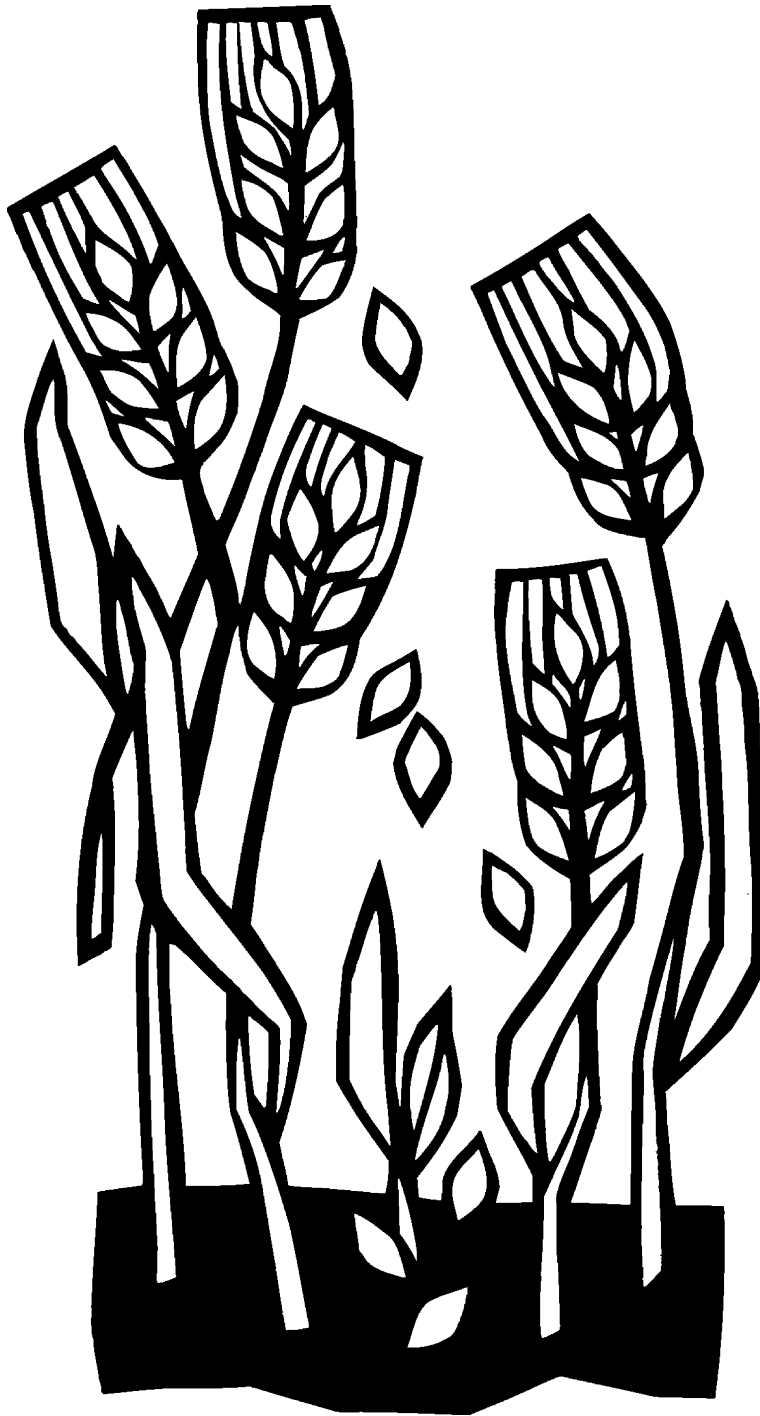


*Fifth Sunday in Lent*  
*March 17, 2024*



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.....Janice Favreau  
Lector.....Marjorie Johnson  
Communion Preparer.....Marjorie Johnson  
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**

*Palm Sunday*

Mark 11:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1—15:47

*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

#### \*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.**



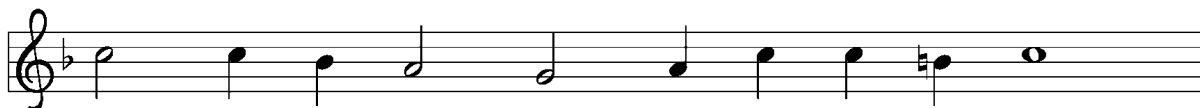
1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church  
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



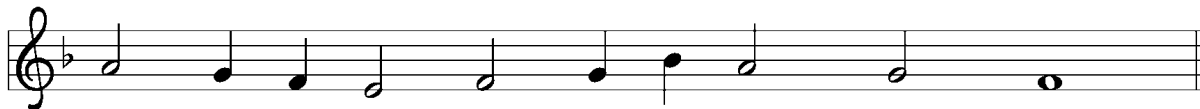
walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,  
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,



far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.  
so we are dead and live with you in God.  
so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

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Music: OLD 124TH, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551  
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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 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: O God,

C: **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. Amen.**

*The children are now dismissed for Sunday School.*

## 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.*

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It 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. <sup>33</sup>But 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.

<sup>34</sup>No 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.

L: Word of God, word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 51:1-12

### Refrain

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

- <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- <sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- <sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- <sup>4</sup>**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**
- <sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- <sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**
- <sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.
- <sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice. R**
- <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.
- <sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**
- <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful 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.*

<sup>5</sup>Christ 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”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

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

<sup>7</sup>In 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. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

### \*ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord your God, re -

<sup>3</sup> turn to the Lord your God — who is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful,

<sup>6</sup> 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.**

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very 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. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>"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. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He 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**

**Pastor Mark Olsen**





1 The Word of God is source and seed; it comes to  
 2 The Word of God is breath and life; it comes to  
 3 The Word of God is flesh and grace, who comes to



die and sprout and grow. So make your dark earth  
 heal and wake and save. So let the Spir - it  
 sing, to laugh and cry. So dare to be as



wel - come warm; root deep the grain God bent to sow.  
 touch and mend and rouse your dry bones from their grave.  
 Je - sus was, who came to live and love and die.

*Refrain*



*Gau-de - a - mus Do - mi - no, gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no,*  
 In the Lord let us re - joice, in the Lord let us re - joice,



*gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no!*  
 in the Lord let us re - joice!

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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**

*This is the Covenant – Berger  
Emanuel Choir*

## 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.

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, \_\_\_ God of  
might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glay, \_\_\_ 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.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*Sicut Cervus* – Palestrina  
Emanuel Choir

## \*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.**

**\*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.

**\*SENDING HYMN**


*Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land*

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*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

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Share your bread.

C: Thanks be to God.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Easter Flower Dedications**

Donation forms for Easter Flower Dedications are located in the back of the church. Payments of \$20 can be made by cash or check to the church office.

### **Food Pantry**

Thank you to all who have donated to the Food Pantry. Your continued support is needed and appreciated. For March, we are asking for donations of paper towels and dish soap. 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 Stadtlander 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.

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

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† Lee Sherman † Jennings-Marzett Family † Mckenna Jobes † Brooklyn King † Elaine Wilson  
† Vito Vitrano † Monique Jennings † Rae Ann Gremel  
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