

## ***Second Sunday in Lent***

*March 5, 2023*

# **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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Reader: Pat Smith

### **OFFICE HOURS**

*Monday through Thursday - 8 am to 3 pm*

*Friday - 8 am to 2 pm*

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## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 5, 2023

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**PRELUDE**

*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

Leo Sowerby

**WELCOME**

Pastor Lyn Crase

**OPENING HYMN**

*How Firm a Foundation*

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### **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,

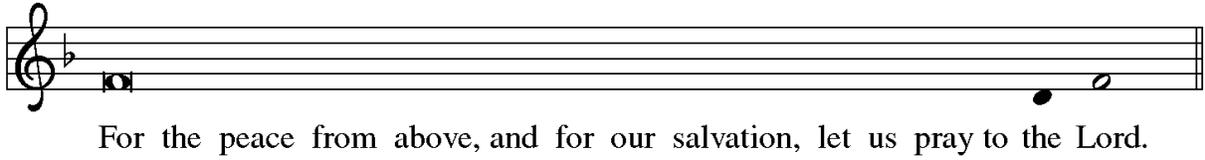
and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**Amen**

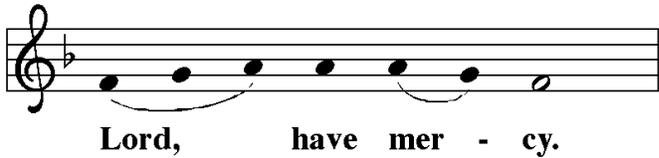
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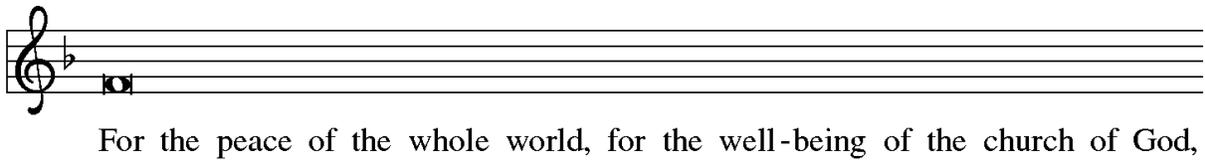
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



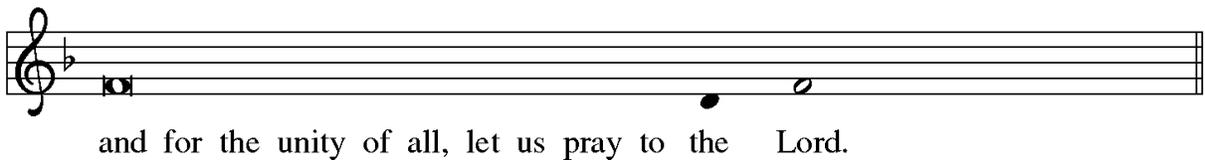
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



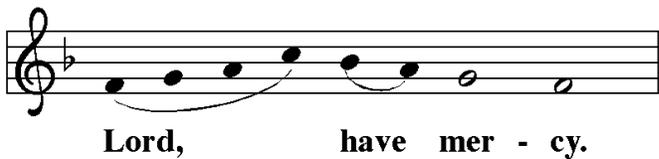
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



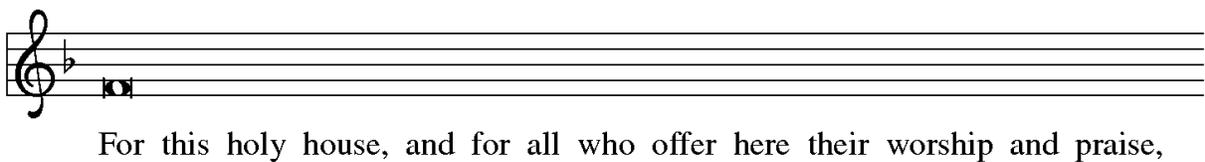
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



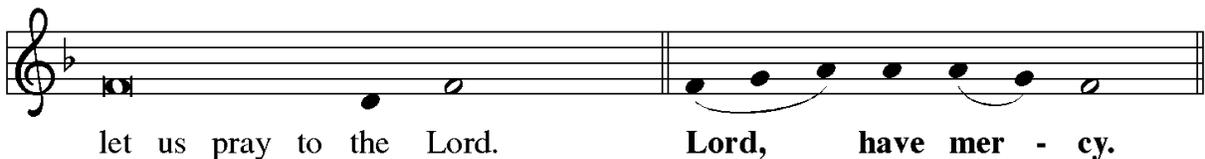
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**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....

**O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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 12:1-4a

*God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.*

## **PSALM:** Psalm 121 (Read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keeper of Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup>the LORD watches over you;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

<sup>6</sup>**the sun will not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you from all evil  
and will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

## **SECOND READING:** Galatians 3:6-9 MSG

*Abraham was alive to God in his life, and that aliveness was his faith. The heroic response Abraham made to God has thrown his image across all of history as an example of what it means to have faith. But Abraham shows us something else, namely that faith isn't a simple question of response. It's more a matter of where that response will be focused. Abraham lived long enough and listened carefully enough to hear God's voice speak a new word and Abraham responded to that in trust.*

## 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 3.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL:** John 3:1-17

*A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.*

**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**

*God Loved the World*

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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**

*O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken?*

Flor Peeters

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**

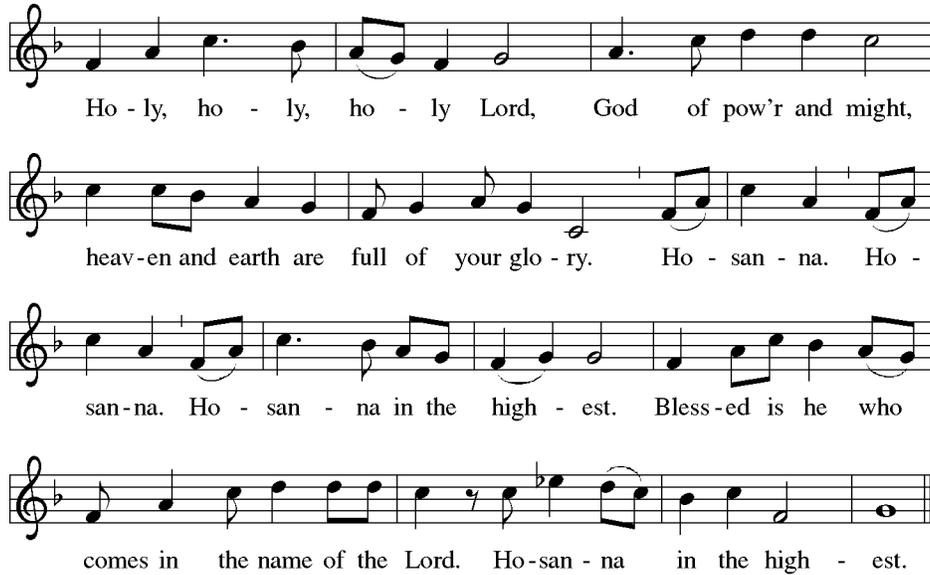
**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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.**

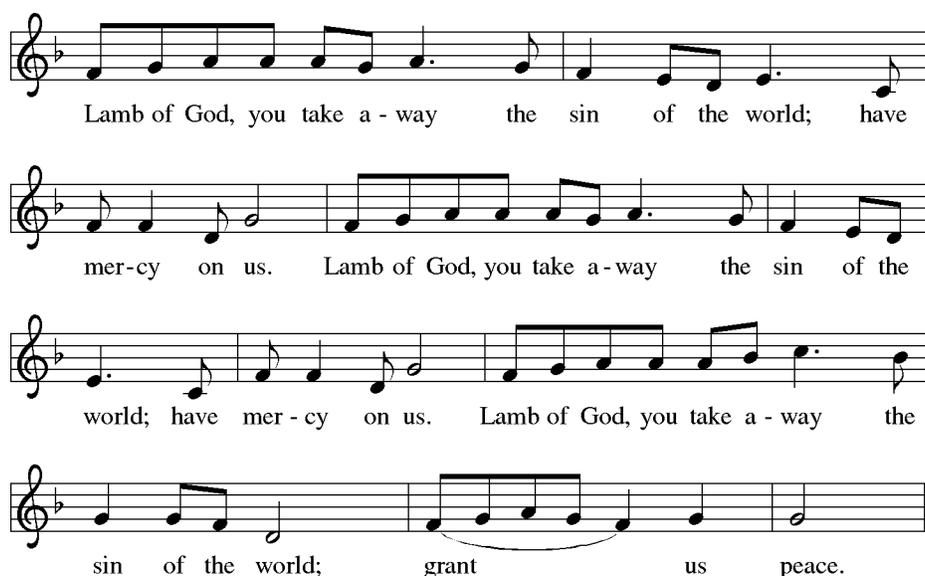
**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

## **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**



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.

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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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**

*Lift High the Cross*

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## **DISMISSAL**

**A:** Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Lift High the Cross*

Charles W. Ore

### **Bible Readings for March 12th— Third Sunday in Lent**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm: Psalm 119:1-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

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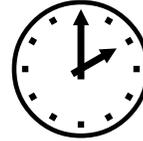
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## Announcements: Week of March 5, 2023



**Daylight Savings Time  
is next Sunday, March 12th**



**Be sure to set clocks AHEAD  
one hour**

# CHRISM MASS SERVICES

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

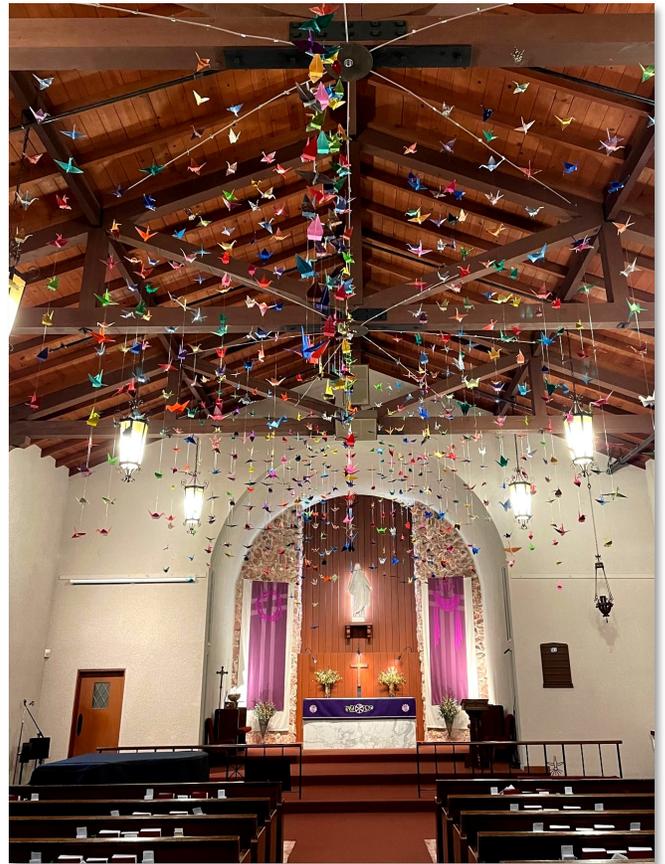
**Wednesday, March 22** | 12:00pm Lunch, 1:00pm Service  
Ascension Lutheran Church, Citrus Heights

**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

*The crane mobile in our sanctuary was created by women of this church in 2012 for the World Day of Prayer – to signify the rising of prayers to God. In 1887 women around the world initiated World Day of Prayer as an ecumenical movement to unite women of various races, cultures and traditions in closer Christian fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year. The 2023 theme is from Taiwan with a focus on the biblical text of Ephesians 1:15-19, a letter sent to a faith community to express gratitude. Paul gave thanks to God for the Ephesians living out their love and faith, and prayed that they could see these three truths: the hope to which God has called the disciples, the riches of God’s glorious inheritance among the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of God’s power.*



## 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

### How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

## Hymn of the Day

### God Loved the World



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Böllhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.  
Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

## Communion Hymn

### My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's  
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887

Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

# Sending Hymn

## Lift High the Cross



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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## Prayer Requests: March 5, 2023

*Philippians 4:19-20 ...God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen*

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

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

## CALENDAR | MARCH 6 - 12

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### Monday, March 6

10:30 am Outreach Ministry Meeting: Sanctuary  
6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

### Tuesday, March 7

12 pm Text Study: Luther Hall

### Wednesday, March 8

6 am RadCov Men's Breakfast: Luther Hall and Kitchen  
7 am Men's Bible Study group meets at The Secret Garden Restaurant,  
2401 E. Orangeburg Ave.  
11:30 am Day Care Board Meeting  
1:15 pm Adult Bible Study: *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking  
on Water and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans  
6 pm ELC Soup Supper: Luther Hall & Kitchen

### Thursday, March 9

6 pm RadCov Activity: Luther Hall  
6 pm Task Force Meeting: Church Office

### Friday, March 10

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

### Saturday, March 11

10 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary

### Sunday, March 12

#### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS** **Be sure to set clocks ahead one hour**

9:30 am ELC Worship Service  
10:45 am ELC Sunday School  
11:30 am ELC Council Meeting: Church Office  
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.*

