

## ***Fourth Sunday in Lent***

*March 19, 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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Assisting Minister: Suzanne Wilke

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*Monday through Thursday - 8 am to 3 pm*

*Friday - 8 am to 2 pm*

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# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 19, 2023

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**PRELUDE** *Ciacona in D Minor* Johann Pachelbel

**WELCOME** Pastor Lyn Crase

**OPENING HYMN** *God, Whose Almighty Word* 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,

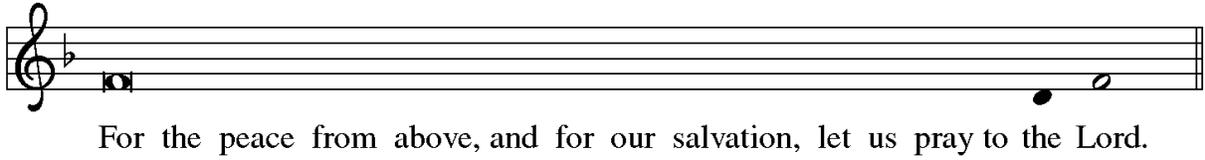
and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**Amen**

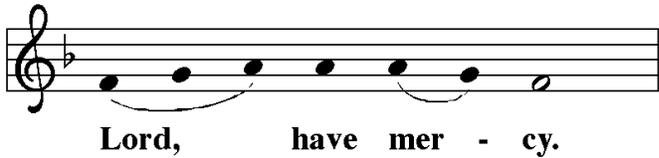
# KYRIE - Everyone sings



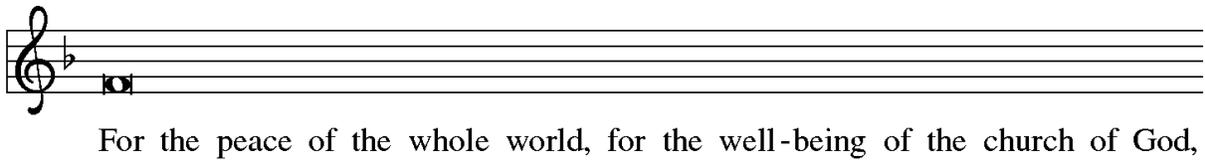
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



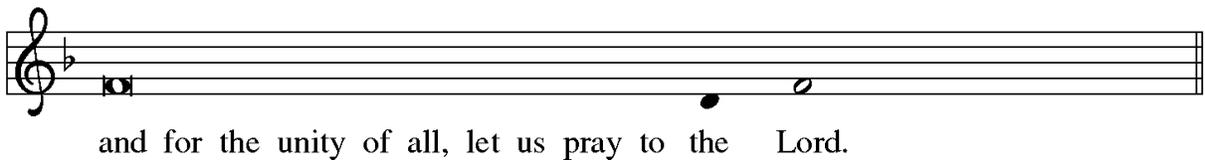
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



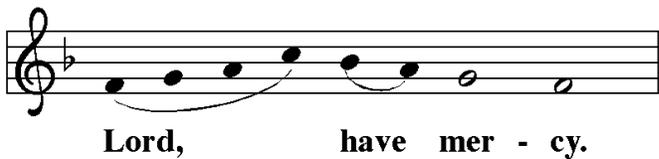
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



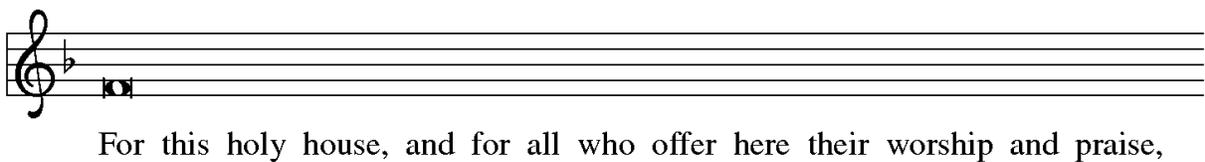
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



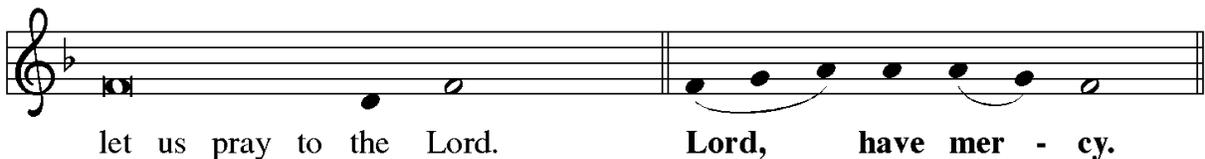
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**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....

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

## **FIRST READING:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13

*Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the LORD, designating David as the LORD's chosen successor to Saul.*

## **PSALM:** Psalm 23 (Read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

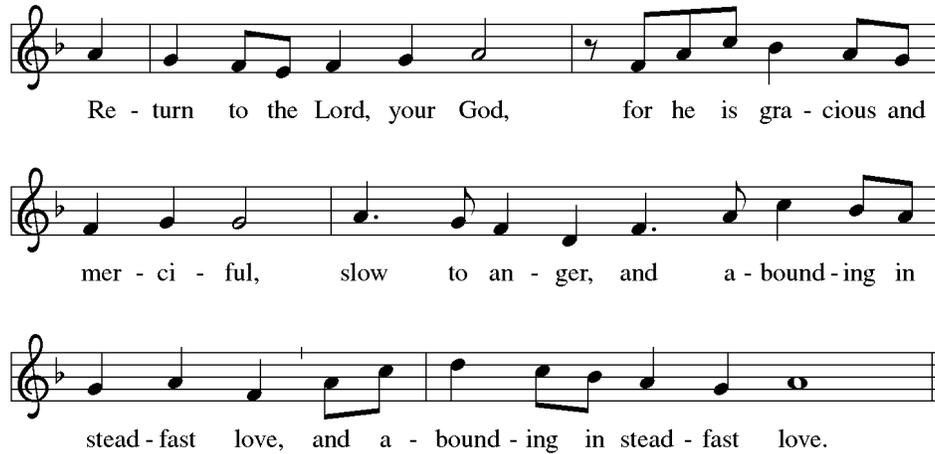
<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## **SECOND READING:** Ephesians 5:8-14

*Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**P:** The Gospel according to John, Chapter 9.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL:** John 9:1-41

*Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things 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** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

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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**

*As Jesus Stood Beside the Cross*

Samuel Scheidt

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**

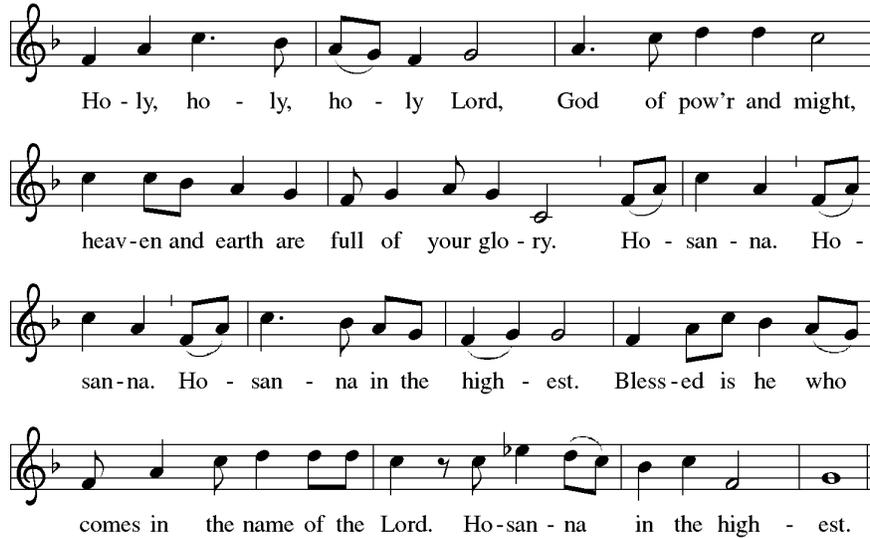
**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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.

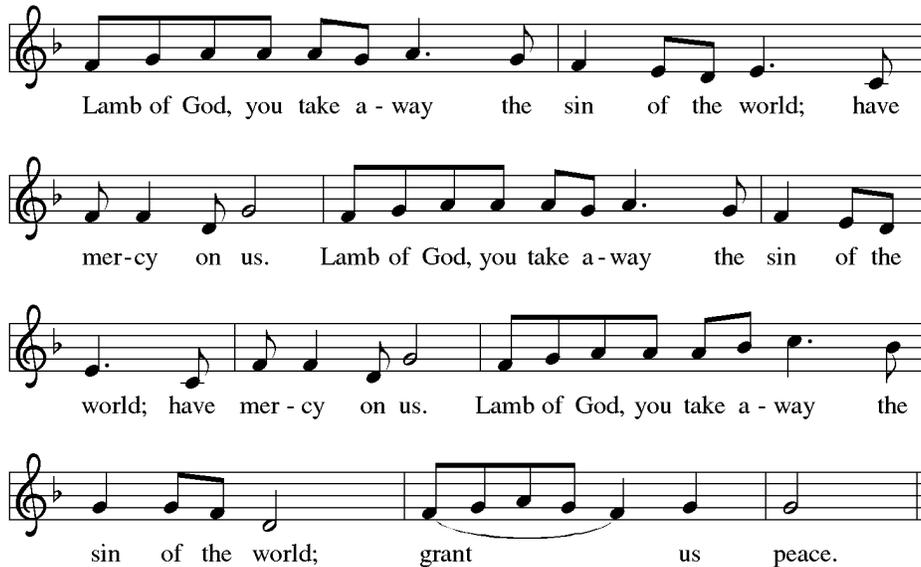
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the 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

*Dearest Jesus, at 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**

## **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:** 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**

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

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## **DISMISSAL**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

David Cherwien

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## Announcements: Week of March 19, 2023

### **Bible Readings for March 26th— Fifth Sunday in Lent**

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm: Psalm 130

Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

### ***April 15, 2023. WOMEN'S SALAD LUNCHEON***

*All women, including friends, are invited to join us for a  
delightful potluck salad luncheon!*

*Our Pastor, Reverend Dr. Lyn Crase will be our speaker.  
The theme is "I am the vine, you are the branches", which is  
also the theme for WELCA this year!*



## 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. **New study begins** March 22nd—The Book of Psalms.

**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

### God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



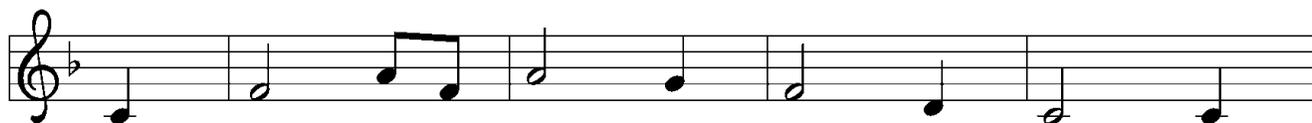
gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.  
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

## Hymn of the Day

### Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



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



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



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

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5  
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## Communion Hymn

### Dearest Jesus, at Your Word



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



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



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



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

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.  
Music: LIEBSER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

# Sending Hymn

## In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
love up - on my way, from the cross the  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872

Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

## Prayer Requests: March 19, 2023

- ✠ Prayers for peace of mind for Shelda Fritts and her daughters Mya and Julia
- ✠ Prayers for successful surgery for Linnea Kleist, family member of Jeri Johnson
- ✠ Prayers for healing for Barbara Spratling (Kraft)
- ✠ Prayers for health & well-being for Stephanie Detmer (Kraft)

### **Please Note: the prayer list will be reset after Easter Sunday**

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

1. Pr. Roger Lee—healing; currently hospitalized in Washington state
2. Jessey— healing (Loeffler)
3. Steve Jones—healing (Norquist)
4. Sue Swanson—healing (Schmidt)
5. Dwight King—healing & well-being
6. Tanya—health & healing (Watkins)
7. Jennifer—comfort & peace (Vickroy)
8. Kyle Ollenborger—healing (Strand)
9. Sue Allen—health & well-being
10. Adrian Pino—health & well-being (Ixcot)
11. Sue (friend of Chris Schmidt)—recovery, healing & well-being
12. Margaret Remeta—well-being (Schmidt)
13. CL—strength to handle cancer diagnosis (Waggoner)
14. Adeline Eldridge (ELDC child)—healing & well-being
15. Deborah Bauer—healing (Tchmola)
16. Clarice Soares—healing Tchmola)
17. Bryanna Capps—healing (Tchmola)
18. Pat & Jack Smith—health & well-being
19. Marilyn Rowland—health & well-being
20. William Teaney—healing & well-being
21. Mercy Maya—recovery, health & healing
22. Mike Clarke—comfort & peace in hospice care
23. Alice Hoaglund—health & well-being
24. Paula Kroeze—healing & well-being
25. Darcy Moreno—healing & well-being (Ashlock)
26. Grace—healing & well-being (Molina)
27. Dan Farrell—healing & well-being after a fall (Waggoner)
28. Jennifer Turner—healing & well-being (Dieterich)
29. Deanne Crockett—health, healing & well-being (Troedson)
30. Keith Johnson—healing & well-being (Johnson)
31. Harold Hackett—healing & well-being (Dieterich)
32. Stephanie—healing (Owen)
33. Patricia Balderas Cantley—comfort & healing (Crawford)

## CALENDAR | MARCH 20 - 26

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### Monday, March 20

1 pm Leah Circle: meets off-site  
6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

### Tuesday, March 21

12 pm Text Study: Luther Hall  
1:30 pm Sanctuary Arts Team Meeting: Luther Hall

### Wednesday, March 22

6 am RadCov Men's Breakfast: Luther Hall  
7 am Men's Bible Study group meets at The Secret Garden Restaurant,  
2401 E. Orangeburg Ave.  
1:15 pm Adult Bible Study: *The Book of Psalms*  
6 pm ELC Soup Supper: Luther Hall & Kitchen

### Thursday, March 23

6 pm RadCov Activity: Luther Hall

### Friday, March 24

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

### Saturday, March 25

9 am RadCov Women's Tea: Luther Hall & Kitchen  
10 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary

### Sunday, March 26

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

