

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION LITURGY (2<sup>nd</sup> service) - page 21 in CW (The distribution hymn will be CW #311)

## THE PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

**P:** We humbly ask you Almighty God, to give to your Church your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, so that your Word may not be bound, but instead that it may have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve you and in the confession of your name abide to the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - - men.

## THE BLESSING

**P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace, Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon on you with favor and give you (+) peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

#401 – “Your Works, not Mine, O Christ”

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## “The Lord Feeds His People”



Fourth  
SUNDAY  
IN  
LENT

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE BEFORE HIM

### OPENING HYMN "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" (CW #374)

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, pleading with Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

**C: And you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

P: Almighty God our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and action. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for His sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, for this purpose, that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those that believe on His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord to us all.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P:** Heavenly Father, You loved the world so that you gave your only-begotten Son to liberate us from sin and death by His obedient death on the cross.

**C: We confess that without your love we are lost.**

**P:** Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

**C: Through that gospel in Word and Sacrament, strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

**P:** Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplain, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and values as Christians.

**C: By your Spirit's work through the means of grace, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

**P:** Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

**C: Through your Word grant them peace O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

**P:** Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

**C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**P:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**P:** Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**THE NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Please be seated*

**HYMN** #391 “God Loved the World so that He Gave”

**SERMON** John 6:1-15

“Jesus always supplies the food we need”

- 1. He knows what we need
- 2. He knows how best to meet our need

**RESPONSE** #108 – “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary” (vs. 1,3)

*Please be seated*

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**P:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**C:** Sings “Upon the Cross Extended” CW #113

**Upon the cross extended, see, world, your Lord suspended;  
Your Savior yields his breath. The Prince of life from heaven  
Himself has freely given, to shame and blows and bitter death.**

**A crown of thorns you’re wearing, my shame and scorn you’re bearing  
That I might ransomed be. My bondsman, ever willing,  
My place with patience filling, from sin and guilt has made me free.**

**Your cords of love, my Savior, bind me to you forever;  
I am no longer mine. To you I gladly tender,  
All that my life can render, and all I have to you resign.**

**P:** The LORD be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Let us pray. Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - - men.

*Please be seated*

**THE WORD**

**FIRST LESSON**

**Exodus 16:11-17**

11 The LORD spoke to Moses: 12 “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Say to them, ‘At evening you will eat meat, and in the morning you will eat bread until you are full. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’” 13 So in the evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning a layer of dew surrounded the camp. 14 When the layer of dew was gone, there were thin flakes on the surface of the wilderness, thin as frost on the ground. 15 When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” because they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “This is the bread which the LORD has given to you as food to eat. 16 This is what the LORD has commanded: All of them are to gather as much of it as they need to eat. You are to take an omer per person based on the number of people each of you has in your tents.” 17 The Israelites did this, and some gathered more, some less. (EHV)

**PSALM 145** (p.119 in front section of hymnal)

## SECOND LESSON

## Ephesians 3:14-21

14 For this reason I kneel before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the entire family in heaven and on earth receives its name. 16 I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he would strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner self, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Then, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 I pray that you would be able to comprehend, along with all the saints, how wide and long and high and deep his love is, 19 and that you would be able to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled to all the fullness of God. 20 Now to him who is able, according to the power that is at work within us, to do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, 21 to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen. (EHV)

## VERSE OF THE DAY

P: For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

## GOSPEL LESSON

## John 6:1-15

After this, Jesus crossed over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias). 2 A large crowd followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he was performing on those who were sick. 3 Jesus went up on the hillside and sat down there with his disciples. 4 The Jewish Passover Festival was near. 5 When Jesus looked up and saw a huge crowd coming toward him, he asked Philip, “Where can we buy bread for these people to eat?” 6 But Jesus was saying this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. 7 Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to have just a little.” 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, 9 “There’s a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what is that for so many people?” 10 Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, so they sat down. There were about five thousand men. 11 Then Jesus took the loaves and, after giving thanks, he distributed pieces to those who were seated. He also did the same with the fish—as much as they wanted. 12 When the people were full, he told his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over so that nothing is wasted.” 13 So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with pieces from the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. 14 When the people saw the miraculous sign Jesus did, they said, “This really is the Prophet who is coming into the world.” 15 When Jesus realized that they intended to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.



## THE APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**