Second Sunday in Lent

March 16th, 2025



Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church Lancaster, Pa.

Welcome to worship at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We believe "Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink." (Small Catechism, Martin Luther) Children who do not yet receive Holy Communion are welcome to come forward to the altar rail for a blessing. During the Celebration of Holy Communion, we offer two alternatives: a gluten free wafer and grape juice. If you would like the gluten free wafer, please inform the pastor when he/she comes to offer you're the body of Christ. If you would like grape juice, please inform the assisting minister as he/she offers the blood of Christ. Please note you will still need a cup for the grape juice. Any questions please ask an usher.

The worship service for this morning is printed in this booklet. Hymn numbers refer to the hymnal <u>Evangelical Lutheran Worship</u> found in the pew rack.

Are you worshipping with us for the first time? Please use a "Welcome Card" and let us know who you are. If you would like to receive additional information about our congregation, write us a note on the back of the card.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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Emmanuel Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We are a companion congregation with Mbalizi Lutheran Church in Mbeya, Tanzania, a congregation of the Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. We support ELCA missionaries Dr. Stephen and Jodi Swanson serving in Arusha, Tanzania.

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A Celebration of Word & Sacrament (Based on Setting 5)

Bold type following "C:" is spoken/sung by the congregation.

P = Presiding Pastor

A = Assisting Minister

L = Lector

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Allegretto

by Ludwig van Beethoven

† THE GATHERING †

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Please stand, as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.



GATHERING HYMN: *Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise* ELW # 834

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

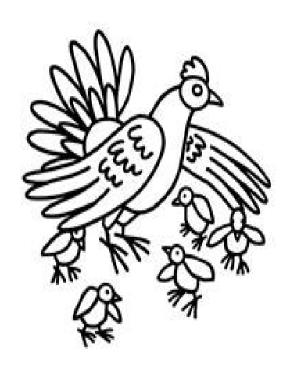


Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt. Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

GREETING (ELW p. 147)

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.





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PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 124)

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share 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.

Please be seated.

† THE WORD †

God speaks to us in Scriptures read, sung, and preached.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

L: A reading from Genesis.

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall

your descendants be." 6 And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸ But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 27

L: The Psalm will be read responsively between Lector and Congregation.

² When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

⁴ One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.

⁵ For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶ Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

⁷ Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

8 My heart speaks your message— "Seek my face."

Your face, O Lord, I will seek.

⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

¹⁰ Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will take me in.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord;

lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

¹² Subject me not to the will of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.

¹³ This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

¹⁴ Wait for the Lord and be strong.

Take heart and wait for the Lord! Glory to the Father, (+) the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17—4:1

L: A reading from Philippians.

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able, to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 160)



GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Children/Youth/Young-at Heart Story

SERMON

Time for reflection

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Thy Holy Wings

ELW # 613

Thy Holy Wings



Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune

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NICENE CREED (ELW p. 152)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. *Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each prayer petition will end with; "God, in your mercy."

Please respond with; "receive our prayer."

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also, with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you or similar words. A wave or a bow may be preferable to a handshake or hug in light of public health concerns.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

ORGAN OFFERTORY

In the Peaceful Garden

by Edouard Batiste



† THE MEAL †

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE GATHERING OF GIFTS & PREPARING OF THE TABLE

Please stand, as you are able.

Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song



Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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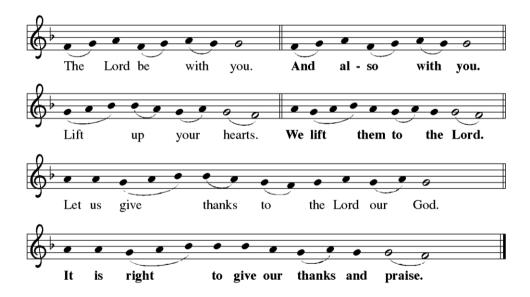
OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

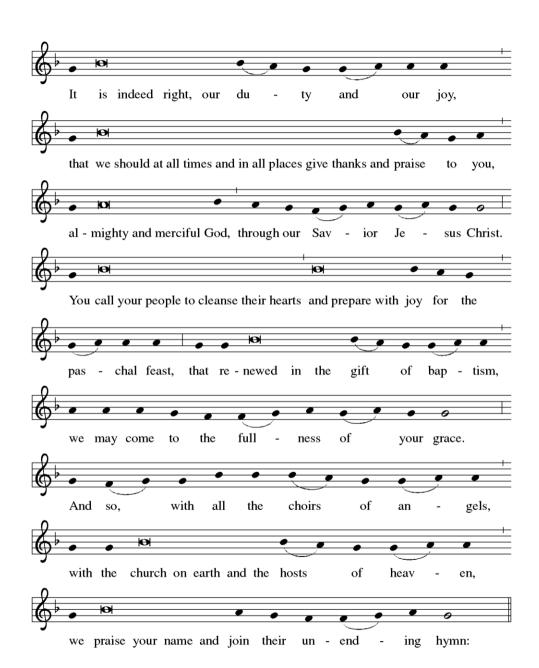
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Dialogue (ELW p. 161)

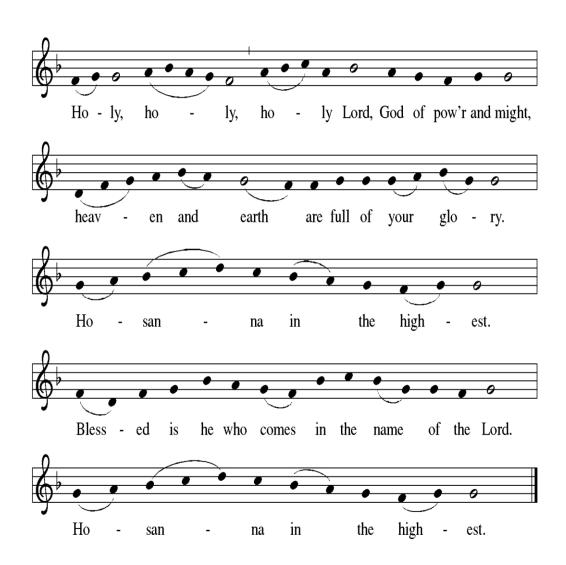


The presiding minister continues:

Preface (ELW p. 161)



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 162)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 162)

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness, you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry. our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks. broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 163)

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

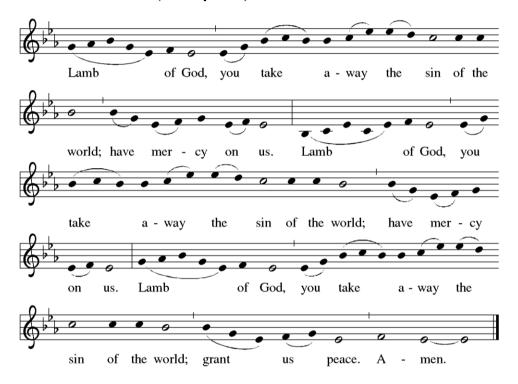


INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ELW p. 154)

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C: Thanks be to God

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 164)



Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We believe "Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink" (Small Catechism, Martin Luther).

The presiding minister may say:

- P: The body of Christ, given for you.
- P: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:

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As a Mother Comforts Her Child	ACS # 1015

HYMN SUNG DURING DISTRIBUTION:

Around You. O Lord Jesus ELW # 468

Around You, O Lord Jesus



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Please stand, as you are able after all have communed:

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. 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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

† THE SENDING †

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

BLESSING (ELW p. 164)

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace + bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of Grace and God of Glory



Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Classical Theme by Marcello arranged by Robert W. Thygerson

Sermon Notes

The Weekly Messenger

Introduction to the day

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

Weekly Schedule

Monday, 17 th	Nothing Scheduled*	
Tuesday, 18 th Cor	ngregation Council Meeting*	
Wednesday, 19 th 10:00 am	Bible/Book Study*	
Wednesday, 19 th 11:00 am	Lenten Hymnody Study*	
Wednesday, 19 th 12 noon	Lite Lenten Luncheon*	
Wednesday, 19 th 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Pastor Tim's Office Hours*	
Thursday, 20 th Pas	tor Tim Spiritual Direction*	
Friday, 21 st	Nothing Scheduled*	
Saturday, 22 nd 10:00 am	Congregation Gathering*	
Sunday, 23 rd 9:00 am	Sunday School*	
Sunday, 23 rd Wors	ship—Third Sunday in Lent*	
*Every day of the week AA will be meeting from 3:30 to 5:30 pm in the basement of the chapel.		

Attendance for March 9th, 2025

Sunday School—16 Worship—30

Today's Worship Team and Volunteers

Assisting Minister	Gini Horn
Ushers	Frank & Nancy Lynn
Lector	Mary Kay Mulcahy
	George Ehemann
Acolyte	Praise Alagbe
Offering Counters	Bill Hannegan & Nancy Lynn
Set-Up for Fellowship	Margaret Thomsen
Clean-Up for Fellowship	Lee Lee Nissly

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read as there are weekly changes and additions.

Congregation Gathering

This Gathering will occur on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. All are engaged to attend.

Sunday Morning Adult Class

March 16th – April 13th: Keith Frey leads: *Entering the Passion* by Amy-Jill Levine.

Parish Helper Deadline

The deadline for the April Parish Helper is Tuesday, March 11, 2025. Please use <u>Parish Helper or PH</u> in the email subject line.

Sunday Morning Schedule

The current Sunday morning worship schedule starts with Sunday School at 9:00 a.m., followed by Sunday Worship at 10:15 a.m. After worship everyone is invited to enjoy Coffee in the back of the Sanctuary.

Greetings

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you or similar words. A wave or a bow may be preferable to a handshake or hug in light of public health concerns.

Weekly Messenger Announcement Deadline

The weekly bulletin is printed the Wednesday before the Sunday that it is used. The deadline for the announcements will be Tuesdays. Please, have all information emailed to the office with 'Weekly Messenger' in the subject line. Thank you. Office@elclancpa.org

Hospital Visitations

If you or someone you know from this congregation is admitted to a local or regional hospital, please contact the pastor or the church office immediately. No longer can we rely on hospitals to notify us for the hospital admissions. Pastor Tim at 717-752-5832 or church office.

Office Schedule

The office continues to be open on Wednesdays, 9:00-2:00.



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Please feel free to take the bulletin home. Bulletins returned to the basket will be recycled.

Easter Flower Order Form

If you would like to sponsor flowers for the chancel on Easter Sunday or give a special offering in lieu of flowers, please complete the information below and place it in the basket. The suggested amount is \$7.00 per flower. Please submit cash or check with this form. **Deadline – Sunday April 6th.**

Name (optional):		
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To the Glory of God will	be used if the	above items are left blank.
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