

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 11, 2018



WELCOME TO EMANUEL

If you have any questions or need assistance of any kind,
please see an usher or ask any of Emanuel's parishioners.

For recycling, you may leave this bulletin and any inserts on your seat.

WELCOME! If you are visiting with family or friends, we pray that your time together is filled with joy and love. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become part of our community of faith here at Emanuel Lutheran. Please consider filling out one of our “blue forms” that are in the back of the Church on the usher’s table.

HYMNS are taken from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Service Book & Hymnal (the red book in the pew rack), unless otherwise indicated.

PLEASE TURN OFF cell phones and all electronic devices during the Service.

PRAYER REQUESTS can be submitted to the Church Office using a “blue form” which can be found on the back Usher’s table. These forms can also be used for address changes, and other information. You can also call the Church Office with your request.

SERVING TODAY

Presider/Preacher The Reverend Dr. Paula V. Mehmel
Assisting Minister Monica Swanson
Lectors..... Rosie Vojtek (8 am) and Monique Jennings (10 am)
Acolyte and Crucifer Brittany Caldwell and Alejandro Morales
Communion Preparer Val and Craig McDonald
Greeters Dylan St. John and Carol Johnson
Director of Music Jonathan Reuning-Scherer
Musician Sarah Asmar
Assistant Music Director Katie Cox
Sound & Recording Lindsey Anderson

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

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The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith, for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

WELCOME

During the prelude, the congregation is invited into a time of silent prayer.

PRELUDE

Prelude on 'Wondrous Love'

Emanuel Bell Choir

The congregation is invited to stand for the parts of the Service that are marked with an asterisk "" . If you are unable to stand you may remain seated.*

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The confession provides extended silence for listening, pondering, and self-reflection.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: God of heaven and earth,
you come in close and make us yours.
Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin,
embrace your forgiveness,
and seek the way you set before us in your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

Pause for Silence and Reflection

P: Merciful God,

C: **forgive us.**
Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free.
We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.

Pause for Silence and Reflection

C: **We were silent when we should have said something.**

Pause for Silence and Reflection

C: **We acted when we knew better.**

Pause for Silence and Reflection

C: **We were still when we know we should have moved.**

Pause for Silence and Reflection

C: **For the wrong we have done,
for the good we have failed to do,
have mercy on us,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

P: People of God, look to the ✝ Son,
given to heal you and set you free
because God loved the world so much.
Take hold of life—eternal life!

C: **Amen.**

*** OPENING HYMN**

What Wonderful Love is This

666

*** 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.**

*** KYRIE**



Verse 1, 3 Ky - ri-e e - le-i - son. Ky - ri-e e - le-i - son.
Verse 2 Chris - te e - le-i - son. Chris - te e - le-i - son.



Ky - ri-e e - le-i - son. Ky - ri-e e - le-i - son.
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*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C: Amen

The assembly may be seated.

The children are invited to come forward.

ACCLAMATION *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
I want Jesus to walk with me
All along my pilgrim journey
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ACCLAMATION *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
I want Jesus to walk with me
All along my pilgrim journey
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me*

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Word of God, word of Life

PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

- ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good,
for God’s mercy en- | dures forever.
- ²**Let the redeemed of the | LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand | of the foe,**
- ³gathering them in | from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.
- ¹⁷**Some were fools and took re- | bellious paths;
through their sins they | were afflicted.**
- ¹⁸They loathed all man- | ner of food
and drew near | to death’s door.
- ¹⁹**Then in their trouble they cried | to the LORD
and you delivered them from | their distress. R**
- ²⁰You sent forth your | word and healed them
and rescued them | from the grave.
- ²¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your | steadfast love**

and your wonderful works | for all people.

²²Let them offer sacrifices | of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with | shouts of joy. **R**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Word of God, word of Life

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Re - turn to the Lord your God, re -

3
turn to the Lord your God _____ who is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful,

6
slow to an - ger and a - bound-ing in stead-fast love.

*** GOSPEL: John 3:14-21**

To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

P: The holy gospel according to John

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

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

“Snakes on a Plain”

* HYMN OF THE DAY

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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* THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us confess our faith, in the words of the Apostles Creed.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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.

* PRAYERS

After each petition

P: Lord in your mercy

C: Hear Our Prayer

* PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

We offer each other a sign of God's peace.

OFFERING MUSIC

God So Loved the World (Chilcott)

Emanuel Choir

* PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

P: We offer our gifts – our time, our talent, and our treasure - to God,
in thanksgiving for all that God has given us.

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Together, let us pray ...

**C: Merciful God,
receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving
and the offering of our lives,
that following in the way of the cross,
we may know the joy of the resurrection;
through Christ our Lord.**

*** 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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* HOLY, HOLY

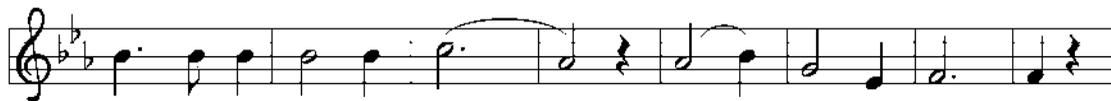
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Christ, thou Lamb of God, who takes a - way the



sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. grant us your peace.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

* LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses,**

as we forgive those who trespass against us;
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

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All are welcome

P: Return to God with all your heart.
Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

LAMB OF GOD

Christ, thou Lamb of God, who takes a - way the
sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. grant us your peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*The sacrament is offered using the practice of **intinction**. Please dip the bread into either the red wine or white grape juice.*

Gluten-free wafers are offered on a special tray, along with contaminant-free glasses of wine and grape juice. Please indicate your need to the Communion Servers.

If you are unable to come forward, please let the usher know and we will be happy to bring communion to you.

Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Children will receive a goldfish cracker as a reminder of God's love for them.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Amazing Grace

779

For By Grace You Have Been Saved

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*** TABLE BLESSING**

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

C: **Amen.**

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Compassionate God,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:
may our fasting be hunger for justice,
our alms, a making of peace,
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;
through Christ our Lord

C: **Amen.**

*** BLESSING**

P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,
and claimed us as children of the light,
strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you ✝ peace.

C: **Amen**

*** SENDING HYMN**

Lamb of God

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*** DISMISSAL**

P: Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Please join us downstairs in Luther Hall for coffee and fellowship. All are welcome!



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

Mal Doyle † Hailey Johnson † Dr. Candi Carroccia † Gail Duek † Melanie Sinche †
Karin Gottier † Rudy Peterson † Carol Johnson † Dick Johnson † Elaine Wilson †
Joan Feldmann † Doris Barron † Betty-Lois Benson



LENTEN WORSHIP

Each Wednesday during Lent, we have a simple soup meal from 6:15 to 6:45 PM, followed by a presentation from Pastor Paula on a faith related issue from 6:45 to 7:15 PM. This week the faith related issue is **“Giving”**: Active Christian giving through:

(1) volunteer involvement in a ministry at Emanuel. [1 Cor. 12:4-13], (2) tithing or a commitment to work toward tithing. [Mal. 3:10 and 2 Cor. 8:1-2] and (3) involvement in at least one mission or service project a year to help people outside of Emanuel. [Matt. 25:31-46] The discussion will be followed by a Service at 7:30 PM.

This year, in addition to coming to worship during Lent, we are also encouraged to live out our faith through concrete acts of giving. The “faith action” items for last week was **BirthDay Bags (contains cake mix, frosting., candles, birthday plates and party supplies)**. The faith action item for this week is **Personal hygiene/menstrual products**.

There is a Service each Thursday during Lent at 11:15 AM following Bible Study.

Easter Flower Order Form

Please make checks payable to *Emanuel Lutheran Church* and note “Easter Plants” on the memo line. Place your check for \$18 along with this order form in the offering plate or mail it to the Church Office.

In Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Phone Number: _____

If you have any questions please Contact the Church Office
(860-525-0894)



March/April 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 11 4th Sunday of Lent † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal • Sunday School | 12 • 7:00 PM Property Committee | 13 • 6:15 – 6:45 PM Soup • 6:45 – 7:15 PM “Giving” † 7:30 Service | 14 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10:00 AM Bible Study † 11:15 AM Service • 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal | 15 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program | 16 • 10:00 – 12:00 Sprout • Confirmation Retreat | 17 |
| 18 5th Sunday of Lent † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal • Sunday School | 19 | 20 • 10:00 Staff Meeting • 6:15 – 6:45 PM Soup • 6:45 – 7:15 PM “Worship” and “Spiritual Growth” † 7:30 Service | 21 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10:00 AM Bible Study † 11:15 AM Service • 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal | 22 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program | 23 • 10:00 – 12:00 Sprout • 11:30 Ecumenical Worship • 12:00 March for Our Lives | 24 |
| Passion/Palm Sunday 25 † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal • Communion 101 Class 11:30 am – 1:30 pm | 26 | 27 | 28 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10:00 AM Bible Study † 12:00 Noon Service † 7:30 PM Service | 29 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10:00 AM Bible Study † 12:00 Noon Service † 7:30 PM Service | 30 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program | 31 • 10:00 – 12:00 Sprout † 7:00 PM Joint Service with Trinity Episcopal at Trinity Episcopal |
| April 1 Easter Sunday † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal • No Sunday School | 2 Emanuel Church Offices Closed | 3 Emanuel Church Offices Closed | 4 | 5 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10:00 AM Bible Study • 12:00 Senior Luncheon • 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal • 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal | 6 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program | 7 • 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout |
| 8 2nd Sunday of Easter † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • Noisy Offering • Sunday School | 9 | 10 • 7:00 PM Property Committee | 11 | 12 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10:00 AM Bible Study • 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal | 13 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program | 14 • 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout |

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