

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church
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First Sunday in Lent

"He will call upon me, and I will answer him"

WELCOME: To all of our guests and visitors we extend a warm and sincere welcome. To those seeking a church home, we offer fellowship with a living Redeemer, membership in His Church and citizenship in His Kingdom. Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for the salvation of mankind. Please sign our Guest Register as you leave the church.

Order of Worship: Service of the Word, page 38

Hymns: 754, 262 (1,3-5), 201, 726

First Lesson: Genesis 3:1-21

Psalm: Psalm 91, page 100

Second Lesson: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon Text: Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon Theme: "The devil's poisonous lies are no match for the truth of God's Word"

1. **Man does not live on bread alone**
2. **You shall not put the LORD your God to the test**
3. **Worship the Lord your God**

Organist: Mrs. Jill Kaiser
Worship leader: Pastor Ross Else

This Week at Emmaus

TODAY	Worship Growing in God's Word	8:00/10:30 am 9:15 am
MONDAY	No School - Presidents' Day	
TUESDAY	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY	Fellowship Dinner	5:45 pm
	Ash Wednesday Worship w/Communion	6:30 pm
THURSDAY	Budget Meeting	6:30 pm
SATURDAY	Explorers Meeting	9:00 am
NEXT SUNDAY	Worship w/Lord's Supper	8:00/10:30 am
	Growing in God's Word	9:15 am
	Fellowship Potluck	11:45 am

Lord's Supper - will be celebrated next Sunday. Please prepare your hearts accordingly this week.

*"But if we do want to boast, then let us boast that we receive from the fullness of Christ that we are enlightened by Him, attain forgiveness of sin, and become children of God through Him. For this is the sum and substance of it all: Whoever wishes to be safeguarded from the devil's might and to escape sin and death must draw from this well, Christ; from Him flows all salvation and eternal bliss. This fountain is inexhaustible; it is full of grace and truth before God; it never fails no matter how much we draw from it. Even if we all dip from it without stopping, it cannot be emptied, but it remains a perennial fount of all grace and truth, an unfathomable well, an eternal fountain. The more we draw from it, the more it gives. Such water, as John remarks later, wells up to eternal life (John 4:14).
Martin Luther*

First Lesson – Genesis 3:1-21

English Standard Version (ESV)

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. 8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." 11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." 13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." 14 The LORD God said

to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." 16 To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." 17 And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; 18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." 20 The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. 21 And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

Second Lesson – Hebrews 4:14-16

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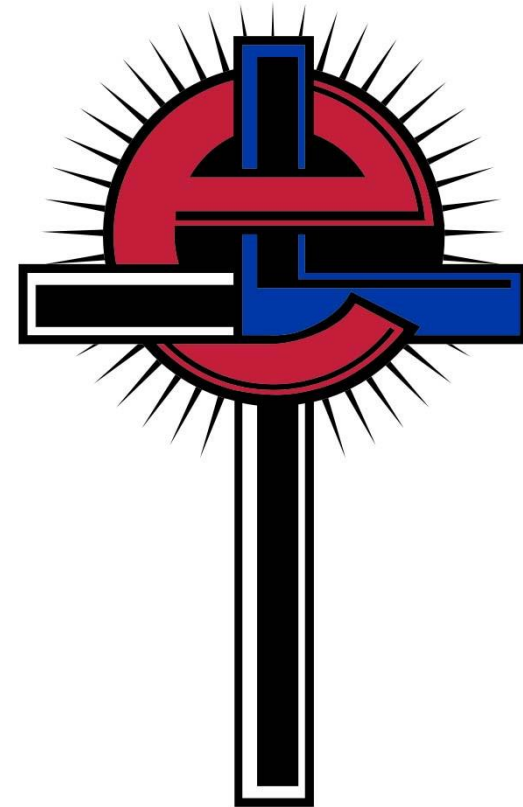
14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Gospel – Matthew 4:1-11

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1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, '"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple 6 and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, '"He will command his angels concerning you, 'and '"On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, '"You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" 11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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*"The Serpent Crusher is
the People's Champion"*

Announcements

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Please register for the event by calling the Pilgrim Church office at (480) 830-1723 or (480) 830-1724. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann at (480) 654-3706 or maryannwe@cox.net.

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