

# Fifth Sunday in Lent

**THEME:** By Jesus' perfect sacrifice, he became our High Priest, putting into effect a new covenant.

**HYMN 354:** "Lamb of God, We Fall before You"

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**FIRST LESSON:** Jeremiah 31:31 — 34

*The Lord promises a new covenant for his people, a covenant of full and free forgiveness of sins. Through this covenant, the Lord would set apart his people who would know him fully, every last one of them.*

31:31 "The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

32 It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD.

33 "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

34 No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

**PSALM OF THE DAY** - Psalm 143 (p.118) (sung in unison)

David teaches us to confess our sins, acknowledge our helplessness, and turn - to trust in God.

**SECOND LESSON:** Hebrews 5:7 — 9

*Even when we were dead in transgressions, God made us alive with Christ. Such a free gift of God moves Christian hearts to do the good works God prepared for us to do.*

5:4 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered 9 and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

**CHOIR:** "Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness"

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** John 12:20 — 33

*Jesus' road to glory was the road to the cross. Through his suffering, death, and resurrection, Jesus draws all people to himself.*

12:20 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast. 21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." 22 Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

23 Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. 25 The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

27 "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name!

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." 29 The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

30 Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. 31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. 32 But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself."

33 He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

**HYMN 465:** "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"

**SERMON THEME:** We Have a New Contract

1. It completely replaces the old broken one
2. It is founded on a new perfect way of thinking

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**OFFERING HYMN 485 Verses 1 & 2:** "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (Please Stand)

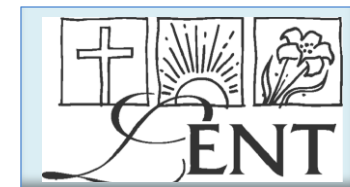
**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN 387:** "Drawn to the Cross"

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN 372:** "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

**SILENT PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Serving Us Today ~ March 18, 2018**

*Guest Organist:* Marjean Schroeder

*Ushers:* Dave Schroeder, Jim Daubert, Gary Troudt & Dennis Troudt

*Altar Guild:* Jan Nelson, Dave & Judy Zarter & Jan Zellmer



**The Flowers Adorning our Altar** this morning have been provided by Jaunita Oaks Joslin in loving memory of Tom Oaks.

**Ladies' Guild** will meet on Tuesday to discuss plans for our Easter breakfast. Join us if you have ideas or would like to be involved (men and women). Hostesses for the evening are Lynn Beshears and Marge Schroeder.

**Our Bible Study after Worship Service Continues:** We will be studying the book of Amos, a prophet who warned that the Lord would completely destroy the nation of Israel for its idolatry. Yet lovingly, he would restore it, reestablish David's kingdom, and never uproot it again. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m.

**2018 Mid-week Lenten Services and Suppers:** Pre-service soup suppers continue in our Fellowship Hall at 5:45 p.m. There is only one week left! Mid-week Lenten Service begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal follows immediately after service.

**Easter Flower Sign-up Sheets** are located in the fellowship hall if you are interested in purchasing a flower. There are two separate lists for lilies and other flowers available. Sign-up deadline is fast approaching. Please sign-up **by March 20**.

**Easter Breakfast Sign-up Sheets for *Saturday set-up* and *Sunday Morning Kitchen Help*** are located in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you volunteers!

**April Lamplighter Articles** are due in our church office by Sunday, March 25th.

**Spring Clean-up Day at Immanuel:** Mark your calendar for May 5. Outside and inside clean-up is planned in and around our church. More information will be included in our April Lamplighter.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS		THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL	
Budgeted per week	\$3,517.00	Office Hours	Tue., Wed & Thurs. 8:00 a.m. - Noon
Budgeted Received 03-11 & 03-14		<b>Today</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Bible Study #3</b>
Budgeted needed to date		<b>Monday</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. GriefShare</b>
Budgeted received to date		<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Bible Class</b>
		<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. Ladies' Guild</b>
		<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class</b>
		<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5:45 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper-Turkey Veg.</b>
		<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. Mid-week Lenten Service</b>
Worship Attendance 03-11-18	104	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</b>
Sunday School 03-11-18		<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Communion Service</b>
Sunday Bible Study 03-11-18	14		
GriefShare 03-12-18	7	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Sunday School</b>
Bible Class 03-13-18	12	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Bible Study #4</b>
Mid-Week Lenten Service			

