# His Cross, My Life

- Wounds in the Savior's side, caused by my sin; Suffered so I could hide safely within.
   On yesterday's cross, death was the loss: New life is mine today!
- 2. He stood where I should be: felon at large. He paid my penalty; guilty as charged. On yesterday's cross, guilt was the loss: Freedom is mine today!
- 3. Jesus will always give courage to be Stronger than threats that that live all around me. On yesterday's cross, fear was the loss: All things are mine today!

# "Jesus overcomes the strong man"



Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church March 24, 2019 Third Sunday in Lent

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## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE BEFORE HIM

## **OPENING HYMN** "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle" (CW #122)

STAND

- **P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: (spoken) Amen.

#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- **P:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY



- **P:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: (spoken) Amen.
- **P:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

<u>Thank You</u> - to our Emmaus school children for singing our Savior's praises this morning in our 8:00 am service. The words for their song, "His Cross, My Life" are on page 16 of the bulletin.

<u>Lenten Season</u> - Mid-week Lenten worship services are held 6:30pm on the following dates - 3/27, 4/3, & 4/10. A fellowship dinner will precede each service at 5:45 pm.

<u>Lenten suppers</u> - Prior to the Lenten Service there will be a Soup/Sandwich Supper. Please bring a soup, casserole, salad, cookies or a dessert. There are sign-up sheets in the Fellowship hallway.

<u>LWMS Rallies</u> - Ladies of Emmaus, Sisters in Christ, are you ready for a get-away weekend or two? The LWMS International Rally will be held June 27-30 in Des Moines, Iowa, under the theme: Let us ever WALK WITH JESUS in the Heartland. Listen to home and world missionaries tell about their joys and frustrations as they carry out the great commission. For more information and registration form go to www.lwms.org. Check it out! A little closer to home is the LWMS Grand Canyon West Circuit Rally, April 6th at Cross of Christ Lutheran in Kingman, AZ. The bulletin insert gives you all the information. Grab a friend, and make it a week-end get away. You will also learn about missions from our mission counsellor, Pastor Matt Vogt, and learn things about Katy Luther that you've never heard before from Debbie Dietrich. Mail your registration sheet by March 25th.

<u>Children's Bulletins and Books</u> - 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. Christian books are also available for ages 0 to 10 + to look at or read during the service! Please ask an usher to direct you to the books so you or your child may pick out an age appropriate book bag or book.

<u>Bathrooms/Baby Changing Tables</u> - 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.

## Worship Attendance

Wednesday, March 13 – 80 Sunday, March 17 - 142 (78 - 8:00 am, 64 - 10:30am)

Income from week ending M	<u>1ar. 17, 2019</u>	Month Total	Monthly Budget
First Fruits Offering	\$5465.17	\$16,787.17	\$26,177
School	\$7151.03	\$9091.03	\$37,734
Preschool/Extended Care	\$1121.75	\$1521.75	\$3,667

# Worship Leader: Pastor Ross Else Organist: Mrs. Marilyn Feliciano

#### **This Week at Emmaus**

	THIS WEEK AT EITHIAGS	
TODAY	Worship School Children Sing Bible Study and Sunday School Worship w/Lord's Supper	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am
WEDNESDAY	Fellowship Dinner Mid-week Lenten Worship	5:45 pm 6:30 pm
SATURDAY	Information Class	11:00 am
NEXT SUNDAY	Worship w/Lord's Supper Bible Study and Sunday School Worship w/Lord's Supper	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am

Lord's Supper - is celebrated today in the 10:30 am service. Our Savior gives us his body and blood along with the bread and wine for our forgiveness in this Blessed Sacrament. Because he also wants us to examine ourselves prior to communing (1 Corinthians 11:23-29), and that those who commune with one another be united in doctrine and practice (1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Romans 16:1-17; 2 John 9-11), we respectfully ask that those who commune with us this morning are members of Emmaus, or members of congregations in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. If you are not a member and would like to join us for communion, please speak with Pastor Else, so we can set up a time to study what God's Word has to say to us concerning Lord's Supper and church fellowship. Thank you for your understanding.

#### **Announcements**

Those with ongoing health and other struggles - Kelley Koroch's brother, Bobby Johns (heart); Polly Mackenzie (surgery); Linda Thompson (surgery); Katie Conklin; Richard & Linda Toetz's brother-in-law, Dave Jagdfeld (bone cancer); Phyllis Baltisburger; Daryll Wondrak (surgery); Linda Thompson; Tamara Yazzie (back surgery); Barb Osborn; Lilly Ventura; Barb Wendt; Barb Widmann; Brad Anderson's cousin Butch Fahler; Rich Tollefson; Kimberly Fritz (cancer); Shaun Eversole; Chuck Widmann; Brad Anderson; Roger Wilde's wife, Carol; Vince Wallenberg; Ellen King; Diane Scheel; Linda Thompson's sister Kathy Desch (cancer)

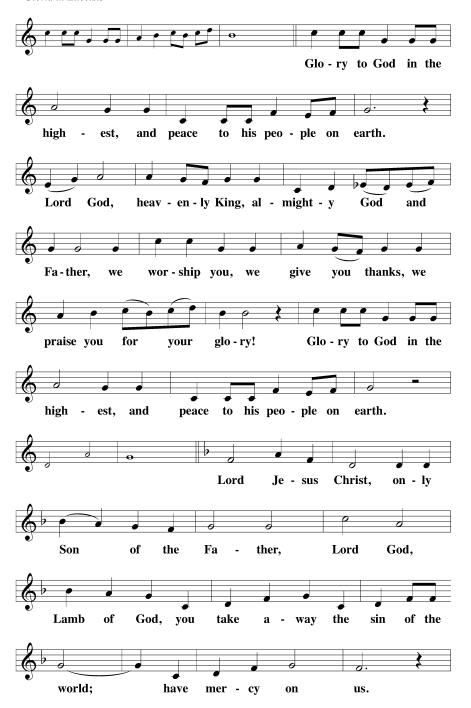
<u>Those who are</u> - sick, unemployed, traveling, celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, serving in the military, single, married, parents, children.

<u>Call Accepted</u> - Mrs. Janean Plocher has been led by the Holy Spirit to accept the call to teach grades 5 & 6. We pray that the Lord of the Church will continue to bless Mrs. Plocher, her family, and Emmaus Lutheran Church and School . The Board of Education is formulating a plan to address the athletic director vacancy, as well as the lower grade teaching and principal release time needs.

<u>Fellowship Hall roof replacement:</u> The Board of Church Properties has accepted a bid to replace the fellowship hall roof. That bid came in at about \$15,000. The work is tentatively scheduled to begin this May. The other list of building projects/repairs/improvement that need doing will continue to be addressed as funds remain and become available, and in order of priority set by the Board. If you have any questions, please speak with our board chairman, Mr. Nathan Brekken.

### **GLORY TO GOD**

Gloria in Excelsis





## \*FIRST SERVICE continues here

- P: Blessed Lord, grant to Your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above. Let nothing hinder Your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve You in steadfast faith and confess Your Name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: (spoken) Amen.
- **P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

C: (spoken) Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" (CW #737)

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#### **THANKSGIVING**

## **SONG OF SIMEON**

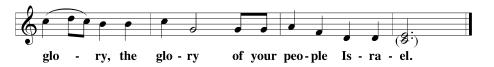
Nunc Dimittis











- P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
- **C:** And his mercy endures forever.
- P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: (spoken) Amen.
- P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
  The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
  The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.
- C: (spoken) Amen.

- P: The Lord be with you.
  C: And also with you.
- : And also with you.
- P: Let us pray. Almighty God, look with favor on Your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of Your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) Amen.

Please be seated

## THE WORD

## FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 26:1-15

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: 2 "This is what the LORD says: Stand in the courtyard of the LORD's house, and speak to all the people from the towns of Judah that have come to worship at the house of the LORD. Tell them everything I have commanded you to tell them. Do not hold back a single word. 3 Maybe they will listen and everyone will turn from his evil way. Then I will relent and not go through with the disaster that I was planning because of the evil things they have done." 4 Say to them, "This is what the LORD says: If you will not listen to me and follow my law that I have set before you, 5 and if you do not listen to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I have sent to you again and again (but you have not listened), 6 then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city an object of cursing for all the nations of the earth." 7 The priests, the prophets, and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words at the house of the LORD. 8 Jeremiah finished saying everything the LORD had commanded him to say to all the people. Then the priests, the prophets, and all the people seized him, saying, "You must die! 9 Why do you prophesy in the name of the LORD that this house will be like Shiloh and that this city will be desolate with no one living here?" All the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. 10 When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and sat in the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house. 11 Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people. "This man deserves the sentence of death for prophesying against this city, which you heard with your own ears!" 12 Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and to all the people, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things that you have heard. 13 Now reform your ways and your actions, and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not go through with the disaster he has pronounced against you. 14 But as for me, look, I am in your hands. Do with me as is good and right in your sight. 15 But know this for certain: If you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live here, for truly the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing." (EHV)

**PSALM 73** (p.94 in front section of hymnal)

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## SECOND LESSON

## **Ephesians 5:1-9**

Therefore, be imitators of God as his dearly loved children. 2 And walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. 3 But do not let sexual immorality, any kind of impurity, or greed even be mentioned among you, as is proper for saints. 4 Obscenity, foolish talk, and coarse joking are also out of place. Instead, give thanks. 5 Certainly you are aware of this: No immoral, impure, or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ, who is God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words. It is because of these things that the wrath of God is coming on the sons of disobedience. 7 So do not share in what they do. 8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, 9 for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth. (EHV)

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

**P:** Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life. (John 3:14-15)

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL Luke 11:14-28



14 Jesus drove out a demon, which was mute. After the demon had gone out, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowds were amazed. 15 But some of them said, "He drives out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons." 16 Others were testing him by demanding of him a sign from heaven. 17 But he knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is destroyed. And a house divided against itself falls, 18 If Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? You say that I drive out demons by Beelzebul. 19 But if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons drive them out? So they will be vour judges. 20 Yet if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. 21 "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. 22 But when someone stronger attacks him and defeats him, he takes away that man's full armor, in which he had trusted, and divides up his plunder. 23 "The one who is not with me is against me. The one who does not gather with me scatters. 24 When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places, seeking rest, but does not find any. Then it says, 'I will return to my house, the one I left.' 25 When it returns, it finds the house swept and put in order. 26 Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they go in and dwell there. The last condition of that man becomes worse than the first." 27 While he was saying these things, a woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that carried you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" 28 But he said, "Even more blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.". (EHV)

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION (During the distribution the congregation will sing Hymn 311)

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: Amen



#### 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.

#### 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.

**HYMN** 

"Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray" (CW #472)

**SERMON** 

Luke 11:14-28

"Jesus came to plunder Satan's stronghold"

- 1. Showing He is more powerful than Satan
- 2. Freeing those who live in enemy controlled territory

STAND



BE SEATED

**OFFERING** 

**STAND** 

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

# \*10:30 service continues with the Sacrament; 8:00 service continues on page 14

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## THE SACRAMENT

- The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them up to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- It is good and right so to do. C:
- It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by His death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song: