

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PRAYER FOR THE WORD

P: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may thus hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.

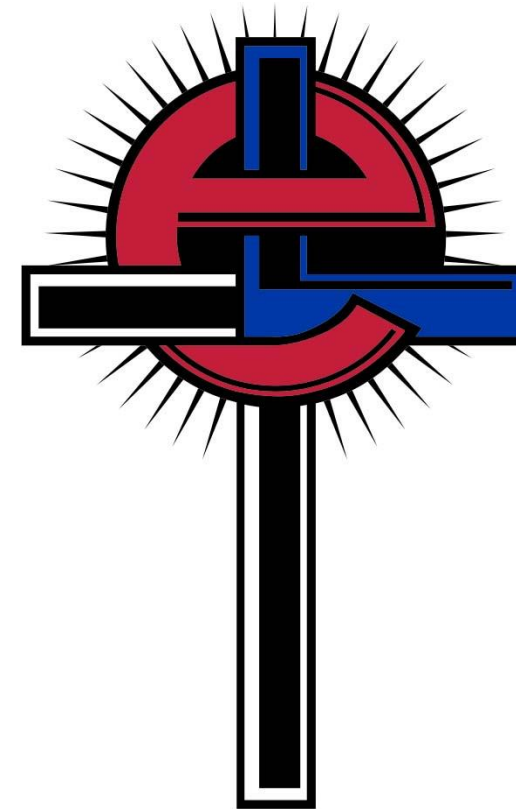


CLOSING HYMN

“Faith is a Living Power from Heaven” (CW #404)

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“Holding God to His Word”



Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church
2nd Sunday in Lent – Remember Your Mercies, Lord
March 12, 2017

THE GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE BEFORE HIM

OPENING HYMN “Jesus, Lead Us On” (CW #422)

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.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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.

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.

Please be seated

HYMN

#413 “When in the Hour of Utmost Need”

SERMON

Genesis 32:22-32

“In the midst of struggle God wants you to hold tightly to His promises in Christ”

- 1. When the future seems uncertain**
- 2. When God appears to be your antagonist**
- 3. His desire remains to bless you**

RESPONSE

#113 – “Upon the Cross Extended” (vv.4-5)

Please be seated

OFFERING

Please Stand

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

C: Sings “All Glory be to God Alone” CW #262 - vs. 1,3-5

All glory be to God alone, Forevermore the highest one.

Who did our sinful race befriend And grace and peace to us extend.

Among mankind may His good will All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

Lord God, our King on Heaven’s throne, Our Father, the Almighty One;

O Lord, the Sole Begotten One, Lord Jesus Christ, the Father’s Son,

True God from all eternity, O Lamb of God – to You we flee.

You take the whole world’s sin away; have mercy on us Lord we pray.

You take the whole world’s sin away; oh listen to the prayer we say.

From God’s right hand, oh send today Your mercy on us Lord, we pray.

You only are the Holy One; O’er all things You are Lord alone.

O Jesus Christ, we glorify You and the Spirit, Lord most high;

With Him you evermore shall be One in the Father’s majesty.

P: The LORD be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ 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

Genesis 32:22-32

22 He got up that night and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of the Jabbok. 23 He took them and sent them across the stream, and he also sent his possessions across. 24 Jacob was left alone, and he wrestled with a man there until daybreak. 25 When the man saw that he could not defeat him, he touched the socket of his thigh, and the socket of Jacob’s thigh was dislocated as he wrestled. 26 The man said, “Let me go. It’s daybreak.” Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” 27 Then he said to him, “What is your name?” He said, “Jacob.” 28 Then he said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have fought with God and with men, and you have won.” 29 Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” He said, “Why do you ask what my name is?” Then he blessed him there. 30 Jacob named the place Peniel, because he said, “I have seen God face to face, and my life has been spared.” 31 The sun rose as he crossed over at Peniel, and he was limping because of his thigh. 32 For that reason, to this day the people of Israel do not eat the tendon of the hip that is on the socket of the thigh, because God touched the socket of Jacob’s thigh on the tendon of the hip. EHV

PSALM 25 (p.74 in front section of hymnal)

SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:1-5

1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God. 3 Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, 4 and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. 5 And hope will not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 15:21-28

21 Jesus left that place and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 There a Canaanite woman from that territory came and kept crying out, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! A demon is severely tormenting my daughter!” 23 But he did not answer her a word. His disciples came and pleaded, “Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us.” 24 He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” 25 But she came and knelt in front of him, saying, “Lord, help me.” 26 He answered her, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” 27 “Yes, Lord,” she said, “yet the dogs also eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” 28 Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, your faith is great! It will be done for you, just as you desire.” And her daughter was healed at that very hour. (EHV)