

Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church

Imitating Christ Together



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First Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Sanctuary Service

Liturgist: Beth Kring

Ushers: Greg Kamps, Morey Dambekaln, Rollin Kring, Rick Kohlmann

Acolytes: Calvin Schoenenberger

Altar Flowers: Given by Karen Gravenkamp

Please sign the registration pad found at the end of your pew

**Please stand as you are able*

GATHERING

Announcements, Welcome, and Greetings

Prelude

“Amazing Grace”

arr. Bennett

Pastoral Greeting

Rev. Dr. Matt Hadley

*** Call to Worship**

God calls us with gifts placed gently in our hands.

We confess that sometimes we hide them out of fear.

God invites us not to perfection, but to participation.

We come, ready to step forward in faith.

The Spirit stirs what has grown quiet within us.

Wake us, O God, to love, courage, and holy risk.

***Hymn 514**

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

*** Opening Prayer:**

God of grace, you have entrusted us with gifts, passions, and purpose. Forgive us when fear keeps us disengaged, when caution replaces love, and when we settle instead of trusting you. Stir our hearts, renew our courage, and call us again into faithful participation. Amen.

Special Music

“Lamb of God”

Paris

Spirit Ringers, Kathy Kamps, Director

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

Romans 12:11 (NIV)

Response

The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God!

Hymn 384

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Sermon

"When Apathy Replaces Love"

Rev. Dr. Matt Hadley

OFFERTORY

Offertory Music

"Heart of God"

King/Myrin

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***Doxology #94**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, all that we have comes from you. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust, our movement from fear to faith, and our desire to invest ourselves in your work of love. Use what we offer—our time, our resources, our lives— for the sake of your kingdom. Amen.

***Hymn 513**

"Soldiers of Christ, Arise"

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

***Hymn 2172**

"We Are Called"

SENDING FORTH

Benediction

Go now, not in fear, but in trust.

We will step forward in faith.

God does not ask for perfection, only participation.

We will risk love and faithful presence.

May the Spirit ignite what has grown numb.

We go, ready to live what we believe.

*The worship is over,
Let the service begin!*

Postlude

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”
Townend arr. Tornquist

All are Welcome!

This is a Welcoming, Reconciling Congregation. Therefore, we embrace diversity and affirm the dignity and worth of every person because we are all created by a loving God. We seek to live Christ’s call for compassion, justice, healing, and wholeness. We welcome into our faith community persons of every race, age, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and expression, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, mental and physical ability, economic and social position, political affiliation, level of education, and family structure.

We believe we can all love alike, even if we don’t think alike.

We invite all to share in the life, leadership, lay and ordained ministry, worship and sacraments, the covenant of committed love in holy matrimony, fellowship, blessings, and joys of our congregation as we seek to grow in faith and love.
No matter where you are on your faith journey, we are glad you are here!