

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 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

O God Beyond All Praising

David Cherwien

WELCOME

Pastor Lyn Crase

OPENING HYMN

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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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,

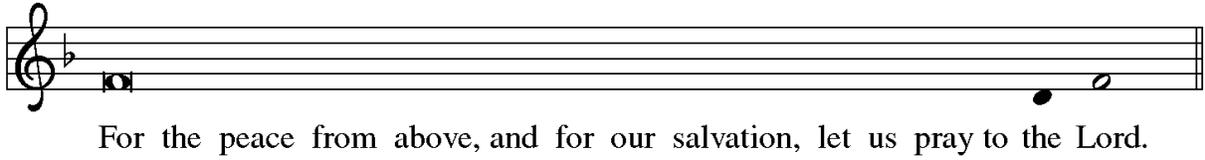
and revives you in the Spirit's power.

Amen

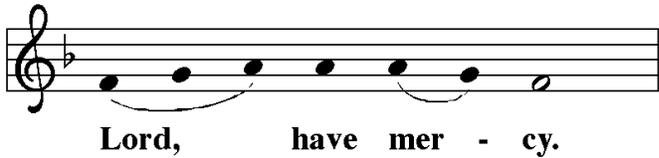
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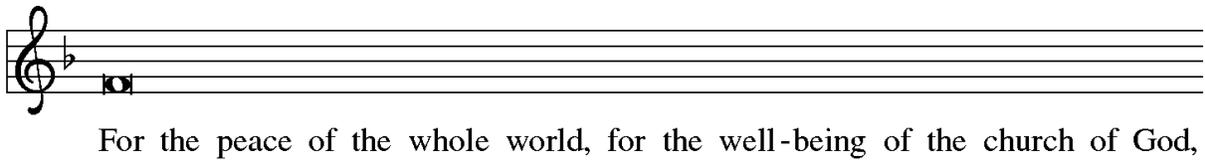
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



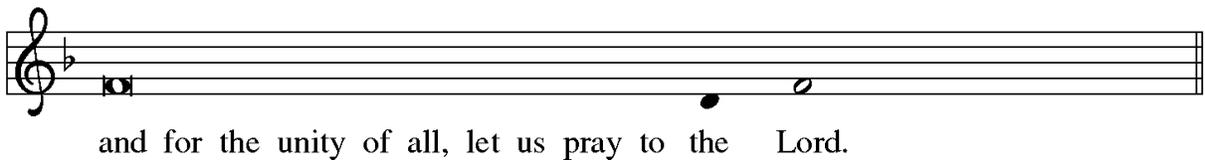
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



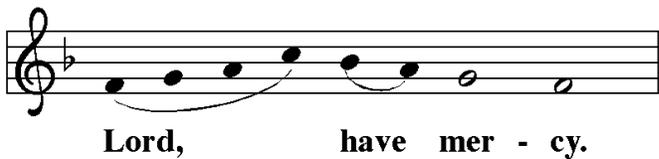
Lord, have mer - cy.



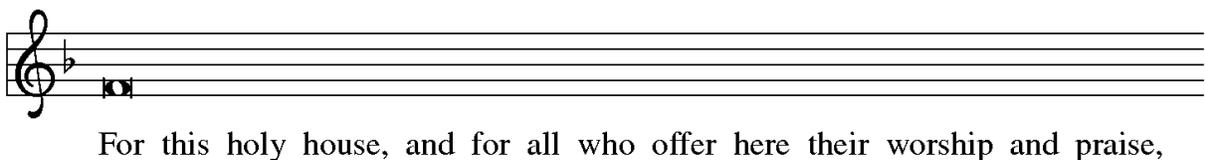
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



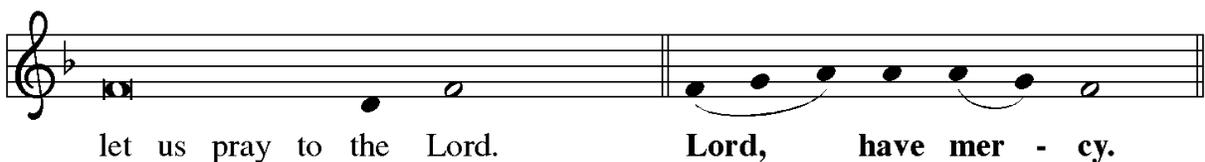
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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....

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, 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: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the LORD."

PSALM: Psalm 130 (Read responsively)

¹Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness,**

in order that you may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,**

more than those who keep watch for the morning.

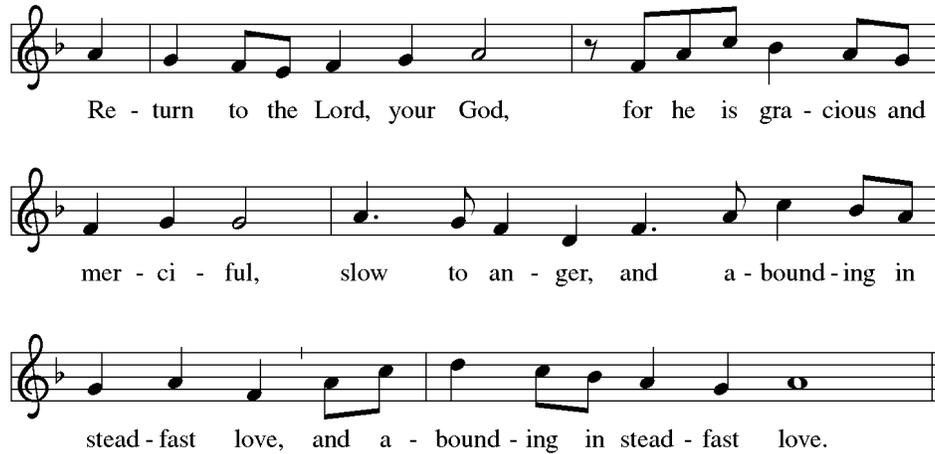
⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;

with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸**For the LORD shall redeem Israel**

from all their sins.

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 11.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

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

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

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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

Lamb of God Most Holy

David Cherwien

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.

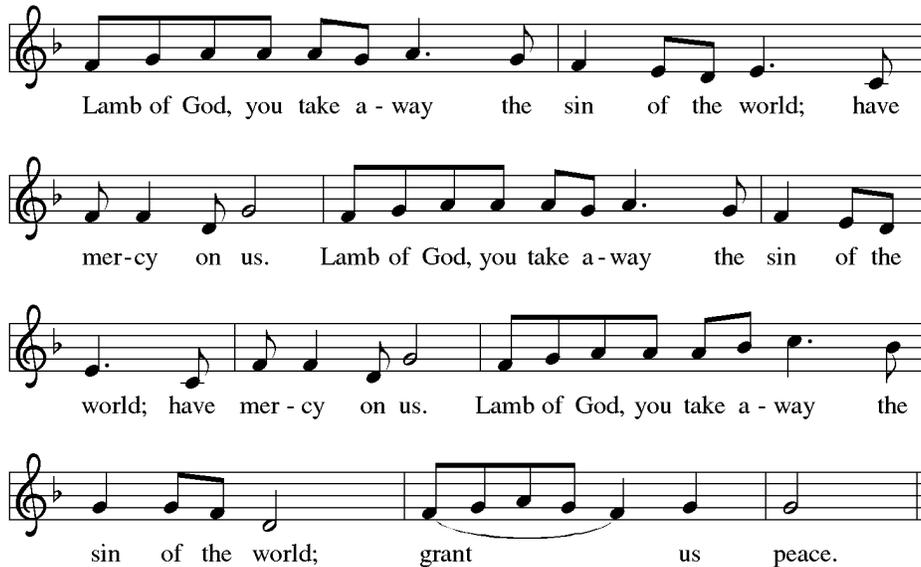
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are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

Abide with Me

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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

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness

Paul Manz

Bible Readings for April 2 — Palm Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Matthew 26:14--27:66

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Announcements: Week of March 26, 2023

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!*



HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Palm Sunday Service	9:30 am	April 2
Maundy Thursday Service	6:00 pm	April 6
Good Friday: (office closed)		
Worship Service	6:00 pm	April 7
Easter Sunday:		
Worship Service	9:30 am	April 9
Brunch and Egg Hunt		
with Radiant Covenant.....	11:00 am	April 9

Outdoor Cross for Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

On April 9th we will display the outdoor flower cross. We need your flowers! Flowers may come from your garden or be purchased. The flower cross is such a beautiful way to share the joy of Easter with all who see it. It's truly a gift to ourselves and our neighborhood.

Easter Lilies or Flowering Potted Plants

Purchased plants may be brought to the church on Easter Sunday, April 9th. Please do not deliver your plant to church prior to Easter Sunday.

If you would like to include a dedication in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please complete the form below. Then, place the Easter Dedication Form in the offering basket prior to Sunday April 9th.

Note: please be sure to remove your plant after Easter Sunday Service. Thank you!

2023 Easter Flower Dedication Form

Please mark to indicate: _____ in honor of _____ in memory of

Name of person: _____

Your name: _____

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 — The Book of Psalms, 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

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

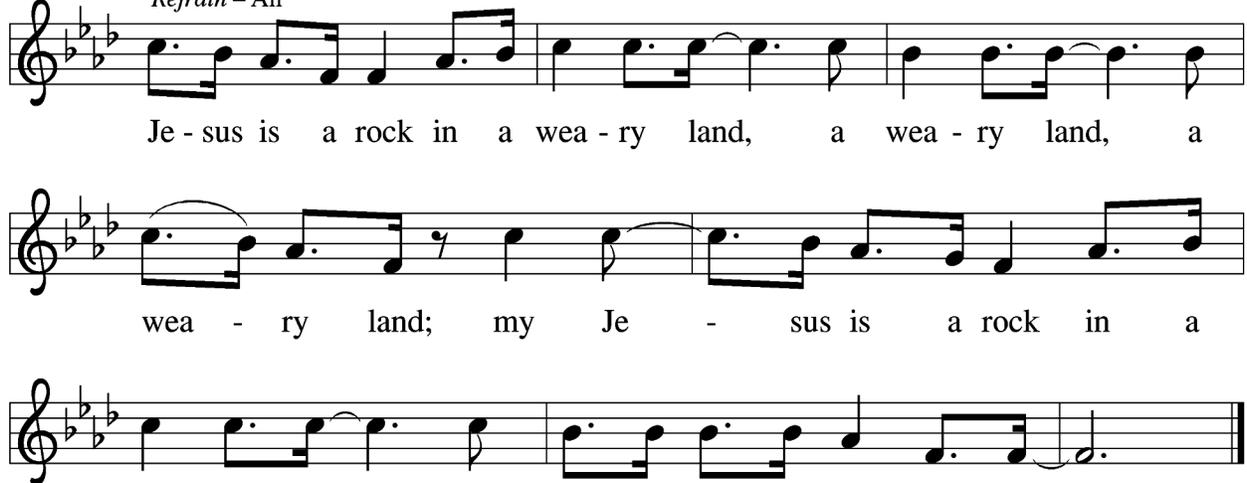
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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Hymn of the Day

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

Refrain - All

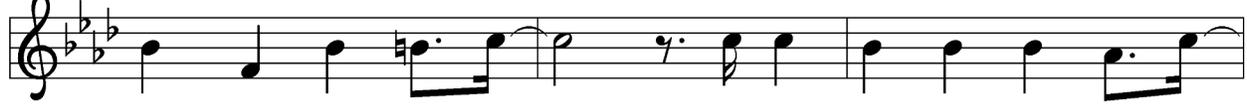


Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a
wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a
wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Leader or All



1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a
2 When Je - sus was on earth, the . .
3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .



mum - bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

Refrain

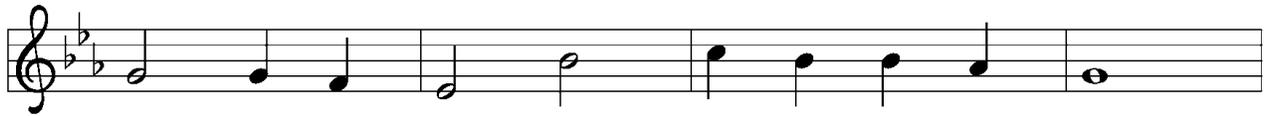


- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WEARY LAND, African American spiritual

Communion Hymn

Abide with Me



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

Sending Hymn

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow



1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward
2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on the
3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as
4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward,



goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -
ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and
from the heart of one; one the con - flict, one the
with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its



ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -
ter - ror, bright - 'ning all the path we tread. One the
per - il, one the march in God be - gun. One the
bat - tle till we rest be - neath its shade. Soon shall



fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the
ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which
glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the far e -
come the great a - wak - 'ning; soon the rend - ing



guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of
nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing
ter - nal shore, where the one al - might - y
of the tomb! Then the scat - t'ring of all



pil - grim step - ping fear - less through the night.
for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
Fa - ther reigns in love for - ev - er - more.
shad - ows, and the end of toil and gloom.

Prayer Requests: March 26, 2023

- ✝ Prayers for Kelli Salipigni regarding her diagnosis & surgery. Kelli is Janice Watkins' cousin
- ✝ Prayers for healing & health for Frances Medina, ELDC staff
- ✝ Prayers for healing & well-being for Grace, Melissa Molina's sister

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

CALENDAR | MARCH 27 - APRIL 2

Monday, March 27

ECHOES DEADLINE
6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 28

12 pm Text Study: Luther Hall

Wednesday, March 29

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*
5:30 pm SCIC Meeting: Luther Hall
6 pm ELC Soup Supper: Luther Hall & Kitchen

Thursday, March 30

6 pm RadCov Activity: Luther Hall

Friday, March 31

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Saturday, April 1

10 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary

Sunday, April 2

PALM SUNDAY
FOOD FOR FAITH SUNDAY
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.

