

Saturday Night At Emmanuel



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5:30pm*

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Welcome to Emmanuel Episcopal Church. We are delighted that you have chosen to worship Christ with us today. We invite all baptized Christians to join us fully in the celebration of the Eucharist. At the time for communion please follow the congregation up to the altar rail where you may stand or kneel. (The railing opposite the organ is reserved for standing.) You may consume the bread immediately and then drink from the cup or you may dip the bread in the wine. You may also pass on the wine by placing your hands across your chest. If you wish to have only a blessing by the priest, cross your hands over your chest as a sign that you wish a blessing.

Announcements:

Opening Hymn: # 411

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;**

**have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 40: 21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.
Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c Page 804, BCP

1

Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2

The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3

He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.

4

He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.

5

Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.

6

The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.

7

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.

8

He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;

9

He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.

10

He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.

11

He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12

But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.

21c

Hallelujah!

The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 9: 16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of

charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Bless the Lord my soul, and bless God's holy name;

Bless the Lord my soul, who leads me into life.

(Sung three times)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark 1: 29-39

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus left the synagogue at Capernaum, and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered,

"Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Richard Ressler

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People:

You may stand or kneel

Periods of silence may be kept.

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving. We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving other as he loves us.

Silence

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of these lands. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nations.

Silence

We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.

Silence

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

Silence

Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you.
Hear the prayers of your people.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith
We may by your grace receive;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Now to God who is able to do immeasurably more
Than all we can ask or conceive,
By the power which is at work among us,
Be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus
Throughout all ages.
Amen.

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says
Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us**

**through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet one another in the Love of Christ..

The Offertory

Contributions can be placed in the offering plates at the altar rail.

If you would like a blessing at this time please come forward to the altar rail.

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;
earth, winds, and waters;
and every living thing.
You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.
Time and again you called us
To live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,

Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat:
This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all

for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

People and Celebrant

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Fraction Anthems

We break this bread
to share in the Body of Christ.
**We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Hymn

Please join us at the altar rail.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us**

**with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Be amongst you and remain with you this day and always.

Closing Hymn: # 679

Dismissal:

Our worship is ended and our service begins,
Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Please join us for treats in the Parlor.

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Prayers of the People

~In the Emmanuel cycle of prayer, we ask your thanksgiving for the birthdays of Les Larson, Jacob Luckman, Marilyn Jones, Ken Kreimann, Delores Ermish, Cora Koss and Jan Rathbun and for the anniversary of Canon David and Nancy Seger.

~We pray for the protection of Leigh and Matt Bedell, Amanda Hurley, Brian Isley, Dalton Lyons, Denver Braa, Clifford Sallas, Jr. , Thomas Woods, Todd Winenties, Hana Bloomberg, Steve Allen and Douglas Jackson who are serving in harm's way in support of the United States Armed Forces.

~ For the special needs and concerns of this congregation we pray for:
Gordon Bryan, Ken Kreimann, Jenny, Marie Koss, Kay Van Vlack, Mark &
Jamie, Marie Luciano, Mary Ellen Smith, Delores Ermish, Ron Fish, Tina, Tri-
cia, Delores, Joseph Urzua, Robyn Opstedahl, and The Rev Elizabeth Bryan.

~The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
her husband, Andy, and her granddaughter, Elizabeth by Liz Bogue.

Announcements

A TASTE OF TRADITION

Over 125 years church gatherings have brought people together to break bread. We are putting together a cookbook called “Seasonal Gatherings” We need your recipes for this project. You can email Lynn Von Wald at vonwald@rap.midco.net, with your recipes or bring them to Kim at the church office. 5 recipes per person. We will be covering all four seasons.

THANK YOU TO 8:00 COFFEE HOSTS

All of the generous contributors to the 8:00 coffee time are very much appreciated. I thank you for making this social time such a success. We are grateful for everyone who attends and keeps the friendly conversations flowing. It takes all of us. Many thanks Barbara Shining

BUNKO PARTY

Put a big red X on February 11th on your calendar as a special events happening for Emmanuel! This will be a bunko party 7:00pm at Dwight & JoAnn Edstrom's home 3840 Ponderosa Court. You need not be proficient at anything to be able to be part of the fun. Just watch for the sign up sheets or call JoAnn at 341-4700. To reserve your seat at a table. The only requirement is that you be able to use your hand or hands to roll dice. No gambling is involved, just good clean fun and perhaps some goodies also. So be watching for more details about this special event.

ECW

During the month of February, the ECW will be accepting donations for "the coffee fund". Each year the ECW purchases coffee for use during the coffee hours, salad luncheons, funerals, and any special event of the church. We find that each year the cost of coffee is running around \$600 plus. To help defray the cost of purchasing coffee, the ECW is asking for donations. Please feel free to add your donations to the coffee can in the Parish Hall anytime during the month of February. Your gifts will be greatly appreciated.

125TH ANNIVERSARY FORUM

Will feature three life-long members of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Sunday February 12th, at 9:10am in the Parish hall. JoAnn Edstrom, organist and choir director, will present the remarkable changes over the years of the church's organ, purchased from the Elks Theater in 1941, its restoration and why music exists to enhance parishioners' spiritualities. Dwight Edstrom will provide the history and meaning of symbols found on various crosses within the church. Beverly Trull will speak on the history of ECW (Episcopal Church Women) and the "Traveling ECW Diocesan Quilt" made 20 years ago by various Episcopal churches, each making a quilt block to be sewn together with the opportunity to be displayed in Episcopal churches across South Dakota.

LAY PASTORAL CARE

A workshop will be presented on Feb. 18th, starting at 9 am and ending no later than 11:30 am.

If you have ever wondered about Lay Pastoral Care or thought it might be something you would be interested in, please come. We will be looking at the different aspects of pastoral care and how we hope to help people in those ministries.

Paul's Troublesome Urban Parish at Corinth

Dear Paul,

I believe God has called me to new life as a Christian, but why did he put me in a Church with so many weak-kneed, namby-pambies? I mean how dumb can you get when you believe idols are real. I left that kind of stuff a long time ago. Apollos baptized me last year. Yet, do you know that some of the so-called Christians here won't even come to my house because I buy my meat in the marketplace like everyone else! You and I both know there's nothing to idols, when will *they* learn?

It really upsets me that God seems to call all kinds to Himself. If you want my opinion, He's asking for trouble. Better the Church be an exclusive group of knowledgeable saints, than a hodgepodge of sinners. Couldn't you write another letter or something?

Signed,
Smart and Fuming in Corinth

Dear Smart,

You must have been out of town or missed church when my letter was read in Corinth. I addressed myself to the idol-meat gambit; ask your elder to show it to you.

The second matter you raised is really the more important. Since our Lord's Resurrection, the Spirit has touched all kinds of people: Jews and Gentiles, slave and free, male and female. Because of the diversity there is represented a wide spectrum of spiritual discernment and knowledge in the Church. There are different views concerning the Law, Feast Days, Fasting, and as you pointed out, eating meat offered to idols.

It is true that we apostles would have had an easier time if all the Church were such knowledgeable saints such as yourself. But our Blessed Lord did not commission us to preach His Gospel merely to one kind of person, but to the whole world. (Look at the end of Matthew's Gospel). And so I became a Jew to win Jews, I put myself outside the Law to win those outside the Law; I became weak to win the weak.

Sorry, my brother, the Church *is* a hodgepodge. But it is so because of the Great Commission of Jesus and the love that he has for all folks. The Holy Spirit is His Master Fisher who has thrown wide the net and gathered all kinds to Himself.

You are feeling the tension of a Church called to be catholic rather than sectarian; a church that saw within it a variety of sinners who respond to God in a variety of ways; a church that is a strange mixture of the rigorist and the relaxed.

The best way to bear the tension you have obviously felt is to love your dumb sisters and brothers, as you want God to love you.

Signed,
Paul

Canon Seger

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:00a HE I 9:00a Sunday school, Youth group, Choir 10:15a HE II	7:00p Centering Prayer	5:30p OA 6:00p Pastoral Care Committee	10:00a Ser-vice 11:00a Bible study 4:45p Outreach 6:00p Christian Formation	10:00 TOPS 7:00p Book group	9:30a Book group 5:00p OA	9:30a OA 5:30p Sat. Night Ser-vice 7:00p Bunko party at Edstrom home
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:00a HE I 9:00a Sunday school, Youth group, Choir 10:15a HE II	7:00p Centering prayer	5:30p OA 7:00p Knitting Guild	10:00a Ser-vice 11:00a Bible study 11:30a BH Symphony 5:30p Celebration Dinner	10:00a TOPS 7:00p Book group	9:30a Book group 5:00p OA	9:00a Lay pastoral care 9:30a OA 5:30p Sat. Night Ser-vice

Services at Emmanuel

Saturday

5:30 pm Alternate Eucharist

Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:15 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Healing Service