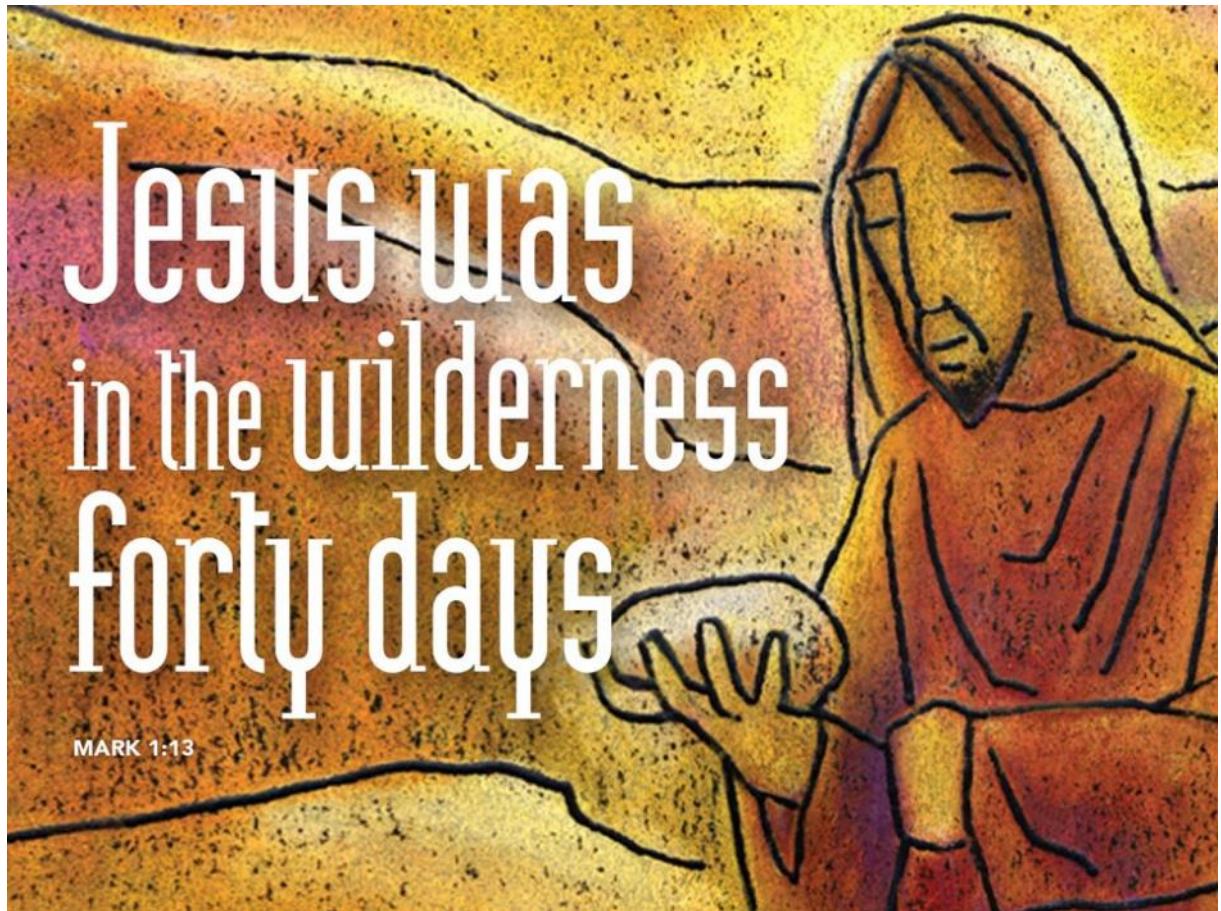


First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2018



MARK 1:13

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 VISITORS! 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” back on the usher’s table, if you would like to receive more information about Emanuel.

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 THIS SUNDAY

Presider/Preacher	The Reverend Dr. Paula V. Mehmel
Assisting Minister	Mal Doyle
Acolyte and Crucifer	Matthew Anderson and Aron Kiehne
Lectors	Kathy Haller (8 am) and Nancy Gray (10 am)
Communion Preparer	Jane Wunder
Greeters	Bobbee Canfield
Director of Music	Jonathan Reuning-Scherer
Musician	Sarah Asmar
Assistant Music Director	Katie Cox
Sound & Recording	Harry Arcand
Coffee Hour Hosts.....	Property Committee

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God .

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On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

PRELUDE

Triptych on "Erhalt, Uns Herr" (Walter Pelz)

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

WELCOME

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.*

*** CONFESSON 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.

Silence

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.

Silence.

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

Silence.

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

Silence.

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

Silence.

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

Bless now, O God, the Journey

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* 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.
Chris - te e - le - i-son. Chris - te e - le - i-son.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, 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: Genesis 9:8-17

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, the Lord destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Word of God. Word of Life

PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to
you, I lift my soul.

- ¹The mighty one, God the | LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.
- ²**Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,
God shines | forth in glory. R**
- ³Our God will come and will | not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a | raging storm.
- ⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth | from above
to witness the judgment | of the people.**
- ⁵“Gather before me my | loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with sacrifice.”
- ⁶**The heavens declare the rightness | of God’s cause,
for it is God | who is judge. R**

* 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: Mark 1:9-15

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God’s reign.

P: The holy gospel according to Mark

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

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from

heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

* HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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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.

* 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.
- C: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* 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
Amen.

* 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.



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



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

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in common time (indicated by 'C') and has a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It features a melody primarily composed of eighth notes and sixteenth-note patterns. The lyrics are: "Christ, thou Lamb of God, who takes a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. grant us your peace." The bottom staff continues the melody, starting with a repeat sign and ending with a final cadence. The lyrics for this staff are: "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

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

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V 1,2, General, Lent 1, 3

* 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

Lead Me, Guide Me

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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:

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FRIDAY NIGHT PROGRAM

The Friday Night Program needs Volunteers! There are two time slots available each Friday, one from 3:30—6:00 PM and one from 6:00 PM—9:00 PM. We need two volunteers for each time slot.

The primary duty of the Volunteers is to check participants in (a check in table is set up in the lobby of the new entrance) and direct them up the stairs to the Gym. A sign up sheet is available in Luther Hall and online at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e45ada8aa7fc1-friday>



LENTEN WORSHIP

Each Wednesday during Lent, we will 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 “Scripture”. The presentation 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. Each week, there will be a “faith action” opportunity, where we will be invited to provide a needed item for area residents. These items, selected in consultation with *Hands on Hartford*, will be distributed by *Hands on Hartford*. The “faith action” items for Wednesday is deodorant.

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



YOUTH GROUP PANCAKE BRUNCH FUND RAISER will be held on Sunday, March 4 after the 10:00 AM Service. A cash donation to the Youth Group will entitle you to all of the pancakes that you can eat!

While we are enjoying our hearty and tasty brunch we need to help those less fortunate to also have breakfast. In addition to your donation to the Youth Group please also bring a box of cereal that will be donated to *Hands on Hartford*. The Youth Group will be collecting these next Sunday and March 4.

February/March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February	18	19				
1 st Sunday of Lent ▪ Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am ▪ Loose Change for Samaritan Offering ▪ No Sunday School ▪ 12:00 – 10:00 AM <i>Hands On Hartford</i> Immersion Experience Lock-in	Church Office Closed for Presidents Day		▪ 6:15 – 6:45 PM Soup + 7:15 PM “Scripture” + 7:30 Service	▪ 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry ▪ 10:00 AM Bible Study † 11:15 AM Service	▪ 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program	▪ 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout
2 nd Sunday of Lent ▪ Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am ▪ 12:00 – 2:00 PM 8 th Grade Mini Retreat	7:00 – 9:00 PM Mission & Ministry: Brodnicki Residence	▪ 7:00 PM Council Meeting	▪ 6:15 – 6:45 PM Soup + 7:15 PM “Prayer” + 7:30 Service	▪ 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry ▪ 10:00 AM Bible Study † 11:15 AM Service	▪ 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program	▪ 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout
3 rd Sunday of Lent ▪ Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am ▪ Loose Change for Noisy Offering ▪ 11:30 Pancake Brunch ▪ 11:30 Sandberg Mission Fund Committee in Conference Room ▪ 11:30 – 1:30 PM Mission & Ministry Lounge	5	6	▪ 7:00 PM Neonatal Bereavement Rehearsal ▪ 7:00 PM Opera Rehearsal	▪ Pastor’s Conference ▪ 6:15 – 6:45 PM Soup + 7:15 PM “Worship” + 7:30 Service	▪ 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry ▪ 10:00 AM Bible Study † 11:15 AM Service	▪ 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program ▪ 7:00 PM Opera Rehearsal
4 th Sunday of Lent ▪ Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am	11	12	▪ 7:00 PM Property Committee	▪ 6:15 – 6:45 PM Spiritual Growth” + 7:30 Service	▪ 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry ▪ 10:00 AM Bible Study † 11:15 AM Service	▪ 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program ▪ Confirmation Banquet
5 th Sunday of Lent ▪ Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am	18	19	20	21	22	23
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