

Lenten Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The assembly stands.

Confession and Forgiveness

God of heaven and earth,
you come in close and make us yours.
Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin,
embrace your forgiveness,
and seek the way you set before us in your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Merciful God,
Forgive us. Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free.
We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.
We were silent when we should have said something.
We acted when we knew better.
We were still when we know we should have moved.
For the wrong we have done, for the good we have failed to do,
have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord.
Amen.

Behold, now is the acceptable time;
Now is the day of salvation.
In the name of Almighty God and by his authority,
I declare to you that He has taken your sin away from you
And given you love in its place.
Amen.

Opening Hymn – O Savior, Precious Savior—LBW 514

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 alone 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 alone 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 alone we sing;
We praise thee and confess thee, Our glorious Lord and King.

Oh, 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!

The Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
Have mercy on us, Lord, open our ears to hear
the promise that's been given us that you are always near.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day

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O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers.
Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your
Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

Scripture Readings and Psalm

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-13 Lent 5 March 17

Have mercy on me, O God according to your lovingkindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgment.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb.
For behold you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure'
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Give me the joy of your saving help again,
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Hebrews 5:5-10

Response after the conclusion of the first and the second reading: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are merciful and kind –
slow to anger, rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.

Gospel

John 12:20-33

Spoken response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.

Spoken response after the conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – The Word of God Is Source and Seed – WOV 658

The Word of God is source and seed;
it comes to die and sprout and grow.
So make your dark earth welcome warm;
root deep the grain God bent to sow.

Refrain

In the Lord let us rejoice, in the Lord let us rejoice, in the Lord let us rejoice!

The Word of God is breath and life;

it comes to heal and wake and save.
So let the Spirit touch and mend
and rouse your dry bones from their grave.

Refrain

The Word of God is flesh and grace
who comes to sing, to laugh and cry.
So dare to be as Jesus was,
who came to live and love and die.

Refrain

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition ends:

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers with these or similar words.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you. *Give each other a sign of peace.*

Offering

Thank you for your continued offerings. They are much appreciated.

Offertory

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Offering Prayer

Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

May the God who created life out of nothing
produce in you that which is well pleasing in his sight.

Amen.

Closing Hymn – Jesus Calls us; O'er the Tumult – LBW 494

Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult Of our life's wild, restless sea,
Day by day his clear voice sounding Saying, "Christian, follow me."

As of old St. Andrew heard it By the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred, Leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us, Saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! In your mercy, Savior, make us hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience Serve and love you best of all.

Sending

Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Bulletin Announcements

Fifth Sunday in Lent **March 17, 2024**

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Worship Attendant: Ron Haden
Greeters: Rod and Jo Grodahl
Acolyte: Marcus Mentzer
Organist: Candace Booth
Lay Reader: Jo Grodahl
Children's Sermon: Shelley Haupt
Presiding: Rev. Ben C. Worley



THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL-ST. JOHN

SUNDAY, March 17th

8:45 a.m. Confirmation & Adult Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
First Communion Class immediately after worship

MONDAY, March 18th

7:30 a.m. Men's Group
9:00 a.m. Do-Days with noon potluck

WEDNESDAY, March 20th

Newsletter Deadline for April
6:00 p.m. Light supper
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

THURSDAY, March 21st

8:00 a.m. Prayer Group

PALM SUNDAY, March 24th

8:45 a.m. Confirmation & Adult Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Reception honoring Confirmands
10:00 a.m. Worship with Affirmation of Baptism



Prayer concerns: Our prayers are with the following people with ongoing health concerns: Jim Albinger, Gary Ausborn, Marilyn Carlson (Nelda's sister), Ricky Dettmann, Kevin Frederick, Laurie Glasnapp,

Julia Jacobs, Jane Loux, Darwin Matter, Vernon Meyer, Dale Scharn, Jacob Schultz, Ethan Simonson and Jim Willis...We remember also our homebound & nursing home members: Joleen Harmon, Mildred Purdie and Gracia Willis...We pray for David Schultz and his family as he remains missing from our area. We pray that he may soon be found and returned safely to his family...We pray for peaceful resolutions to the wars in Israel/Palestine and Ukraine...We pray for the peace of Jerusalem...We pray for America: that God would guide us through troubled times, renewing our faith in Him and respect for one another...We pray for the safety and well-being of all law enforcement personnel and first responders...And for our Nation and the men and women serving in the armed forces at home and abroad especially Shiloh Meyer, Hannah Hildreth and Samantha Potts.

Members celebrating their birthday this week:

Mar 17 Autumn Purdie

Mar 18 LaVerne Arndt, **Mildred Purdie**

Mar 19 Michael Carlson, Kimberlee Taylor

Mar 20 Robin Lowrey, **James Willis**

Mar 21 Wesley Twyman

Mar 22 Troy Hillmer

Mar 23 Laurie Glasnapp, Daniel Lange, B. J. Musselman

Members celebrating their anniversary this week:

Mar 18, 2006 Brett & Jessica Meyer

The Outreach Committee will be hosting a reception honoring our Confirmands during the Sunday School hour next Sunday morning.

Scholarships will be available again this year for those furthering their education. Applications are available in the entry on the card signing table. They should be completed and returned by April 1st.

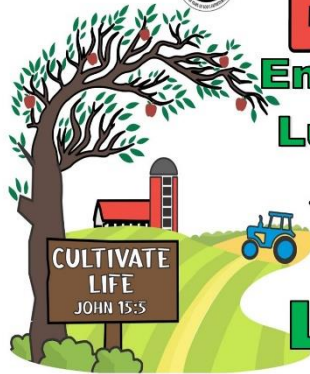
Volunteers still needed to provide a light meal before this week's Wednesday evening Lenten Service. Signup sheet is on the table with the cards.

Our 5th grade students (and parents) are asked to attend a class session immediately following this morning's worship service to prepare for their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 28th.

We will be serving breakfast on Easter Sunday morning after the early service. Please be on the lookout for sign-up sheets and donation sheets in the entry way. We are asking that any child (and family) receiving money for camp this summer be there to help either Friday night to make fruit cups or Sunday morning to serve and help clean up. If you have questions please reach out to Faith Worley, Jamie Waller or Jill Parker.

ELCA Prayer Ventures for Sunday, March 17th: Reflect on the people for whom you have concern. Pray for them and commit yourself to expressing your love and care in a personal way — an in-person conversation; a phone call offering help; a note, text or email.

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