

Sunday, February 21, 2021  
First Sunday in Lent  
**WELCOME** to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!  
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



## PRELUDE

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,  
**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

### "Restore in Us, O God"

ELW 328



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -  
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from  
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -  
4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.  
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944  
Music: BAYLOR, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933

**GREETING** ELW p. 156  
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

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## "Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved"

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Leader

	<i>Otče nebeský, Svoritel'u sveta,</i>	<i>Bo - že,</i>	<i>zmi - luj sa nad</i>	<i>na - mi.</i>
1	O God, Father in	heav - en,	have mer - cy up - on	us.
2	O Son of God, redeemer	of the world,	have mer - cy up - on	us.
3	O God, Holy	Spir - it,	have mer - cy up - on	us.

<i>Vie</i>	-	<i>me</i>	<i>to,</i>	<i>Pa</i>	-	<i>ne</i>		<i>Bo</i>	-	<i>že</i>	<i>náš,</i>	<i>že</i>	<i>sa</i>	<i>na</i>
Your		heart,	O	God,		is		grieved,	we	know,		by	ev	- 'ry
Your		arms	ex	-	tend,	O		Christ,	to	save	from		sting	of
O		lay	-	ish	Giv	-	er,	come	to	aid	the		chil	- dren

<i>nás</i>	<i>hrieš</i>	-	<i>nych</i>	<i>hne</i>	-	<i>váš,</i>	<i>sved</i>	-	<i>či</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>tom</i>	<i>smrt'</i>
e	- vil,		ev	- 'ry		woe;	up	- on	your	cross	- for	-
death	and		grasp	of		grave;	your	scars	be	- fore	the	
that	your		word	has		made.	Now	make	us	grow	and	

ne - vin - ná    Tvoj    -    ho    je    -    di    -    né    -    ho    Sy - na.  
 sak - en    Son    our    death    is    laid,    and    peace    is    won.  
 Fa - ther    move    his    heart    to    mer - cy    at    such    love.  
 help    us    pray;    bring    joy    and    com - fort,    come    to    stay.

Text: Jiří Tranovský, 1591–1637; tr. Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919  
Music: ZŇAME TO, PANE BOŽE NÁŠ, *Transciscus*, 1636

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** ELW p. 159  
AM: Let us pray together.

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**C: Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

L: A reading from Genesis.

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

<sup>12</sup>God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

*Refrain:*



Your paths, O LORD, are stead-fast love and faith - ful - ness.

<sup>1</sup>To | you, O LORD,  
I lift | up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be | put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your | ways, O LORD,  
and teach | me your paths. R**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your | truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,  
for they are from | everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness,

O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners | in your way. R**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the low- | ly in justice

and teach the low- | ly your way.

<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. **R**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

L: A reading from 1 Peter.

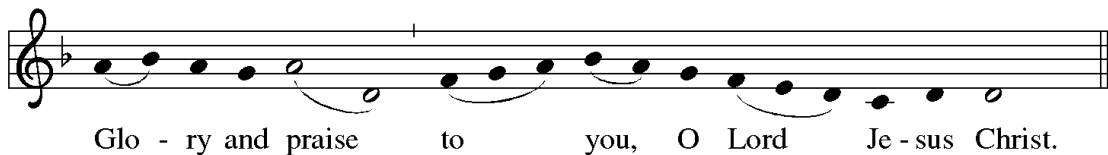
<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **LENTEN ACCLAMATION**

ELW 160



Verse (cantor): One does not live by | bread alone,\* but by every word that comes from  
the | mouth of God. *(Matt. 4:4)*

## **GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15**

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. <sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

Pastor Paul

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## "As the Deer Runs to the River"

ELW 331



- 1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
- 2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
- 3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
- 4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.  
 Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.  
 God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."  
 Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923  
 Music: JULION, David Hurd, b. 1950

## APOSTLE'S CREED

ELW p. 160

AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**C: 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

ELW p. 160

AM: Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need. In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust always in the good news of your salvation.

*Response to each petition:* AM: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

AM: We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## PEACE

ELW p.161

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING HYMN

### "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

ELW 188

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING INFORMATION

For online giving: <https://tinyurl.com/emanuelsgiving>

Mailing Address: Emanuel's Lutheran Church, 206 N. Travis Street Seguin, TX 78155

## OFFERING PRAYER

ELW p. 161

AM: Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW p. 161

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

ELW p. 161

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

ELW p. 162

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 in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

ELW p. 162

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

ELW p. 163

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

ELW p. 164

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

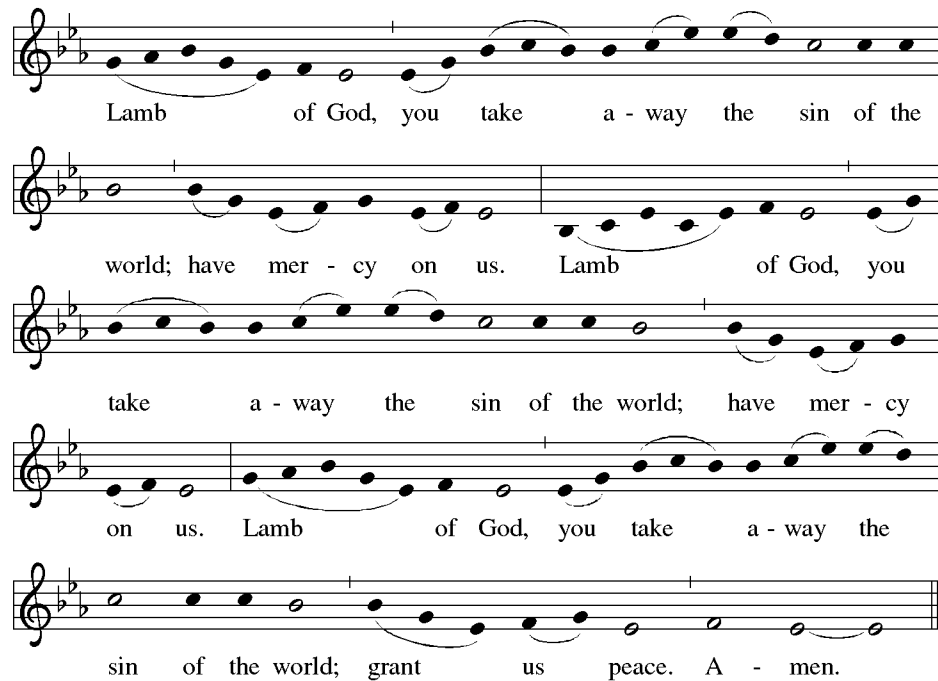
## COMMUNION

ELW p. 164

*When giving the bread and sharing the cup, you may use say:*  
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

## COMMUNION SONG

ELW p. 164



## TABLE BLESSING

**P:** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ELW p. 164

**AM:** Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## BLESSING

ELW p. 164

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

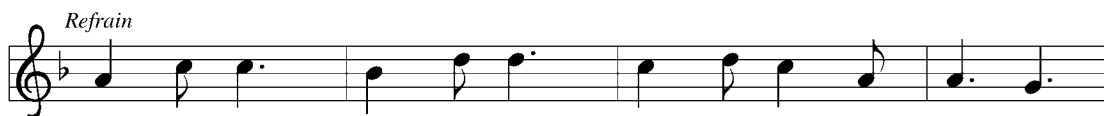


**SENDING SONG****"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"****ELW 335**

- 1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
- 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
- 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
- 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

**DISMISSAL****ELW p. 164**

**P:** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

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**WORSHIP LEADERS** vary at this time due to availability and recording days. Thanks to all who serve!

## Emanuel's Lutheran Church Announcements

**SUNDAY WORSHIP** is currently streamed on Facebook, YouTube, and KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m. Due to rising COVID-19 cases, **in-person worship is suspended at this time.** Church office staff will be again working from home and in the office as needed or by appointment. Please refer to the larger "We Are Better Together" COVID Safety and Gathering Policy updated on our website or contact Pastor Marcus with any questions. Continued prayers for our church leaders as they navigate the ever-changing tide.

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES:** Each service will center on the "Holden Evening Prayer" liturgy with a reflection, based on our Lenten Devotional series, provided by one of our pastors. We invite you to follow along, as you are able, and in preparation for Easter. Due to Covid-19 safety restrictions, our Midweek Services will be on Facebook and YouTube, **Wednesdays at 12:05pm & 6pm, February 24 - March 24.**

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS:** We join together in study around the A Sanctified Art's series, *Again & Again: A Lenten Refrain*. The Creative Team writes, "With exacerbation we exclaim, 'Again?! How long, O God?' And yet, in the midst of the motion blur chaos of our lives, God offers a sacred refrain: 'I choose you, I love you, I will lead you to repair.' Again and again, God breaks the cycle and offers us a new way forward." Taking on a new rhythm, you are invited to ponder poems, scriptural reflections, and selected pieces of art as we dive deeper and deeper into the refrain of God's never ending, never yielding, love for us and all that God has made. Devotionals are available to download at [www.EmanuelslutheranChurch.com](http://www.EmanuelslutheranChurch.com). Print copies are also available in the church office as requested. Join the **Pastors With A Podcast** every Tuesday at 10 a.m. on Facebook and Soundcloud. During Lent they will be discussing the *Again & Again* devotional.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** and **RADIO BROADCASTS** are sponsored by Emanuel's members. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one in this way, please call the church office or sign up on the calendar in the office. Thanks to all who participate in this memorable ministry.

**EMANUEL'S MISSION STATEMENT:** "To be the church God is calling us to be by declaring God's love, serving others, and embracing all."

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