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**MIDWEEK LENT SERVICE    MARCH 30, 2022**  
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**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.**

**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**

**CONFESSION OF SIN: (Spoken together, from Psalm 51)**

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Amen.**



**ASSURANCE OF GRACE: (Adapted from Psalm 116)**

Pastor: The Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

**People: He has delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

Pastor: I will walk before the Lord,

**People: In the land of the living. Amen.**

**PRAYER:**

Pastor: Almighty God, You watch over our coming and going and are acquainted with all our ways.

**People: Receive our thanks for Your watchful care. Open our ears to hear Your word, and open our eyes to see Your work. Through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

**THE PASSION HISTORY READING**

**HYMN: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (LSB #425)**

**When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**See, from His head, his hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!**

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**SERMON:**

**Matthew 27:11-19 "What Wondrous Love - Before Pilate"**

**OFFERING**

**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: (Adapted from Ephesians 1:18, Romans 12:2)**

Pastor: May the eyes of your heart be enlightened,

**People: That we may know the hope to which the Lord has called us, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints.**

Pastor: And may you be transformed by the renewing of your minds,

**People: That we might be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good, pleasing, and perfect will. Amen.**

**HYMN: "O Savior, Precious Savior" (LSB #527)**

**O Savior, precious Savior,  
Whom yet unseen we love;  
O name of might and favor,  
All other names above,  
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,  
To Thee, O Christ we sing;  
We praise Thee and confess Thee,  
Our holy Lord and King.**

**O bringer of salvation,  
Who wondrously hast wrought  
Thyself the revelation  
Of love beyond our thought,  
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,  
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise Thee and confess Thee,  
Our gracious Lord and King.**

**In Thee all fullness dwelleth,  
All grace and pow'r divine;  
The glory that excelleth,  
O Son of God, is Thine.  
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,  
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise Thee and confess Thee,  
Our glorious Lord and King.**

**O grant the consummation  
Of this our song above  
In endless adoration  
And everlasting love;  
Then shall we praise and bless Thee  
Where perfect praises ring,  
And evermore confess Thee,  
Our Savior and our King!**

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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."

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"

### 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**



### 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

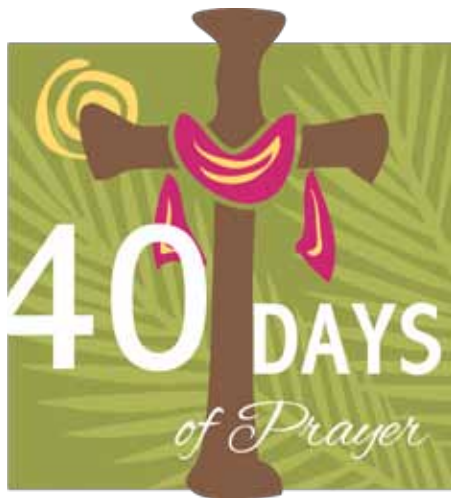


VEAP has experienced an unprecedented level of support in ensuring we have basic food staples in our pantry, but there are many items we cannot easily procure. Note that financial contributions allow us to respond the most flexibly to changing needs. Every \$30 donated allows us to feed an individual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



### 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**

**Scripture References**  
**March 30, 2022**

**Matthew 27:11-14**

<sup>11</sup> Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” “Yes, it is as you say,” Jesus replied. <sup>12</sup> When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. <sup>13</sup> Then Pilate asked him, “Don’t you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?” <sup>14</sup> But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.

**Luke 23:2**

<sup>2</sup> And they began to accuse him, saying, “We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king.”

**Matthew 22:17**

<sup>17</sup> Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

**Matthew 22:21**

<sup>21</sup> ...“Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

**Exodus 20:12**

<sup>12</sup> “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

**Matthew 27:18**

<sup>18</sup> For he knew it was out of envy that they had handed Jesus over to him.

**Luke 23:14,15**

<sup>14</sup> ...“You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. <sup>15</sup> Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death.

**Matthew 27:19**

<sup>19</sup> ...“Don’t have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him.”

**John 19:12**

<sup>12</sup> From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free.

*<sup>11</sup> Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” “Yes, it is as you say,” Jesus replied. <sup>12</sup> When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. <sup>13</sup> Then Pilate asked him, “Don’t you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?” <sup>14</sup> But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor. <sup>15</sup> Now it was the governor’s custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. <sup>16</sup> At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, “Which one do you want me to release to you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” <sup>18</sup> For he knew it was out of envy that they had handed Jesus over to him. <sup>19</sup> While Pilate was sitting on the judge’s seat, his wife sent him this message: “Don’t have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him.”*

1. What accusations brought against Jesus were false?
2. Why were some of the accusations brought against Jesus true?
3. Who knew Jesus was really not worthy of death?
4. How did Jesus’ silence affect Pilate?
5. What momentous decision did Jesus face before Pilate?
6. What would we be doing if we think Jesus should have defended himself?
7. How was Jesus’ wondrous love displayed before Pilate?