

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 18, 2018



*Unless a grain
of wheat falls into
the earth and dies,
it remains just a
single grain*

JOHN 12:24

WELCOME TO EMANUEL

If you have any questions or need assistance of any kind,
please see an usher or ask any of Emanuel's parishioners.

For recycling, you may leave this bulletin and any inserts on your seat.

WELCOME! If you are visiting with family or friends, we pray that your time together is filled with joy and love. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become part of our community of faith here at Emanuel Lutheran. Please consider filling out one of our “blue forms” that are in the back of the Church on the usher’s table.

HYMNS are taken from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Service Book & Hymnal (the red book in the pew rack), unless otherwise indicated.

PLEASE TURN OFF cell phones and all electronic devices during the Service.

PRAYER REQUESTS can be submitted to the Church Office using a “**blue form**” which can be found on the back Usher’s table. These forms can also be used for address changes, and other information. You can also call the Church Office with your request.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Presider/Preacher The Reverend Dr. Paula V. Mehmel
Assisting Minister Lynne Strecker
Lectors..... Christine Dalton (8 am) and Rae Ann Gremel (10 am)
Acolyte and Crucifer Braden Hazard and Harrison Arcand
Communion Preparer Lynne Strecker
Greeters Carol and Brad Dennler
Coffee Hour Hosts..... Monica Swanson, Melissa Ackerly, and Silvana Carreon
Director of Music Jonathan Reuning-Scherer
Musician Sarah Asmar
Assistant Music Director Katie Cox
Sound & Recording Rhiannon Kiersznowski

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in Memory of the parents of Joan Feldman: Elin and Alexander Riddle and also Carl Johnson, a friend of Joan.

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God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s light and truth into our hearts. We see God’s heart most clearly in the way Jesus shares human suffering, in an agony both the John and Hebrews readings describe.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

During the prelude, the congregation is invited into a time of silent prayer.

The congregation is invited to stand for the parts of the Service that are marked with an asterisk “”. If you are unable to stand you may remain seated.*

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The confession provides extended silence for listening, pondering, and self-reflection.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: God of heaven and earth,
you come in close and make us yours.
Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin,
embrace your forgiveness,
and seek the way you set before us in your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

Pause in Silence for Reflection

P: Merciful God,
C: **forgive us.**
Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free.
We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.

Pause in Silence for Reflection

C: **We were silent when we should have said something.**

Pause in Silence for Reflection

C: **We acted when we knew better.**

Pause in Silence for Reflection

C: **We were still when we know we should have moved.**

Pause in Silence for Reflection

C: **For the wrong we have done,
for the good we have failed to do,
have mercy on us,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

P: People of God, look to the ✝ Son,
given to heal you and set you free
because God loved the world so much.
Take hold of life—eternal life!

C: **Amen.**

*** OPENING HYMN**

Lift High the Cross

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*** GREETING**

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**



Verse 1, 3 Ky - ri-e e - le-i - son. Ky - ri-e e - le-i - son.
Verse 2 Chris - te e - le-i - son. Chris - te e - le-i - son.



Ky - ri-e e - le - i-son. Ky - ri-e e - le - i-son.
Chris - te e - le - i-son. Chris - te e - le - i-son.

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

The assembly may be seated.

The children are invited to come forward.

ACCLAMATION

***I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
I want Jesus to walk with me
All along my pilgrim journey
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ACCLAMATION

***I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
I want Jesus to walk with me
All along my pilgrim journey
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me***

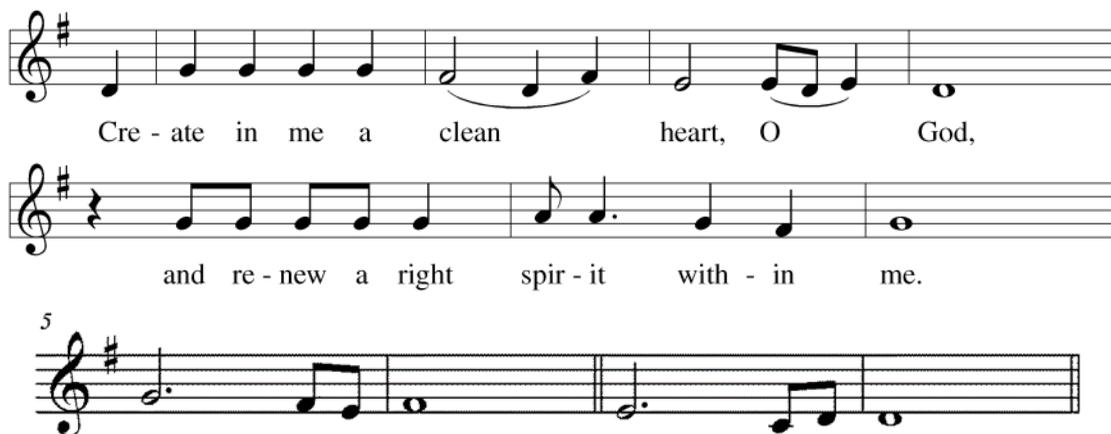
FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, word of Life

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-12



The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,". The second staff continues the melody for the second line: "and re - new a right spir - it with - in me." The third staff begins with a measure number "5" and contains the melody for the third line of text: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses." The notation includes treble clefs, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and various note values and rests.

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your ¹steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out ¹my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through ¹from my wickedness, and cleanse me ¹from my sin.**

- ³For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.
- ⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment. R**
- ⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.
- ⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**
- ⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.
- ⁸**Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice. R**
- ⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.
- ¹⁰**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**
- ¹¹Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.
- ¹²**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit. R**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

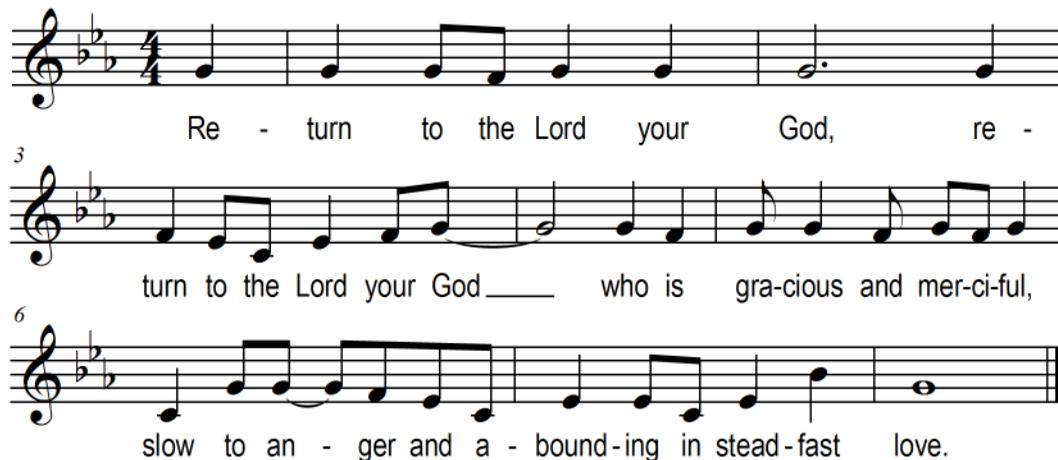
⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned

obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Re - turn to the Lord your God, re -

3
turn to the Lord your God _____ who is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful,

6
slow to an - ger and a - bound-ing in stead-fast love.

*** GOSPEL: John 12:20-33**

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

P: The holy gospel according to John

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

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.

²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this

hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

* HYMN OF THE DAY

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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* THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us confess our faith, in the words of the Apostles 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 *After each petition*

P: Lord in your mercy

C: **Hear Our Prayer**

*** PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

We offer each other a sign of God's peace.

OFFERING MUSIC *Create in Me (Mueller)*

Emanuel Choir

*** PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

P: We offer our gifts – our time, our talent, and our treasure - to God,
in thanksgiving for all that God has given us.

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Together, let us pray ...

C: **Merciful God,
receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving
and the offering of our lives,
that following in the way of the cross,
we may know the joy of the resurrection;
through Christ our Lord.**

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

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**

190a



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



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



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



Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*** LORD'S PRAYER**

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**

All are welcome

P: Return to God with all your heart.
Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

LAMB OF GOD

Christ, thou Lamb of God, who takes a - way the
sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. grant us your peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*The sacrament is offered using the practice of **intinction**. Please dip the bread into either the red wine or white grape juice.*
Gluten-free wafers are offered on a special tray, along with contaminant-free glasses of wine and grape juice. Please indicate your need to the Communion Servers.
If you are unable to come forward, please let the usher know and we will be happy to bring communion to you.
Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward for a blessing.
Children will receive a goldfish cracker as a reminder of God's love for them.

COMMUNION MUSIC *The Word of God is Source and Seed* **506**
Let Us Break Bread Together **471**

*** 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**

P: 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 Christ our Lord

C: **Amen.**

*** BLESSING**

P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,
 and claimed us as children of the light,
 strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.
 The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
 The Lord look upon you with favor
 and give you ✝ peace.

C: **Amen**

*** CLOSING HYMN** *Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land* **333**

*** DISMISSAL**

P: Marked with the cross of Christ,
 go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Please join us downstairs in Luther Hall for coffee and fellowship. All are welcome!



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

Elinor McCue † Mal Doyle † Hailey Johnson † Dr. Candi Carroccia † Gail Duek †
Melanie Sinche † Karin Gottier † Rudy Peterson † Carol Johnson † Dick Johnson †
Elaine Wilson † Joan Feldmann † Doris Barron † Betty-Lois Benson



LENTEN WORSHIP

Each Wednesday during Lent, we have a simple soup meal from 6:15 to 6:45 PM, followed by a discussion led by Pastor Paula on a faith related issue from 6:45 to 7:15 PM. This week the faith related issue is **“Worship and Spiritual Growth”**: Active Christian giving through: Regular (weekly) worship attendance. [Ps. 122:1 and Heb. 10:23-25] and Active participation in a spiritual growth program such as intentional devotions, small groups, adult education or Bible Study. [Eph. 4:11-16]

The discussion will be followed by a Service at 7:30 PM.

This year, in addition to coming to worship during Lent, we are also encouraged to live out our faith through concrete acts of giving. The “faith action” items for last week was **Personal hygiene/menstrual products**. The faith action item for this week is **Socks and Underwear**. Bins for your donations are available in Luther Hall, the Chapel and the Narthex.

There is a Service each Thursday during Lent at 11:15 AM following Bible Study.



EASTER FLOWERS

Please complete the Order form and place it along with your check for \$18 (indicate “Easter plants” on the description line) and place it into the collection plate. You can also mail the form and your check to the Church Office. The deadline for orders is next Sunday, March 25 (Passion/Palm Sunday).



ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE AT 11:30 AM ON MARCH 24

On March 24, the kids and families of March For Our Lives will take to the streets at locations throughout the United States, including Hartford, to demand that their lives and safety become a priority and that we end this epidemic of mass school shootings. In conjunction with the local March for Our Lives we will hold an Ecumenical Prayer Service at 11:30 AM. We will then gather on the north side of the Corning Fountain in Bushnell Park and begin the march at 12:30 to arrive at the Capitol at 1:00 pm at which time the rally will begin and last until 3pm.

March/April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 5th Sunday of Lent † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal • Sunday School	19 • 10:00 AM Craft Group • 7:00 PM Property Committee	20 • 10:00 Staff Meeting • 6:15 – 6:45 PM Soup • 6:45 – 7:15 PM “Worship” and “Spiritual Growth” † 7:30 Service	21 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10:00 AM Bible Study † 11:15 AM Service • 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	22 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10:00 AM Bible Study † 11:15 AM Service • 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	23 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program	24 • 10:00 – 12:00 Sprout • 11:30 Ecumenical Worship • 12:00 March for Our Lives
25 Passion/Palm Sunday † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal • Communion 101 Class 11:30 am – 1:30 pm	26 • 10:00 AM Craft Group	27 • 10:00 AM Craft Group	28	29 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10:00 AM Bible Study † 12:00 Noon Service † 7:30 PM Service	30 † 7:30 PM Service	31 Easter Vigil • 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout † 7:00 PM Joint Service with Trinity Episcopal at Trinity Episcopal
April 1 EASTER SUNDAY • 8:15 am Choir Rehearsal † Services at 9:00 and 11:00 am • No Sunday School • 8:15 Choir Rehearsal	2 Emanuel Church Offices Closed	3 Emanuel Church Offices Closed • 10:00 AM Craft Group	4	5 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10:00 AM Bible Study • 12:00 Senior Luncheon • 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal • 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	6 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program	7 • 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout
8 2ND Sunday of Easter † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • Noisy Offering • Sunday School	9	10 • 10:00 AM Craft Group • 7:00 PM Property Committee	11	12 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	13 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program	14 • 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout
15 3RD Sunday of Easter † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • Sunday School	16 • 10:00 AM Craft Group	17 • 10:00 AM Craft Group	18	19 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10:00 AM Bible Study • 7:00 PM Mutual Ministry (lounge) • 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	20 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program	21 • 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout

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