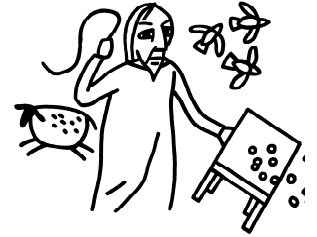


Sunday, March 7, 2021

Third 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, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. **C: Amen.**

P: God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion. Fountain of living water,

**C: pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.**

**Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

P: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ☩ forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. **C: Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

**"In the Cross of Christ I Glory "**

**ELW 324**



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.

## 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.

## KYRIE

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

ELW 602



*Otče nebeský, Svoritel'u sveta, Bo - že, zmi - luj sa nad na - mi.*  
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.



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



*nás hrieš - nych hne - váš, sved - či o tom smrt'*  
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, *Tranoscius*, 1636

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

ELW p. 159

AM: Let us pray together.

C: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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: Exodus 20:1-17

L: A reading from Exodus.

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. <sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,  
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale | to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no | words or language,  
and their voices | are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of  
the world,  
where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

<sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of | it  
again;

nothing is hidden from its | burning heat. **R**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;**

**the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. R**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's | own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over  
me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable |  
in your sight,**

**O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer. R**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

L: A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## **LENTEN ACCLAMATION**

**ELW 177**



Verse (cantor): We proclaim Christ | crucified,\* the power of God and the wis- | dom of  
God. (1 Cor. 1:23, 24)

## **GOSPEL: John 2:13-22**

P: The holy gospel according to John.

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

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.  
The gospel of the Lord.

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

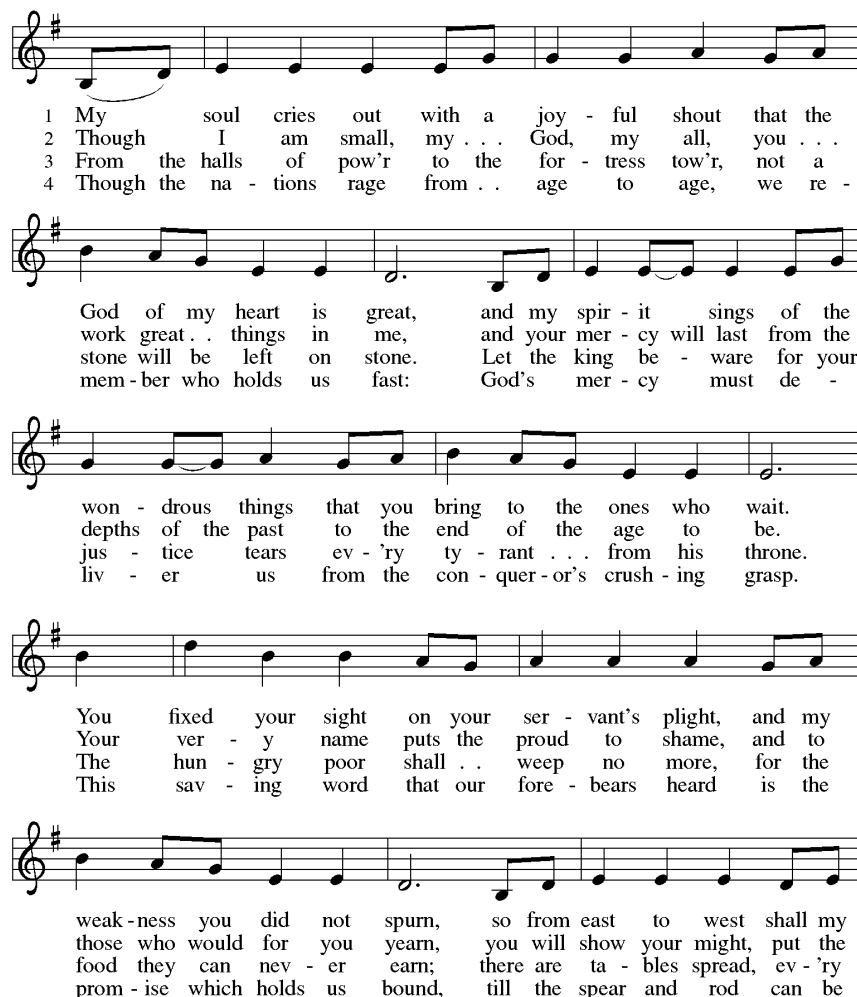
## SERMON

Pastor Kelsie

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## "Canticle of the Turning "

**ELW 723**



1 My soul cries out with a joy-ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for-tress tow'r, not a  
4 Though the na-tions rage from . . age to age, we re-

God of my heart is great, and my spir-it sings of the  
work great . . things in me, and your mer-cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be-ware for your  
mem-ber who holds us fast: God's mer-cy must de-

won-drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus-tice tears ev-ry ty-rant . . . from his throne.  
liv-er us from the con-quer-or's crush-ing grasp.

You fixed your sight on your ser-vant's plight, and my  
Your ver-y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun-gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
This sav-ing word that our fore-bears heard is the

weak-ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev-er earn; there are ta-bles spread, ev-ry  
prom-ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat  
 Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional

## 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. There is no God before you. Purify the faith of your church, that your people place their trust in nothing beside you. Your name is holy. Guide your church, that in every situation your people's words and actions honor your name.

*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

"Change My Heart, O God "

ELW 801




Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.

End



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Refrain

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953  
 Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa

## 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.

Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

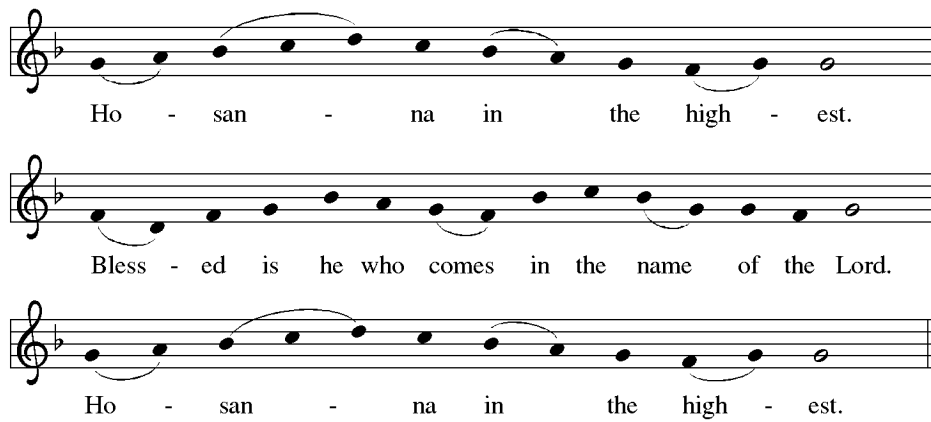
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



## 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: Jesus draws the whole world to himself. Come to this meal and be fed.

## COMMUNION

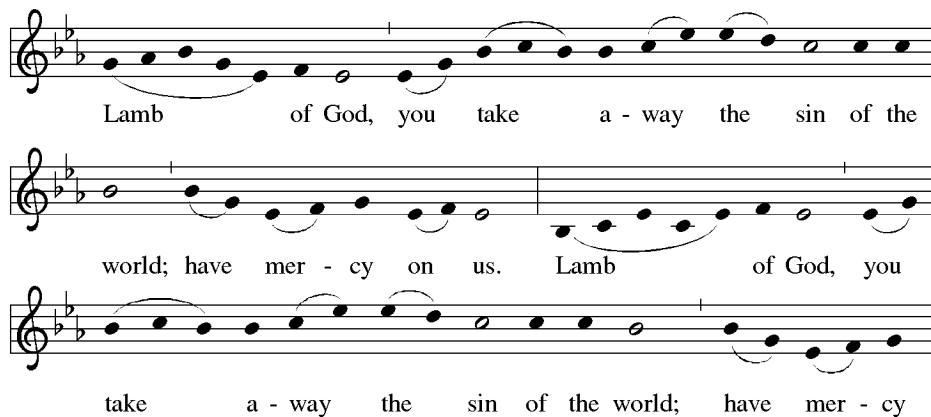
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*When giving the bread and sharing the cup, you may use say:*

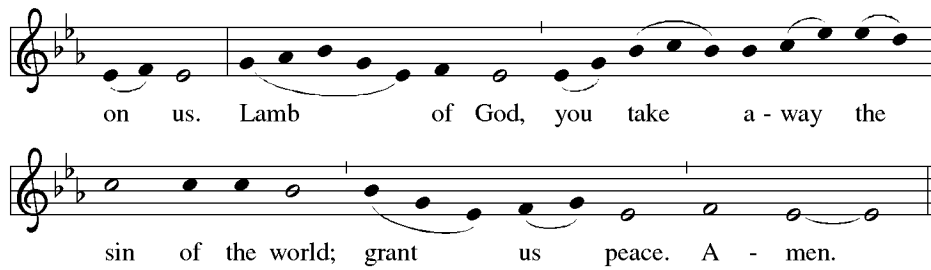
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

## 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.

God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING

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

## BLESSING

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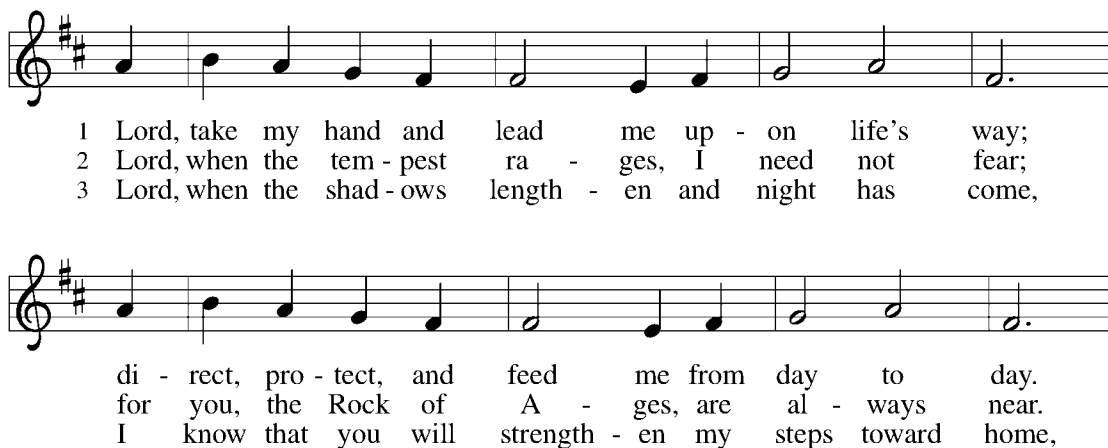
P: You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

### "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me "

ELW 767





With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.  
for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.  
So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

Text: Julie von Hausmann, 1825–1901; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: SO NIMM DENN MEINE HÄNDE, Friedrich Silcher, 1789–1860

## DISMISSAL

ELW p. 164

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**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!

**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 LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY WORSHIP** is streamed on Facebook, YouTube, and KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m. Due to COVID-19 cases, **in-person worship is suspended at this time**. Church office staff is working from home and in the office. There is someone in the office from 8-5, M-F. It's best to call before coming in. Please refer to the larger COVID Safety and Gathering Policy updated on our website or contact Pastor Marcus with any questions.

**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 in preparation for Easter. Due to Covid-19 safety restrictions Midweek Services are on Facebook and YouTube, **Wednesdays at 12:05pm & 6pm, Feb 24-Mar 24.**



**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS:** We join together in study around the A Sanctified Art's series, *Again & Again: A Lenten Refrain*. "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." Devotionals are available to download at

[www.EmanuelLutheranChurch.com](http://www.EmanuelLutheranChurch.com). Print copies are 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.



**ASH WEDNESDAY RESCHEDULED:** Due to the inclement weather in February both Ashes-to-Go and our Ash Wednesday service on the lawn were canceled. Don't worry if you missed the ancient practice of imposition of ashes this year. Each opportunity will be available on **Wednesday, March 24**. Being marked in ash with the sign of the cross will be a way for us to prepare for Holy Week together. The reminder that we are dust turns our attention to the creative power of God, and God's ability to heal the brokenness in our lives when we

offer that brokenness to God. **Ashes-to-Go from Noon - 1pm** at 201 N. Travis at the street. **Worship on the Lawn at 6:30 p.m.** with imposition of ashes using safety protocols. Bring your chair and mask.

**WATER TO THRIVE** Emanuel's Easter giving campaign is now underway with *Water to Thrive*. Donations may be given as you rejoice the season, as a gift to someone special, or given in memory or honor of loved ones. Our 2020 water well campaign was wildly successful, and we are excited to provide a second community across the globe with access to clean water. Return order forms to the office with payment made to Emanuel's Lutheran Church by **Wednesday, March 24** for inclusion in the Easter bulletin.

**EASTER LILIES** Emanuel's will welcome Easter with beautiful lilies at our 10:30 a.m. worship service. You may donate Easter lilies as you rejoice the season, or in memory or honor of loved ones. Plants may be taken home following the service on Sunday, April 4, 2021. Return order forms to the office with payment made to Emanuel's Lutheran Church by **Wednesday, March 24**. Each poinsettia is \$13.

**LIFE AFTER LOSS:** Emanuel's Congregational Care Ministries invites you to a Life After Loss Virtual Class sponsored by Porter-Loring Family Care Services and University Presbyterian Church SOL Center. The Rev. Darwin Huartson is facilitating. The group will meet on Zoom accessed via computer or telephone. Call-in information will be provided after registration. Sessions are **Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6, 2021 from 6:30pm-8:00-pm**. Our gathering goals are to understand the process of grief, assess where you are in the process of grief, discover how loss can transform you into becoming a better person, and plan how you will continue to heal & live a good life. For more information or to register please contact Emanuel's Director of Congregational Care Donna Simmons at [donna@elcseguin.org](mailto:donna@elcseguin.org) or 830-556-3542.



# Holy Week

## EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

There is a place for you here

Palm Sunday, March 28: 10:30 a.m.  
Maundy Thursday, April 1: 6:30 p.m.  
Good Friday, April 2: 6:30 p.m.

### Easter Sunday, April 4

Worship with Communion, 10:30 a.m. | Egg Hunt, 11:45 a.m.

\*Services will be both online and in-person. Council will review Covid-19 numbers in March to determine if we can worship safely on the lawn or in the sanctuary.

**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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