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Fifth Sunday in Lent

"Vindicate me, O God, and deliver me from my enemies"

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: 122, 128, 110, 103

First Lesson: Genesis 22:1-14

Psalms: Psalm 45, page 83

Second Lesson: Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel Lesson: John 8:46-59

Sermon Text: John 8:46-59

Sermon Theme: "Keeping hold of Christ's Word delivers from certain death"

- 1. Only this Word reveals the Father**
- 2. Only this Word reveals the Son**
- 3. Only this Word brings eternal life**

Organist: Mrs. Marilyn Feliciano

Worship leader: Pastor Ross Else

This Week at Emmaus

TODAY	Worship	8:00/10:30 am
	Growing in God's Word	9:15 am
	Board of Education	11:45 am
TUESDAY	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Fellowship Dinner	5:45 pm
	Lent Worship	6:30 pm
	Choir Practice	after church

FRIDAY	Mother/Son Night	6:00 pm
SATURDAY	Workday - Pre-Easter Cleanup	7:00 am
	Explorers Hike	9:00 am
NEXT SUNDAY	Worship w/Lord's Supper	8:00/10:30 am
	Growing in God's Word	9:15 am

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

The Second Article: Redemption

"And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true." *Luther's Small Catechism*

First Lesson – Genesis 22:1-14

English Standard Version (ESV)

1 After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." 2 He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." 6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. 7 And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. 9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. 11 But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." 12 He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." 13 And

Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

Second Lesson – Hebrews 9:11-15

English Standard Version (ESV)

11 But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) 12 he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. 15 Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

Gospel – John 8:46-59

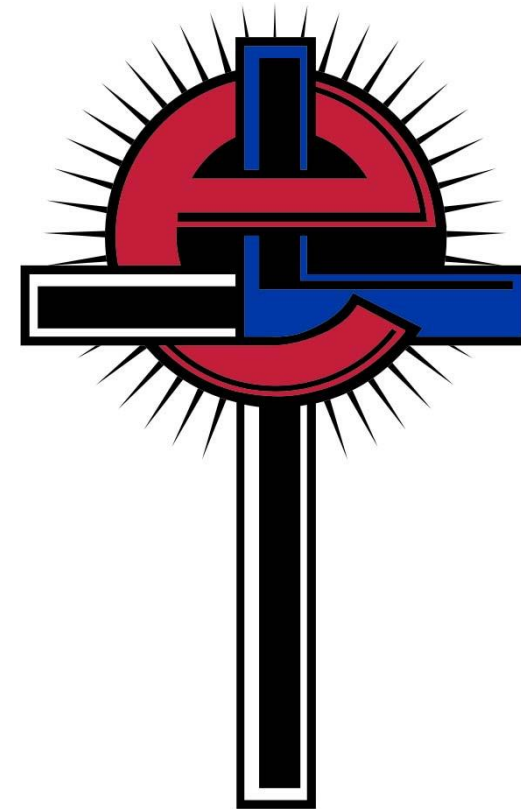
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46 Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? 47 Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

Before Abraham Was, I Am

48 The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" 49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. 50 Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. 51 Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." 52 The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' 53 Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" 54 Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' 55 But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." 57 So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" 58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." 59 So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

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"Jesus obeyed His Father's will and bore the cross for our salvation"

Announcements

In Our Prayers -

Those who mourn - John Henderson, teacher and Athletic Director at Emmanuel Lutheran School in Tempe, was suddenly called to his eternal glory Wednesday. This Lenten season we are reminded of the great sacrifice our Savior made for John. It was because of that sacrifice that our friend and co-worker in Christ is now with his Savior. Though death still has its sting and it can cause us to wonder "why?" with Easter approaching we can rejoice with John and his family that our Savior's tomb is STILL empty. Please keep John's wife, Ronda, his 3 children, Kaitlin, Jenna, & Nathan, & the staff and students at Emmanuel in your prayers.

Also the Glynn family, as they mourn the death of Cheryl's mother, Paula Schaffer. May the Lord, through His word, comfort, strengthen and give them hope in His unfailing promises of life and peace in Christ.

Those with ongoing health and other struggles - Anthony McCullough, (Sandy Griffiths' grandson) Pastor David Beckman, cancer, Barb Widmann, Vita Marie Tollefson, Dylan Denneson, Julie Patterson, (daughter-in-law of Jim and Judy Patterson), cancer, Theodore & Colette Bodjanac, Josh and Zach Soto, Barb Wendt, Kathy Boyd, Vince Wallenberg, Ellen King, Paul Krause, Cynthia Mayotte, Diane Scheel,

Our shut-ins - Adeline Schwandt & Harold Weimer

Those who are - sick, unemployed, traveling, celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, serving in the military, single, married, parents, children.

President - Jeff Stuebs

Dear Emmaus Brothers and Sisters,

The last six short years we've spent as part of the Emmaus family have been one of the greatest blessings of our lives. You welcomed us from the start with open arms. We grew together in love and worship of our Savior, and we have learned to trust Him in all we do.

Our family will soon be embarking on a new adventure as the Lord has called us to South Carolina. We have sold our home here and are preparing for the move.

It is for this reason that I must resign as your congregational president. It has been my great honor and privilege to serve you and the Lord in this capacity. We shall forever cherish our family here and pray that we see each one of you again in glory. Thank you.

Your brother in Christ,
Jeffrey Stuebs

Emmaus Choir - The choir will be singing "What Wondrous Love Is This".

Saturday Workday - This Saturday we will have a workday to get our property looking it's best for our upcoming Easter Sunday celebration. If you can come help us with yard work, tree trimming and general cleanup, it would be greatly appreciated. We will be starting at 7:00 am.

Lent - The theme for our midweek Lent services is "*Ironies of the Passion*" Most would likely not ascribe the word "irony" to Jesus' passion. However, certain events in the gospel accounts - Caiaphas' unintentional prophecy, the Jewish leaders' hypocrisy, and others - are quite ironic. The theme for our last week is: **Mar 16** - "Don't You Fear God?" (Luke 23:39-43)

Fellowship Dinner - will precede the Wednesday night service at 5:45 pm. The theme of our meal this Wednesday, 3/6, is sandwiches. Every family is asked to bring a salad, side or dessert to go with the main dish. Help with setup and cleanup would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please talk with Judy Stuebs or contact the office.

Mother-Son Evening - is set for Friday, March 18th from 6-8:00 pm. All boys and moms are invited for a fun-filled evening of good food (chicken, potatoes, rolls, green beans, corn and make-your-own sundaes), Wii Fit and board games, and prizes for all! Please sign up in rear of church, school office or by calling the school office or Judy Stuebs at 623-297-7314.

ALA Scrip Program - is changing. Please read the enclosed flyer for all the information.

Sunday School - Please join us between services from 9:15 - 10:15 am for the further study of God's Word. There is Sunday School for ages 3 through high school and also Bible Study for the adults.

Preschool - grade 3 meet in Rm1	"Greatness in the Kingdom"
4 th - 6 th grade meet in Room 1	Bible Study
7 th grade - High School age	Line of the Savior
Adults meet in the Fellowship Hall	Bible Study - 2 nd Corinthians

Bathrooms/Baby Changing Tables - are located in the Fellowship Hall, which is the large building in front of the church. (The building closest to the parking lot) There are changing tables in both bathrooms for your convenience. The bathrooms are located on the east end of the building.

Children's Bulletins - We have special bulletins for our children each Sunday. The ushers will have them when they are handing out the weekly bulletins. Please feel free to ask them for this bulletin. Crayons are also available from the ushers. Each week's bulletin will correspond with the current week of the church year calendar.

Worship Attendance

Wednesday, March 2nd - 67

Sunday, March 6th - 150 (105 - 8:00 am, 45 - 10:30 am)

<u>Income from week ending Mar. 6, 2016</u>	<u>Month Total</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>
First Fruits Offering	\$4747.25	\$23,695
School	\$8496.16	\$7506
Preschool/Extended Care	\$2990.77	\$5145
Mortgage	\$330	\$330

