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*First Sunday in Lent*  
*February 21, 2021*

PRELUDE

Lora Sweeney

(\* indicates standing - "LBW" refers to the Green Hymnal Book & "WOV" refers to the Blue Hymnal Book)

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

LBW Pg. 77

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*)

P: Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**\*ENTRANCE HYMN**

*"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"*

LBW #309

Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin; From  
 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed; Let  
 Lord Je - sus, think on me, Nor let me go a - stray; Through  
 Lord Je - sus think on me, That, when the flood is past, I  
 self - ish pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.  
 me your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste your pro - mised rest.  
 dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out your cho - sen way.  
 may the e ter - nal bright - ness see And share your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375-430; trans. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808-1896, Tune: Daman, Psalmes, 1578, Sola Online Worship eResource

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

**\*The Kyrie**

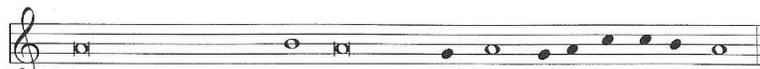
**LBW pg. 78**



**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



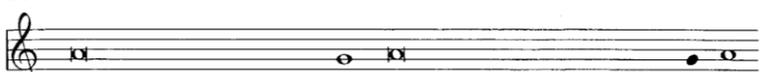
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



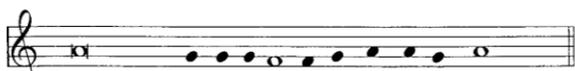
**A** For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



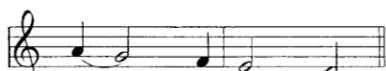
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



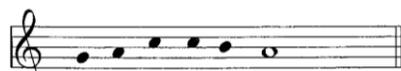
and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



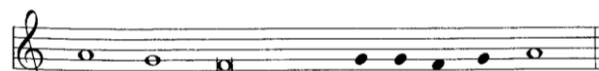
**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



**C** A - men

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray (*brief prayerful pause*)

O Lord God, you would have us put no trust in anything we do. Mercifully grant that by your power we may be defended against all adversity; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**THE WORD OF GOD****Old Testament Reading: Genesis 22:1-18**

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided." And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

**Psalm 25:1-10** (*Sung responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my | trust in you;\*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

<sup>2</sup>**Let none who look to you be | put to shame;\***  
**let the treacherous be disappointed | in their schemes.**

<sup>3</sup>Show me your | ways, O Lord,\*  
and teach | me your paths.

<sup>4</sup>**Lead me in your | truth and teach me,\***  
**for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.**

<sup>5</sup>Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love,\*  
for they are from | everlasting.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;\***  
**remember me according to your love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>Gracious and upright | is the Lord;\*  
therefore he teaches sinners | in his way.

<sup>8</sup>**He guides the humble in | doing right\***  
**and teaches his way | to the lowly.**

<sup>9</sup>All the paths of the Lord are | love and faithfulness\*  
to those who keep his covenant and his | testimonies.

<sup>10</sup>**For your name's | sake, O Lord,\***  
**forgive my sin, for | it is great.**

**New Testament Reading: James 1:12-18**

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

**LBW pg. 83**

Re-turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful,  
slow to an-ger, and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.

**\*Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9-15**

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

**Pastor Mark**

My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,  
 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my  
 My zeal in - spire; As thou hast died for me, Oh, may my  
 Be thou my guide; Bid dark-ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's  
 Shall o'er me roll; Blest Sav - ior, then, in love Fear and dis -

guilt a - way, Oh, let me from this day Be whol - ly thine.  
 love to thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!  
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.  
 trust re-move; Oh, bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887, Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872, Sola Online Worship eResource

### \*THE NICENE CREED

LBW Pg. 84

P: Let us confess our faith, using the Words of the Nicene Creed:

C: **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 whom all things were made.**  
**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;**  
**by the power of the Holy Spirit**  
**He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**  
**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 and the Son.**  
**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**  
**He 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.**

## **\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: With reverence for the earth, those in need, and the whole human family, let us offer our prayers to God.  
(*Prayerful silence*)

L: Gracious Father, we know we can thank you in times of trial, for you are with us. Let us remember, it is through tough times that our faith is refined in you as we grow more and more dependent on Christ. Grant us the wisdom to hear your Word and be guided by your light. Help us to accept our wrong doings and confess them when we fall short. Give us hope as we hear your gracious word of forgiveness. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Merciful Lord, we pray for our neighbors in this world, that we may learn to love them as you first loved us. Let us seek to understand their needs, so we may fulfill your call to servant leadership. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, so we may bring glory to your holy name as we serve others. Let us be courageous in difficult times, always keeping our eyes focused on you. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Father God, we pray for those who have families near and far, but who are divided by thought, word, or deed. May you guide them to forgiveness just as you have first forgiven us. Let us be mindful of Christ's journey to the cross during this Lenten season as a reminder of your steadfast love and forgiveness for your people. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Lord, Almighty Healer, we pray for comfort, health, and protection for those who are sick and weak, who suffer and mourn, and who are spiritually lost and alone, especially for **Bobby, Sarah, Leona, Elizabeth, George, Elaine, Mona, Edna, Betty, Pauline, Rick, Ruth, Nancy, George, Ron, Harold, David, Rob, Nancy, Jim, Susan, Pastor Polk, Ray, Rex, Laura, Joe, Scarlett, Kevin, Kevin, Ken, Sharyn, The Miller Family, Dawn, Julie, and Wayne.** Grant healing according to your will and peace to all who are struggling. Bless all health care workers and care givers as they minister to others with grace and patience. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Hear the prayers of your people that we speak now silently or aloud. (*silence for prayers of the people*)  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**OFFERING:** The offering plates are in the last pew on each side of the sanctuary. Those who wish to mail their offering may do so to:

**Emanuel Lutheran Church**

**P. O. Box 363**

**Elmer, NJ 08318**

**\*OFFERTORY**

**"Create in Me"**

LBW pg.86

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a  
 right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
 pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from  
 me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
 and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

LBW Pg.87

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

LBW Pg. 88

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LBW Pg. 90**

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in this, his holy supper.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

**C. Amen.**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**LBW Pg. 91**

P: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**\*LAMB OF GOD**

**LBW Pg. 92**



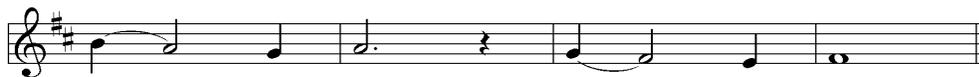
**☩ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;**



**grant us peace, grant us peace.**

*(Be seated and await the Ushers invitation to Holy Communion)*

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Holy Communion is under both forms – bread and wine or grape juice. At the direction of the usher, come to the Altar rail. You will receive an empty cup for the wine. If you wish grape juice, do not take a cup. After the person before you has gone, proceed to the Pastor who will distribute the Body of Christ in the form of a host. After the person before you has gone, proceed to the Communion Assistant who will pour the Blood of Christ in the form of wine in the cup you received. If you desire grape juice simply point to it and the communion assistant will hand it to you. Once you have received the blood of Christ dispense of your cup in the basket by the piano and return to your seat.

**\*AFTER COMMUNION**

**LBW Pg. 92**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**LBW Pg. 94**

L: Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C: Amen

**\*BLESSING**

**LBW Pg. 94**

P: Almighty God, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

**\*SENDING HYMN**

***"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"***

**LBW #107**

Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my  
 Up - on the cross of Je - sus Mine eye at times can  
 I take, O cross, thy shad - ow For my a - bid - ing

stand, The sha - dow of a might - y rock With - in a wear - y  
 see The ver - y dy - ing form of One Who suf - fered there for  
 place; I ask no oth - er sun - shine than The sun - shine of his

land; A home with - in the wil - der - ness, A rest up - on the  
 me. And from my smit - ten heart with tears, These won - ders I con -  
 face; Con - tent to let the world go by, To know no gain or

way, From the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, And the bur - den of the day,  
 fess, The won - der of his glo - rious love, And my un - wor - thi - ness.  
 loss, My sin - ful self my on - ly shame, My glo - ry all the cross.

Text: Elizabeth Ceclia Clephane, 1830-1869, Tune: Frederick C. Maker, 1844-1927, Sola Onlne Worship eResource

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DISMISSAL**

**LBW Pg. 95**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE**

**Lora Sweeney**

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**WELCOME VISITORS!** We pray you experience God’s presence and love among us today. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and sign the Guestbook downstairs. If you have **CHILDREN**, Children’s Worship Bags are available from the Usher. And, of course, we hope to see you again!

**Wi-Fi** is available for your convenience under the User Name “LutheranChurchGuest” and the password: *church01* (lowercase).

**FOR PASTORAL CARE**, contact Pastor Mark (at home, text on his cell phone & email on front of Bulletin). If Pastor does not answer immediately, please leave a message.

**PRAYER CONCERNS** – please update any prayer concerns you may have requested. Let us know if you want individual prayer requests included on the Weekly Prayer List or just prayers with the prayer chain. Names on this list will be removed at the end of each month unless Pastor, Patsy or the office is notified otherwise.

Bobby Hiles	Sarah Romig	Leona Knerr	Elizabeth Shimp
George Shimp	Elaine Williams	Mona Hess	Edna Halter
Betty Heil	Pauline Benjamin	Rick Pfeffer	Ruth Peterson
Nancy Wilson	George Moore	Ron Roedell	Harold Tyson
David Duffield	Rob Innes	Nancy Heck	Jim Wenger
Susan Powel	Pastor Polk	Ray Dilks	Rex Cobb
Laura Bisconte	Joe Snowden	Scarlett Weist	Kevil Ulhand
Kevin Flaim	Ken Hitchner	Sharyn Fooks	Dawn Colonni
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#### THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL

*Today is **Food Pantry Day*** – Please place your donated items on the back steps of the church.  
*Wednesday, February 24* – Lenten worship and Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. – via *Zoom*  
*Sunday, February 28* – Worship at 10:00 a.m. in-person and *Facebook live*

**OPTIONAL SEATING AVAILABLE** For those concerned about social distancing, individuals may sit in the choir loft, the balcony or downstairs for the service. Please keep your mask on until you exit the building.

#### OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Lent continues this week with our Lenten study, “Road to Coronation.” Each individual session is as follows:



February 17<sup>th</sup> – The Royal Background  
February 24<sup>th</sup> - Royal Beginnings  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Royalty in Action  
March 10<sup>th</sup> – Royalty in the Holy City  
March 17<sup>th</sup> – The Royal Coronation in Mark, Matthew and Luke  
March 24<sup>th</sup> – The Royal Coronation in John

#### Next Week’s Readings:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 5:1-11; Mark 8:27-38

**ABOUT THE SOLA SCRIPTURA SETTING** The historic Christian order of service and the traditional liturgy for worship are based upon the words of Scripture, from both Old and New Testaments. Various traditional elements of the service, like the Nunc Dimittis and Aaronic Benediction are taken directly from Scripture, while others like the Gloria and Sanctus are made up of many Bible passages brought together.

This setting of the service for Holy Communion attempts to make the connection to Scripture in worship even more explicit. The spoken dialog and prayers in this setting are taken directly from the English Standard Version (ESV), with the appropriate citations listed throughout.\* These verses were chosen to convey the same sense and meaning found in the traditional liturgy, emphasizing the biblical basis for our worship.

Since this is a spoken liturgy, relying on musical accompaniment only for congregational hymns, it is well-suited for places where professionally-trained accompanists or vocal soloists are not available to lead a musical setting of the liturgy.

\* In a few cases, the singular “I” has been changed to the plural “we” for use in corporate worship, with the grammar made consistent. SOLA SCRIPTURA SETTING A Spoken Liturgy for Holy Communion Arrangement © 2011 - Sola Publishing Sola Publishing P.O. Box 521 Maple Lake, MN 55358 Scripture is taken from ESV Bible® (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®).

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