

Sunday, March 15, 2026

4th 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.

Children's Church: Kindergarten to 5th Grade gathers in the Chapel.

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, 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 holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together.

C: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

L: A reading from 1 Samuel.

¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah. The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

L: A reading from Ephesians.

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, ⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake!

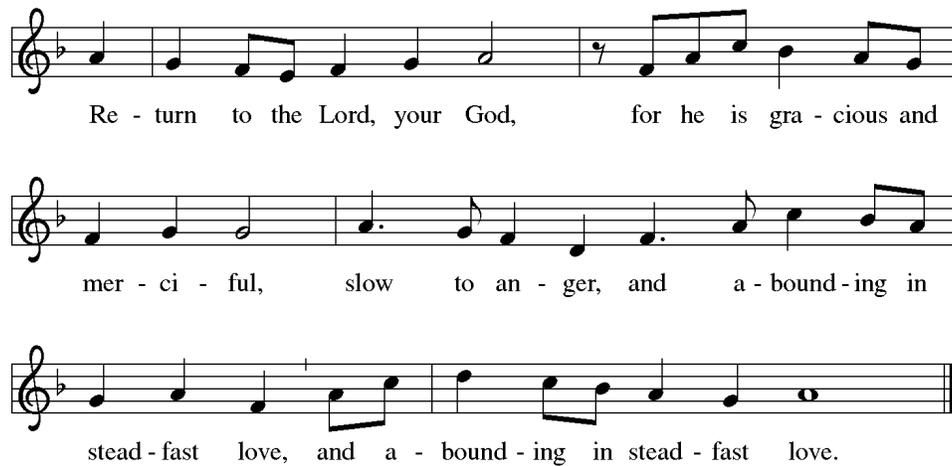
Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you."

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." ¹⁰But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will

“speak for himself.”²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.²³ Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.”²⁵ He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”²⁶ They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”²⁷ He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?”²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.”²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.”³⁰ The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes.³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”³⁴ They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”³⁶ He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.”³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.”³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him.³⁹ Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.”⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?”⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“The Mud on Your Eyes”

Pastor Marcus

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

ELW 779

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs. God, our shepherd, we pray that you guide the church. Lead Christians in our community and across the globe (*here international companion churches and synods may be named*) in right paths for your name's sake.

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

"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"

ELW 520

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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"

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

"There is a Balm in Gilead" "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

ELW 614

ELW 452

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

"Be Thou My Vision"

ELW 793

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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MUSICIAN TODAY: Ed Workmon, organ

WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, March 15, 2026: Preaching and Presiding, Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Wayne Stalsworth; **Communion Assistants:** Dave English, Fran Vinyard, Liz Witten, Janelle Leon-Weinman, Bev Seidenschwarz; **Reader:** Fran Vinyard; **Ushers:** Sheila English, Rissa Springs, Ilene Cherry, Darlene Zies; **Altar Guild:** Marsha Schroeder, Sheila English, Dave English; **A/V Tech:** Kristen Bigott; **Council Greeter:** Rissa Springs; **Safety Attendant:** Joe Kane, Allan Bode; **Hospitality:** Gloria Hanna, Barbara Haas, Doris Jefferies

WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, March 22, 2026: Preaching: Pastor Marcus; **Presiding,** Pastor Rudy; **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

Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

FLOWERS and RADIO BROADCASTS are sponsored by Emanuel's members. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one in this way, please call the church office, or sign up on the calendar on the Level 2 hallway. Fees and submission forms are in the narthex, the church office, and online. Thank you to everyone who participates in this meaningful worship ministry.

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 & 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).

PAINTED CHURCHES BUS TOUR with the Senior Social Club is this **Thursday, March 19**. Travel books are available in the narthex and in the church office for pick-up for all attendees. We will meet under the oak at the sanctuary entrance at 7:45am and leave promptly at 8am. Lunch will be at Oakridge

Smokehouse in Schulenburg close to 1pm. We will arrive back in Seguin no later than 3:30pm. \$25/person paid to Emanuel's by check, cash, or online. Note that payment is for a Painted Bus trip. Lunch buffet is \$13.95+ paid to the restaurant. The bus is full, but let Donna know if you would like to be on the waitlist, donna@elcseguin.org.

NATIONAL QUILTING DAY is **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.

EMANUEL'S NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK is **Friday, April 10** at 7pm. 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. We have a total of 25 seats reserved so make sure to get yours quickly! Batter up!

EGGAPALOOZA 2026 is just weeks away 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>.

PUB THEOLOGY is now on tap every month! Join us on **the third Thursdays** at 5:30 PM at our new location, 1916 Bar & Bistro, 301 N Austin St, Seguin, TX 78155, for "Beer, Conversation & God." All perspectives welcome. Come and go as you wish.

WELCOMING SUNDAY, March 22. If you are interested in joining the mission and ministry of Emanuel's, then this Sunday is for you. We have prayerfully received numerous new and returning faces to our congregation and this unique service will center on the liturgy of welcome and affirmation and will be the time we formally receive all of these new and renewed faces. Please email Pastor Marcus, Pastor Rudy, or fill out a blue card, if you would like to be a part of this "Welcoming Sunday!"

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 **March 23**. Each plant is \$15.

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.

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

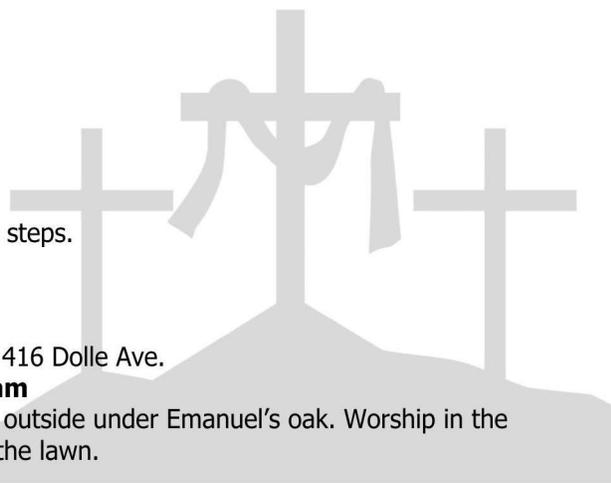
Worship and First Communion

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*
Vice President, Sheila English, *Fellowship & Feast Team*
Secretary, Paul Sims, *Education Team*
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Tim Kent, *Fellowship & Feast Team*
Janelle Leon-Weinman, *Gather & Grow Team*
Bill Salt, *Education Team*
Rissa Springs, *Worship Team*
Darlene Zies, *Outreach & Service Team*

ALL TEAM MEETING NIGHT Tuesday, March 24

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.

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

GIVING AT EMANUEL'S: Donations and tithes to the church may be given by envelopes in the pews, mailed to the church, online, or scanned with QR Code below.

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O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate



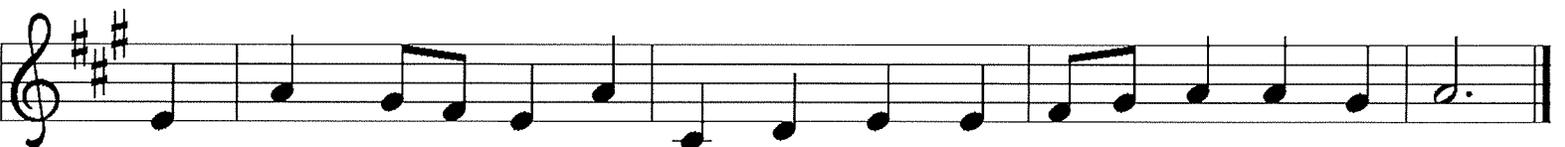
1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

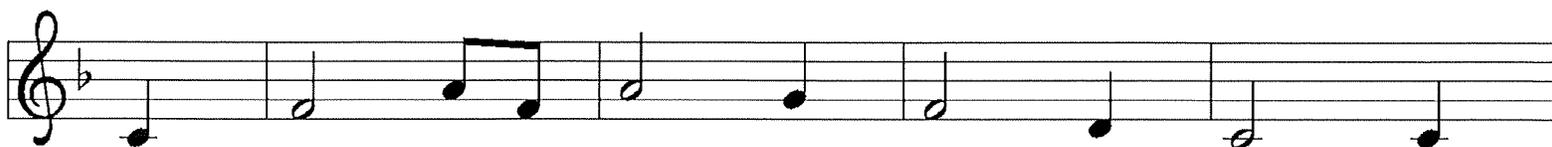
Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word



1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on



es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e - ad to make the wound - ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.



- 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829

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Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.