

Sunday, April 3, 2022
Fifth Sunday in Lent

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



PRELUDE

TEMPLE TALK

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

C: Amen.

P: Holy One,

C: we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Christ, the Life of All the Living"

ELW 339

GREETING

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.**

KYRIE

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



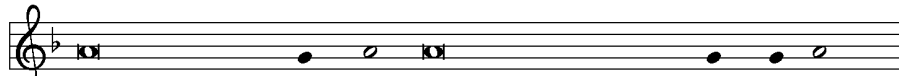
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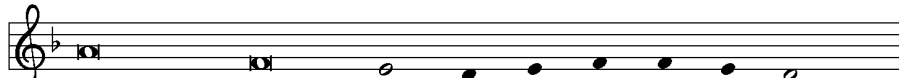
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



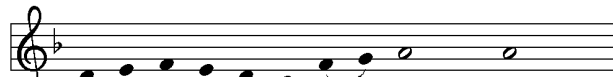
Lord, have mer - cy.




For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,




and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



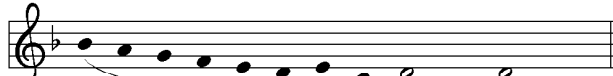
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer here their wor-ship and praise,




let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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AM: Let us pray together.

C: Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, 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.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

L: A reading from Isaiah.

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 126

The congregation is invited to sing the bold verses and the refrain.



Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

¹When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy.**

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great | things for them."

³The LORD has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.

⁴**Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses | of the Negeb. R**

⁵Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves. R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

L: A reading from Philippians.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For

his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor John

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

ELW 335

APOSTLE'S CREED

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AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Apostle's 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Do a new thing in the church. Free us from paradigms that no longer serve the gospel and bring forward leaders who imagine fresh ways of doing ministry. Give us courage in the face of change.

Response to each petition: AM: Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

AM: Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

PEACE

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P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

OFFERING HYMN

"Take My Life that I May Be"

ELW 685

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING INFORMATION

For online giving: <https://tinyurl.com/emanuelsgiving>

Mailing Address: Emanuel's Lutheran Church, 206 N. Travis Street Seguin, TX 78155

OFFERING PRAYER

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AM: Let us pray.

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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.

PREFACE

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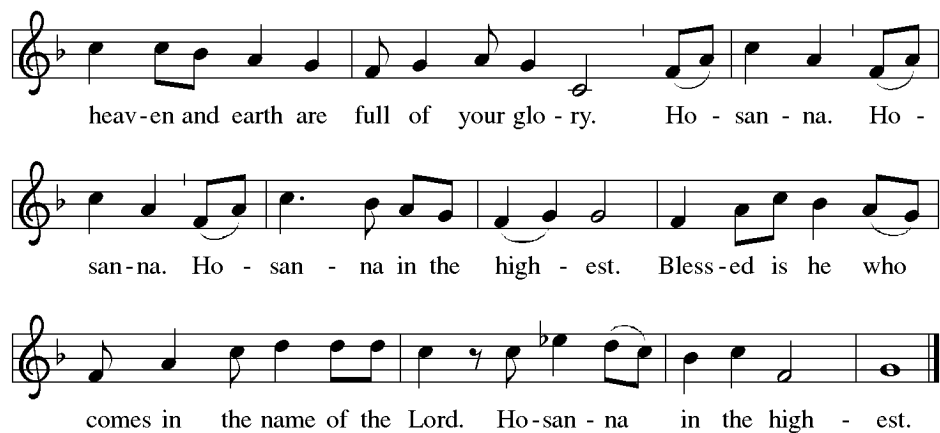
SANCTUS

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy"

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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LORD'S PRAYER

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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

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P: Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

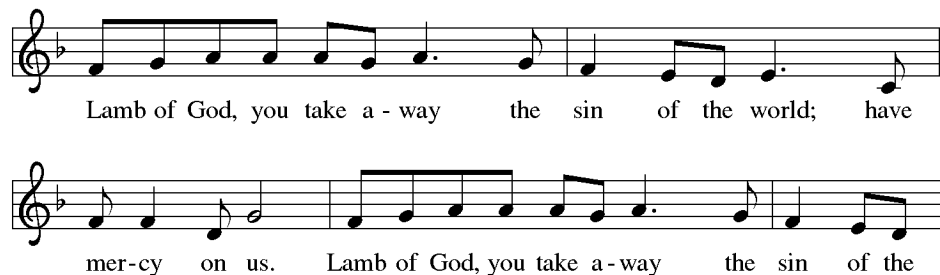
COMMUNION

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Communion will take place via continuous line. We welcome all baptized persons to the Lord's Table who believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. Children are also welcomed to be brought forward to receive a blessing. Participants will be offered a wafer and invited to eat with these words, "the body of Christ given for you." If you would like a gluten free wafer, please ask the pastor or communion assistant for one. They will present you with a plate where you may retrieve the wafer. Each will then step to the silver tray that contains glasses of white grape juice at the center and outer empty glasses. Please take an empty cup if you prefer wine. Lastly, participants will step 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, cross your arms for a blessing.

COMMUNION SONG

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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

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.

COMMUNION HYMN "Jesus, the Very Thought of You" ELW 754

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

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AM: Let us pray.

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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P: You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, ✠ bless you this day and always.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

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DISMISSAL

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P: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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RADIO BROADCAST this morning is for the glory and praise to God
by Gloria Muehlbrad.

MUSICIANS TODAY: Jubilation Singers; Deb Haug, cantor; Chris Teague, guitar

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, April 3, 2022: Preaching: Pastor John; **Presiding:** Pastor Kelsie; **Assisting Minister:** Melissa Barbre; **Communion Assistants:** Carrie Moseley, Jeannie Hall, Earlene Jarzombek, Jeanne Palmer; **Acolyte:** Leland May; **Reader:** Bill Salt; **Ushers:** Allan Bode, Bill Meier, Ron Schneider; **Altar Guild:** Elizabeth Jandt, Jeanne Palmer, Marsha Schroeder; **AV/Tech:** Matt Clardy; **Council Greeter:** Lindsay May; **Hospitality:** Nancy Meier, Bill Meier, Fran Vinyard, Keith Vinyard.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, April 10, 2022: Preaching: Pastor Marcus; **Presiding:** Pastor Kelsie; **Assisting Minister:** Kai Seidenberger; **Communion Assistants:** Marsha Schroeder, Bill Elley, Natalie Alexander, Barbara McCall; **Acolytes:** Allison Shelnut, Liam Teague; **Crucifer:** Haley Benavides; **Reader:** Allison Seidenberger; **Ushers:** Doug Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; **Altar Guild:** Marsha Schroeder, John Van Deusen, Faye Van Deusen, Mary Barnes; **AV/Tech:** Steve Anderson; **Council Greeter:** Emily Prochnow; **Hospitality:** Cathy Anderson, Susan Yeatts, Judy Sagebiel.

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP is in-person, online via YouTube and our website, and aired on KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m.

COVID-19 SAFETY UPDATE: Masks are encouraged but no longer required on the church campus. Masks are strongly encouraged, regardless of vaccination status, but no longer required while participating in campus events. Please refer to the entire updated *2022 Emanuel's Covid-19 Policy* on our website.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Ignite! KIDS (First Floor): Gather in the IGNITE! KIDS room in the 1st Floor Green Classroom at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday Mornings for song and Bible stories. Age groups will transition to different rooms following the gathering time then return to families in worship for Communion. Let PK know if you can be added to the teaching rotation.

The Heritage Class (307): Augsburg Fortress Quarterly Adult Bible Study led by various class members during the winter quarter. Spring study is *God Frees and Redeems*. 9:15 a.m.

Pastor Marcus' Class: (Family Life Center): "A Study of Martin Luther, the Reformation, and the Theology that Created Change." 9:00 a.m. Please bring your Small Catechism.

WEEKDAY STUDIES

- **Faith Circle** (Women's Ministry Room): Third Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m.
- **Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Room): Second Thursday at 9:30 a.m.
- **Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Room): First Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN bulletin inserts are available for pick-up each week in the Narthex. Each week's insert contains additional details, stories, hopes, wishes, and dreams about our renovation projects, as well as financial details. Additionally, make sure to be on the lookout for more information coming to your doorstep in early April that will highlight the finer details of our projects along with some gifts! Finally, our church website, <https://www.emanuelslutheranchurch.com/forward-in-faith>, and Facebook page, www.facebook.com/emanuelslutheranchurch, will be updated weekly with snippets, short stories, videos, and weekly recaps. Check them out!

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES: Join us for midweek services, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus", on **Wednesdays March 9—April 6 at 12:05 and 7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. Please bring a brown bag lunch and join us at 12:40 p.m. in the Women's Ministry Room for conversation about the study. A simple meal will be served preceding the evening service at 6:15 p.m. in the Women's Ministry Room.

EASTER LILIES: DEADLINE EXTENDED! Emanuel's will welcome Easter with beautiful lilies at our 10:30 worship service. You may donate Easter lilies as you rejoice in the season, or in memory or honor of loved ones. Plants may be taken home following the service on Sunday, April 17th. Forms are available online or in the narthex. **Return with payment in the offering plate or to the church office by April 5.** Each plant is \$13.

2022 LENT OFFERING & EASTER GIVING are collected in two ways this year to support the work of Eagle Pass Frontera Ministries. This Southwestern Synod supported ministry serves alongside Mission Border Hope Center affiliated with the Methodist Church. Together they address the most essential needs of migrants such as food, water, and hygiene. Mission Border Hope provides rest space and organizes migrant's trips to their final destination within the country, while they wait for their legal asylum process to continue. In a spirit of mercy and humanitarian solidarity, Eagle Pass Frontera Ministries serves people, especially men who are hungry and walk the streets thirsty and often barefoot.

Brand NEW items may be dropped off at the church in the narthex. All donated items will be boxed and shipped following Easter Sunday. Needed items include:

backpacks toothpaste men's underwear of all sizes (SML)
shoes or sneakers t-shirts of all sizes

Monetary donations are also welcome. You may honor or remember a loved one on the order forms available online or in the narthex. Gifts may be in any dollar amount. Return forms to the offering basket or church office with payment made to Emanuel's Lutheran church and "Frontera Ministries" in the memo line by April 5, 2022 for inclusion in the Easter Sunday worship bulletins.

EGG MY HOUSE! ELYO has been contracted by the Easter Bunny again to help him out. Order your prefilled Easter eggs today! **Orders due TODAY April 10th**, and available for pick up April 14th. Order forms are online, in the Narthex, and in the office.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST ON EASTER SUNDAY will be in the Women's Ministry Room from 8:30-9:45am. Please join us for sustaining sustenance and hot coffee as we all take a break to visit with friends and catch our breath from all the fun morning activities. Sign up sheets are available in the Narthex to let us know if you can bring breakfast casseroles, apple or orange juice, seasonal fruit, and pastries. Hospitality help is also needed. Sign up today or give Susan Yeatts a call at 830-643-9516.

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP gathers **today at Noon** in the Women's Ministry Room. This ministry is for widowed, divorced, separated, and any people needing conversation and friendship. Please bring a dish to share. Contact Donna Simmons with any questions.

SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS:

- The group will meet next on **Thursday, April 21st** from 11:30-1:30 in the Fellowship Hall for a fried chicken lunch. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Geraldine Jordan will give a short presentation on some of her craft projects.
- In May the group will tour some of the historic churches in the Panna Maria area south of Seguin. Members, families, and friends are invited to join us on **Saturday, May 21st**. We will carpool to the three churches and after the tour go out for lunch. No cost to see the churches, but donations are encouraged.

MINISTRY TEAM MEETING in **April will be on Thursday the 21st** instead of the regular third Monday. Please join your Congregation Council members as they plan events and activities that support the ministry of the church. See you at 6:30 in the Women's Ministry Room!

HOLY WEEK AT EMANUEL'S



Palm Sunday, April 10

10:30 a.m. Worship, gathering
outside the church doors

Maundy Thursday, April 14

7pm Worship and
First Communion

Good Friday, April 15

7pm Worship at
Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church
416 Dolle Street

Easter Sunday, April 17

7am Sunrise Service on the Lawn
8:30 – 9:45 Continental Breakfast in the
Women's Ministry Room
10:30 Worship with Holy Communion
11:45 Egg Hunt on the Lawn

EMANUEL'S MISSION STATEMENT: "To be the church God is calling us to be by declaring God's love, serving others, and embracing all."

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