## Fifth Sunday in Lent

**April 6<sup>th</sup>, 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

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

by Lani Smith

## † 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.



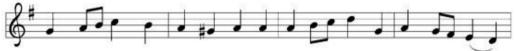
**GATHERING HYMN:** As We Gather at Your Table ELW # 522

#### As We Gather at Your Table



- I As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
- 2 Turn our wor-ship in to wit-ness in the sac ra ment of life; 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife. where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own; Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave; There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710

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## **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.



**KYRIE (ELW P. 147)** 



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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 124)

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P: Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through 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: Isaiah 43:16-21

L: A reading from Isaiah.

The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus

Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,

army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise,

they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

- <sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
- <sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing;

now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

20 The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,

21 the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM: Psalm 126**

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

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup> Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

<sup>3</sup> The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

<sup>4</sup> Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negeb.

<sup>5</sup> Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>6</sup> Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. Glory to the Father, (+) the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### **SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14**

L: A reading from Philippians.

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup> If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

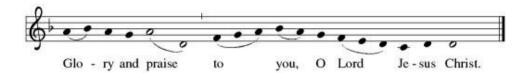
<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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: John 12:1-8

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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



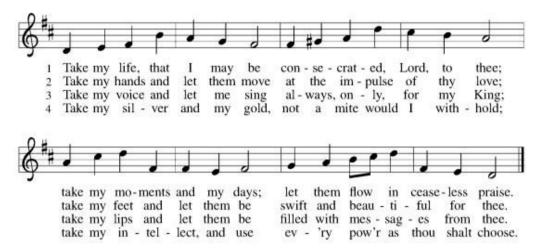
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**HYMN OF THE DAY:** 

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW # 685

## Take My Life, That I May Be



5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt. Music: PAYMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

#### 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.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Please respond with; "receive our prayer."

<sup>\*</sup>Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

#### 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** 

Prayer

by D. F. Callender



## † 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.

Offertory—ELW p. 186

## Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song



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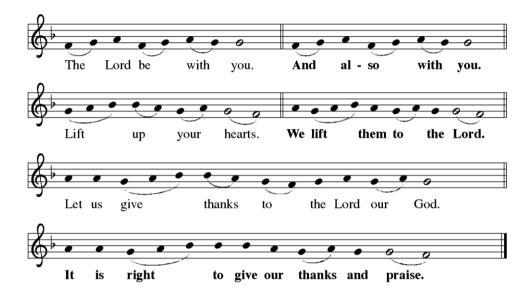
#### OFFERING PRAYER

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.

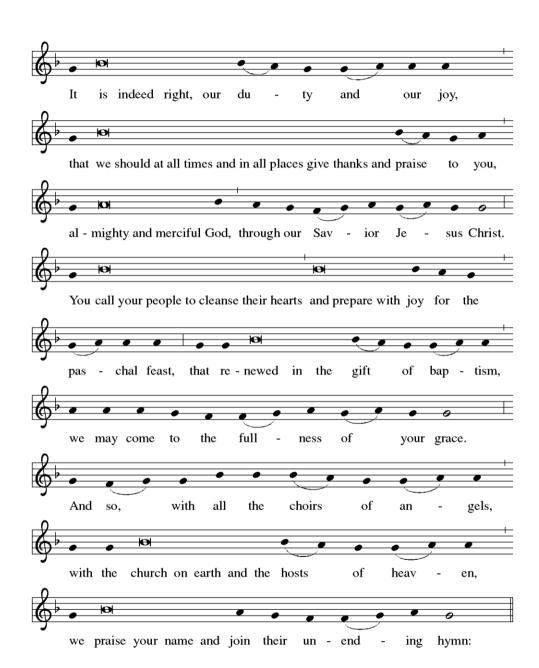
#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

## The Dialogue (ELW p. 161)

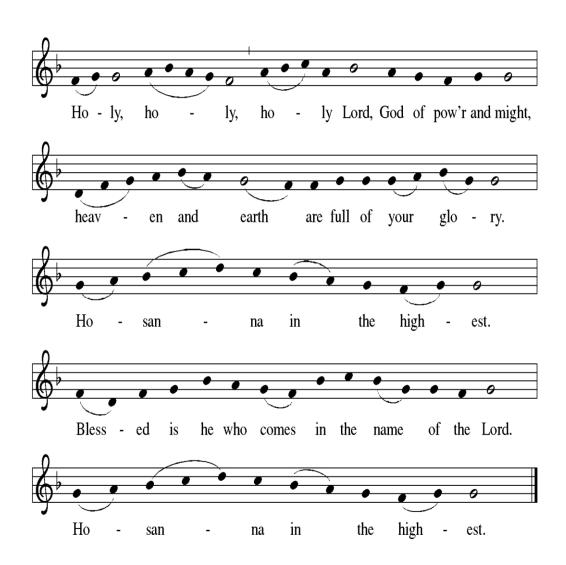


The presiding minister continues:

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.

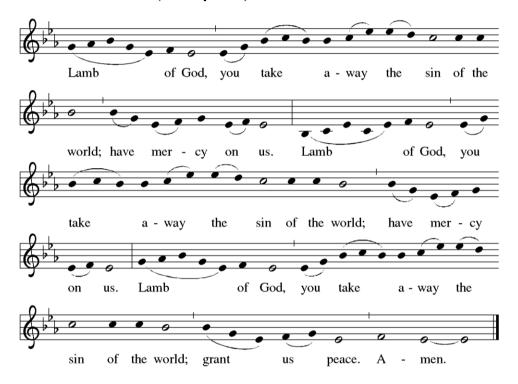


## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ELW p. 154)**

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.

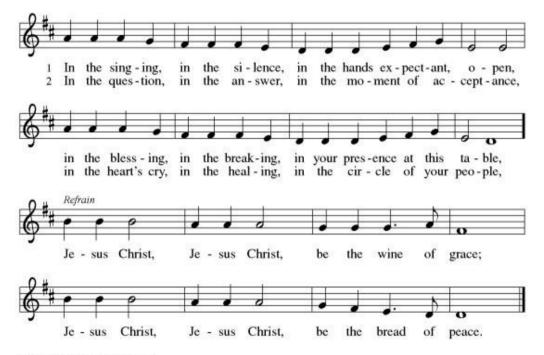
#### MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:

Nothing Can Trouble ACS # 1033 Holy Woman, Graceful Giver ACS # 1002

#### HYMN SUNG DURING DISTRIBUTION:

*In the Singing* ELW # 466

## In the Singing



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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.

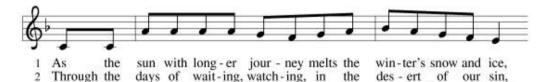
#### Amen.

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

Amen.

**SENDING HYMN:** As the Sun with Longer Journey ELW # 329

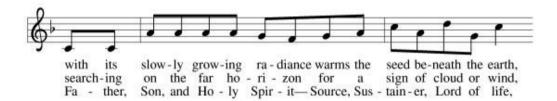
## As the Sun with Longer Journey

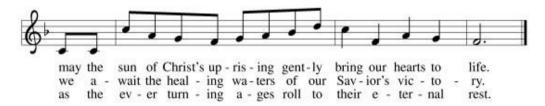


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#### DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on Irish

Arranged by Lani Smith

## Sermon Notes

## The Weekly Messenger

#### Introduction to the day

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

#### **Weekly Schedule**

Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup>	Nothing Scheduled*	
Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> L	earning Ministry Luncheon Meeting*	
Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> 2:30 pm	Stewardship and Finance Meeting*	
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am	Men's Breakfast*	
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 am	Konde Diocese Task Group Meeting*	
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am		
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 am	*Lenten Hymnody Study	
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> 12 noon	Lite Lenten Luncheon*	
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> Imme	ediately after Lunch, Choir Rehearsal*	
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> 12:30 pm	Evangelism Committee Meeting*	
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm		
Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup>	Nothing Scheduled*	
Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup>	Nothing Scheduled*	
Saturday, 12 <sup>th</sup>	Nothing Scheduled*	
Sunday, 13 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 am	Sunday School*	
Sunday, 13 <sup>th</sup> 10:15 amWorship—	-Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday*	
*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 30th, 2025

Sunday School—15 Worship—27

#### **Today's Worship Team and Volunteers**

Assisting Minister	Tom Lyman
Ushers	Andy Nissly & Don Styer
Lector	Mark Moffett
Cantor	Kay Rutherford
Acolyte	Marilyn Soutner
Offering Counters	Diane Ehemann & Nancy Lynn
Set-Up for Fellowship	Mary Kay Mulcahy
Clean-Up for Fellowship	Lee Lee Nissly



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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please read as there are weekly changes and additions.

#### **Sunday Morning Adult Class**

Keith Frey continues to lead: Entering the Passion by Amy-Jill Levine.

#### **Parish Helper Deadline**

The deadline for the May Parish Helper is *Tuesday*, *April 15*, *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.

## 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 – **TODAY**, Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Name (optional):		
# of flowers	or	in lieu of flowers
In Memory of		
In Honor of		
To the Glory of God will l	be used if the	above items are left blank.
Amount submitted \$		