

First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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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 *Prelude and Fugue in E Minor* J. S. Bach

WELCOME Pastor Lyn Crase

OPENING HYMN *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days* Page 13

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who journeys with us these forty days,
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen

P: Let us acknowledge before God and one another
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

P: Holy God,

we confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;

we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;

we spoil rather than steward your creation;

we cause hurt though you call us to heal;

we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

as we seek to follow in your way of life.

Amen

P: Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,
so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy,

✝ forgives you in Christ's name,

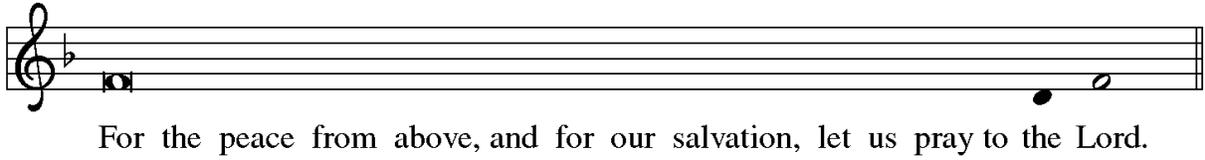
and revives you in the Spirit's power.

Amen

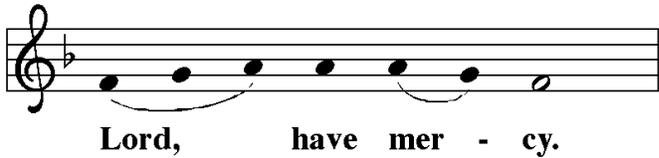
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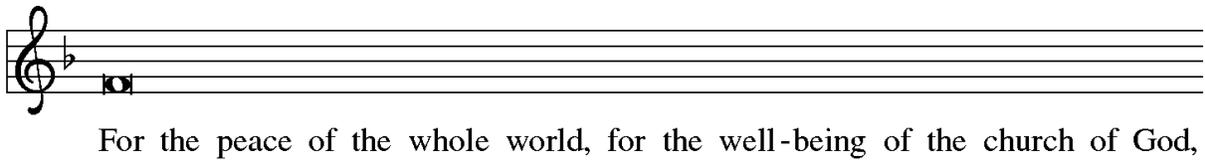
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



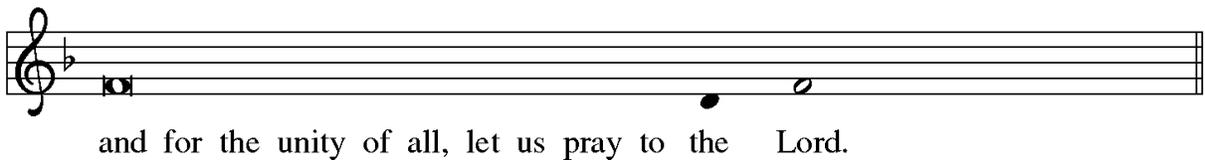
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



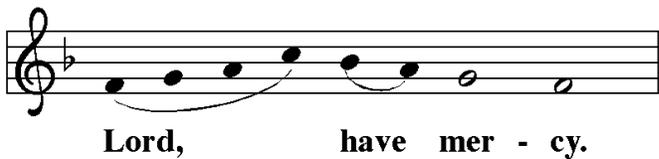
Lord, have mer - cy.



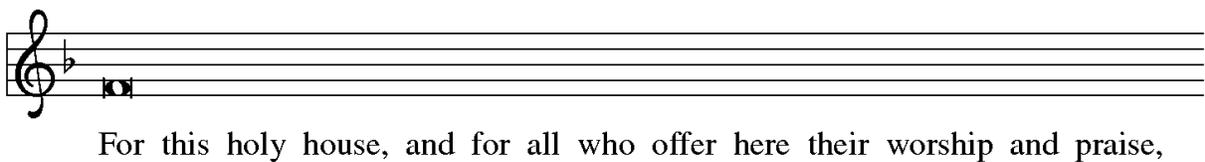
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



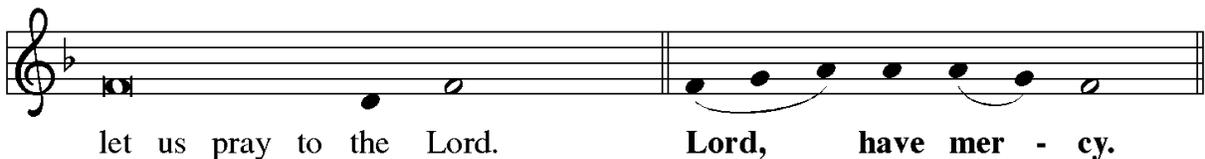
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.**

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....

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us 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

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

PSALM: Psalm 32 (Read responsively)

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt
of my sin.

⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

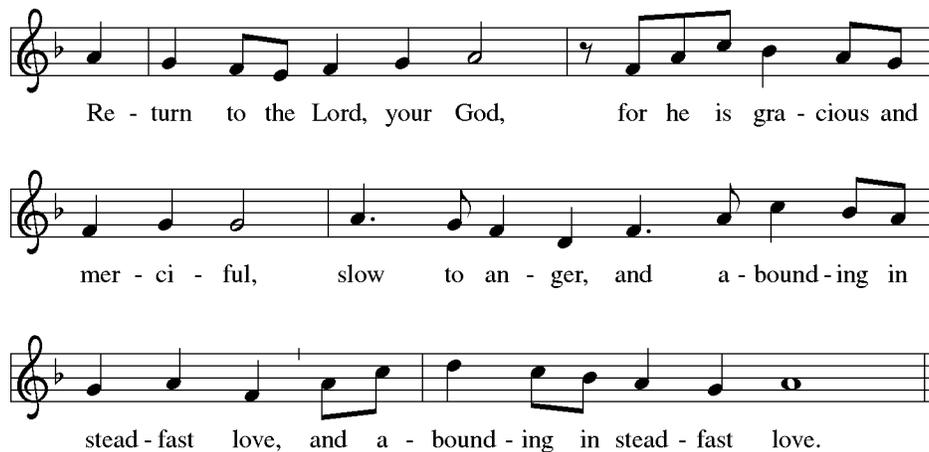
¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

¹¹ **Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

SECOND READING: Romans 5:18-19 MSG

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

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.

P: The Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 4.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED) *Please be seated.*

SERMON

Pastor Lyn Crase

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

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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 “receive our prayer.”

(Please be seated.)

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

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

Anne Krentz

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

OFFERING PRAYER

A: God of good gifts,

receive these and all our offerings

as we present them in faithful service

for the sake of your gospel.

Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal

as you pour out your very presence

through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

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

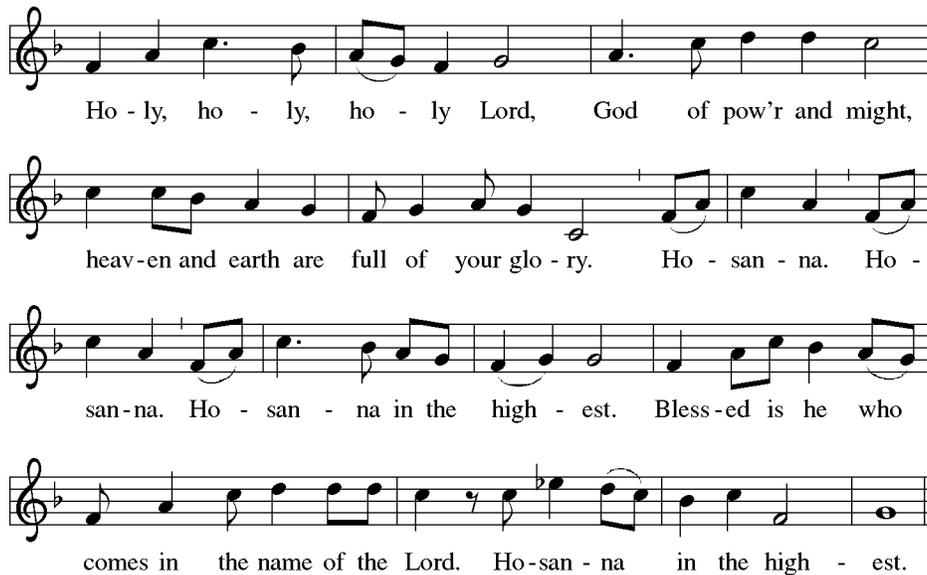
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. 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'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.

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

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 and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

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

The image shows four staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. The music is written in a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have'. The second staff contains: 'mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the'. The third staff contains: 'world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The fourth staff contains: 'sin of the world; grant us peace.' The word 'grant' is underlined with a horizontal line.

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: Embodied God,
at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.
With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors
and touch the world with your love.

Amen

BLESSING

P: God, the giver of love,
✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
bless you in this Lenten journey.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

Charles W. Ore

Bible Readings for March 5th— Second Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm: Psalm 121

Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Gospel: John 3:1-17

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Announcements: Week of February 26, 2023

CHRISM MASS SERVICES

Tuesday, March 21 | 12:00pm Lunch, 1:00pm Service
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Reno, NV

Wednesday, March 22 | 12:00pm Lunch, 1:00pm Service
Ascension Lutheran Church, Citrus Heights

Thursday, March 23 | 11:00am Service, 12:00pm Lunch
Trinity Lutheran Church, Fresno

Wednesday, March 29 | 12:00pm Lunch, 1:00pm Service
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, San Francisco

Thursday, March 30 | 9:30am Coffee Hour, 10:30am Service
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Fremont

Ongoing Announcements

Food for Faith Sunday — 1st Sunday of each month. Items can be placed in the basket in the Narthex. Your generous donations benefit The Food Initiative of Greater Stanislaus.

Choir Rehearsal — Sundays after the service at 11:00, Augustana Hall.

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 — *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. 1:15 pm in Luther Hall.

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 1 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!

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*

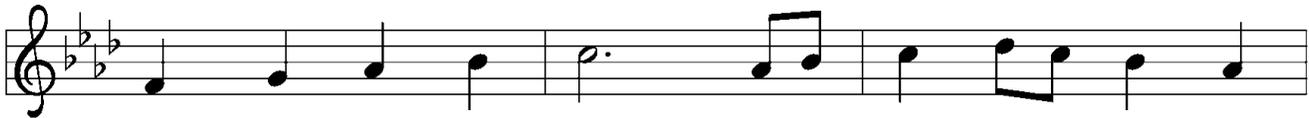
Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran World Relief directed donations go directly to the people most in need.

Entrance Hymn

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930

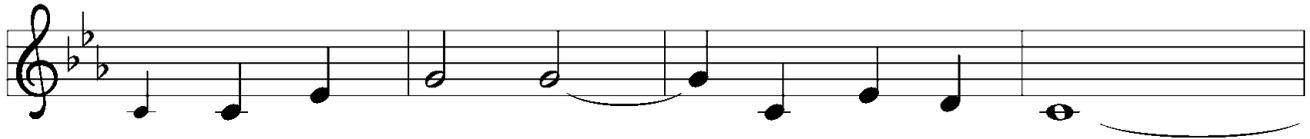
Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

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Hymn of the Day

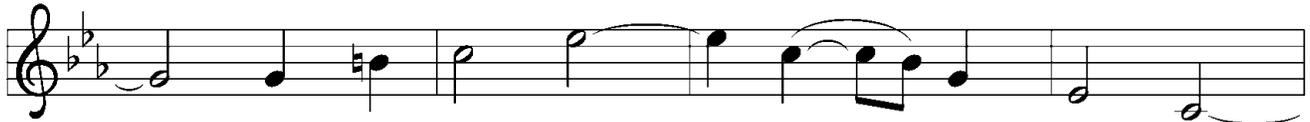
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



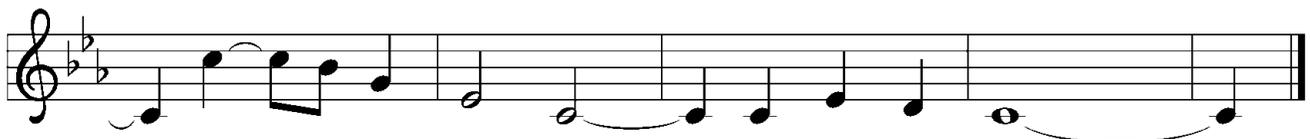
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

Communion Hymn

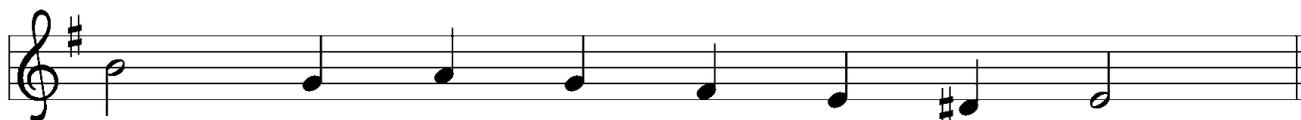
Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



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: February 26, 2023

- ✚ Prayers for successful surgery on February 28th & healing for Tony
- ✚ Prayers for successful surgery on March 10th & healing for Dwight King
- ✚ Prayers of comfort & peace for Jennifer at the unexpected death of her husband. Jennifer is a friend of Bruce & Donna Vickroy.
- ✚ Prayers of health & healing for Tanya (Watkins)

On-going Prayers:

1. Kyle Ollenborger—healing (Strand)
2. Yvonne Troedson—healing & well-being
3. Sue Allen—health & well-being
4. Adrian Pino—health & well-being (Ixcot)
5. Alexandra Tisdel & family—peace of mind & well-being (Tisdel)
6. Sue (friend of Chris Schmidt)—recovery, healing & well-being
7. Tony—recovery, healing & well-being
8. Margaret Remeta—well-being (Schmidt)
9. CL—strength to handle cancer diagnosis (Waggoner)
10. Adeline Eldridge (ELDC child)—healing & well-being
11. Deborah Bauer—healing (Tchmola)
12. Clarice Soares—healing Tchmola)
13. Bryanna Capps—healing (Tchmola)
14. Arie Kroeze—healing & well-being
15. Jack Smith—health & well-being
16. Marilyn Rowland—health & well-being
17. William Teaney—healing & well-being
18. Mercy Maya—recovery, health & healing
19. Shelda Fritts—healing & comfort
20. Kaete Loeffler—recovery, health & well-being
21. Tom Norquist—healing & well-being
22. Mike Clarke—comfort & peace, now in hospice care
23. Alice Hoaglund—health & well-being
24. Pat Smith—health & well-being
25. Lois Owen—healing & well-being
26. Paula Kroeze—healing & well-being
27. Darcy Moreno—healing & well-being (Ashlock)
28. Grace—healing & well-being (Molina)
29. Dan Farrell—healing & well-being after a fall (Waggoner)
30. Jennifer Turner—healing & well-being (Dieterich)
31. Deanne Crockett—health, healing & well-being (Troedson)
32. Keith Johnson—healing & well-being (Johnson)
33. Harold Hackett—healing & well-being (Dieterich)
34. Stephanie—healing (Owen)
35. Patricia Balderas Cantley—comfort & healing (Crawford)
36. Prayers for the people of Ukraine, for an end to violence and war

CALENDAR | FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 5

Monday, February 27

6 pm ECHOES DEADLINE
Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 28

12-1:30 pm Text Study: Luther Hall

Wednesday, March 1

7 am Men's Bible Study group meets at The Secret Garden Restaurant,
2401 E. Orangeburg Ave.

1:15 pm Adult Bible Study: *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking
on Water and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans

6 pm SCIC Meeting: Luther Hall

Thursday, March 2

6:00 pm RadCov Activity: Luther Hall

Friday, March 3

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Saturday, March 4

10 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary

Sunday, March 5

FOOD FOR FAITH SUNDAY
9:30 am ELC Worship Service
10:45 am ELC Sunday School
2 pm RadCov Activity—Baby Shower: Luther Hall
3:00 pm RadCov Leadership Team
5 pm RadCov 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.

