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MIDWEEK LENT SERVICE MARCH 16, 2022  
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WELCOME

HYMN: "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" (LSB #901)

Open now thy gates of beauty;  
Zion, let me enter there,  
Where my soul in joyful duty  
Waits for Him who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place,  
Filled with solace, light, and grace!

Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;  
Here Thy seed is duly sown.  
Let my soul, where it is planted,  
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
So that all I hear may be  
Fruitful unto life in me.

Thou my faith increase and quicken;  
Let me keep Thy gift divine,  
How so e'er temptations thicken;  
May Thy Word still o'er me shine  
As my guiding star through life,  
As my comfort in all strife.

Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;  
Let Thy will be done indeed.  
May I undisturbed draw near Thee  
While Thou dost Thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows;  
Here is balm for all our woes.  
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INVOCATION

OPENING VERSES:

Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made;

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**People: The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Pastor: Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,

**People: Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

Pastor: Jesus said, "If an man would come after me,

**People: Let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."**

Pastor: Christ was wounded for our transgressions,

**People: He was bruised for our iniquities. Amen.**



**CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Spoken together)***

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation. With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted."

**THE PASSION HISTORY READING**

**HYMN: "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (LSB #436)**

Go to dark Gethsemane,  
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see,  
Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from his griefs away;  
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall,  
View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;  
Learn from Him to bear the cross.

Cal'vry's mournful mountain climb;  
There, adoring at His feet,  
Mark that miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;  
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

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**SERMON: Mk 14:32-42 "A Place of Temptation" or "When Good Places Go Bad"**

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER:**

Pastor: Blessed Lord,

**People: You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning.**

Pastor: Grant that we may,

**People: Hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart.**

Pastor: By the patience and comfort of Your holy Word,

**People: May we ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life.**

Pastor: Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,

**People: Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**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: May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord;

**People: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst us and remain with us always. Amen.**

**HYMN: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (LSB #770)**

**What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer.  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
Oh, what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer.**

**Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.**

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# Scripture References

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## Mark 14:32-42

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## Mark 14:34

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## Matthew 28:20

<sup>20</sup> ...surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

## Mark 14:36

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## WEDNESDAY LENT II

MARCH 16, 2022

### Mark 14:32-42

#### "A Place of Temptation" or "When Good Places Go Bad"

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1. Why was the Garden of Gethsemane a special spot for Jesus and his disciples?
2. What did the Garden of Gethsemane become for Jesus and the disciples?
3. Why was Jesus distressed?
4. How do our homes turn into places of temptation?
5. Why does it seem strange to hear Jesus talk about his soul being overwhelmed?
6. Why do we become strong when we admit our weakness in the midst of temptation?
7. What are we meant to be for one another as brothers and sisters in Christ?
8. How should we react when fellow Christians fail us?
9. Submitting to God's will is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
10. What is the Holy Spirit doing as we seek to follow God's will?



## 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

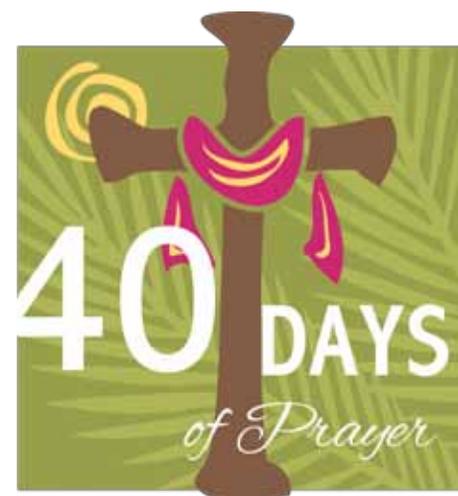


VEAP has experienced an unprecedented level of support in ensuring we have basic food staples in our pantry, but there are many items we cannot easily procure. Note that financial contributions allow us to respond the most flexibly to changing needs. Every \$30 donated allows us to feed an individual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



Starting on Ash Wednesday we are asking all members to spend 15 minutes of prayer each day, praying for our church. A general list of prayer needs will be provided.

*Prayers of The Righteous: The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16.*

Let's seek God's face together.

Thank you,  
The Prayer Team

## 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.

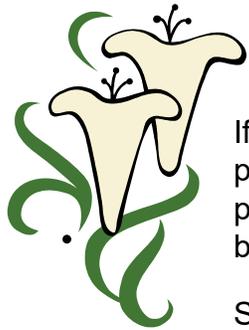
4 years ago, Holy Emmanuel and Open Arms collected shoes to help those in need. The Drive was very successful, and we will do a second drive starting in February through March 31st. Please bring new or gently-used footwear including sneakers, sport shoes, casual shoes, boots, ice skates, flip flops, 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

**ENDS**  
**MARCH 31ST**



## 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 27<sup>TH</sup> following the 9:30 Service is the last day to place your order.

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



"I want to thank everyone for helping me celebrate my retirement from the church finance assistant position. Thank you to Pastor for his encouraging words and prayers as I move into the next phase of my life. To the congregation, I thank you for the generous gift card which I will use for some enjoyable activities. The luncheon was wonderful and my thanks to all who prepared it and made it extra special. I felt your love and care. God bless you all.

Anita Bakalar"



## 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."

3/16/22	Lent II	Mark 14:32-42	"Gethsemane: A Place of Temptation" or "When Good Places Go Bad"
3/23/22	Lent III	Luke 22:54-62	"The Courtyard: A Place of Renewal" or "What's in a Look?"
3/30/22	Lent IV	Matthew 27:11-19	"What Wonderful 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"



### BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

#### **Adult Bible Class:**

**Meets on Sundays at 8:30am-9:15am.  
Also meets on Tuesdays at 11am-noon.  
Location: Church fellowship hall.  
Topic: Both classes are the same.  
We are studying the book of Ester**