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If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.*

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**10:00 AM**

**March 22, 2026**

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by \*.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**      *Just as I Am*, Robert Thygeron

**Linda Hilliard**

**Children are invited to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School/Youth Room.**

## **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin before God,  
who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor: Gracious God,

**All: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

Pastor: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

**All: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

Pastor: For failing to recognize your coming reign,  
and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**All: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

Pastor: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,  
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**All: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

Pastor: For disregarding voices from the margin,

and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

**All: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

Pastor: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,  
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,  
**All: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

Pastor: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares:  
Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.

**All: Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn**

*Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand*

ACS 1024

*Refrain*



Kwa - ke Ye - su na - si - ma - ma, ndi - ye  
Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the



mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma. Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -  
sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my



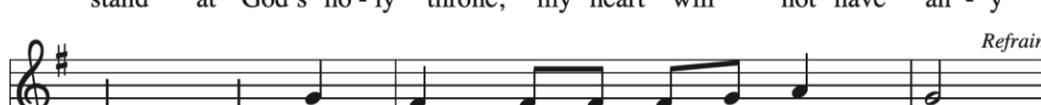
ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma.  
life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.



1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the  
2 It is not the work of my hands that has  
3 When my days on this earth are done, and I



storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the  
washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my  
stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y



flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.  
days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.  
fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

*Refrain*

Text: Kenyan hymn; adapt. Greg Scheer, b. 1966  
Music: KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA, Kenyan melody; adapt. Greg Scheer  
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**\*Greeting**

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

All: **And also with you.**

**\*Kyrie**



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937  
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**\*Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

### **First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

<sup>1</sup> The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

The Word of the Lord.      **All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11**

<sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed, it cannot, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.      **All: Thanks be to God.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

## Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45

Pastor: The holy gospel according to John.

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

<sup>1</sup> Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup> Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup> After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?”<sup>27</sup> She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”<sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him.<sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.<sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.<sup>34</sup> He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”<sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep.<sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”<sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.”<sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me.<sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”<sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”<sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

*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

## **Welcoming New Members to the Congregation**

Pastor: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

## **Apostles' Creed**

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**All: 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.**

## **Address and Questions**

Pastor: In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sisters and brothers in Christ,  
do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism  
among God's people in this place?

*New Members:* I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

**All: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Pastor: Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

**All: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.  
Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## Prayers of the People

AM: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*To the words: "Hear us, O God.," the congregation responds: "Your mercy is great."*

AM: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

All: Amen.

## \*Sharing of the Peace

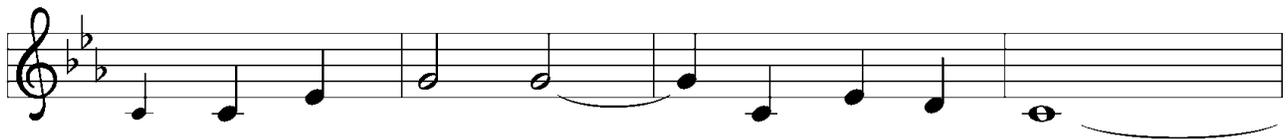
Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

## Offertory Hymn

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

ELW 325



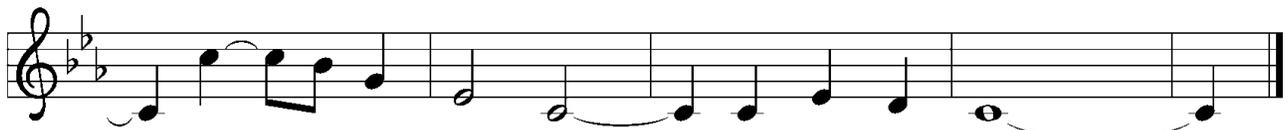
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



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



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

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

**\*Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation.  
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty.  
Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your  
Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

**\*Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join  
their unending hymn:

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*The Words of Institution**

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**\*The Lord's Prayer**

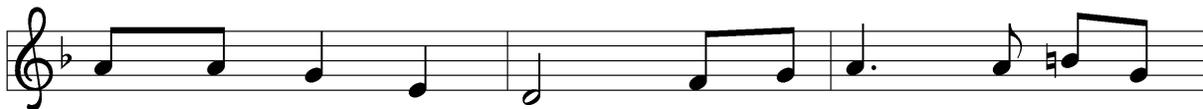
Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: **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.**





1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your  
 2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed  
 3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of  
 on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and  
 though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you  
 bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the  
 sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.  
 bod - y of our Lord.  
 riv - er, you the sea.

*One of the following may be sung as a final stanza at the appropriate time.*

*General*

Light of life beyond conceiving,  
 mighty Spirit of our Lord;  
 give new strength to our believing,  
 give us faith to live your word

*Lent 3*

Living Water of salvation,  
 be the fountain of each soul;  
 springing up in new creation,  
 flow in us and make us whole.

*Lent 1*

From the dawning of creation  
 you have loved us as your own;  
 stay with us through all temptation,  
 make us turn to you alone.

*Lent 4*

Give us eyes to see you clearly;  
 make us children of your light.  
 Give us hearts to live more nearly  
 as your gospel shining bright.

*Lent 2*

In our call to be a blessing,  
 may we be a blessing true;  
 may we live and die confessing  
 Christ as Lord of all we do.

*Lent 5*

God of all our fear and sorrow,  
 God who lives beyond our death,  
 hold us close through each tomorrow,  
 love as near as every breath.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
 Music: Marty Haugen  
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# I Am the Bread of Life

ELW 485

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my  
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the  
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .  
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -  
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you  
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .  
 I . . . am the life. . . . If you be -  
 you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 eat . . . of this bread, and you shall . . live for -  
 drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his  
 lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . though you  
 Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
 ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."  
 die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 come in - to . . . the . . . world. . . .

*Refrain*  
 All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day."

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6  
 Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM  
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### \*Post Communion Prayer

AM: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.

Through the body and blood of your Son,  
may we become Christ's body in the world,  
bearing witness to your love for all creation,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

### \*Benediction

Cm 1. A<sup>b</sup>M7 B<sup>b</sup>sus2 Cm 2. B<sup>b</sup>/D E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/G A<sup>b</sup> /B<sup>b</sup> Cm

Guide our feet, God, walk our path, be the wind up - on our back.

A<sup>b</sup>M7 B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/G A<sup>b</sup> Fm E<sup>b</sup>/G A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>sus2 Cm

Grant us strength to car - ry on, rest at dusk and joy at dawn.

A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Cm

A - - - men.

### \*Dismissal

AM: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*Antiphon*, George Muffat

Linda Hilliard

Please join us after worship for a Special Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall to celebrate Emanuel's new members.

Thank you to Linda Hilliard for serving as our substitute musician this morning while Jeff is away.

*Christ in Our Home* Daily Devotion books for April – June 2026 are available to pick up at both entrances of the sanctuary.

### **WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

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### **If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!**

Cards are located on the table next to the guest book in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

### **Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday Scripture Readings—Sunday, March 29, 2026:**

#### **Isaiah 50:4-9a**

*The servant of the LORD submits to suffering*

#### **Psalms 31:9-16**

Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

#### **Philippians 2:5-11**

*Humbled to the point of death on a cross*

#### **Matthew 26:14–27:66**

*The passion of the Lord*

### **Special Offering Envelopes**

The Special Offering envelope for March is **Rev. William White Calumet Fund**. If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

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***Important Message for Thrivent Members...***

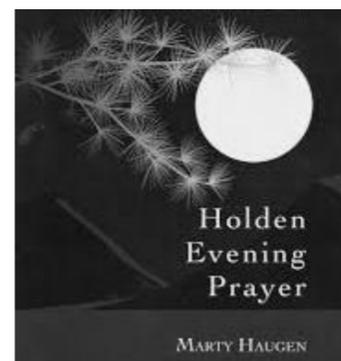
**All 2025 Choice Dollars need to be directed by March 31, 2026.** If you have any questions or need help designating your Choice Dollars, please contact Ray Purtell at [purt1015@gmail.com](mailto:purt1015@gmail.com)

**Lenten Holden Evening Prayer**

Wednesdays at 7 PM at Concordia  
(February 25, March 4, 11, 18 & 25)

Thursdays at 7 PM at Emanuel in the Community Room  
(February 26, March 5, 12, 19 & 26)

After Thursday's Holden Evening prayer at Emanuel each week, people are invited to stay as Emanuel's Field Education Seminarian Student, Bea teaches us how to explore Scripture using Lectio Divina. We hope you can join us!



*Marty Haugen wrote Holden Evening Prayer during the winter of 1985-86 during a musical residency at Holden Village. Holden Village is a remote wilderness community, rooted in the Lutheran tradition, that welcomes all people into the North Cascade Mountains, above Lake Chelan, Washington. Holden Evening Prayer is a simple Lutheran vespers service that follows traditional form while using contemporary and inclusive language. Evening Prayer gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God (Psalm 141.1). This service has become beloved by many. If you have never participated in Holden Evening Prayer, you'll want to join us during Lent.*

**Coffee Hours—You can sign-up to host coffee hour in one of three ways:**

- ◆ On the paper sign-up sheet in the narthex
- ◆ Through the online sign-up sheet:  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YKFVJbX8HdJsFGkRaQfvndhTMmffSvvdNqYHcs3sCAE/edit?usp=sharing>
- ◆ Call or email Anne in the Church Office: 860-643-1193 or [ahenrich@emanuelmanchester.org](mailto:ahenrich@emanuelmanchester.org)

**Nametags**

Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email to: [krusch2@comcast.net](mailto:krusch2@comcast.net)

# HOLY WEEK



## Concordia Lutheran/Emanuel Lutheran/Ministerio Nueva Creación

April 2—Maundy Thursday at Concordia (40 Pitkin St., Manchester) — 7 PM

April 3—Good Friday at Emanuel (60 Church St., Manchester) — 7 PM

April 4—Easter Vigil at Concordia (40 Pitkin St., Manchester) — 7 PM

April 5—Easter Sunday at Emanuel (60 Church St., Manchester) — 10 AM  
 at Concordia (40 Pitkin St., Manchester) — 10 AM  
 Ministerio Nueva Creación (Community Room, 60 Church St.,  
 Manchester) — 12 noon

*Brunch will be held in Luther Hall following MNC worship.*

### *Calendar of Events*

#### **Sunday, March 22, 2026**

*Assisting Minister - Adela Garmendia*

*Welcome New Members During Worship followed by a Special Coffee Hour*

10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - SS Room

10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary

11:00am –12:00pm Coffee Hour - LH

1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

2:00pm –4:00pm Worcester Renaissance Music Group  
 Rehearsal – CR

#### **Monday, March 23, 2026**

**CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM**

10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal – MR

#### **Tuesday, March 24, 2026**

**CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED**

7:00pm –8:00pm Emanuel Housing Corp. Meeting – LH

#### **Wednesday, March 25, 2026**

**CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM**

7:00pm –7:30pm Holden Evening Prayer - Concordia Lutheran  
 Church, 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester

#### **Thursday, March 26, 2026**

**CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED**

10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library

5:45pm –6:45pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary

7:00pm –8:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

7:00pm –7:30pm Holden Evening Prayer - Community Room

#### **Friday, March 27, 2026**

**CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM**

8:30am –1:00pm Health Collective - LH/MR

#### **Saturday, March 28, 2026**

9:00am –10:45am Grow With Me Music - Community Room

12:00pm –6:00pm Hatch Family Gathering – LH

#### **Sunday, March 29, 2026**

**SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY**

*Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch*

10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - SS Room

10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary

11:00am –12:00pm Coffee Hour - LH

4:00pm –7:00pm Christ Church Special Worship Service in the Sanctuary