

*First Sunday in Lent*  
*February 18, 2024*



WELCOME TO EMANUEL

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please ask an usher.

**ALL ARE WELCOME AT EMANUEL**

Recognizing that we live in a broken world, Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness. As members of Emanuel Lutheran Church and children of a loving and merciful God, we acknowledge that this reconciliation extends to people of any gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, race, culture, physical or mental ability, economic circumstances, relationship status, or any person that has ever experienced pain or oppression. Because members of different communities may have been excluded from the Church in the past, we wish to make explicit our welcome to all. It is for this purpose that we affirm that ALL people are welcome here, just as they are, contributing their individuality to the wholeness of the Body of Christ.



**SERVING TODAY**

Presider.....Pastor Mark Olsen  
Assisting Minister.....Maureen Leyes  
Lector.....Nancy Gray  
Communion Preparers.....Val and Craig McDonald  
Director of Music.....Jonathan Reuning-Scherer

**EMANUEL MUSICIANS**

Sarah Asmar, David Altschuler, Reham Atef, Adam Desmarais, Hillary Ekwall, Andy Foreman, Trey Hazard, Linda Helmke, Rachel Helmke, Aron Kiehne, Kathryn Lees, Maureen Leyes, Dan Luddy, Honoka Masuyama, Kari Olsen, Morgan Pope, Joel Reuning-Scherer

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

We refrain from having altar flowers during the season of Lent.

**TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK**

*Second Sunday in Lent*

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

*Though not expected, when it happens, applause is a spontaneous expression of our thanksgiving to God for the gifts of music and of musicians that enrich our lives and enhance our worship.*

***Soli deo gloria – Glory to God alone***

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Tryptich on 'Erhalt Uns, Herr'

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy God,

C: **We confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.**

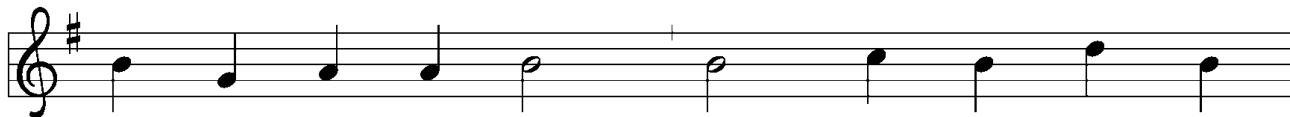
**Amen.**

P: Here is a flood of grace:  
Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us,  
breaks every snare of sin,  
washes away our wrongs,  
forgives your sins,  
and restores to us the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -  
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing  
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered  
 4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
 God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
 from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
 fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt.  
 Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543  
 Outside USA: Text from *The English Hymnal*, © Oxford University Press 1906, All rights reserved.

\*GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

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: Holy God, Heavenly Father,

**C: 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.**

*The children are now dismissed for Sunday School.*

**FIRST READING: GENESIS 9:8-17**

*Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.*

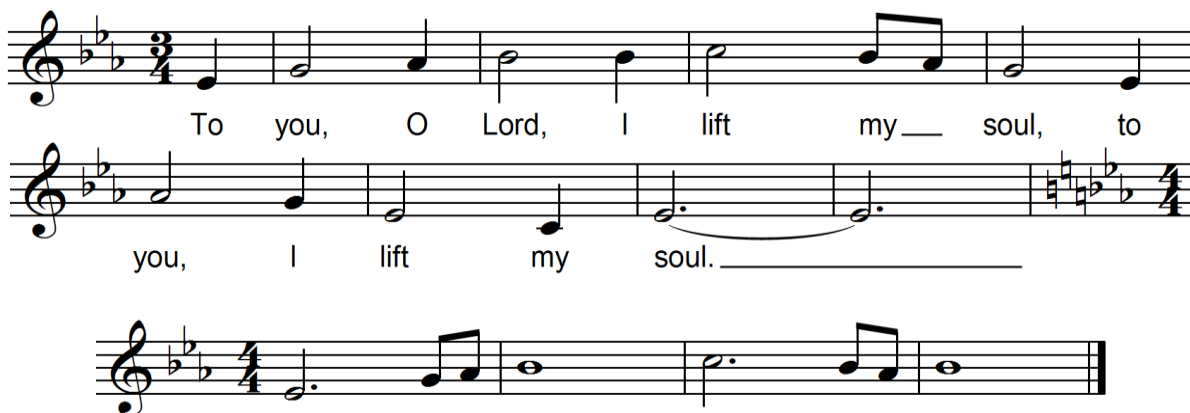
<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came 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."

L: Word of God, word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*PSALM 25:1-10**

*Refrain*



<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**

*As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.*

<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.

L: Word of God, word of Life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*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: MARK 1:9-15**

*The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.*

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."

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Mark Olsen**

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you  
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your  
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and  
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and

prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance  
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your  
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -  
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal

for our sin, and free us from our past.  
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930  
 Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003  
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## **\*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 OF INTERCESSION**

*After each petition*

**A: Hear us, O God.**

**C: Your mercy is great.**

## **\*PEACE**

**P: The peace of Christ be with you always.**

**C: And also with you.**

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

## **OFFERING MUSIC**

*Show Me Thy Ways, Oh Lord*

Emanuel Choir and Musicians

## **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**



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

*To make your gift online, scan this code using your phone's camera  
or QR scanner app.*

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

A: Dearest Jesus,

C: **You are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

## \*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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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, \_\_\_ God of  
might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glory, \_\_\_ Ho - san-na  
in \_\_\_ the high - est! Blest is he \_\_\_ who \_\_\_ comes \_\_\_ in the  
name \_\_\_ of the Lord. \_\_\_ Ho - san - - - na! \_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Ho - san-na in \_\_\_ the high - - - est! \_\_\_

**\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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**

**All Are Welcome at the Table!**

P: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

***This is the Lord's Table and all are welcome to receive the bread & wine of communion.***

*Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available as needed.*

*The ushers will guide you out of your pew down the center aisle to the front of the church. Once you receive communion, please return to your seat by the side aisles.*

*If you would like to receive communion at your seat, please let an usher know. If, for any reason, you choose not to receive the bread and wine, we invite you to come forward for a blessing.*

**\*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.

The musical notation is in G minor (one flat) and common time. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics, with first, second, and third endings indicated by brackets and numbers 1, 2, and 3 above the notes.

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

*Call to Remembrance* – Richard Farrant  
Emanuel Choir

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

***I Want Jesus to Walk with Me***

**ELW 325**

The musical notation is in G minor (one flat) and common time. It consists of a single staff with a melody line.

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

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all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

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Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
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Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

**\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray.

C: **Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

*Out in the Wilderness*

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**\*BLESSING**

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✚ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

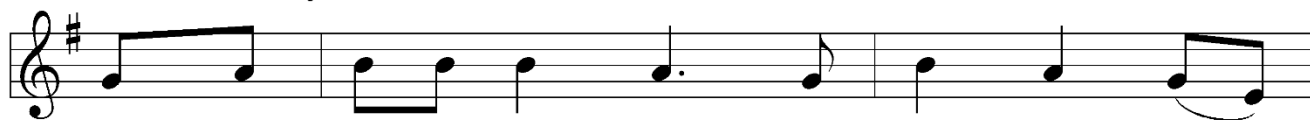
***Out in the Wilderness***



1 Driv - en by the Spir - it out in the wil - der - ness;  
2 Tempt-ed by the dev - il out in the wil - der - ness;  
3 An - gels all a - round you out in the wil - der - ness;  
4 "You are my be - lov - ed" out in the wil - der - ness.



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an - gels all a - round you out in the wil - der - ness;  
"You are my be - lov - ed" out in the wil - der - ness.



when the Spir-it says, "Go," you can't say, "No."  
though you try to be strong, it's been so long.  
you are far . . . from home where wild things roam.  
When you were . . . bap - tized, you re - a - lized



You lis - ten for the voice when you're bend - ed low;  
He whis - pers in your ear and you know he's wrong;  
There's dan - ger ev - 'ry - where but you're not a - lone;  
you'd heard the voice of God from the o - p'ning skies:



driv - en by the Spir - it out in the wil - der - ness.  
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"You are my be - lov - ed" out in the wil - der - ness.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Food Pantry

Thank you to all who have donated to the Food Pantry. Your continued support is needed and appreciated. For February, we are asking for donations of **canned tuna and tomato sauce**. Personal care items such as **shampoo, soap, and toothpaste** are also welcome. Monetary donations are always appreciated, as well.

### Coffee Hour

If you, your ministry team, or another organization would like to sponsor our after-service coffee hour, please sign-up by scanning this QR code with the camera on your phone.



**Prayer Shawls** are available for anyone to take for themselves or give to a friend or family member. A basket with shawls is in the Narthex and a larger supply is in the lounge in the Parish Building. Please take a shawl and write your name on the list provided so we can keep track of the number of shawls that are given. In addition, we have Baby Blankets for any newborn that you may know. They are in the lounge in the Parish Building. If you need help, the Prayer Shawl Committee can help - Bobbee Canfield, Lynne Strecker, Abby Stadlander and Lynn Sherman.

### Be Part of Emanuel's Worship Leadership!

Have you ever thought of serving as an Assisting Minister, lector, acolyte, usher, choir member or musician, communion assistant, altar guild, or greeter? If you are interested in any of these ministries, let Maureen Leyes know (except for choir and musicians—let Jonathan know) - and she'll connect you with the people that handle the scheduling. Information on becoming a lector is shared below.

### Lectors Needed

Parishioners of all ages are invited to read the weekly Bible lessons. If you are interested, please email Lynn Sherman at [lynnsherman480@gmail.com](mailto:lynnsherman480@gmail.com) or call her cell phone: (860) 550-0518.

### Altar Flowers

Each Sunday we are blessed to have beautiful flowers in the sanctuary. You can sponsor these flowers by accessing the Sign-Up Genius with this QR code or by calling the church office at 860-525-0894. You can give the flowers in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone. You might want to mark a special birthday or anniversary or even give thanks for one of our ministry teams that is special to you. Your donation of \$75 will cover the cost of the flowers.



***Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.***

Carol Johnson † Karin Gottier † Bert Johnson † Betsyann Carter † Anne Louise Swanson  
† Lee Sherman † Jennings-Marzett Family † Mckenna Jobes † Brooklyn King † Elaine Wilson  
† Vito Vitrano † Brud Wilson † Monique Jennings † Rae Ann Gremel  
† Harris Kannah † Jerry Vigil † Matthew Toscano + Glenna Brodnicki

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