

# Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

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# Welcome to Emanuel

#### WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please help us to know you by introducing yourself to those you encounter and please be sure to sign our guest book (located on the stand in the Narthex).

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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Thursday - 8 am to 3 pm Friday - 8 am to 2 pm

## MARCH 3, 2024

### **PRELUDE**

**WELCOME** Pastor Lyn Crase

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN** In the Cross of Christ I Glory Page 17

#### 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.

#### Amen

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

P: Holy God,

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.

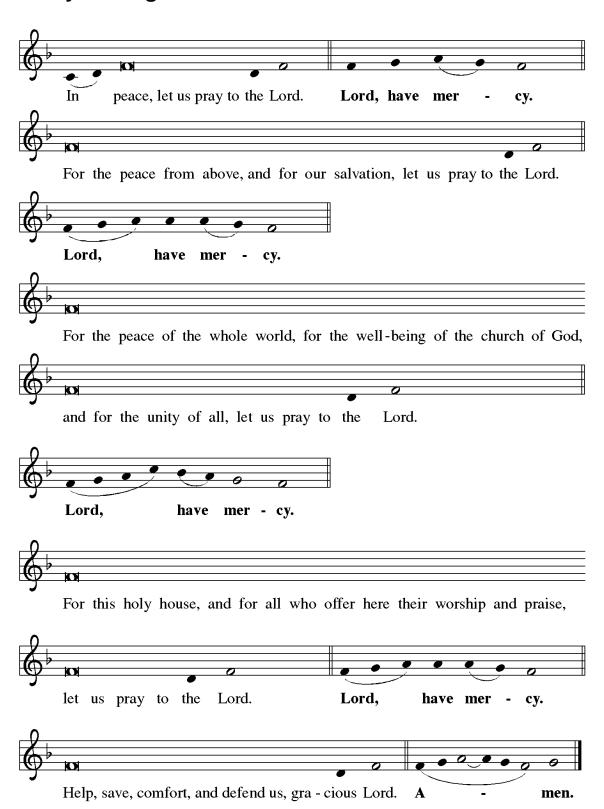
#### Amen

**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,
and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.

#### **Amen**

# **KYRIE**—everyone sings



### THIS IS THE FEAST



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# THIS IS THE FEAST (continued)



#### GREETING

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

And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together....

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

#### FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

Covenant Voices—Chuck Rowland

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

#### PSALM: Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard.

<sup>4</sup>their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

<sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

- The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- <sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- <sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- <sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
- <sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- <sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- <sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

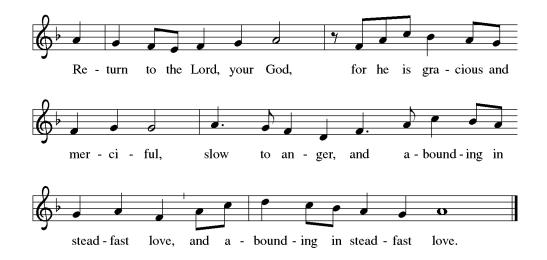
#### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.

**P:** The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**P:** The Gospel according to John, Chapter 2.

Glory to you, O Lord.

#### **GOSPEL:** John 2:13-22

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED) Please be seated.

**SERMON** Pastor Lyn

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

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#### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed:

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......congregation responds with "Your mercy is great."

A: Please sit or kneel as comfortable.

### **SHARING THE PEACE**

The sharing of peace is an individual and communal act of forgiveness.

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

And also with you.

#### **OFFERTORY**

The offering is our response to God's grace and mercy.

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Jesus, 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

**A:** In recognition of God's forgiveness, mercy and grace let us continue with the Great Thanksgiving.

P: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

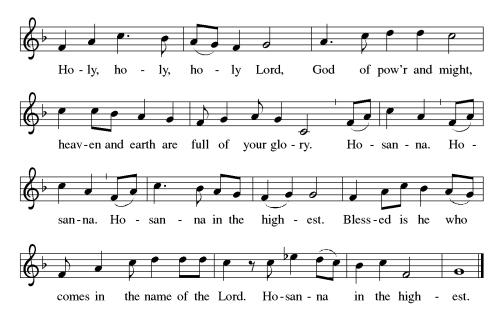
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

#### Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**P:** To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

#### **Amen**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

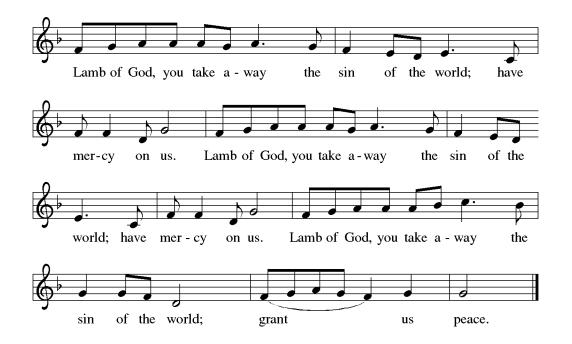
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

We practice continuous communion at the rail. All are welcome. White grape juice is available for those who prefer that instead of wine. Gluten free wafers available.

#### LAMB OF GOD



#### COMMUNION HYMNS

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#### COMMUNION BLESSING

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen** 

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: 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.

#### Amen

#### **DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

## Bible Readings for March 10 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10
Gospel Reading: John 3:14-21

Thank you to everyone who prayed for my family, the cards & messages of support were such a comfort, for my mother especially. Knowing we were covered by prayer brought peace to all during a difficult time.

In Christ, Pastor Lyn & family

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# **Announcements: Week of March 3, 2023**

**Emanuel Singers choir practice — Today at 10:50 am.** Practices will be every Sunday until Easter Sunday. All singers are welcome.

Forty Days - Forty Items — THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE HAS A CHALLENGE FOR YOU! As we journey through Lent the Outreach Committee is asking you to consider sharing your abundance with those less fortunate. In the Narthex this morning you will see a basket containing black plastic bags. The Outreach Committee is asking everyone to pick up a bag and take it home. Follow the instructions attached to the bag and return your "most generous donation" on Palm Sunday, March 24th.

As you gather items please remember to make sure everything is **clean and in good condition**. Save the bag at home and add to it as you discover more items you are willing to pass along. At the end of the forty days, bring your donation to church and place it by the "Grace Is The Key" donation box. The bags will be collected and all items will go to help those less fortunate. Questions? Please see Chris Paulsen or Donna Vickroy

How about another retreat? I want to gather interest from you. After our Women's Retreat last October it was obvious to the team, from your evaluation forms, that you would consider attending another retreat. Step one - finding out if there's an interest. There is an information sheet and an "interest indicator" sign up sheet in the Narthex. Please see me for more information or for any questions you may have. Thank you - Donna Vickroy

**Earth Day in the Park is April 20th, 2024** Graceada Park from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Anyone interested in volunteering and/or needing community service hours should contact <a href="mailto:swm@modestogov.com">swm@modestogov.com</a> (Modesto Public Works).

Mark your calendar! Love Modesto is April 27th. Any questions or suggestions, contact Jeff Pishney, CEO & Founder 209-409-8135. Website: LoveModesto.com

# Announcements (continued)

The 10k With a Cop event will take place on Saturday, March 9th. The 2-Mile Community Walk and the 10k/5k Course will include streets that surround our location. Please see the flyer (with maps) on the bulletin board for more information.

**Square tables are needed for Bunco** – Emanuel Lutheran Day Care will host a Bunco Night on Friday, March 15th. More details coming soon!

Covenant Voices: Moses - Chuck Rowland

Week Three finds us recalling the covenant God made with Moses, the Ten Commandments. The commandments call us to remember that God is God, and we are not. The commandments instruct us to not let anything get in the way of our God relationship. There are two tablets: the first tablet (commandments 1-3) has to do with our relationship with God and the second tablet (commandment 4-10) has to do with our relationship to other people. When we are baptized, parents, sponsors, godparents, or the adult, whoever is being baptized is given a copy of the Small Catechism to help them keep the promises – the covenant - they make before God in the sacrament of baptism. Learning the Ten Commandments and making them part of our daily life benefits not only ourselves but our neighbor as well. Today, notice the tablets near the font in the Chancel area, alongside of the name tag. If you didn't sign last week, do that this week. Make the sign of the cross on your forehead & remember you are baptized, named & claimed, and have promised to keep God's commandments.





# Ongoing Announcements

**Food For Faith (FIGS) now has a location** to accept donations of non-perishable food. We will collect food for them every 1st Sunday.

**Text Study: Every Tuesday,** year-round, in Luther Hall at noon. We discuss the lessons for the next Sunday. Come anytime you are available, leave early if you need to, bring your lunch. Generally, this lasts about an hour and 15 minutes....give or take.

**The Men's Bible Study Group** meets at 7 am on Wednesday mornings at The Secret Garden Restaurant, 2401 Orangeburg Ave.

**Wednesday Adult Bible Study** — 1:30 pm in Luther Hall. Join anytime. New study: "Prayers in the Old Testament".

Hosts are needed for Coffee Hour. Please see the sign-up sheet in Luther Hall.

We are asking for donations to help support the Coffee Hour. A donation container will be available on a table in Luther Hall.

Coin Jar -- Your spare change makes a difference! Proceeds go to Outreach.

**Quilting Bee** -- meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 10:00 am. All are welcome & all skill levels as well. If you can use scissors and/or tie a knot, there will be a job for you!

**Lydia Circle** — usually meets the 2nd Monday of each month, at the home of Marsha Waggoner - 916 Kenilworth Ct. at 1:00 pm. Please be sure to check the weekly calendar in the bulletin for any updates! We use the GATHER magazine as our Bible Study. All women of Emanuel are invited to join us.

**Leah Circle** meets on the third Monday of the month at 1:00 pm at The Park Independent Senior Living Community in Modesto.

**Rebecca Circle** meets every 3rd Thursday at 1:30 pm in member's homes. All are welcome!

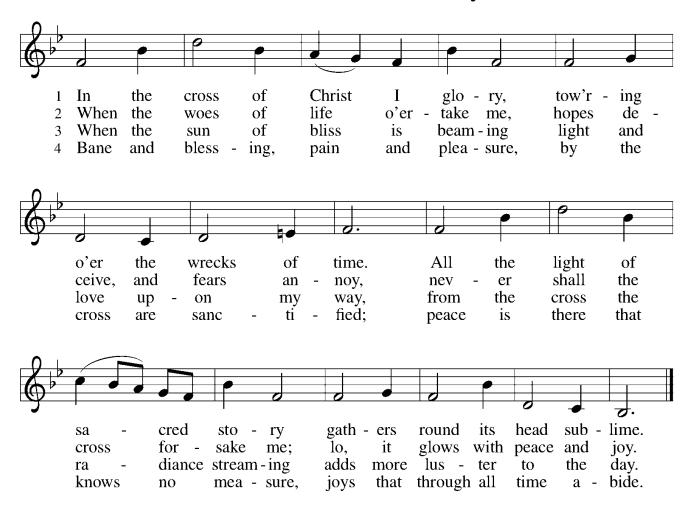
**Miriam Circle** meets every 4th Monday at member's homes. See Melissa Molina for more information.

**The Shower Shuttle and Laundry Shuttle** are actively taking care of our homeless communities, and the needs remain the same: personal hygiene items, etc. *Thank you all for your contributions to this Ministry, Marilyn and Chuck Rowland* 

**Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran World Relief** directed donations go directly to the people most in need.

### **Entrance**

# In the Cross of Christ I Glory



Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872

Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815-1867

# **Hymn of the Day**

# Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat utes still!
- 2 Or der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin cere;
- 3 As sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict-er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light ful road;



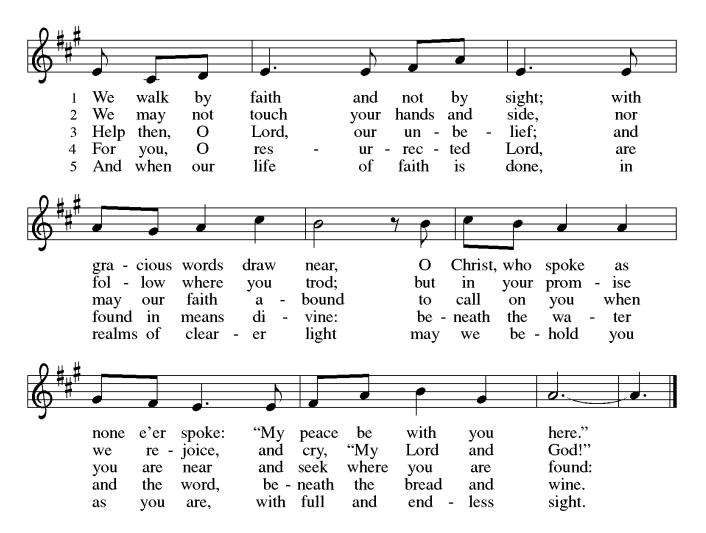
Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will! let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear. and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep. nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

# **Communion Hymn**

# We Walk by Faith



Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.
Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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# **Communion Hymn**

#### How Great Thou Art



Text: Carl G. Boberg, 1859–1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899–1989 Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine Text and music © 1953 S. K. Hine, assigned to Manna Music, Inc., 35255 Brooten Road, Pacific City OR 97135 (ASCAP). Renewed 1981. All rights reserved.

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# **Sending Hymn**

# God of Grace and God of Glory



Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

# Prayer Requests: March 3, 2024

- Prayers for recovery & healing for Ed DeCoite, friend of Mike & Rose Epting
- 🕆 Prayers for strength in adversity for Chris Paulsen

### **On-going Prayers:**

- 1. Pr. Lyn & family—comfort & peace
- Jacqueline—healing & well-being/RSV (Hoaglund)
- 3. Manuel Furtado—healing (Norquist)
- 4. Patti V.—healing & well-being/lung cancer treatment (Maylen)
- 5. Laurie Spinuzzi—healing & well-being (Silva)
- Marian Schmidt McKenzie—slowing the progression of Parkinson's disease (Schmidt)
- Ian McKenzie—acceptance of new temporary Santa Barbara apartment (Schmidt)
- 8. Kathleen Reuter & family—comfort & peace
- 9. Lisa Poston—healing & well-being
- 10. Laura Marquez—health & well-being
- 11. Rose Epting—healing
- 12. Pat Smith—healing, peace & a sense of God's presence
- 13. Ray Simon—strength & healing
- 14. Tom & Barbara Norquist—well-being

- 15. Sue Allen—healing & well-being
- Gary Johnson– healing after an injury (Crawford)
- Justin Egesdal—health & well-being (Nelson)
- Marge Thomas—Alzheimer's diagnosis (Rowland)
- Barbara Warner—healing for broken elbow (Schmidt)
- 20. Richard Clark—recovery & healing (Strand)
- 21. Kyle Ollenborger—health & well-being (Strand)
- 22. John Smith—healing (Smith)
- 23. Salonen family—prayers for the gift of a healthy granddaughter
- 24. Jennifer Turner—health & well-being (Dieterich)
- 25. Lena Shirley & family—well-being
- 26. Aaron Strait—employment
- 27. Darcy Moreno—physical recovery (Ashlock)

## CALENDAR | MARCH 4 - 10

Monday, March 4

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 5

10 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary

12 pm Text Study: Luther Hall

Wednesday, March 6

6 am Radiant Men's Breakfast: Luther Hall & Kitchen

7 am ELC Men's Bible Study group meets at The Secret Garden

Restaurant, 2401 E. Orangeburg Ave. in Modesto

11:30 am Day Care Board Meeting: Church Office

1:30 pm Bible Study: Luther Hall

5 pm ELC Lenten Service

Thursday, March 7

2 pm Organ Practice: Sanctuary

6 pm Radiant - Youth Meeting

Friday, March 8

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Saturday, March 9

No events are scheduled

Sunday, March 10

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS (set clocks ahead 1 hour)** 

9:30 am ELC Worship Service 10:45 am ELC Sunday School

11:30 am ELC Council Meeting: Church Office

3 pm Radiant Leadership

5 pm Radiant Worship Service



#### **Our Mission**

To share Christ's unconditional love with everyone.

### **Our Vision**

Emanuel's vision is to be loving, supportive, and welcoming, as we reach out in service and in witness to our neighborhood and the city beyond.

We share a passion to nurture people in all stages and circumstances of life.

We, as disciples of Christ, minister to our changing community in challenging cultural times.

God is calling us to joyfully follow the Holy Spirit in ministry to others.