

# Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

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# Welcome to Emanuel

#### WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please help us to know you by introducing yourself to those you encounter and please be sure to sign our guest book (located on the stand in the Narthex).

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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Thursday - 8 am to 3 pm Friday - 8 am to 2 pm

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

### MARCH 17, 2024

#### **PRELUDE**

**WELCOME** Pastor Lyn Crase

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN** There in God's Garden Page 17

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, 

→ one God,
who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus.

#### Amen

**P:** Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Holy God,

we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.

We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.

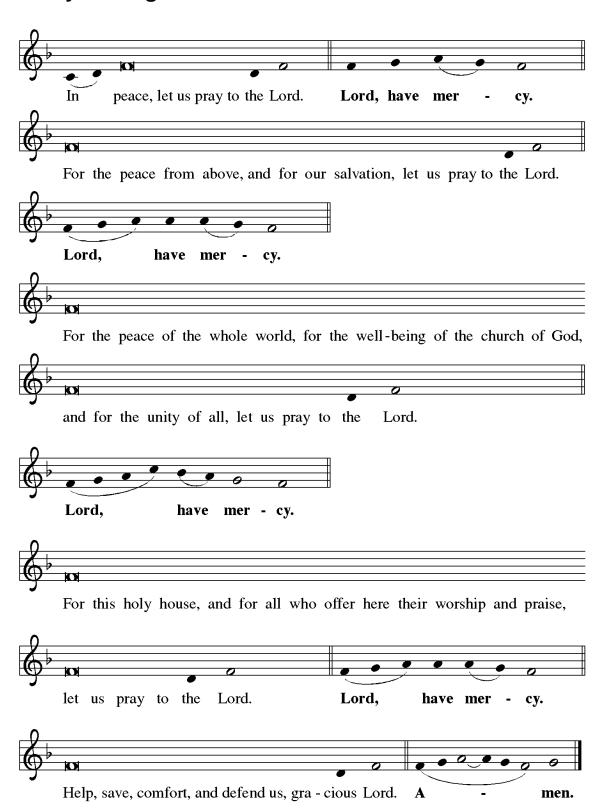
#### Amen

**P:** Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us,
breaks every snare of sin,
washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.

#### **Amen**

# **KYRIE**—everyone sings



### THIS IS THE FEAST



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# THIS IS THE FEAST (continued)



#### **GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray together....

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.

#### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Covenant Voices—Pedro Tchmola

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

#### **PSALM:** Psalm 51:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.

- <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.
- <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

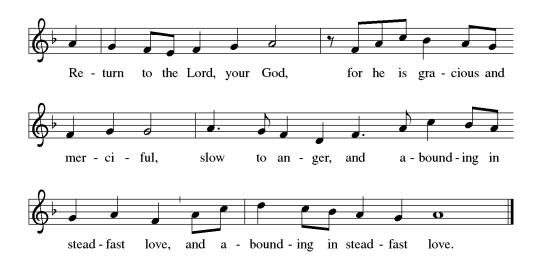
#### SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

P: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



P: The Gospel according to John, Chapter 12.

Glory to you, O Lord.

**GOSPEL:** John 12:20-33

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

P: The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED) Please be seated.

**SERMON** Pastor Lyn

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

The Word of God is Source and Seed

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#### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**A:** With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed:

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......congregation responds with "Your mercy is great."

A: Please sit or kneel as comfortable.

#### SHARING THE PEACE

The sharing of peace is an individual and communal act of forgiveness.

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

And also with you.

#### **OFFERTORY**

Make Me a Chennel of Your Peace

**Emanuel Singers** 

Sebastian Temple/Arranged by Jane Holstein

The offering is our response to God's grace and mercy.

#### OFFERING PRAYER

A: Jesus, you are the bread of life

and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered

that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food

but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name.

#### **Amen**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**A:** In recognition of God's forgiveness, mercy and grace let us continue with the Great Thanksgiving.

P: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

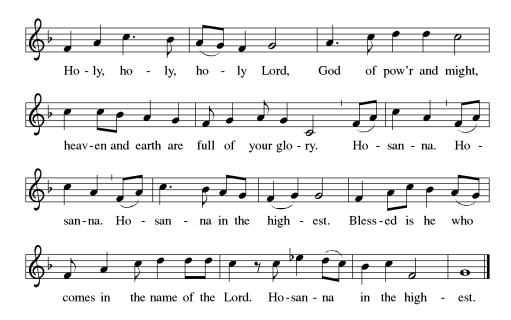
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

### Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**P:** To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

#### **Amen**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

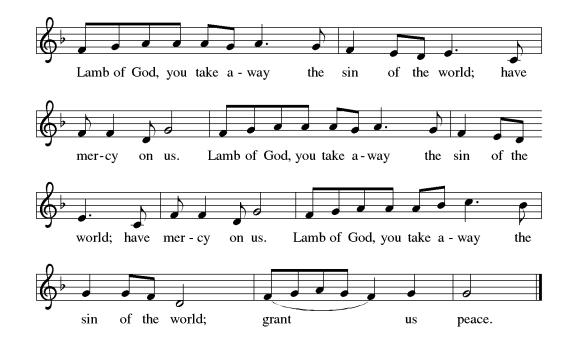
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P:** Bread for the journey A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

We practice continuous communion at the rail. All are welcome. White grape juice is available for those who prefer that instead of wine. Gluten free wafers available.

#### LAMB OF GOD



#### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

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#### COMMUNION BLESSING

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen** 

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Generous God,

at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.

As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,

now make us one loaf to feed the world;

in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

#### **Amen**

### **BIRTHDAY BLESSING**

**P:** Let us pray:

God of all creation, we offer you grateful praise for the Gift of Life, and especially the gift of the lives of our sisters and brothers who stand before us this day and who recall this month the day of their birth. They rejoice in your gifts of life and love, family and friends.

Bless them with your presence and surround them with your love that they may enjoy many happy years, all of them pleasing to you. We ask this grace and blessing for each one of them through Christ our Lord. Amen

#### **BLESSING**

P: Beloved,

we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace.

**Amen** 

**SENDING HYMN** 

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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**DISMISSAL** 

A: Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

### Bible Readings for March 24 - Palm Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 Gospel Reading: Mark 14:1--15:47

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# **Announcements: Week of March 17, 2023**

**Emanuel Singers choir practice — today at 10:50 am.** Practices will be every Sunday until Easter Sunday. All singers are welcome.

Forty Days - Forty Items - There are a few black plastic bags left if you'd like to take one home and fill it up for the Outreach Committee Challenge. Remember to read the instructions attached to the bag and return your most generous donation on Palm Sunday, March 24. Grace Is The Key will have their truck in the parking lot ready for our donations. There's still time. Questions? See Chris P. or Donna V.

**Please plan to join us** for a shared Easter Sunday Brunch. Radiant Covenant and Emanuel Lutheran families and friends will join together after worship for great food and fellowship. You may sign up in the narthex to help with the menu items. Questions? See Bruce or Donna.

Leah Circle is hosting "Step Into Spring - Ladies Tea Party", Saturday, April 20, 11 am till 1 pm. The food team has planned plenty of savory and sweet goodness to choose from as well as a variety of teas. Our guest speaker is Hannah Brady from Senior Advocacy Network/Senior Law Project. There is no fee associated with attending this event however there will be a free will offering basket as well as lovely raffle items. \$1 per raffle ticket or \$5 for six raffle tickets. All net proceeds will go toward helping defer costs associated with the 90th Anniversary celebration in 2025. Invite the ladies in your family as well as your friends. Spring attire and hats - optional. Ladies always enjoy being pampered at an event like this. See the poster and associated sign up sheet in the narthex. Questions - please ask anyone from Leah Circle.

**Earth Day in the Park is April 20th, 2024** Graceada Park from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Anyone interested in volunteering and/or needing community service hours should contact <a href="mailto:swm@modestogov.com">swm@modestogov.com</a> (Modesto Public Works).

Mark your calendar! Love Modesto is April 27th. Any questions or suggestions, contact Jeff Pishney, CEO & Founder 209-409-8135. Website: LoveModesto.com

The date is set for "NEXT STEPS". Saturday, May 25, 8am to 3pm we will gather for a workshop designed to help us explore what questions we, as women, need to research and think about as we plan for our future in a positive and proactive way. We will discover how to go about moving toward pulling this information together as an action plan. Every "Plan A" needs a "Plan B". Join us May 25 to put together the puzzle which may include your plans for health, housing, social network, resources, caring team and spiritual growth. Registration is officially OPEN. Registration closes Sunday, May 12. Cost for the day is \$40 and includes all materials, two meals, and some FUN! There's a sign up sheet in the narthex. Sue W. has registration forms.

# Announcements (continued)

#### Covenant Voices: Jeremiah - Pedro Tchmola

Jeremiah was called to be a prophet to Judah (southern kingdom) during the years 627-586 B.C.E, during the reign of the last five kings of Judah. He faithfully confronted the leaders and the people with their sin, prophesied both their 70-year captivity in Babylon and their eventual return from exile. After surviving the fall of Jerusalem, Jeremiah was forcefully taken to Egypt. Yet, Jeremiah remained faithful in spite of Jerusalem's destruction. Years of obedience made him strong and courageous. Jeremiah lived to see many of his prophecies come true, most notably the fall of Jerusalem. Due to his message of repentance Jeremiah and his deep sorrow over the condition of Judah, Jeremiah earned the title "the Weeping Prophet."

The book of Jeremiah is a combination of history, poetry, and biography. Jeremiah relied heavily on symbolism to communicate his message in the book titled after his name. Jeremiah is also thought to have written Lamentations.

Some things we can learn from Jeremiah today; a) the majority opinion is not always God's will b) although consequences of our behavior can be severe, God is merciful c) God will not accept empty or insincere worship d) serving God does not guarantee an earthly life without challenges.





# Ongoing Announcements

**Food For Faith (FIGS) now has a location** to accept donations of non-perishable food. We will collect food for them every 1st Sunday.

**Text Study: Every Tuesday,** year-round, in Luther Hall at noon. We discuss the lessons for the next Sunday. Come anytime you are available, leave early if you need to, bring your lunch. Generally, this lasts about an hour and 15 minutes....give or take.

**The Men's Bible Study Group** meets at 7 am on Wednesday mornings at The Secret Garden Restaurant, 2401 Orangeburg Ave.

**Wednesday Adult Bible Study** — 1:30 pm in Luther Hall. Join anytime. New study: "Prayers in the Old Testament".

Hosts are needed for Coffee Hour. Please see the sign-up sheet in Luther Hall.

We are asking for donations to help support the Coffee Hour. A donation container will be available on a table in Luther Hall.

Coin Jar -- Your spare change makes a difference! Proceeds go to Outreach.

**Quilting Bee** -- meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 10:00 am. All are welcome & all skill levels as well. If you can use scissors and/or tie a knot, there will be a job for you!

**Lydia Circle** — usually meets the 2nd Monday of each month, at the home of Marsha Waggoner - 916 Kenilworth Ct. at 1:00 pm. Please be sure to check the weekly calendar in the bulletin for any updates! We use the GATHER magazine as our Bible Study. All women of Emanuel are invited to join us.

**Leah Circle** meets on the third Monday of the month at 1:00 pm at The Park Independent Senior Living Community in Modesto.

**Rebecca Circle** meets every 3rd Thursday at 1:30 pm in member's homes. All are welcome!

**Miriam Circle** meets every 4th Monday at member's homes. See Melissa Molina for more information.

**The Shower Shuttle and Laundry Shuttle** are actively taking care of our homeless communities, and the needs remain the same: personal hygiene items, etc. *Thank you all for your contributions to this Ministry, Marilyn and Chuck Rowland* 

**Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran World Relief** directed donations go directly to the people most in need.

#### **Entrance**

### There in God's Garden



- 5 This is my ending this my resurrection; into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit. This have I searched for; now I can possess it. This ground is holy.
- 6 All heav'n is singing,
  "Thanks to Christ whose passion
  offers in mercy
  healing, strength, and pardon.
  Peoples and nations,
  take it, take it freely!"
  Amen! My Master!

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# Hymn of the Day

# The Word of God Is Source and Seed



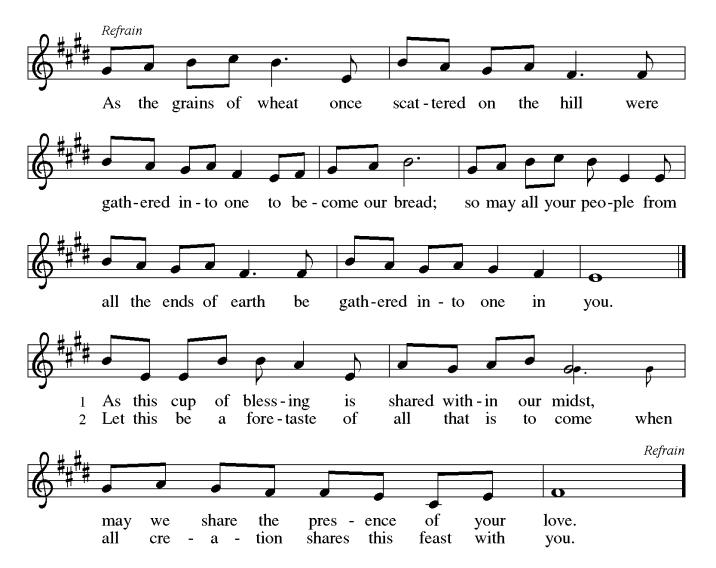
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# **Communion Hymn**

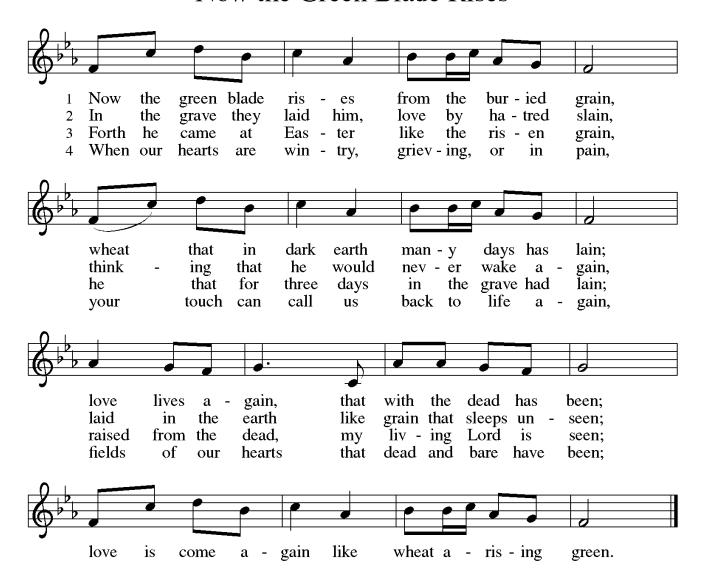
# As the Grains of Wheat



Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950 Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen Text and music © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

### **Communion Hymn**

# Now the Green Blade Rises



Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958 Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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### **Sending Hymn**

# Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



- 1 Lord, dis miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
- 2 Thanks we give and ad o ra tion for your gos pel's joy ful sound.
- 3 Sav ior, when your love shall call us from our strug-gling pil grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri-umph in re - deem-ing grace. May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound. let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum-mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found. May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt. Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

# Prayer Requests: March 17, 2024

- Prayers for recovery & healing from brain surgery for Carl Schmidt, nephew of Chris Schmidt
- Prayers of comfort & peace for Bob Reuter & family for the loss of his son, Jon Reuter

### **On-going Prayers:**

- 1. Pr. Lyn & family—comfort & peace
- 2. Chris Paulsen—strength in adversity
- Dan Farrell—recovery from a fall (Waggoner)
- 4. Kim Keen—health & well-being (Harris)
- 5. Dick Lippert—healing (D. Norquist)
- Jacqueline—healing & well-being/RSV (Hoaglund)
- 7. Logan S., age 10—healing of leukemia (Jeff Hopson)
- 8. Manuel Furtado—healing (Norquist)
- 9. Patti V.—healing & well-being/lung cancer treatment (Maylen)
- 10. Laurie Spinuzzi—healing & well-being (Silva)
- Marian Schmidt McKenzie—slowing the progression of Parkinson's disease (Schmidt)
- Ian McKenzie—acceptance of new temporary Santa Barbara apartment (Schmidt)
- 13. Lisa Poston—healing & well-being

- 14. Laura Marquez—health & well-being
- 15. Rose Epting—healing
- Pat Smith—healing, peace & a sense of God's presence
- 17. Ray Simon—strength & healing
- 18. Tom & Barbara Norquist—well-being
- 19. Sue Allen—healing & well-being
- 20. Gary Johnson– healing after an injury (Crawford)
- Marge Thomas—Alzheimer's diagnosis (Rowland)
- 22. Richard Clark—recovery & healing (Strand)
- 23. Kyle Ollenborger—health & well-being (Strand)
- 24. John Smith— healing (Smith)
- 25. Salonen family—prayers for the gift of a healthy granddaughter
- 26. Jennifer Turner—health & well-being (Dieterich)
- 27. Darcy Moreno—physical recovery (Ashlock)

# CALENDAR | MARCH 18 - 24

Monday, March 18

1 pm Leah Circle meets off-site

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 19

12 pm Text Study: Luther Hall

2 pm Organ Practice: Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 20

6 am Radiant Men's Breakfast

7 am ELC Men's Bible Study group meets at The Secret Garden

Restaurant, 2401 E. Orangeburg Ave. in Modesto

12 pm MLinc Meeting: Luther Hall

1:30 pm Bible Study: Luther Hall

5 pm ELC Lenten Service

Thursday, March 21

1:30 pm Rebecca Circle meets off-site

2 pm Organ Practice: Sanctuary

6 pm Radiant—Youth Meeting

Friday, March 22

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Saturday, March 23

(No events are scheduled)

**Sunday, March 24** PALM SUNDAY

9:30 am ELC Worship Service 10:45 am ELC Sunday School

3 pm Radiant Leadership

5 pm Radiant Worship Service



#### **Our Mission**

To share Christ's unconditional love with everyone.

### **Our Vision**

Emanuel's vision is to be loving, supportive, and welcoming, as we reach out in service and in witness to our neighborhood and the city beyond.

We share a passion to nurture people in all stages and circumstances of life.

We, as disciples of Christ, minister to our changing community in challenging cultural times.

God is calling us to joyfully follow the Holy Spirit in ministry to others.