

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

March 4, 2018
Lent 3

Third Sunday
in
Lent

Service of the Word and Sacrament
Christian Worship p. 26

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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: March 4-10

Today

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

Wednesday

4:00 pm Board of Education

4:45 pm Confirmation Class

6:00 pm Lenten Supper

7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service

Thursday

9:00 am Women of Emmanuel at Hudson Bagel

10:30 am Bible Class

HYMN

God Himself Is Present CW 224

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 20:1-17



Moses Receives the
Ten Commandments

And God spoke all these words:

² "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you

shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ "You shall not murder.

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ "You shall not steal.

¹⁶ "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 19, CW page 70

The heavens declare the glory of God;*
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

²⁰ They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was

raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Law Commands and Makes Us Know CW 286

SERMON

Sermon: Exodus 20: 1-6

Theme: Stand in Awe of the Lord our God.

- I. Consider God's love and grace.
- II. Obey God's Commandments.
- III. Know the seriousness of God's wrath and love.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord CW 135

HYMN

Almighty Father, Bless the Word CW 323

Daylight Savings Time Begins



Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour Saturday evening, March 10, as we begin Daylight Savings Time next Sunday at 2 am.

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 this week's sermon is "I Spent

Maundy Thursday Night and Good Friday Morning with Peter". 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

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.

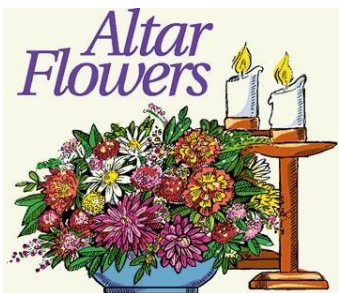
The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please sign up by March 14th.

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.

Altar Flower Donation Calendar



The 2018 Flower Donation Calendar is on fellowship hall bulletin board. Members may sign-up to donate a floral arrangement for the chancel area. This is a wonderful way to help beautify our church as well as commemorate wedding anniversaries, birthdays, memorials, and other personal milestones or to express gratitude for blessings received.

Women of Emmanuel Upcoming Events

Coffee at Hudson Bagel

Thursday, March 8 at 9 am

Saturday, April 7 at 9 am

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, March 20 at 7 pm

Tuesday, April 17 at 7 pm

Tuesday, May 15 at 7 pm

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: 72

Attendance last Wednesday: 23

Fellowship refreshments next Sunday: open



Theory, Hypothesis ... Or Something Else?

For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. – 2 Peter 1:16

Does the theory of evolution pass the test of being a legitimate theory? Not according to Ph.D. geologist and marine scientist Roger Gallop. In his book *Evolution: The Greatest Deception in Modern History*, Gallop points out that a theory is "an explanation of a set of related observations based on hypotheses and verified by independent researchers." But, he adds, "evolution – that is, genuine gain in genetic information or net increase in complexity – has never been observed in fossils or living populations."

So if evolution isn't a theory, what is it? A hypothesis? Nope. Dr. Gallop writes, "Evolution is not even worthy of the term hypothesis, which is an educated guess based upon observation."

In that case, what term is appropriate? Since evolution has never been observed or substantiated by empirical science, it would be best to call evolution an assumption. Most scientists accept evolution today because they simply assume it to be true.

And that's not just our position. L. Harrison Mathews wrote in his Introduction to Darwin's *The Origin of Species*: "[Since] biology is in the peculiar position of being a science founded on an unproved theory, is it then a science or a faith?" Mathews then answers the question: "Belief in the theory of evolution is thus exactly parallel to belief in special creation. Both are concepts which believers know to be true but neither, up to the present, has been capable of proof."

Ref: Roger G. Gallop, Ph.D., *evolution: The Greatest Deception in Modern History*, pp. 4-5, (Red Butte Press, 2nd edition, 2014).

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