

North American Lutheran Church

LBW - Lutheran Book of Worship  
WOV - With One Voice  
CH - Celebration Hymnal

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Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Prelude: *"This is the Day the Lord Hath Made"* Arr. by Friedrich Hark  
and *"Christ, the Life of All the Living"* Johann Sebastian Bach

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness .....LBW p. 56

Entrance Hymn: *Christ, the Life of All the Living* ..... **LBW # 97**

Greeting & Kyrie.....LBW p. 57

Salutation: *The Lord be with you* .....LBW p. 62

Prayer of the Day: **God of all mercy, by your power to heal and forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives with you and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 *(See insert)*

Psalm 23 (read responsively).....*(See insert)*

Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14 *(See insert)*

Lenten Verse: *Return to the Lord, your God*.....LBW p. 63

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Children’s Sermon

Quilt and Kit Blessing.....*(Hands and Feet-See insert)*

Hymn: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*.....**LBW # 456**

Sermon

Sermon Hymn: *Word of God, Come Down on Earth*.....**WOV # 716**

Apostles’ Creed.....LBW p. 65

The Collection of the Offering/*Noisy Offering*: *"Glory Be to Jesus"* Arr. Newman W. Powell

Offering Response: *Create in Me*.....LBW p. 75

The Benediction and Amen .....LBW p. 76

Announcements

Closing Hymn: *Awake, O Sleeper*.....**WOV # 745**

Chimes and Postlude: *"Wondrous Kine All Glorious"* Arr. Hans Arnold Metzger  
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**A warm and gracious Welcome!** to all who join in worship today. May God bless our time together. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service for light refreshments and conversation.

**Today...**we ask a blessing on our quilts, blankets, and kits, many of which will go to LWR (Lutheran World Relief) and some which will be used for local needs. We thank our women for their endless hours of work to assemble these items that are gathered twice a year.

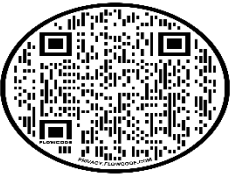
This Week at Emmanuel March 20 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Offering:</b> <b>Sunday,</b> <b>March 12<sup>th</sup>:</b> General: \$1,359 Building: \$60 Sunday School: \$78.38 <b>Attendance:</b> 73	Tues., March 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 a.m. TWC (The Women’s Council)
	Wed., March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1:00 p.m. Connection Group (The Chosen)
		4:30 pm Confirmation
		7:00 pm Choir
	Sun., March 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am Worship ( <i>Choir</i> )
		10:40 am Fellowship, Sunday School
		1 <sup>st</sup> HC Class (5 <sup>th</sup> graders/parents)

**Congratulations...**to Klay and Nicole Rustad on the birth of a son, Collin Leo, on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Collin was 9 lbs., 6 oz, and 21” long. He joins a big brother, Charlie. Grandparents are Duane and Patti Rustad. God’s blessings on the family!

**You are invited...**to become a part of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. If you would like more information on how to become a member, please contact the church office at 641-748-2736 or Pastor Weeg at 641-381-0675.

**Trinity United Methodist Church of Bolan, Iowa...** will be hosting a “Baked Potato Lunch” fundraiser on **Sunday, March 26, 2023**, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Menu includes: Kittleson Brothers baked potato, several choices of toppings, choice of pie or refrigerated dessert, coffee, milk, for a minimum \$10 donation. Funding will go toward replacement of the outdoor church signage. Come in and sit in the updated dining hall of the church, or come to make and take home.

**The Logos Legos...**are busy preparing for the Easter Breakfast. Please scan the following code on your smartphone and fill out the electronic sign up for the breakfast, or sign up on the table in the hallway if you plan to attend. This will help us in purchasing the food and planning. The menu will be eggs, biscuits and gravy, sausage links, cinnamon rolls, fruit, and beverages. It will be served from 8-9 before Easter Service. We hope to see you all there!



**Easter lily forms...**are in your bulletins this morning and can be filled out and left in the office. If you will not be using the form, you may leave it in your pew for Sharon to reuse next week.

**FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14**

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”



**PSALM 23**

L: 1) The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**C: 2) He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

L: 3) He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name’s sake.

**C: 4) 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.**

L: 5) 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.

**C: 6) 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.**

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**HANDS AND FEET (Quilt/kit blessing litany)**

*a litany inspired by Teresa of Avila, by Matt Hackworth, LWR’s Senior advisor, Marketing and Communications*

P: Gracious God, you created light in the darkness  
You saw that it was good, and separated it from all that was bad  
You created the light in stars to lead Your people from bondage,  
And so that we might see the better way of living, among one another, and for You,

**C: We are the hands and feet of Christ in Your world.**

P: God, you created the very idea of home in a world of chaos, the places where we feel safe, the places where we sense Your peace. You lead us to share this peace with one another, and with the world. The peace found in following the one You sent to lead us, Christ Jesus.

**C: We are the hands and feet of Christ in Your world.**

P: God, you created grace so we might survive the world and its evil. Grace for us, in showing us love even as we are not perfect. Grace for one another, when we offend and when we commend. Grace for a world that can only feel it when we are compelled to act.

**C: We are the hands and feet of Christ in Your world**

P: Gracious God, we ask that You take these gifts of earthly meaning. We ask you to make them your light in someone’s darkness. We ask you to make them Your comfort in another’s chaos. We ask you to make them Your grace so that Your love can live through us, as

**C: We are the hands and feet of Christ in Your world. Amen.**