
4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 27, 2022

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Pastor: Let us rejoice in the God of our salvation.

People: He has come to us with victory over the power of sin.

Pastor: He has taken us to be His own!

People: We rejoice in the Lord! We rejoice in our God and Savior Jesus!

HYMN: “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng” (LSB #813)

**Rejoice, O pilgrim Throng!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your king.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

**With voice as full and strong
As ocean’s surging praise,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old,
The psalms of ancient days.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

**With all the angel choirs,
With all the saints on earth
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
True rapture, noblest mirth.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

**Still lift your standard high,
Still march in firm array,
As pilgrims through the darkness wend
Till dawns the golden day.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

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LENTEN SELF-EXAMINATION:

Pastor: What is the Seventh Commandment?

People: You shall not steal.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Pastor: What is the Eighth Commandment?

People: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

Pastor: What does God forbid in the Eighth Commandment?

People: God forbids us to tell lies about our neighbor in a court of law or elsewhere, that is to lie about, lie to, or withhold the truth from our neighbor. God forbids us to betray our neighbor and reveal his secrets. And God forbids us to slander our neighbor or hurt our neighbor's reputation.

Pastor: What does God require of us in this Commandment?

People: We should defend our neighbor, speak up for them and protect them from false accusations; speak well of them and praise their good actions and qualities, and we should put the best meaning on everything. That is we should explain our neighbor's actions in the best possible way.

CONFESSION OF SIN: *(Spoken together)*

Holy and gracious Lord. We are awed by the fact that You have chosen us to be Your people. Yet we are unworthy of that honor. We don't always seek to follow and obey Your commands as we should. When we do try to follow them, so often we do so with wrong desires or motives in our hearts. For the sake of Your beloved Son Jesus, forgive us heavenly Father. Restore us and renew us by the power of Your Spirit within us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE:

Pastor: Jesus comes to us with mercy and forgiving love.

People: Through His death on the cross and resurrection He brings us hope.

Pastor: Where we are guilty,

People: Jesus' blood washes us clean with His forgiveness.

Pastor: Where peace and joy has failed.

People: Jesus restores in us the joy of our salvation. Amen.

HYMN: "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng" *(LSB #813)*

**At last the march shall end;
The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

**Praise Him who reigns on high,
The Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One God forevermore.**

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 12:1-6

¹ In that day you will say: “I will praise you, O LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. ² Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.” ³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ In that day you will say: “Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵ Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. ⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.” ²⁰ Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than man’s wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man’s strength. ²⁶ Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: “Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.”

GOSPEL READING: Luke 15:1-3,11-24

¹ Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³ Then Jesus told them this parable:...¹¹ ...“There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³ “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had

spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.’ ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

SONG: “How Deep The Father’s Love For Us” (*Stuart Townend*)

**How deep the Father’s love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

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SERMON: Luke 15:25-31 “How’s Your Work Attitude?”

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *(The Apostle’s Creed)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYERS

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:

SONG: “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” *(Chris Tomlin)*

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I’m found,
Was blind but now I see.**

**’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.**

**My chains are gone, I’ve been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.**

My chains are gone, I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.

My chains are gone, I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below,
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

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2022 Lent Series Holy Emmanuel

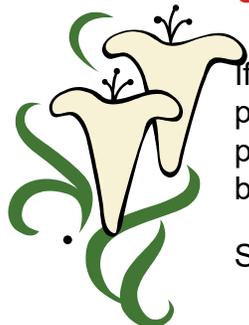
Each Lent we remember the events that took place during the last week of Jesus' life leading up to the cross. The season of Lent isn't just a history lesson though. Those events tell us something about the Savior of the world, and the life we live when we trust in Jesus for forgiveness and salvation.

Come and join us this Lent as we look at Jesus' life, and find new meaning for our own lives under the theme: "Midweek Meditations."

3/30/22	Lent IV	Matthew 27:11-19	"What Wonderous Love - Before Pilate"
4/6/22	Lent V	John 19:25-27	"Behold Your Son. Behold Your Mother"
4/14/22	Maundy Thursday	Matthew 26:17-30	"The King's Feast" or "The Only Passover That Didn't Work!"
4/15/22	Good Friday	Misc. passages	"Love Hurts"

Last Day To Order!

Easter Flowers



If you would like to order Easter flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter morning, please fill out the form below and send or bring it in with your check. Place orders and payments in the Easter Flower Folder on the counter in the Church Office. The flowers may be taken home on Easter Sunday, following the service.

Sunday, March 27TH following the 9:30 Service is the last day to place your order.

er Lily - \$9.00 Tulips (Red, Purple or Yellow)- \$8.50
1 (Lavender, Yellow or White) - \$9.00 Hydrangeas (Pink) - \$16.25
Pansy Bowl (Mixed Colors) - \$16.00



Ukraine Assistance through the LCMS

Please take time to read this Reporter article regarding the help that is needed for Ukraine. It outlines the partnerships with churches overseas and the need for prayer.

If you would like to support by means of a financial gift, here are some alternatives:

- Text LCMSUKRAINE to 41-444
- Give online via LCMS Mission Advancement
- Call the LCMS at 888-930-4438
- Give online via Mission Central
- Call Mission Central (Mapleton, Iowa) at 712-882-1029
- By mail, make your check out to “The LCMS,” and write “Ukraine Relief” in the memo line. Mail to: The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861



VEAP has experienced an unprecedented level of support in ensuring we have basic food staples in our pantry, but there are many items we cannot easily procure. Note that financial contributions allow us to respond the most flexibly to changing needs. Every \$30 donated allows us to feed an individual for an entire month.

Please consider donating Personal care items. Shampoo, toothpaste, soap, shaving cream, toiletries.

A donation bin is in the Narthex to place your donations. Items collected will be brought to VEAP March 31st.

Thank You
Gayle Cedergren
Holy Emmanuel VEAP Representative

SHOE AWAY HUNGER DRIVE

Shoe Away Hunger is a partnering program where footwear is turned around to provide an eco-friendly means of support for those in need.

4 years ago, Holy Emmanuel and Open Arms collected shoes to help those in need. The Drive was very successful, and we will do a second drive starting in February through March 31st. Please bring new or gently-used footwear including sneakers, sport shoes, casual shoes, boots, ice skates, flip flops, etc. Please tie them together and place them in a plastic bag to keep them together and dry. Donated footwear will be given to the Shoe Away Hunger Program to support hunger relief efforts.

Collection boxes will be in both the church narthex and Open Arms administrative area. Questions? Ask John or Sandy Carlson.

Thank you for support.

John and Sandy Carlson

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²⁵ “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷ ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹ “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.’

1. Where do we usually focus our attention in Jesus’ parable about the prodigal son?
2. List some of the issues this second son struggled with:
3. What takes place when a person is “slaving” away?
4. What kind of “work” do we do as believers in Christ?
5. Why is the spirit in which we do Christian work important?
6. What kind of obedience does Jesus desire to see in us?
7. How is the Father in heaven like the father in this parable?
8. What makes it possible for us to dwell in the Father’s presence?
9. How did Jesus do his work as God’s Son?
10. What happens as we live with our heavenly Father?
11. Why doesn’t Jesus’ parable tell us how the older son responded?