

# Lent

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

PSALM 51:10, ESV

MIDWEEK LENT SERVICE MARCH 24, 2021

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**WELCOME**

**HYMN: “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (LSB #528)**

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace!**

**Jesus The name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
‘Tis music in the sinner’s ears,  
‘Tis life and health and peace.**

**He breaks the pow’r of canceled sin;  
He sets the pris’ner free.  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood avails for me.**

**See all your sins on Jesus laid;  
The Lamb of God was slain.  
His soul was once an off’ring made  
For ev’ry soul of man.**

**To God all glory, praise, and love  
Be now and ever giv’n  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heav’n.**

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**INVOCATION**

## **REFLECTION ON GOD'S WORD:**

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

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

Pastor: Rend your hearts and not your garments.

**People: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Pastor: Jesus said, "If any 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.**

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

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

## **CONFESSION OF SIN: *(Spoken together)***

**O Lord, our God, we acknowledge Your great goodness toward us and praise You for the mercy and grace that our eyes have seen, our ears have heard, and our hearts have known. We sincerely repent of the sins of this day, and of those in the past. Pardon our offenses, correct and reform what is lacking in us, and help us grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF GRACE:**

Pastor: In the forgiveness won for us by our Savior,

**People: We have been washed clean of our sin and are now called sons of the living God.**

Pastor: You are a hiding place for me O Lord,

**People: You preserve me from trouble. You surround me with shouts of deliverance, to the glory and honor of Your holy name.**

## **THE PASSION HISTORY READING**

**HYMN: “Thanks to Thee, O Christ Victorious” (LSB #548)**

**Thanks to Thee, O Christ, victorious!**

**Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!**

**Death hath now no power o’er us,**

**Thou hast conquered in the strife.**

**Thanks because Thou didst arise**

**And hast opened paradise!**

**None can fully sing the glory**

**Of the resurrection story.**

**Thou hast died for my transgression,**

**All my sins on Thee were laid;**

**Thou hast won for me salvation,**

**On the cross my debt was paid.**

**From the grave I shall arise**

**And shall meet Thee in the skies.**

**Death itself is transitory;**

**I shall lift my head in glory.**

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**SERMON:**

**Revelation 3:7-13 “A Church After the Lord’s Own Heart”**

**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:**

Pastor: May He, who in heaven is crowned King of kings and Lord of lords,

**People: Be enthroned in our hearts through faith.**

Pastor: May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, descend upon you and remain with you forever.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN: "We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died"**

*(Use tune LSB #425 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross")*

**We sing the praise of Him who died,  
Of Him who died upon the cross.  
The sinner's hope let all deride;  
For this we count the world but loss.**

**Inscribed upon the cross we see  
In shining letters, "God is love."  
He bears our sins upon the tree;  
He brings us mercy from above.**

**To Christ, who won for sinners grace  
By bitter grief and anguish sore,  
Be praise from all the ransomed race  
Forever and forevermore.**

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**Dear Holy Emmanuel Members & friends:**

With warmer days ahead of us, VEAP is pleased to officially kick off our annual springtime March Food & Fund Drive!

*Please consider donating the following items..*

- Personal care and household items: shampoo, toothpaste, soap, shaving cream, toiletries, etc.
- Paper bags (We'll always take your extra paper grocery bags).

Note that financial contributions allows VEAP to respond the most flexibly to changing needs. Every \$30 donated allows us to feed an individual for an entire month (a total of 90 meals!). Please consider making a donation in support of this critical drive.

Thank you and best wishes for a warm spring!

Thank You for your continued support of VEAP.

Gayle Cedergren

VEAP Representative

***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*

*<https://fielding-edu.zoom.us/j/3033135695>*

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## **WEDNESDAY LENT SERVICE MARCH 24, 2021**

### **Revelation 3:7-13 “A Church After the Lord’s Own Heart”**

*<sup>7</sup> “To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. <sup>8</sup> I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. <sup>9</sup> I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. <sup>10</sup> Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth. <sup>11</sup> I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. <sup>12</sup> Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name. <sup>13</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.*

1. What does the First Commandment do?
2. Since Jesus is holy, what is he able to do?
3. What is the Holy Spirit really doing when he encourages us to live holy lives?
4. In what way is Jesus true?
5. How does Jesus being true change us?
6. What does Jesus mean by saying he holds the key of David?
7. What are we really doing if we let go of Jesus’ words?

8. Why did Jesus say the church in Philadelphia had little strength?
9. How does it help us at Holy Emmanuel knowing Jesus opened a door for the church in Philadelphia?
10. Who will acknowledge God's people on Judgement Day?
11. What promise does Jesus give his people concerning trials?
12. Why is Jesus' image of a pillar comforting?
13. What do the names Jesus gives his people indicate?