ready now for pancakes and sausage and all the fixin's! They will be accepting a free will donation and the proceeds will help them get to the Spring Recharge weekend and camp this summer at Lake Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp.

Celebration of Baptisms

This morning, we are celebrating the baptism of Parker Ruthanne Johnson. Her parents are Jordan and Sarah Johnson. Parkers sponsors are Megan Buckner and Jonathan Sorsenginh. Welcome to the family of God.

Council Meeting Minutes

Approved Meeting minutes of the previous month's Council Meeting will be available following the monthly council meetings. Copies will be available on the table by the mailboxes or you may contact the office to have them emailed to you. elcsecretary1@gmail.com

Prayers for the family of Pastor Harold McMillin

Our prayers and sympathy for the family and friends of Pastor McMillin. Services were held this past week in Guttenberg, Iowa. We remember him and his ministry fondly here at Emmanuel. Cards may be sent to his family at: Linda McMillin, 272 Grand Ridge Rim Way, Garnavillo, IA 52049.

Easter Lillies

As we get into the season of Lent and move toward the Easter Season, it is time to start thinking about Easter Lilies to decorate the church. They may be ordered between now and March 24. Please pick up and fill out an order form today. You can find them at both entrances to the church. The cost for the lilies will be \$12.00 each.

Easter Reminder Cards

You are welcome to take reminder cards for the upcoming Easter Services to share with friends and people in our community. They are located in baskets by both doors. Share God's love and invite someone to church today!

Salad Luncheon coming up on Thursday, April 11th

We are looking for anyone in the congregation who would like to donate a large salad or dessert for it to contact Iris at 641-221-0651 or Raedeen at 641-745-5040. Have some free time? We will need help that day serving, doing dishes and baking the casseroles for those that will not be able to get them cooked. Please consider signing up to help either with food items or a monetary donation to purchase supplies that would be appreciated. A sign-

up sheet will be available by the mailboxes. Proceeds for the lunch will go toward updates to the parsonage.

A Conference for Young Women in their 20's

Save the Date! Saturday April 20th! Emmanuel Lutheran Church is organizing a Conference for Young Women in their 20's to help them find freedom and purpose in their lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. Registration starts at 9 and the conference will end by 6 that evening. We will have three speakers talking on subjects ranging from how to follow God's wisdom and self-care to experiencing God's purpose for your life. There will be a chance to break up into small groups, a Q & A panel to answer specific questions, crafts and music throughout the day. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided. Cost for the conference is \$20 dollars. Please bring a friend and register by calling 641-745-2415. More information on our website at www.fontanellelutheran.org

Open Containers in the Sanctuary

Please be aware of using open beverages in the sanctuary. We are requesting that you use closed containers and containers with lids at all times. Thank you for taking care of our church.

Bell Choir Director Wanted

We are looking for someone to lead our bell choir as the director. The sound of the bells is a beautiful addition to our worship services and it has been missed by several people. We would love to try and get it going again. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Broers. Thanks!

Upcoming Birthdays:

**3/17 Pat Baudler, Lori Miller, Mike Sorensen,
Stan Brown, Jason Feick**
3/18 Theresa Hohertz, Baylie Lund
3/19 Lucas Queck, Cindy Lundy, Joyce Nelson
3/20 Helen Erbes, Micah Broers, Alexis Dreher
3/21 Sydney Scar
3/23 Jeremiah Martin, Colby Yates
**3/24 Michelle Swanson, Ann Rohner, Karina Wentworth,
Emberlyn Sickles, Zoey Hannan**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church PEEK@THE WEEK

Sunday, March 17th: 7:30a Praise Team Warm-up, **8:30a** Contemporary Worship, **9:30a** HS Camp Fundraiser Breakfast, **9:30a** First Communion Class, **10:30a** Traditional Worship, **6:30p** Praise Team Practice
Monday, March 18th: 10:00a Facebook Bible Study
Tuesday, March 19th: No Events Scheduled

Wednesday, March 20th: 7:00a Men's Group, 7:00 Lent Service, **NO** youth activities for Spring Break

Thursday, March 21st: 9:00a Prayer Group,

Friday, March 22nd: No Events Scheduled

Saturday, March 23rd: No Events Scheduled

Sunday, March 24th: Palm Sunday 7:30a Praise Team Warm-up, **8:30a** Contemporary Worship, **10:30a** Traditional Worship, **6:30p** Praise Team Practice

TODAY'S WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES-Sunday, March 17, 2024

Traditional Service-10:30 a.m.

Organist – Karen

Greeters – Rollie & Earlene P.

Acolytes – Micah B.

1st Reading – Micah B.

Psalm – Micah B.

2nd Reading – Rollie P.

Gospel – Pastor

Communion Helper – Iris W.

Offering – Iris W.

UPCOMING Worship Responsibilities – Palm Sunday – March 24, 2024

Traditional Service – 10:30 a.m.

Organist – Karen

Greeters – Margy H. & Carla L.

Acolytes – Iris W.

1st Reading – Kristy B.

Psalm – Kristy B.

2nd Reading – Iris W.

Gospel – Pastor

Communion Helpers: Iris W.

Offering – Iris W.

Sound/Camera – Matt G.

Pro-Presenter – George F.

Maundy Thursday Worship Responsibilities- Thursday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.

Organist: Kathy T.

Greeter: Pat & Iris W.

1st Rdg: Iris W.

2nd Rdg: Deb T.

Sound:

Camera:

Pro-Presenter: George F.

Good Friday Workshop Responsibilities - Friday, March 29, 7:30 p.m.

Greeter: Deb T.

Sound:

Camera:

Pro-Presenter: