



## ***First Sunday in Lent***

*March 6, 2022*

# **Emanuel Lutheran Church**

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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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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## PRELUDE

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

Walter L. Pelz

## WELCOME

Pastor Lyn Crase

## OPENING HYMN

*Jesus, Still Lead On*

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## BAPTISM of Oliver Lopez

## 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.

**Amen**

**P:** Holy One,  
**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.

**Amen**

## 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 Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**FIRST READING:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Dan Johnson

*The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.*

<sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

**PSALM:** Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (Read Responsively)

Dan Johnson

<sup>1</sup>You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

<sup>2</sup>**you will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I put my trust."**

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your habitation,

<sup>10</sup>**no evil will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge over you,  
to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>**Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup>**I will deliver those who cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

<sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

<sup>16</sup>**With long life will I satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.**

**SECOND READING:** Romans 10:8b-13

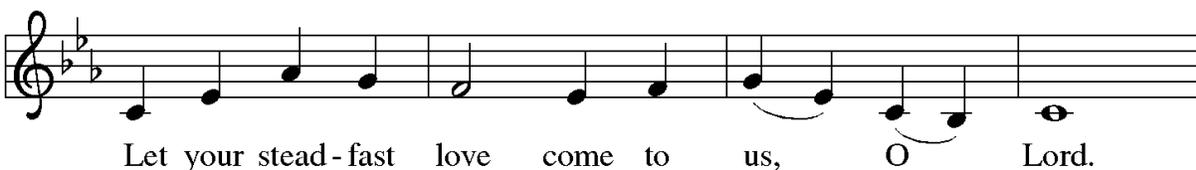
Dan Johnson

*Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.*

<sup>8b</sup>“The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**P:** The Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 4. (*Stand as able.*)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL:** Luke 4:1-13

*After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called “the Son of God.”*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’

<sup>11</sup>and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)** *Please be seated.*

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*As Your Spirit in the Desert*

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (Please sit or kneel as able)

- A: 1) Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
- 2) We pray for the church. Sharpen its proclamation of the word so that your people learn to reject voices of deception and distraction. Strengthen all who are tempted to believe lies about themselves or others. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- 3) The mountains and valleys sing your praise. Dazzle us with your presence in every landscape: bluffs built by ancient glaciers, canyons carved by flowing rivers, flat horizons with uninterrupted views, and sands shaped by ocean tides. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

- 4) We pray for the earth and all its creatures. Protect wilderness places and all plant and animal species that call them home. Sustain farmers and all laborers who work the land and harvest the fruits of its abundance. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- 5) We pray for the nations of the world. Awaken elected leaders and government officials to the needs of those who are oppressed and grant them compassion to deal mercifully with immigrants and refugees who reside among us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- 6) We pray for those in need. Rescue those experiencing mental illness or contending with addiction. Ease the anxiety of those who live with dementia. Command your angels concerning all who are sick. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- 7) We pray for this assembly. Bless those who bake bread and prepare the table for our communion celebration. Accompany those who share the bounty of this meal with those who are homebound or hospitalized. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- 8) We give thanks for those who have died. Gather them with all the saints into your heavenly dwelling place. Encourage us with the promise that all who call upon your name are saved. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- 9) Silent prayer.
- 10) Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

## **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**

*Meditation on "The Old Rugged Cross"*

M.C. Bradshaw

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

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P:** Blessed are you, O God,  
 Sovereign of the universe.  
 You offer us new beginnings  
 and guide us on our journey.  
 Lead us to your table,  
 nourish us with this heavenly food,  
 and prepare us to carry your love  
 to a hungry world,  
 in the name of Christ our light.

**Amen**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P:** 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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P:** You are indeed holy,  
almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world  
that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
may not perish but have everlasting life.

We give you thanks  
for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things  
for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

**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

P: 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: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

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

## 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, grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

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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:** 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.

**Amen**

## BLESSING

**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.

**Amen**

## SENDING HYMN

*Bless Now, O God, the Journey*

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## DISMISSAL

**A:** Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Herzliebster Jesu*

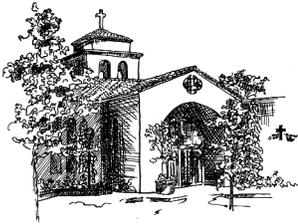
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### **Our Mission**

*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.*



## **Announcements: Week of March 6, 2022**

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

**TODAY is Food for Faith Sunday!** Silvia and Pedro Tchmola will be the trunk masters, so be sure to drop off non-perishable food items to their open trunk in the parking lot. The Food Initiative of Greater Stanislaus appreciates your generous donations.

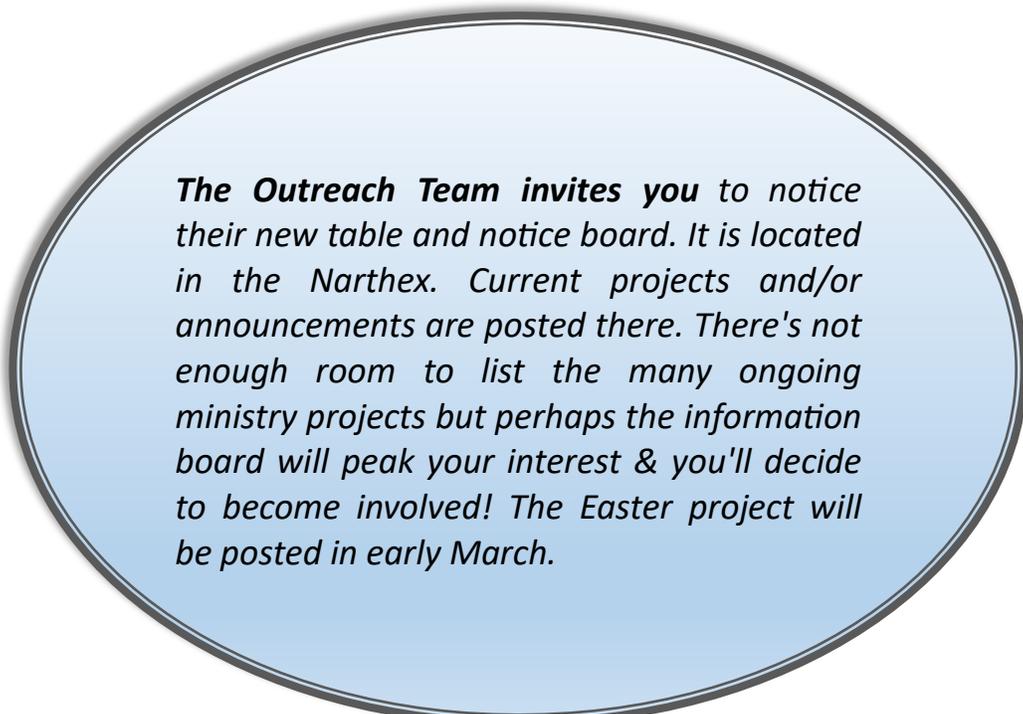
Dear Friends, You're invited to in person, home-church during Lent. Beginning on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, we'll meet at the home of Lois Owen (4113 Lamarck Avenue) at 6 pm for soup supper—please bring your own bowl and spoon). After supper, we will have an intimate interactive service using Holden Evening Prayer. Please sign up in the Narthex so we know how many people to prepare for.

### **Wednesdays in Lent March 9th—April 6th**

Online Meditation Service: Posted each Wednesday  
on Facebook and ELC website

### ***Prayer Tree — Narthex***

*Write a prayer request, special need, are of concern, etc. on a brown leaf and place beneath the tree. Leaves will be part of the prayer vigil on Good Friday.*



*The Outreach Team invites you to notice their new table and notice board. It is located in the Narthex. Current projects and/or announcements are posted there. There's not enough room to list the many ongoing ministry projects but perhaps the information board will peak your interest & you'll decide to become involved! The Easter project will be posted in early March.*

**Eagle Scout Landscape Project** — The project is underway. Some of the costs are being covered anonymously but some funding is needed for the plants and shrubs. Any amount would be greatly appreciated and be sure to designate it for the Landscaping Project.

## Ongoing Announcements

**TEXT STUDY:** Every Tuesday, year-round, in the Youth Room 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.

**Adult Bible Study** — Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in Luther Hall. Please join anytime. Currently: The Passion Play by Rob Fuquay Inspired by the Oberammergau Passion Play.

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

**Choir rehearsals** — Sundays, downstairs at about 11 o'clock.

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

**Quilting Bee** -- March 14th 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** — meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 1 pm. 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.

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

**The Shower Shuttle and Laundry Shuttle** are actively taking care of our homeless communities, and the needs remain the same. Many items are available at the Dollar Stores. *Thank you all for your contributions to this Ministry, Marilyn and Chuck Rowland*

- Toiletries—all sizes
- Men's and women's underwear in small and medium sizes
- Plain white vinegar and bleach
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## Entrance Hymn

### Jesus, Still Lead On



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the  
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less  
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions  
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;  
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;  
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;  
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.  
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.  
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.  
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.  
Music: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701

# Sermon Hymn

## As Your Spirit in the Desert



1 As your Spir - it in the des - ert led the Christ to  
2 As your fire and cloud - y pil - lar Is - rael's tribes to  
3 Though wild beasts may lurk in shad - ow, and dire thirst may  
4 Through the nar - row gate now draw us, past all em - pire's  
5 God of des - ert, God of prom - ise, you have bid us



dust and stone, so in - still our hearts with cour - age now to  
Ca - naan led, may your pres - ence be our com - fort, may your  
sear and sting, you have prom - ised liv - ing wa - ters wait - ing  
pull and strife, where be - yond our fear and cling - ing stands the  
jour - ney on through the days of dust and dark - ness to the



cross where Christ has gone. Let us cross in - to the  
man - na be our bread. Let us cross in - to the  
for us at the spring. Let us cross out of the  
thresh - old of new life. Let us cross out of the  
ris - ing of the dawn. Let us cross out of the



wil - der - ness so to walk where Christ has gone.  
wil - der - ness with God's man - na as our bread.  
wil - der - ness to the wa - ters of the spring.  
wil - der - ness to the thresh - old of new life.  
wil - der - ness to the ris - ing of the dawn.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953  
Music: ROSEVILLE, Michael D. Costello, b. 1979  
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## Communion Hymn

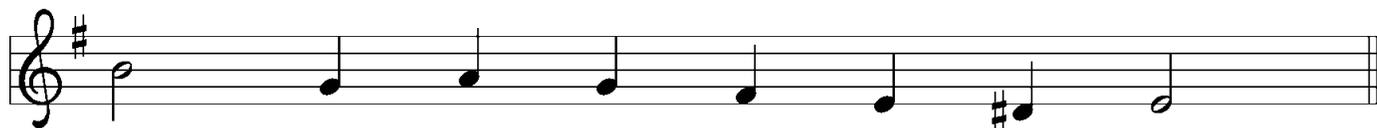
### Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.  
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

## Sending Hymn

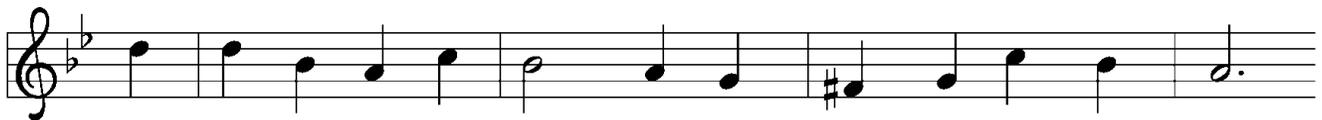
### Bless Now, O God, the Journey



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,  
2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;  
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.  
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.  
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,  
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;  
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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## *Prayer Requests: March 6 2022*

- ✝ Prayers for the people of Ukraine, for an end to violence and war
- ✝ Prayers of healing for Jack Smith, recovering from recent surgery
- ✝ Prayers of healing for Rose Epting, also recovering from recent surgery
- ✝ Prayers for healing for Anthony Pino, as he manages health concerns
- ✝ Prayers for healing & recovery for Christine Rye, Sue Allen's niece
- ✝ For Tatum, a friend of Marsha Waggoner's granddaughter Maysen—prayers that Tatum's bone marrow process will go smoothly and be successful
- ✝ Prayers for Lois Silva's cousin Virginia Conella as she goes through cancer screening
- ✝ Prayers for healing for Troy Slaybaugh, William Teaney's brother

**On-going Prayers:** Marilyn Rowland—healing; Dawn Brown—healing & well-being (Ixcot); Mya—healing & well-being (Fritts); Kaete Loeffler—healing and well-being; Emily Harvitt—healing of mental illness/peace of mind for the family (Spinuzzi); Yvonne Troedson—healing; Dave Kraft—healing ; Janet Lewis—healing and recovery (Nelson); Linda Rollin—healing (Kraft); William Teaney—surgery & healing ; Chris Paulsen—continued healing and well-being; Don—calmness and peace of mind (Layne); Ed Martin— healing & recovery—(Crawford); Ron Johnson strength & healing (Crawford); Laurie Spinuzzi—healing (Silva); Marcelo Valenzula—healing, Santiago Lopez—healing (Crawford); Norma Jarmillo—healing (Harris); Ian McKenzie—acceptance of mental illness (Schmidt); Jesus Ojeda—healing & well-being (Ojeda)

### **Pray for the church, the world and all those in need:**

Doctors, nurses, technicians and all hospital personnel who care for patients & their needs.

For scientists, researchers, medical equipment manufacturers, corporations & employees who have stepped up to help during this crisis.

For those who are awaiting diagnostic tests results; for those already diagnosed with COVID-19 that healing will be complete.

For those who are dying and for those who grieve that they may be comforted with a sure and certain knowledge of Resurrection hope.

For all others who suffer from physical, emotional, mental or spiritual distress during this time we pray they may be sustained in love and grace.

For all this, and for whatever else you see that we need – we pray to you, O Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen

## 7-DAY CALENDAR | MARCH 7 - 13

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### **Monday, March 7**

Outreach Ministry Meeting

### **Tuesday, March 8**

12-1:30 pm Text Study: Youth Room

### **Wednesday, March 9**

**WEDNESDAYS IN LENT—ONLINE: Access via YouTube and ELC Website**

11:30 am –12:20 pm Day Care Board Meeting: Luther Hall

1-2:30 pm Adult Bible Study: Luther Hall

6-8 pm Lent — In-Person Home Church at Lois Owen's

### **Thursday, March 10**

9 am-3 pm AARP Tax Aide: Luther Hall

### **Friday, March 11**

9 am-3 pm AARP Tax Aide: Luther Hall

### **Saturday, March 12**

10:00 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary

### **Sunday, March 13**

**HEALING PRAYER SUNDAY**

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS (set clocks ahead 1-hour)**

9:30-10:30 am ELC Worship Service

10-10:30 am RADCOV Leadership Meeting: Office & Youth Room

11:00 am-12:00 pm ELC Council Meeting

11:15 am-12:30 pm RADCOV Worship Service

## ***The Things That Count***

*Ella Wheeler Wilcox - 1850-1919*

*Now, dear, it isn't the bold things,  
Great deeds of valour and might,  
That count the most in the summing up of life at the end of the day.  
But it is the doing of old things,  
Small acts that are just and right;  
And doing them over and over again, no matter what others say;  
In smiling at fate, when you want to cry, and in keeping at work when you want to play—  
Dear, those are the things that count.*

*And, dear, it isn't the new ways  
Where the wonder-seekers crowd  
That lead us into the land of content, or help us to find our own.  
But it is keeping to true ways,  
Though the music is not so loud,  
**And there may be many a shadowed spot where we journey along alone;  
In flinging a prayer at the face of fear, and in changing into a song a groan—**  
Dear, these are the things that count.*

*My dear, it isn't the loud part  
Of creeds that are pleasing to God,  
Not the chant of a prayer, or the hum of a hymn, or a jubilant shout or song.  
But it is the beautiful proud part  
Of walking with feet faith-shod;  
And in loving, loving, loving through all, no matter how things go wrong;  
In trusting ever, though dark the day, and in keeping your hope when the way seems  
long—  
Dear, these are the things that count.*

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