

Lent

*Create in me
a clean heart,
O God, and
renew a right
spirit within me.*

PSALM 51:10, ESV

MIDWEEK LENT SERVICE February 24, 2021

WELCOME

HYMN: "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus" (LSB #531)

**Hail, Thou once despised Jesus!
Hail, Thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us;
Thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, Thou universal Savior,
Bearer of our sin and shame!
By Thy merit we find favor:
Life is given through Thy name.**

**Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
All our sins on Thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed,
Thou hast full atonement made.
All Thy people are forgiven
Through the virtue of Thy blood;
Opened is the gate of heaven,
Reconciled are we with God.**

**Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory,
There forever to abide;
All the heav'nly hosts adore Thee,
Seated at Thy Father's side.
There for sinners Thou art pleading;
There Thou dost our place prepare,
Ever for us interceding
Till in glory we appear.**

**Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing
Thou art worthy to receive;
Highest praises, without ceasing,
Right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,
All your noblest anthems raise;
Help to sing our Savior's merits,
Help to chant Immanuel's praise!**
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INVOCATION

OPENING VERSES:

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

People: The light no darkness can overcome.

Pastor: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

People: And the day is almost over.

Pastor: Let Your light scatter the darkness

People: And illumine Your Church.

THE PASSION HISTORY READING

SONG: "Lamb of God" *(Twila Paris)*

**Your only Son, No sin to hide.
But You have sent Him from Your side.
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.**

**Your gift of love, They crucified.
They laughed and scorned Him as He died.
The humble King, They named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.**

**O Lamb of God, Sweet Lamb of God.
I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in Your precious blood.
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.**

**I was so lost, I should have died.
But You have brought me to Your side.
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.**

**O Lamb of God, Sweet Lamb of God.
I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in Your precious blood.
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.**

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SERMON: Revelation 2:8-11 “We Have a Lifeline!”

OFFERING

PRAYERS

KYRIE:

Pastor: Lord,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Christ,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Lord,

People: Have mercy upon us and grant us Your peace.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**People: 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.**

BLESSING

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord,

People: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

Pastor: Bless us and preserve us.

People: Amen.

HYMN: “Jesus Refuge of the Weary” (LSB #423)

Jesus, refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life’s desert dreary,
Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended,
Gazed upon the sinner’s fall;
Yet upon the cross extended,
You have borne the pain of all.

Do we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,
See Your thorn encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us
Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us
Calms the sinner’s deep distress.

Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for you;
May our eyes be ever turning
To behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never
From the blessed Savior’s side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

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BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Morning at 10:45 in the Sanctuary

LOOKING AHEAD IN OUR SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: "The End and Revelation!"

To access via Zoom.

Topic: Holy Emmanuel - Sunday Bible Study

Time: This is a recurring meeting Sunday's 10:45am

Join Zoom Meeting

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Missional Living Learning Group

Wednesday TBD at 6:00PM

Our goal will be to continue the discovery process as to what missional living means; or, how do we become more Christ like in our own zip code. In the meantime, if you have any questions please let me know. Blessings, Chuck Squires (612-799-5315 Cell) or squir008@msn.com

A NEW START"

The season of Lent is often thought of as a time of spiritual growth and renewal. Given that, what better way to celebrate Lent than by spending extra time in God's word? This year for our Lent services at Holy Emmanuel, we will be looking at the letters Jesus sent to the churches found in the book of Revelation, chapters two and three.

In addition to the Lent services however, I will also be hosting another session of Faith Fundamentals. This class will meet in the fellowship hall each Tuesday evening, from 6:30-8:00pm, beginning February 23rd. We will start at the beginning of

Genesis and go through the end of Revelation. We won't read everything in between, but we will try to get the "big picture" to understand God's ways and work for us as we look at things like: Creation, Jesus' work as our Savior, the 10 Commandments, living a Christian life, Baptism, the Lord's Supper, prayer, and many more things than can be named.

If you are interested in participating, please contact me at pastork@holymmanuel.org or call me at my office; 952-888-2345. Due to COVID, space is being limited to 10 participants. We will wear masks, and practice social distancing.

Thanks, and hope to hear from you!
Pastor Paul Krentz

⁸ “To the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. ⁹ I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death.

1. What does a lifeline do?
2. What are the storms made of that we face as Christians?
3. Why is Jesus our lifeline?
4. What does Jesus’ resurrection from the dead prove?
5. Why did the church at Smyrna have no need to be afraid?
6. What did Jesus mean when he told the church to be faithful?
7. What is the second death?
8. How does Jesus strengthen in the midst of storms as:
 - A. Individuals?
 - B. Christian families?
 - C. A Christian congregation?