

Sunday, March 22, 2026

5th Sunday in Lent

WELCOME to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.
Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit:
Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdaining the living water
Christ offers: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and
hope in the world: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to
come forth to life: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God,
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in
you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

ELW 712

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation. Dottie Richbourg and Jerry Vinyard have come to our congregation from wherever God has called them and we celebrate their joining together with us, this day, as we seek to further the Kingdom of God in this place.

AM: Let us pray...We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

APOSTLES CREED

AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Apostles Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

P: In baptism...following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Siblings in Christ, do you intend...among God's people in this place?

New Members: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: Do you renounce...and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

New Members: I renounce them.

P: People of God, do you promise to nurture these individuals and families in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

WELCOME

AM: Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together.

C: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our

**Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.
Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

L: A reading from Ezekiel.

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 8:6-11

L: A reading from Romans.

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

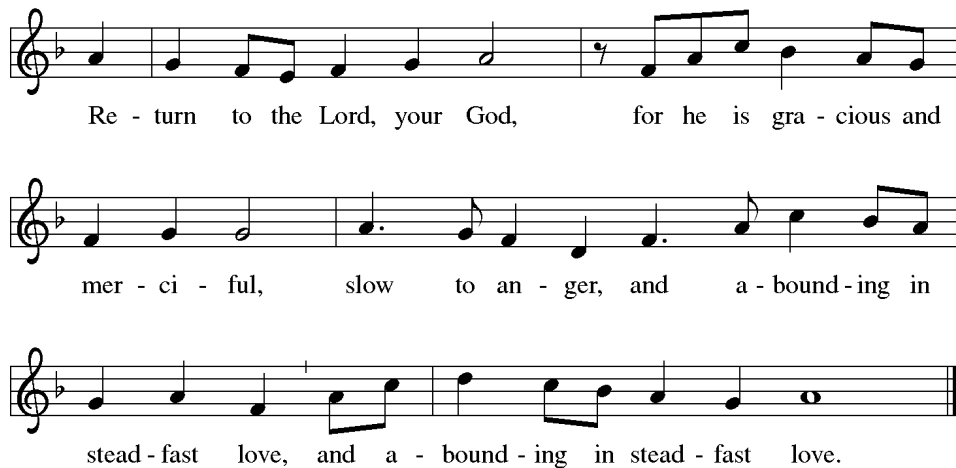
⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in

you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four

days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." ²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." ⁴⁵ Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"When the Tomb Opens"

Pastor Marcus

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"

ELW 334

Final stanza Lent 4

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs. We pray for the church. Grant life and peace to all who gather in your name. Breathe into us so that we may share your message of forgiveness, hope, and love.

Respond to each petition: AM: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING HYMN

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

ELW 886

Giving information is located on the back of the bulletin.

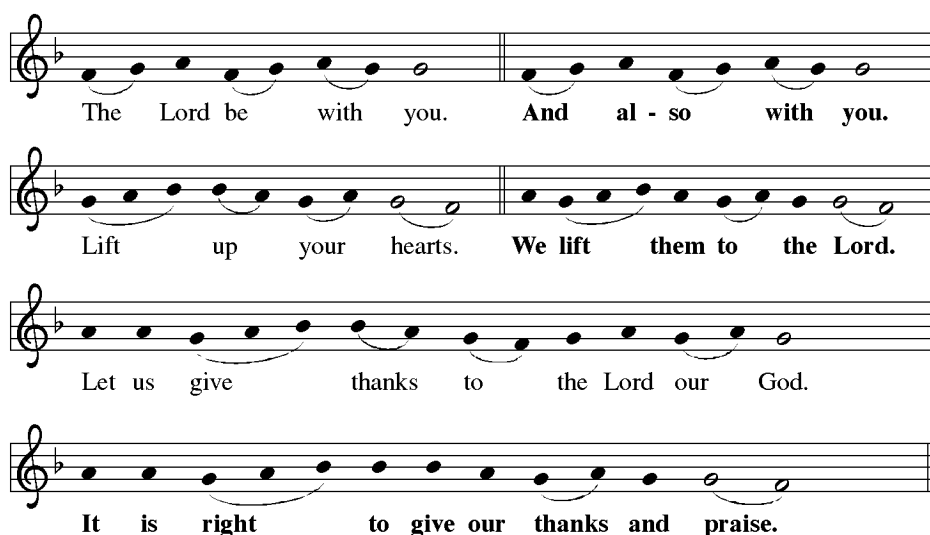
OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray.

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

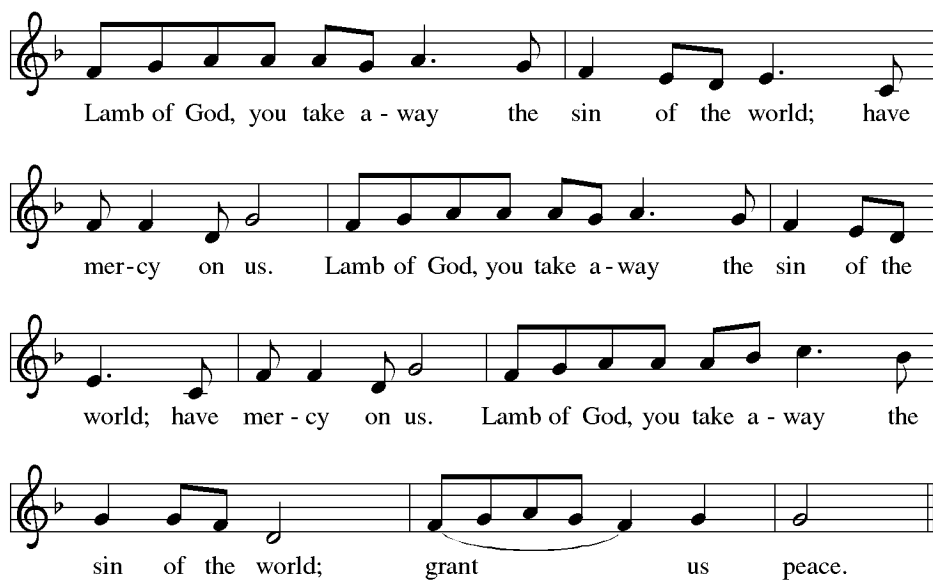
P: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

COMMUNION

Communion will take place via continuous line (right side) and continuous kneeling (left side). We welcome all baptized persons to the Lord's Table who believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. Children are welcome to be brought forward to receive a blessing. Participants to the right will be offered a wafer and invited to eat with these words, "the body of Christ given for you." Gluten free wafers are available. Next, step to the right, to the silver tray that contains glasses of white grape juice at the center and outer empty glasses for wine. Lastly, participants will step to the last assistant who will pour the wine and share these words, "the blood of Christ shed for you." Place your glass in the small silver bowl at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat. If you wish to come forward and not receive either element, simply cross your arms for a blessing.

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"



The musical notation for the Agnus Dei hymn is presented in four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have". The second staff continues the melody and lyrics: "mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the". The third staff continues: "world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the". The fourth staff concludes the phrase: "sin of the world; grant us peace." The word "grant" is underlined with a horizontal line.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Restore in Us, O God"
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

ELW 328
ELW 773

TABLE BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ☩ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"You Are the Way"

ELW 758

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

MUSICIAN TODAY: Ed Workmon, organ

WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, March 22, 2026: Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Elizabeth Jandt; **Communion Assistants:** Cindy Pique, Darlene Zies, Deb Haug, Emily Prochnow, Marsha Schroeder; **Reader:** Emily Prochnow; **Ushers:** Tim Troell, Joe Kane, Deborah Almquist, Bev Seidenschwarz, Barbara McCall; **Altar Guild:** Cathy Anderson, Cindy Pique; **A/V Tech:** TBD; **Council Greeter:** Janelle Leon-Weinman; **Safety Attendants:** Brandon May, Charles Jobe; **Hospitality:** Deborah Almquist, Gerry Harrison, Sheila English

WORSHIP LEADERS for Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026: Preaching: Pastor Rudy; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Lory Alves; **Communion Assistants:** Steve Anderson, Darlene Zies, Bill Elley, Emily Prochnow, Jeanne Palmer; **Reader:** Bill Salt; **Ushers:** Doug Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; **Altar Guild:** Dave English, Sheila English, Elizabeth Jandt; **A/V Tech:** Jonathan Zitelman; **Council Greeter:** Bryce Kennedy; **Safety Attendant:** Joe Kane, Kevin Seider; **Hospitality:** Bev Seidenschwarz, Walter Seidenschwarz

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP is in the sanctuary, online, and aired on KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT TO SHARE? Submit a brief, yet detailed description of your event to info@elcsequin.org on Mondays for consideration in the Weekly News and bulletin.

SUNDAY STUDIES:

- **THE HERITAGE CLASS** (307): 9:15am. Seeking to unlock the wisdom of the Bible through fellowship and robust group discussion. Spring Study: "Lament, Confession, Rebirth"
- **JOY CLASS:** Bible stories and songs for adults with intellectual disabilities. Class meets one Sunday a month in the WMR at 9:00am.
- **THE DISCIPLES CLASS** (Family Life Center): 9:00am Feb. 22 – Mar. 29, PovertyCure Workshop & Discussion led by Paul Sims.
- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** During worship Children's Ministry volunteers lead our PK to 5th grade learners to the Children's Church room, just down the hall from the sanctuary, returning as we share the peace.
- **THE COMPASS COOPERATIVE** gathers on Sundays with our church partners- Emanuel's, St. Andrew's, and Spirit of Joy - at Spirit of Joy campus. Middle School (6-8 grades) from 4-5pm, dinner for everyone at 5pm, and High School (9-12 grades) from 5:30-6:30pm. Contact Hannah@elcsequin.org for more info.
- **CONFIRMATION CLASS** meets **Sunday, March 22** at 11:45 in the Women's Ministry Room.

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY STUDIES AND PROGRAMS:

Line Dancing with Handsome Rob (Fellowship Hall): Mondays at 2:00pm

Chair Yoga with Gina (Family Life Center): Wednesdays at 9:00am

3C: Community-Connection-Conversation (Church Lawn): Tuesdays at 7:30am

The Wired Word (Family Life Center): Tuesdays at 8:45am

Sweet Hour of Prayer (Family Life Center): Thursdays at 10am

Pathways to Healing Grief Support (Family Life Center): 2nd Sunday at 2:00pm

Pub Theology (1916 Bar & Bistro): 3rd Thursday at 5:30pm

Caregiver Café (Family Life Center): 3rd Sunday at 2:00pm

Faith Circle (Women's Ministry Rm): 3rd Tuesdays at 2:00pm

Joy Circle (Women's Ministry Rm): 2nd Thursday at 9:30am

Ladies Aid (Women's Ministry Rm): 1st Wednesdays at 2:00pm

Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Naumann Family in loving memory of Roland Naumann.

Radio Broadcast is given in celebration of Hughlene Micheli's birthday by her daughters Mitzi Matula and Joey Wallace.

EASTER LILIES! Emanuel's will welcome Easter with beautiful lilies at our 10:30 worship service. You may donate Easter lilies as you rejoice the season, or in memory or honor of loved ones. Plants may be taken home following the service on Sunday, April 5. Return forms (available in the narthex, church office, and online) with payment by **Monday, March 23**. Each plant is \$15.

ALL TEAM MEETING NIGHT is **Tuesday, March 24 at 5:30pm in the Women's Ministry Room**. All of Emanuel's Ministry Teams gather on a single evening to share a meal, collaborate, plan, and schedule upcoming events and ministry projects. Among other topics, this month our work focuses on Eggapalooza, Holy Week and Easter Sunday, summer programming with Compass and summer camp at Chrysalis, the Garden of Eatin' renovation plan, "God's Work. Our Hands." in September, and worship preparations for graduate Sundays, Confirmation Sunday, and Bluegrass Sunday.

SANCTUARY & NARTHEX RENOVATIONS TASK FORCE is getting its work underway. Subcommittees have been formed from those who completed an interest card during our 2025 annual meeting. There are six areas of focus outlined in the approved scope of work and they include: Sound, Projection/Video, Lighting; Narthex Expansion & Columbarium; Seating, Flooring, & an Adaptable Worship Space; Paint & Acoustics; Elevator & Accessibility; HVAC Systems. Some of our subcommittees have space if you are interested in joining their work. Please email Pastor Marcus.

LENTEN EVENING DINNER CHURCH is **Wednesdays, February 25 – March 25** "By Faith: A Midweek Lenten Series," centers each gathering on this question, "What is faith?" The text from Hebrews 11:1 defines it in this way: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Our evening begins at 6pm with a communal meal. There is always a place for you at the table.

LENTEN MEALS: The Feast and Fellowship Ministry Team invites everyone to join us Wednesday night for soup, sandwiches, and desserts at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheets to contribute a soup or desserts are in the Narthex and please plan for 40–60 guests and bring any needed toppings. Lenten offerings support CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates).

NATIONAL QUILTING DAY was **March 21**. Our Lutheran World Relief Quilters invite you to observe National Quilting Day this year by donating fabric (used or new). They quilt Monday and Wednesday mornings in the Level 1 Sewing Suite. Contact Cathy Anderson at 830-660-8187 with any questions.

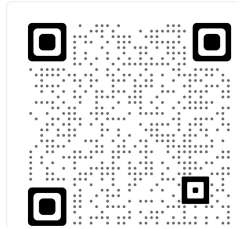
LUTHERAN LUNCH BUNCH will **NOT** meet in April. See you on the first Sunday of May after worship!

EMANUEL'S NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK is **Friday, April 10 at 7pm. Only 8 tickets remain!** The Gather & Grow team invites you to a Missions baseball game at Wolff Stadium in San Antonio. Meet in the Mountain Street parking lot at 5pm to carpool, leaving promptly at 5:30pm. Or meet at the stadium. Tickets are \$20 each at <https://www.gofevo.com/event/EmmanuelLutheran31>, or by scanning the QR code on our flyer. Batter up!

EGGAPALOOZA 2026 is on Saturday and we are so excited to see this outreach ministry grow! In order to pull off this wonderful and monumental weekend, we need your help. We will pack and stage everything we need on Friday, March 27 from 2-4:30pm, both at church and at TLU's Bulldog Stadium. We will then host the event on **Saturday, March 28** with volunteers arriving at 7am in the Student Activity Center, across from the stadium for instructions. You can still sign-up here: <https://tinyurl.com/eggapaloozavolunteers>.

1st COMMUNION CLASSES are Sundays **March 15, 22, and 29 at 9am** in the Women's Ministry Room. All 5th grade and older youth who have not participated in the class are invited. We will gather for study, fellowship, and bake the bread used for Holy Communion at the Maundy Thursday service. At this service, Thursday, April 2 at 6:30pm, 1st Communion students and their families will celebrate the Meal together. Please reach out to Pastor Marcus to get your youth on the list for this year's classes.

CAREGIVER SYMPOSIUM is **Thursday, April 16** from 9am to noon at the Seguin Public Library. The Caregiver Symposium features Rev. Dr. Carla Cheatham, an expert in trauma-informed care, resilience, and emotional intelligence, who will equip professional and non-professional caregivers with practical tools for sustainable self-care and compassionate presence. Participants will learn mindfulness, boundary-setting, and emotional resilience strategies that strengthen both personal well-being and the quality of care they provide. To make attendance accessible and restorative, onsite respite care for loved ones will be offered by GRMC Hospice volunteers. Presented by Emanuel's Lutheran Church, Guadalupe Regional Medical Center, and the Resilient Foundation. Scan the QR code to register. Seats are limited. Call 830-379-5046 for questions.



3C (Community-Connection-Conversation) is a time of gathering on the church lawn at the street on **Tuesdays** from 7:30-8:30am as a way to share in fellowship with each other, inviting new faces to sit share their stories, and welcome visitors who pass us on the street. Our format is open, very fluid, and provides a place to share, visit, and grow together as a community of faith.

COMPASS SUMMER FUNDRAISER: We have so many amazing programming opportunities for our youth this summer, but we need your help to accomplish them! Starting this Sunday and throughout the next several weeks, there is a large display in the narthex of envelopes labeled 1-150. If you feel called to do so, pick an envelope with a number that you would be willing to donate (Ex: if you could donate \$72, pick envelope "72"). Fill out the form inside of the envelope, make the donation, and drop the envelope in the box! As a thank you for donating, you are invited to join us at the end of the summer for a special dinner served by the youth where we will show pictures, videos, and hear stories about the summer programs! Not only will you be investing in our programming, but in the faith formation of our youth. Thanks so much for your support of the Compass Cooperative ministry! *Have any questions? Reach out to Hannah Hansen at hannah@elcseguin.org.*

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS: We will be flowering the cross on Easter morning on the steps outside the church entrance. Please bring some fresh-cut blooms from your garden, the flower shop, or even HEB! Before the service, add you blossoms where there's space. We look forward to transforming that old wooden cross into a sign of blossoming grace and hope. May it become a sign for us!

HOLY WEEK AT EMANUEL'S

Palm Sunday | March 29 at 10:30 am

Worship begins outside the church on the steps.

Maundy Thursday | April 2 at 6:30 pm

Worship and First Communion

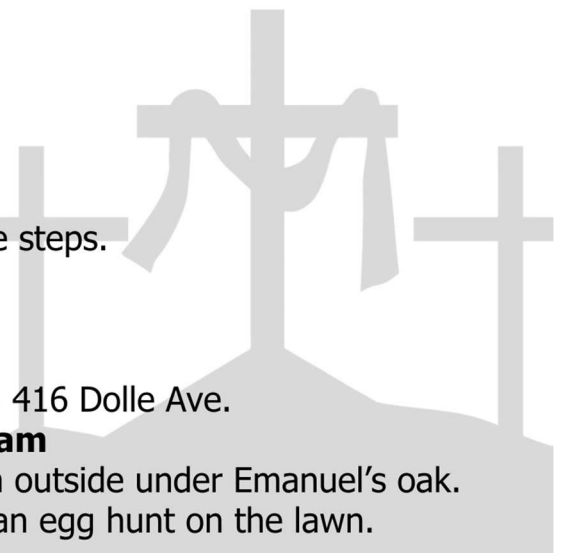
Good Friday | April 3 at 7:00 pm

Worship at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, 416 Dolle Ave.

Easter Sunday | April 5 at 7am and 10:30 am

Sunrise service, with Spirit of Joy, at 7am outside under Emanuel's oak.

Worship in the sanctuary at 10:30, then an egg hunt on the lawn.



EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL And Ministry Team Liaisons

President, Bryce Kennedy, *Outreach & Service Team*

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Bill Salt, *Education Team*

Rissa Springs, *Worship Team*

Darlene Zies, *Outreach & Service Team*

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Tuesday, March 24

5:30pm in the Women's Ministry Room

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Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

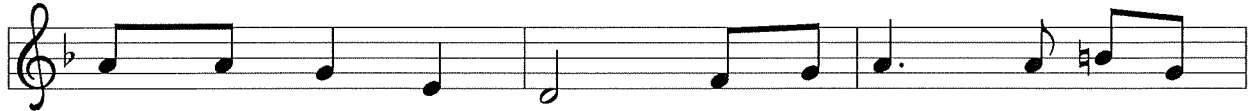
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Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery



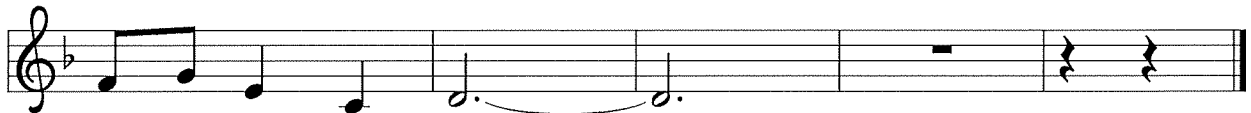
1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



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One of the following may be sung as a final stanza at the appropriate time.

General

Light of life beyond conceiving,
mighty Spirit of our Lord;
give new strength to our believing,
give us faith to live your word

Lent 1

From the dawning of creation
you have loved us as your own;
stay with us through all temptation,
make us turn to you alone.

Lent 2

In our call to be a blessing,
may we be a blessing true;
may we live and die confessing
Christ as Lord of all we do.

Lent 3

Living Water of salvation,
be the fountain of each soul;
springing up in new creation,
flow in us and make us whole.

Lent 4

Give us eyes to see you clearly;
make us children of your light.
Give us hearts to live more nearly
as your gospel shining bright.

Lent 5

God of all our fear and sorrow,
God who lives beyond our death,
hold us close through each tomorrow,
love as near as every breath.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

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Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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Restore in Us, O God



- 1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
- 2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
- 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
- 4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: BAYLOR, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933

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Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993
Music: George N. Allen, 1812-1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey
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PRECIOUS LORD
Irregular

You Are the Way



- 1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
- 2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
- 3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.

Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615