

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 - Great Is Thy Faithfulness – WOV 771

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;

all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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

March 19, 2023 4th Sunday in Lent

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Scripture Readings and Psalm

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23 March 19 4th Sunday in Lent

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Ephesians 5:8-14

*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 9:1-41

*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 – Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

[Verse]

O soul are you weary and troubled?

No light in the darkness you see?

There's light for a look at the Saviour,

And life more abundant and free

[Chorus]

Turn your eyes upon Je-sus,
Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

[Verse]

Through death into life everlas-ting
He passed, and we follow Him there
Over us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conqu'rors we are

[Chorus]

Turn your eyes upon Je-sus,
Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

[Verse]

His word shall not fail you He promised
Believe Him and all will be well.
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell

[Chorus]

Turn your eyes upon Je-sus,
Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

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.

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 – My Lighthouse

In my wrestling and in my doubts,

in my failures, You won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through.
You are the peace in my troubled sea,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.
In the silence You won't let go,
in the questions Your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through.
You are the peace in my troubled sea,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
shining in the darkness, I will follow You.
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore, Oh.....
Safe to shore, Oh.....
Safe to shore, Oh.....
Safe to shore.
I won't fear what tomorrow brings,
with each morning I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through.
You are the peace in my troubled sea,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
shining in the darkness, I will follow You.
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore, Oh.....
Safe to shore, Oh.....
Safe to shore, Oh.....
Safe to shore.
Fire before us, You're the brightest,
You will lead us through the storms.
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My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
shining in the darkness, I will follow You.
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore, Oh.....
Safe to shore, Oh.....
Safe to shore, Oh.....
Safe to shore.

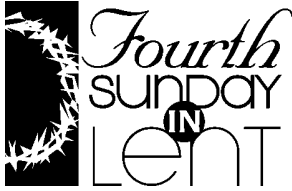
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Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Bulletin Announcements

**Emanuel-St. John Lutheran Church
Lytton, Iowa**

March 19, 2023



WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Worship Attendant: Ron Haden
Greeters: Mike and Sara Carlson
Acolyte: Cooper Nattress
Music Leaders: Brian & Kari Lantz,
and Pastor Ben & Faith Worley
Lay Reader: Mike Carlson
Children's Sermon: Kari Lantz
Presiding: Rev. Ben C. Worley



THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL-ST. JOHN

SUNDAY, March 19th

9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Worship
2:00p.m. First Communion Class

MONDAY, March 20th

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

WEDNESDAY, March 22nd

6:00 p.m. Soup & Rolls before Lenten Service
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

THURSDAY, March 23rd

8:00 a.m. Prayer Group

SUNDAY, March 26th

9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion



Prayer concerns: Our prayers are with the following people with ongoing health concerns: Doug Dailey, Rev. Jim Davis, Jane Loux and Jim Willis...We remember also our homebound & nursing home members: Joleen Harmon, Mildred Purdie and Gracia Willis...We pray for all affected by COVID-19 locally and throughout the world...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 Joseph Schrage... Congratulations to Tanner and Rachel Crabb on the birth of their first-born son, Hayden Thomas, on Wednesday, March 1...Congratulations also to Mary Daniels and Glenn Helberg who were married February 16, 2023 in Oregon.

Members celebrating their birthday this week:

Mar 19 Michael Carlson, Kimberlee Taylor
Mar 20 Bruce Diersen, 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 24, 1973 Greg & Tammy Williams

Our sympathy to family and friends of Dennis Hedin. Dennis died Friday, March 10th in Minnesota. A Memorial Service will be held here Saturday, March 25th at 11 a.m. with another at Faith Lutheran Church in Hutchinson, MN April 1st also at 11 a.m.

All are welcome to join the ESJ Confirmation Class of 2023 in celebrating their confirmation at a breakfast reception in their honor on Sunday, April 2, at 9 a.m. in the church basement. This year's confirmands include Jossa Hauptert, Kelsie Hejtmanek, Reef Lankford, Kellen Meyer, Devin Riley, Owen Scharn and Sadie Wheelock.

Join us for Easter breakfast following the Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 9th. Freewill donation for the breakfast with the proceeds to support the children registered for camp this summer. A sheet will be available for food donations for this breakfast beginning today.

Stewart Memorial Community Hospital (SMCH) is excited to bring back our Lunch'n'Learn seminars on March 23 at 12:00 p.m. at the Lake City Community Memorial Building. A meal will be catered by SMCH Nutrition Services followed by a presentation entitled **Hip and Knee Replacement: What to Expect** with Dr. Elijah Miller, Occupational Therapist Marie Drey, and Physical Therapist Derrick Henkenius.

Have you registered your son/daughter for camp this year? If so, please let us know where they are registered and when they will attend camp. After you have paid the registration fee, Emanuel-St. John will cover the balance of the camp cost.

A reminder to Thrivent members that they must direct their 2022 Choice Dollars by March 31 or they will be "absorbed" by Thrivent. This can be done online or with a simple phone call to Thrivent. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Ron or Cheryl Haden.

Soup and rolls Wednesday at 6 p.m. served before the 7p.m. Lenten Service. Come enjoy food and fellowship - no cost.