

Emmanuel Lutheran Church



February 25, 2018
Lent 2

Service of the Word
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To Our Visitors

- The restrooms are in the fellowship hall. Turn to your left when exiting the church.
- We are happy to have children in our worship. Cloth bags with age appropriate books and activities are available. Please ask an usher.

Calendar for This Week: February 25-March 3

Today

10:30 am Sunday School and Ignite Youth Group, Bible Class

1:00 pm Tubing at Badlands Sno Park

Wednesday

3:15 pm Confirmation Class

4:45 pm Confirmation Class

6:00 pm Potluck Dinner

7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service

Thursday

10:30 am Bible Class

HYMN

God Loved the World So that He Gave CW 391

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 28:10-17

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. ¹¹ When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. ¹² He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ There above it stood the Lord, and he said: "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. ¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. ¹⁵ I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

¹⁶ When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it." ¹⁷ He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 73, CW page 94

SECOND LESSON: Romans 5: 1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope.⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, You Are Going Forth CW 126

SERMON

Sermon: Mark 8: 31-38

Theme: Jesus goes to Jerusalem for us.

- I. Jesus must go to carry out our salvation.
- II. Jesus overcomes the devil's roadblock.
- III. Jesus tells us what following Him involves.

HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus CW 452

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus, Lead Us On CW 422

Lenten Supper/Services

Every Wednesday through March 21 we will have dinner at 6 pm in our Fellowship Hall and our worship service will be at 7 pm. The theme of our Midweek Lenten sermon series is A Personal View of our Savior's Suffering and Death. All of our members are encouraged to come and attend our special Midweek Lenten services. Invite your relatives and friends to come with you.

Lenten Supper Serving List

February 28: Leslie Stelling's Group

March 7: Potluck

March 14: Group 3

March 21: Church Council

Sign up sheets are on a bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Sunday Morning Bible Class

Pastor Vomhof will continue reading and discussing the book "A Lutheran Looks at ... MEGA CHURCHES". Come and learn what the Mega Churches are teaching and not teaching.

Easter Flowers



Please consider ordering an Easter Lily to decorate the altar for Easter. You may take your plant home following the service.

The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please sign up by March 14th.

For payment, please make your check out to Emmanuel and place in the offering plate. Please note "Easter flowers" on the check memo line or place your payment in an envelope marked "Easter flowers".

If you have questions, please talk to Michelle Rust.

Minnesota District 100th Anniversary Booklet

The Minnesota District President had appointed a committee to prepare a booklet to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of our Minnesota District which will take place on June 10 of this year. The title of the booklet is *Continue in My Word 1918-2018*. Celebrating 100 years of God's grace in the Minnesota District of the WELS.

The booklet provides a summary of the history and work of our Minnesota District. The Table of Contents includes the following articles: Preface by the MN District President, Brief History of the MN Synod becoming District of WELS, Blessings in the MN District, A History of Martin Luther College, Martin Luther College and the Need for Called Workers, Mission Work in the District, Listing of the Congregations, Lutheran Elementary Schools and Early Childhood Ministry in the District, the Three Area Lutheran High Schools, Jesus Cares Programs, Belle Plaine Lutheran Home and Encouragement to continue faithfully in using God's Word.

A copy of this booklet is on display on the table in the entryway. This booklet is being offered to the congregations of our District and to our members at a cost of \$3.00 per copy. Any member or family who would like to order a booklet should sign up on the sheet on the table. All orders and payment of \$3.00 or check should be made payable to: Minnesota District WELS no later than March 1st. Please place your offering in the offering plate.

Meditations Devotional Book Order

Today is the last day to order the Meditations devotional book. If you would like to order, write a check for \$16.99 and put it in an envelope with a note on the outside. Place the envelope in the offering plate or give to Matthew Winkler.

Women of Emmanuel Upcoming Events

Coffee at Hudson Bagel

Thursday, March 8 at 9 am

Saturday, April 7 at 9 am

Saturday, May 3 at 9 am

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, March 20 at 7 pm

Tuesday, April 17 at 7 pm

Tuesday, May 15 at 7 pm

News from St. Croix Lutheran

Gathering Grounds Variety Show is an afternoon of entertainment, hot drinks, and fanciful treats, Sun, February 25, 2:30 p.m., in the SCL commons. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$8 students (10 & up), free for ages 9 & under. More info at StCroixLutheran.org/GG

St. Croix Lutheran Academy Gala This 20s-themed sockdolager is on Saturday, April 14 at the InterContinental St. Paul Riverfront hotel. Find out more and register at www.StCroixLutheran.org/gala

SCL Spring Musical The Drowsy Chaperone Reserve seating tickets are available at StCroixLutheran.tix.com. April 6-8. \$10 adults; \$5 students/children/seniors (65+).

Church and School Cleaning Team for March

Jay Dahlke, leader
Paul Stelter family
Bob Ring family
Dave Schubert family

Other Items of Interest

Attendance last Sunday: 42
Fellowship refreshments next Sunday: Parker, Beck,
Widvey

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