

*Psalms 107: 1-3, 17-22*

*O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.*

*<sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble*

*<sup>3</sup>and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.*

*<sup>17</sup>Some were sick through their sinful ways,  
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;*

*<sup>18</sup>they loathed any kind of food,  
and they drew near to the gates of death.*

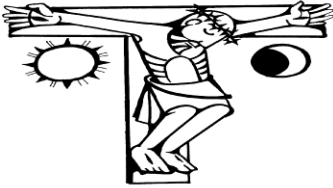
*<sup>19</sup>Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he saved them from their distress;*

*<sup>20</sup>he sent out his word and healed them,  
and delivered them from destruction.*

*<sup>21</sup>Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.*

*<sup>22</sup>And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,  
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.*

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*



*Sunday, March 11, 2018*  
*Fourth Sunday in Lent*  
*Holy Communion*

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

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**WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**INTRODUCTION**

*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.*

**PRELUDE**

***Nimrod (from the 'Enigma Variations')***

**Elgar**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*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:**        *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

**ELW 808**

#### **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.

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.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4–9**

**(Please turn to page 154 in the Old Testament of your pew Bible).**

*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.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1–10**

**(Please turn to page 205 in the New Testament of your pew Bible).**

*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.*

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.

**GOSPEL: John 3:14–21**

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

*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.*

The holy gospel according to John, the third chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

**Pastor José Lebrón**

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***My Faith Looks up to Thee***

**ELW 759**

**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"*

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.*

**OFFERTORY**

**(7:45, 9:30)**

***Be Still My Soul***

**FINLANDIA/ arr. Rice**

**(11:00)**

***God So Loved the World*  
*Emmanuel Choir***

**John Stainer**

*God so loved the world, God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son. That whoso believeth, believeth in him should not perish, should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. God so loved the world, God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son. That whoso believeth, believeth in him should not perish, should not perish but have everlasting life. Everlasting, everlasting life. God so loved the world, God so loved the world, God so loved the world.*

*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 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

### Holy, Holy, Holy Great Thanksgiving

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.

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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.

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 covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

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.

Setting by D&S Denisen

COMMUNION HYMNS:	<i>Lamb of God</i>	ELW 336
	<i>Beautiful Savior</i>	ELW 838
	<i>Beneath the Cross of Jesus</i>	ELW 338

## (11:00) COMMUNION MUSIC

*Be Thou My Vision*  
*Let Us Break Bread Together*  
*All Who Hunger Gather Gladly*

*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:**

(7:45, 9:30)  
(11:00)

*Give to Our God Immortal Praise!*  
*Shine Jesus Shine*

**ELW 848**  
**ELW 671**

## **DISMISSAL**

Marked with the cross of Christ,  
go forth to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Finale from St. Anthony's Chorale*

**Haydn**

### **7:45 Service**

Greeters: *Marilyn Thomack, Rosy Myers*

Assisting Minister: *Clayton Blomseth*

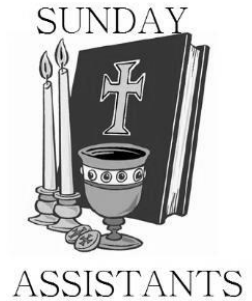
Lector: *Jim Klink*

Acolyte: *Barry Borman*

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

Altar Guild: *Jean Dumouchel*

Hospitality: *Jan Donnell and Kerstin Beitzel*



### **9:30 Service**

Greeters: *Mike & Donna Conrad*

Assisting Minister: *Cheryl Carlson*

Lector: *Donna Conrad*

Acolyte: *Myron Marlett*

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

Altar Guild: *Bruce & Cheryl Carlson*

Hospitality: *Jan Donnell and Kerstin Beitzel*

### **11:00 Service**

Greeters: *Carol Hartman*

Assisting Minister: *Rick Boe*

Lector: *Marianne Zarek*

Acolyte: *Maridee Boe*

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

Altar Guild: *Diedre Milligan*

Hospitality: *Jan Donnell and Kerstin Beitzel*



## Wednesday Evening Lenten Services

Throughout Lent we will continue with a series of Wednesday Evening Services, “*A Centered Life*,” based upon the book by Jack Fortin (of Lutheran Seminary). Here is our schedule:

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.

# **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES:**

## **OUR MOORING LINE DRIVE SERVICES:**

Maundy Thursday, March 29: 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Good Friday, March 30: 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 1: 7:45 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center

## **OUR PEBBLEBROOKE SERVICES:**

Good Friday, March 30: 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service, April 1: 7:00 a.m., Pastor José's house, 2730 Oil Well Rd.

Easter Service: 11:00 a.m.

**COME AND CELEBRATE THE RISEN LORD WITH US!**

