

Psalm 19: 1-9; 14

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

²Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.

³There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

⁴yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
⁵which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

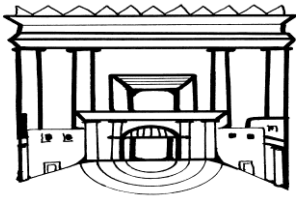
⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;

⁸the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;
⁹the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.



Sunday, March 4, 2018
Third Sunday in Lent
Holy Communion

March 4, 2018 • 7:45, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Service

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The ten commandments are one of the chief parts of Luther's catechism, a core piece of baptismal instruction. They begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Just As I Am, without One Plea

arr. Cindy Berry
Jeanne Card, Organist

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

The assembly may kneel or stand. An extended silence may be kept.

Merciful God,

forgive us.

Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free.

We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.

Silence.

We were silent when we should have said something.

Silence.

We acted when we knew better.

Silence.

We were still when we know we should have moved.

Silence.

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.

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!

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW 335

GREETING

The immeasurable grace of Christ Jesus,

the rich mercy of God,

and the unity of the Holy Spirit

be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1–17

(Please turn to page 73 in the Old Testament of your pew Bible).

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The ten commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18–25

(Please turn to page 173 in the New Testament of your pew Bible).

The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Holy God
Trisagion

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,

ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

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GOSPEL: John 2:13–22

(Please turn to page 96 in the New Testament of your pew Bible).

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

The holy gospel according to John, the second chapter:

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Resident Pastor Will Kittinger

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Congregational refrain: "Bless the Lord, My Soul"

The image shows a musical score for a congregational refrain. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system of music corresponds to the lyrics 'Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.' The second system corresponds to 'Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.'

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

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We bring to you, Christ, members and friends of Emmanuel who need your healing touch.

(Names from our congregation...)

Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational refrain: "Bless the Lord, My Soul"

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
During this time, the table is set.*

(7:45)

Organ Piece in 'G Major'

Adolph Hesse

**(9:30) Emmanuel Choir
Sharon Denisen, pianist**

Let us Love One Another

**Arnold B. Sherman
Bev Ranstrom, violinist**

Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God, and all who know and call upon his name are children of our Lord. Beloved, this is what love is; not that we love God, but that he loves us and sent his only Son to free us from our sin. How can we not know our God? How can we not love our God? He sent his only Son to die for all our sins. Is there greater love than this? Beloved, if this is how God loves, then we should love all men, and live in perfect harmony with all, and God will live in us. Let us love another.

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(11:00)

All Good Gifts

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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

DIALOGUE

The musical notation for the Dialogue section consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are quarter notes, mostly on the G4 line, with some half notes and rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in bold.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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, Holy Great Thanksgiving

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: '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.'

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.
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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

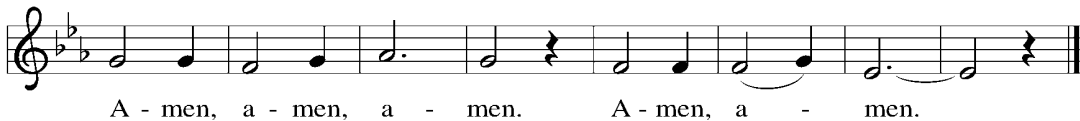
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Christ has died. Christ is ris'n. Christ will come a - gain.

Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

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With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

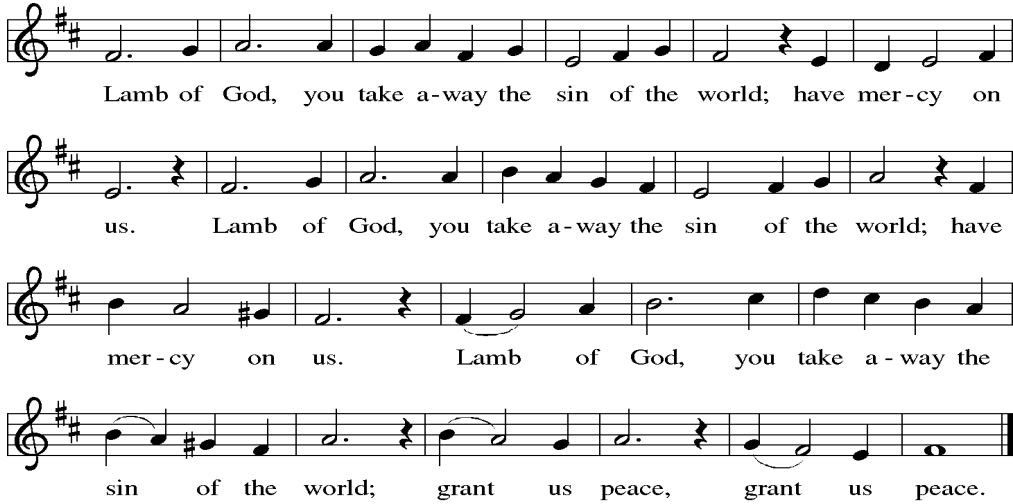
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond, Amen.

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

(7:45, 9:30) ASSEMBLY HYMNS

I Am the Bread of Life
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW 485
ELW 803
ELW 324

(11:00)

The Summons
More Precious Than Silver
Seek Ye First

Please refrain from applause during Holy Communion.

The assembly stands.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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.

Amen.

BLESSING

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.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW 705

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fantasia on 'Forest Green'

arr. Lani Smith

7:45 Service

Greeters: *Marilyn Thomack, Rosy Myers*

Assisting Minister: *Joyce O'Neill*

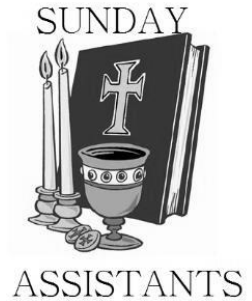
Lector: *Jill Weber*

Acolyte: *Jim Klink*

Ushers: *Gary & Marcia Piipponen, Marilyn Thomack, Rosy Myers*

Altar Guild: *Diedre Milligan*

Hospitality: *Jan Donnell and Mike Maslowski*



9:30 Service

Greeters: *Rolf & Idelle Bjelland*

Assisting Minister: *Cheryl Carlson*

Lector: *Vivian Shea*

Acolyte: *Gussie Paulson*

Ushers: *David & Janet Pedersen, John & Marit Granskog*

Altar Guild: *Bruce & Cheryl Carlson*

Hospitality: *Jan Donnell and Mike Maslowski*

11:00 Service

Greeters: *Rick & Maridee Boe*

Assisting Minister: *Kathy Worley*

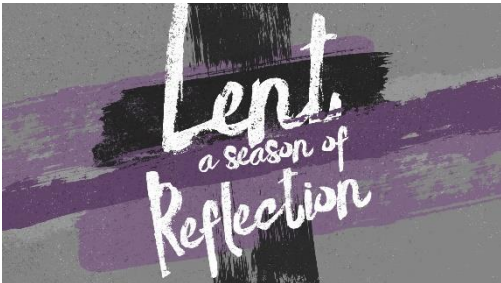
Lector: *Bruce Ranstrom*

Acolyte: *Jola Boe*

Ushers: *Dick & Vera Hynes, Tom & Norine Petruzelli*

Altar Guild: *Diedre Milligan*

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During Lent we do not have flowers on the Altar. However, Vivian and Steve Shea are contributing to our Altar Flower Fund in loving memory of Milt Schmidt who would have turned 100 today.

FYI: Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 11. This means that you will “spring forward” and advance your clocks by one hour on Saturday night.



Wednesday Evening Lenten Services

In addition to the five Sundays of Lent, we are also holding our Midweek Wednesday Evening Services. The theme is “A Centered Life,” and is based upon the book by Jack Fortin (of Lutheran Seminary). Here is our remaining schedule:

Wednesday, March 7: *Called* to a Centered Life

Wednesday, March 14: *Set Free* for a Centered Life

Wednesday, March 21: *Nurtured* for a Centered Life



A Lenten soup/salad supper will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center, preceding each service. Please join us for these meaningful services.