
2ND SUNDAY IN LENT FEBRUARY 28, 2021



HYMN: “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good” (LSB #819)

**Sing praise to God, the highest good,
The author of creation,
The God of love who understood
Our need for His salvation.
With healing balm our souls He fills
And ev’ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!**

**What God’s almighty pow’r has made,
In mercy He is keeping.
By morning glow or evening shade
His eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of His might
All things are just and good and right;
To God all praise and glory!**

**We sought the Lord in our distress;
O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness
And came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord,
Who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!**

**All who confess Christ’s holy name,
Give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His pow’r proclaim
Aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev’ry idol from its throne,
For God is God, and He alone:
To God all praise and glory!**

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INVOCATION:

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

People: And my mouth will declare Your praise.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.



REFLECTION ON GOD'S WORD: *(Spoken together)*

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

CONFESSION OF SIN: *(Adapted from Psalm 85)*

Pastor: Lord, in the past You have shown favor to Your land, and restored the fortunes of Your people Israel.

People: **You forgave the iniquity of Your people and covered all their sins.**

Pastor: You set aside all Your wrath and turned from your fierce anger.

People: **Restore us again, O God our Savior, and put away Your displeasure toward us because of our sin.**

Pastor: Revive us again by Your promises of forgiveness and hope, that Your people may rejoice in You.

People: **Show us Your unfailing love, O Lord, and grant us Your salvation.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE: *(Adapted from Psalm 85)*

Pastor: I will listen to what God the Lord will say;

People: **He promises peace to His people, His saints - but let them not return to folly.**

Pastor: Surely His salvation is near those who fear Him,

People: **Near those who trust and rely upon Christ as Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SONG: "You Are My All in All" (Dennis Jernigan)

You are my strength when I am weak,

You are the Treasure that I seek,

You are my All in All.

Seeking You as a precious jewel,

Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.

You are my All in All.

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,

rising again I bless Your name.

You are my All in All.

When I fall down, You pick me up;

When I am dry, You fill my cup.

You are my All in All!

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.

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SONG: "Thou Art Worthy" (Karen Eagan)

Thou art worthy, Great Jehovah.

Thou art worthy, Mighty God.

Thou art worthy, Abba Father.

Thou art worthy, Lamb of God.

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PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 28:10-22

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. ¹¹ When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. ¹² He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. ¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. ¹⁵ I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." ¹⁷ He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven." ¹⁸ Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz. ²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear ²¹ so that I return safely to my father's house, then the LORD will be my God ²² and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth."

EPISTLE READING: Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. ⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

GOSPEL READING: Mark 8:31-38

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." ³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? ³⁷ Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

CONFESSION OF FAITH: (The Apostle's Creed), spoken together.)

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.

SONG: "Let's Take Time" (Mary Wetzel)

**Let's take time to wait upon the Lord,
let's take time to listen to His voice;
Unless the Lord builds the house they labor in vain,
so let's take time to wait upon the Lord.**

**Let's take time to wait upon the Lord,
let's take time to feed upon His Word;
Unless the Lord builds the house they labor in vain,
so let's take time to wait upon the Lord.**

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SERMON: Mark 8:31-38 "What is a Disciple?"

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Pastor: We pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

People: Heavenly Father have mercy and hear our prayer.

Pastor: That our faith may remain strong and our lives be conformed to Your holy will,

People: Lead us to study and ponder Your word in our homes and in our hearts.

Pastor: Teach us to love others as You have loved us,

People: Nurturing the weak, and building relationships to draw all people to Jesus as their Savior and Lord.

Pastor: That we may trust in You for all good things,

People: And regularly ask Your blessing for ourselves and others, teach us to pray...

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.

Pastor: For the sick, especially...*(special requests)*...we ask that Your strength and healing,

People: **Be upon these people and bring renewed wholeness to their life.**

Pastor: For those with special joys or burdens, especially...*(special requests)*...Jesus, teach us to love and support these friends.

People: **Just as You love and support us in every need.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,

People: **Trusting in Your goodness and mercy, through our Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

THE BLESSING:

Pastor: The Lord Almighty bless us,

People: **And direct our days and our deeds in His peace. Amen.**

Pastor: Go now in peace to serve the Lord.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN: "Take My Life and Let It Be" (LSB #783)

**Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.**

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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

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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

Easter Flowers

If you would like to order Easter flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter morning, please fill out the form on the counter in the office or in your Sunday bulletin 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 21st following the 9:30 Service is the last day to place your order.

Easter Lily \$8.00 Tulips (Red, Purple or Yellow) \$7.50 Mum (Lavender, Yellow or White) \$8.00
Hydrangeas (Pink) \$15.25

10" Pansy Bowl (Mixed Colors) \$10.00 12" Pansy Bowl (Mixed Colors) \$15.00

Please make checks payable to Holy Emmanuel.

If you have any questions, check with Cindy Marko. Thank you!



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now open**

Please check it out at

www.holyemmanuel.org



ARE YOU A FAN OF COFFEE? SNACKS? AND OTHER DELICIOUS FLAVORS?

The Youth of Holy Emmanuel are partnering with DRIVEN COFFEE ROASTERS to raise money for the next National Lutheran Youth Gathering, next summer in Houston, Texas!

Driven Coffee Roasters is a Minnesota based coffee company! In addition to working with us for this fundraiser a percentage of all their profits go to some of our own local missions like Second Harvest Heartland and Feed My Starving Children! Awesome!

SOUNDS GREAT!!! HOW DO I ORDER??

There are two ways you can place an order:

1. IN PERSON BEFORE/AFTER WORSHIP ON AN ORDER SHEET.

Order sheets will be located on the Welcome Center Table from Sun. Feb. 28th-Sun. Mar 14th. Your items will then be placed in a mass order on the 15th of March, and will arrive by Palm Sunday!

2. ORDER ONLINE.

Copy and paste the link into your online browser and start shopping!

Your items will be shipped directly to YOU!

<https://www.drivencoffeefundraising.com/ref/holy-emmanuel-youth/>

Please note: In order for our group to get credit for the sales, supporters must use the link provided!



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH!!

If you have any questions about the Fundraiser, or need assistance with an order, please contact Brittany!

Email: brittany@holyemmanuel.org. Office Phone: 952-888-2345

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1. What do we normally think of when we are called to deny ourself?
2. How do we deny ourselves as Christians?
3. What is the first and most important aspect of taking up our cross?
4. What is a "cross" in a Christian's life?
5. Why do we bear crosses?
6. How do we often react to the crosses we have to bear?
7. Why is it tempting to reject our cross?
8. Why is it dangerous to refuse to bear our cross?
9. What does it mean to follow Jesus?
10. How can we check ourselves spiritually to see if we are really one of Jesus' disciples?