



Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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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).

- ***LARGE PRINT BULLETINS*** are available. •

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Monday through Thursday - 8 am to 3 pm

Friday - 8 am to 2 pm

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 2024

PRELUDE

PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL: MARK 11:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ ” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

OPENING HYMN (*Stand as able.*)

All Glory, Laud and Honor

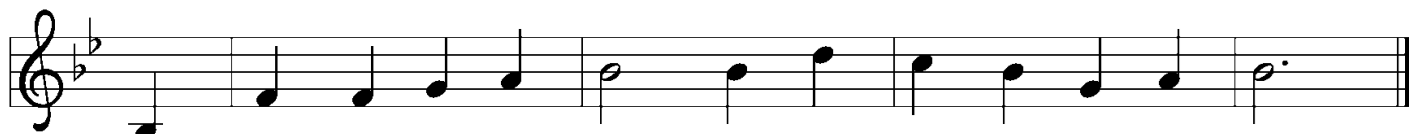
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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

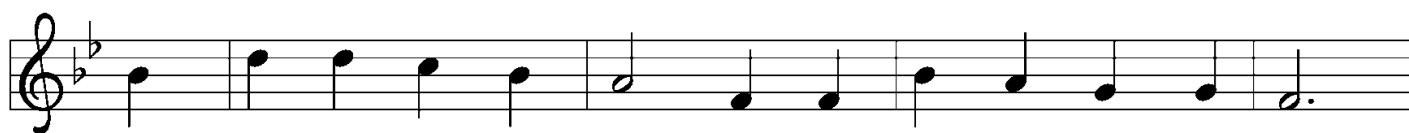
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

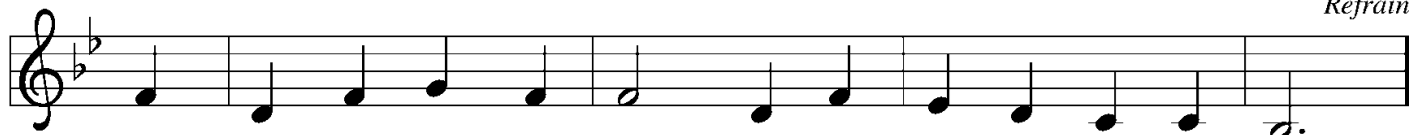


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together....

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Please be seated.

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-9

The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

PSALM: PSALM 31:1-5; 9-16—Read Responsively

¹ In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;

do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

² **Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.**

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

³ You are indeed my rock and my fortress;

for your name's sake lead me and guide me;

⁴ **take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.**

⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

⁹ **Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;**

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰ For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.

**¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.**

¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, “You are my God.

**¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Suzanne Wilke

Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death.

Following Christ’s example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ’s death.

P: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Passion according to Mark 14:1-15:47

Narrator—Pastor Lyn Crase

Jesus—Dick Norquist

Other Voices—Dan Johnson

The passion story in Mark’s gospel presents Jesus as one who dies abandoned by all. He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him.

SERMON HYMN

Christ, the Life of All the Living

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APOSTLE’S CREED

P: 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.

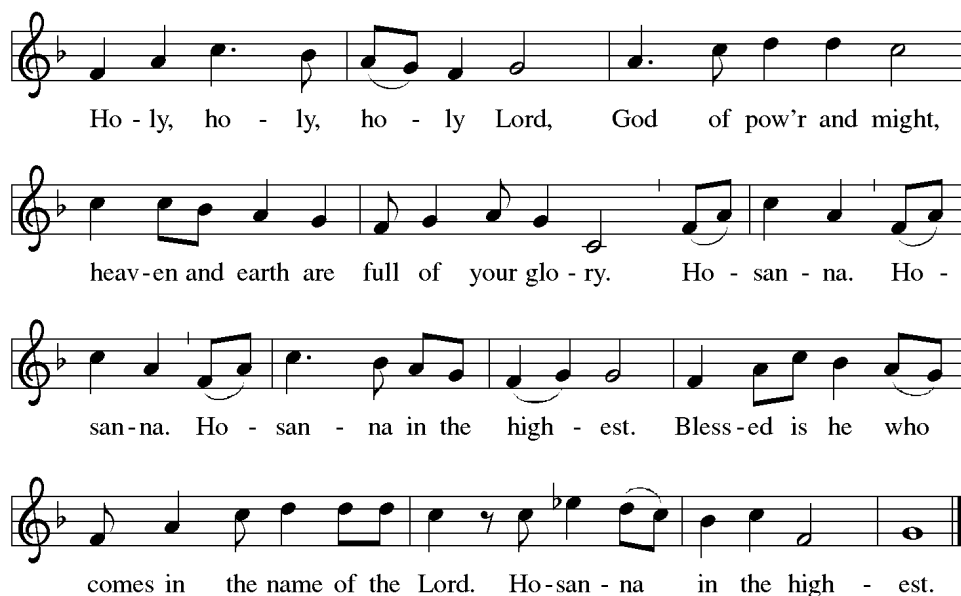
PREFACE

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.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

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

P: 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. All are welcome. White grape juice is available for those who prefer that instead of wine. Gluten free wafers available.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Were You There

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Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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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: 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

BLESSING

P: God, the giver of love,
✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
bless you in this Lenten journey.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Bible Readings for March 31 — Easter Sunday

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

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Announcements: Week of March 25, 2024

HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Maundy Thursday Service **6:00 pm** March 28
Good Friday: (office closed)
Worship Service **6:00 pm** March 29
Easter Sunday:
Worship Service 9:30 am March 31
Brunch with
Radiant Covenant..... 11:00 am March 31



We have planned a continental breakfast together with Radiant Covenant Church on Easter Sunday, after Emanuel's service.



April 20, 2024. WOMEN'S SALAD LUNCHEON

Leah Circle is hosting "Step Into Spring - Ladies Tea Party"

Saturday, April 20, 11 am till 1 pm. The food team has planned plenty of savory and sweet goodness to choose from as well as a variety of teas. Our guest speaker is Hannah Brady from Senior Advocacy Network/Senior Law Project. There is no fee associated with attending this event however there will be a free will offering basket as well as lovely raffle items. \$1 per raffle ticket or \$5 for six raffle tickets. All net proceeds will go toward helping defer costs associated with the 90th Anniversary celebration in 2025. Invite the ladies in your family as well as your friends. Spring attire and hats - optional. Ladies always enjoy being pampered at an event like this. See the poster and associated sign up sheet in the narthex. Questions - please ask anyone from Leah Circle.



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 truck from **Grace Is The Key** will be in our parking *TODAY* to collect all your generous donations. Thank you ALL who have been participating in this Outreach Challenge. You are appreciated and your donations will go to help those who are in need.

Grace is the Key's Mission

To provide resources and implement programs that empower and improve the quality of life for individuals and families.

Grace is the Key is an organization that services the poorer neighborhoods in Modesto. They provide nutritious food, shoes & clothing, household goods, personal hygiene items and many other basic need items. Grace is the Key has been the site of Emanuel's God's Work Our Hands Day for several years and we maintain a clothing donation box for Grace is the Key.

Please plan to join us for a shared Easter Sunday Brunch. Radiant Covenant and Emanuel Lutheran families and friends will join together after worship for great food and fellowship. You may sign up in the narthex to help with the menu items. Questions? See Bruce or Donna.

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 swm@modestogov.com (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

The date is set for "NEXT STEPS". Saturday, May 25, 8am to 3pm we will gather for a workshop designed to help us explore what questions we, as women, need to research and think about as we plan for our future in a positive and proactive way. We will discover how to go about moving toward pulling this information together as an action plan. Every "Plan A" needs a "Plan B". Join us May 25 to put together the puzzle which may include your plans for health, housing, social network, resources, caring team and spiritual growth. Registration is officially OPEN. Registration closes Sunday, May 12. Cost for the day is \$40 and includes all materials, two meals, and some FUN! There's a sign up sheet in the narthex. Sue W. has registration forms.

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. 4/3 - Jonah; 4/10 - Joel; 4/17 - Amos; 4/24 - Hosea.

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.

Hymn of the Day

Christ, the Life of All the Living



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,

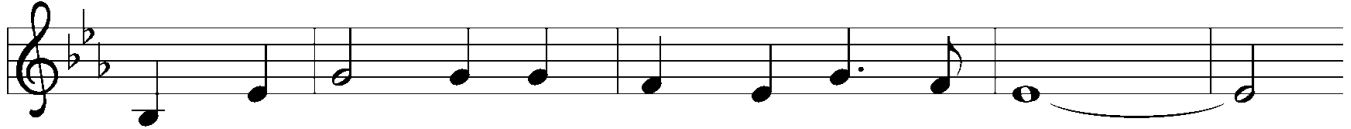


Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

Communion Hymn

Were You There



- 1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
- 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
- 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Refrain



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual

Communion Hymn

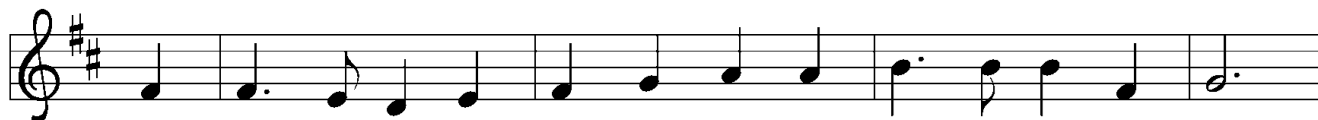
Beneath the Cross of Jesus



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869

Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

Sending Hymn

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



- 1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
- 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
- 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
- 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

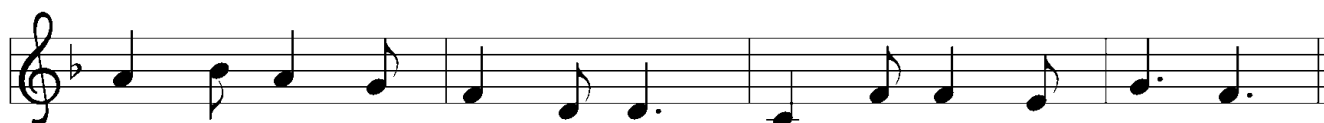


free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

Prayer Requests: March 24, 2024

- ✝ Prayers for healing & well-being for Mary Lou Dieterich who is currently in the hospital
- ✝ Prayers for healing & well-being for Kari, Alice Hoaglund's daughter
- ✝ Prayers for comfort & peace for Ron Harris' mother, Goldie Harris

On-going Prayers:

1. Pr. Lyn & family—comfort & peace
2. Chris Paulsen—strength in adversity
3. Carl Schmidt—healing (Schmidt)
4. Bob Reuter & family—comfort & peace
5. Dan Farrell—recovery from a fall (Waggoner)
6. Kim Keen—health & well-being (Harris)
7. Dick Lippert—healing (D. Norquist)
8. Jacqueline—healing & well-being/RSV (Hoaglund)
9. Logan S., age 10—healing of leukemia (Jeff Hopson)
10. Manuel Furtado—healing (Norquist)
11. Patti V.—healing & well-being/lung cancer treatment (Maylen)
12. Laurie Spinuzzi—healing & well-being (Silva)
13. Marian Schmidt McKenzie—slowing the progression of Parkinson's disease (Schmidt)
14. Ian McKenzie—acceptance of new temporary Santa Barbara apartment (Schmidt)
15. Lisa Poston—healing & well-being
16. Laura Marquez—health & well-being
17. Rose Epting—healing
18. Pat Smith—healing, peace & a sense of God's presence
19. Ray Simon—strength & healing
20. Tom & Barbara Norquist—well-being
21. Sue Allen—healing & well-being
22. Gary Johnson— healing after an injury (Crawford)
23. Marge Thomas—Alzheimer's diagnosis (Rowland)
24. Richard Clark—recovery & healing (Strand)
25. Kyle Ollenborger—health & well-being (Strand)
26. John Smith— healing (Smith)
27. Salonen family—prayers for the gift of a healthy granddaughter
28. Jennifer Turner—health & well-being (Dieterich)
29. Darcy Moreno—physical recovery (Ashlock)

CALENDAR | MARCH 25 - 31

Monday, March 25

ECHOES DEADLINE
6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary
6:30 pm Miriam Circle meets off-site

Tuesday, March 26

12 pm Text Study: Luther Hall
2 pm Organ Practice: Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 27

7 am ELC Men's Bible Study group meets at The Secret Garden Restaurant, 2401 E. Orangeburg Ave. in Modesto
No Bible Study this week

Thursday, March 28

MAUNDY THURSDAY
2 pm Organ Practice: Sanctuary
6 pm **Maundy Thursday Service**

Friday, March 29

GOOD FRIDAY
Office & Day Care CLOSED
6 pm **Good Friday Service**

Saturday, March 30

(No events are scheduled)

Sunday, March 31

EASTER SUNDAY
9:30 am ELC Worship Service
10:45 am ELC Sunday School
11 am **Emanuel Lutheran & Radiant Covenant Easter Brunch**
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.