

## *The Lord is My Light*

*The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom, then shall I fear?*

*The Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom then shall I be afraid?*

*Though a host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid;*

*And tho' there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in Him.*

*For in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle.*

*Yea, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me,*

*And set me up upon a rock of stone.*

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*(Based upon Psalm 27)*

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**WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**INTRODUCTION**

*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 the face of the Lord 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."*

**PRELUDE**

***Children of the Heavenly Father***

***arr. Bish***

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The assembly stands.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us,  
anoint us,  
and make us new.

**Amen.**

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin,  
and receive God's promise of mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection. The assembly may stand or kneel.*

God at the margins,  
**We have wandered far from your home;  
again and again, we lose our way.  
We turn inward, afraid of the world around us.  
We forget that you have saved your people before  
and promise to do so again.  
Do not remember the deeds of our past,  
but turn our faces toward the future,  
where your forgiveness is sure,  
your welcome is clear,  
and your love overflows.  
Amen.**

Like a hen who gathers her chicks,  
God embraces you in tender care.  
Like manna in the desert,  
God feeds you with surprising mercy.  
Like a loving parent,  
God runs to meet you again this day,  
forgiving your sins for the sake of + Christ,  
leading you from death into life.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG:**                      *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*                      **ELW 719**

**GREETING**  
The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior,  
the reconciling love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## KYRIE

## HOLY GOD

Trisagion

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,

ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated*

## FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18

(Please turn to page 13 in the Old Testament of your pew Bible).

*God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a son, 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.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17- 4:1

(Please turn to page 211 in the New Testament of your pew Bible).

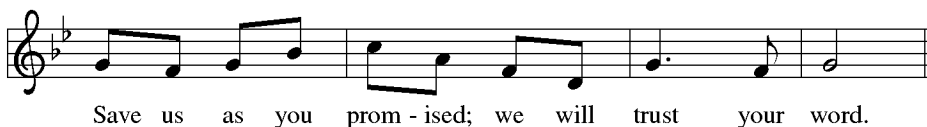
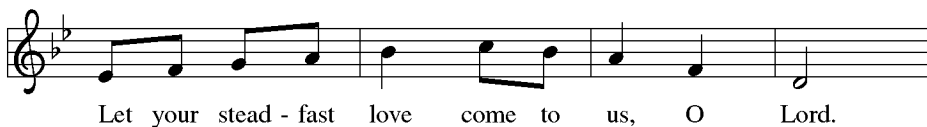
*Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

### LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Luke 13:31–35

(Please turn to page 78 in the New Testament of your Pew Bible).

The holy gospel according to Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

***“Lord, Have Mercy”***

**Dr. Christopher M. Croghan**  
Co-Director of the Luther House of Study,  
Sioux Falls, SD

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:     *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*     (tune: *O Master, Let Me Walk with You*)**

1    Mothering God, you gave me birth  
      in the bright morning of this world.  
      Creator, source of ev'ry breath,  
      you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

2    Mothering Christ, you took my form,  
      offering me your food of light,  
      grain of life, and grape of love,  
      your very body for my peace.

3    Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one,  
      in arms of patience hold me close,  
      so that in faith I root and grow  
      until I flow'r, until I know.

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## **APOSTLES' 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.**

Or he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation. *Hear us, O God, Your mercy is great.*

### **Congregational refrain: “Bless the Lord, My Soul”**



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We bring to you, Christ, members and friends of Emmanuel who need your healing touch.

*(Names from our congregation...)*

*Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. **Amen.***

### **Congregational refrain: ““Bless the Lord, My Soul””**

## PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

*The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**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.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

*During this time, the table is set.*

## OFFERTORY

### *When Twilight Comes*

Moises B. Andrade/ James Minchin

**Instrumental (7:45); Emmanuel Choir (9:30); Jan Gazdic, soloist (11:00)**

*When twilight comes and the sun sets, mother hen prepares for night's rest. As her brood shelters under her wings, she gives the love of God to her nest. Oh! what joy to feel her warm heartbeat and be near her all night long; so the young can find repose, then renew tomorrow's song. One day the Rabbi, Lord Jesus, called the twelve to share his last meal. As the hen tends her young, so for them he spent himself to seek and to heal. Oh! what joy to be with Christ Jesus, hear his voice, oh! sheer delight, and receive his servant care: all before the coming night. So gather round once again, friends, touched by fading glow of sun's gold, and recount all our frail human hopes: the dreams of young and stories of old. Oh! what joy to pray close together, kneeling as one family, by a mother's love embraced in the blessed Trinity.*

*The assembly stands.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Generous God,

you feed us with the harvest of the land,

and you provide for our every need.

Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor,

and transform them into a feast that welcomes all,

in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.

**Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



## **PREFACE**

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:

## SANCTUS: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

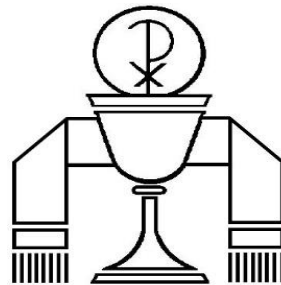
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who thirst, all who hunger,  
come and be filled with the goodness of God.

*Jesus Christ is the host of this Holy Communion, in which we celebrate the Real Presence of our Lord. All are welcome! The Communion is administered by "intinction," that is, the bread is handed to the communicant and the communicant dips the bread into the wine. **If you are not able to take the wine, simply take the bread.** Children are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you desire Communion, but are not able to come forward, please let an usher know. We'll bring it to you. If you do not wish to partake of the Sacrament, simply remain seated when your row is directed to come forward. Gluten-free wafers are available; simply ask the server.*



## COMMUNION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say  
The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
and each person may respond Amen.*

## LAMB OF GOD

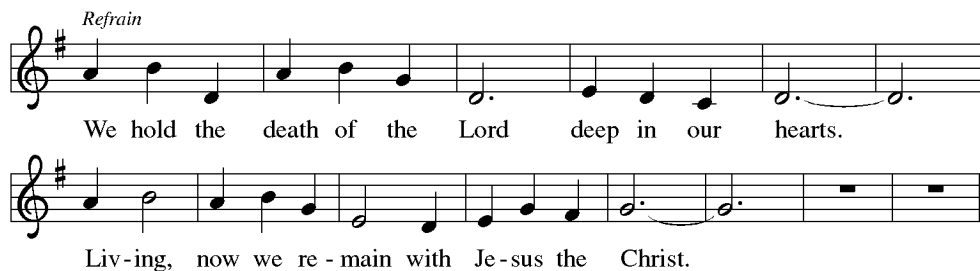
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Setting by D&S Denisen

**COMMUNION MUSIC (9:30, 11:00) Now We Remain**

*(The cantor will sing the verses; the Assembly will join on the refrain):*

*Refrain*



We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts.

Liv-ing, now we re-main with Je-sus the Christ.

- 1 *Once we were people afraid, lost in the night.  
Then by your cross we were saved;  
dead became living, life from your giving. **Refrain***
- 2 *Something that we have known, something we've touched,  
what we have seen with our eyes,  
this we have heard: life-giving Word. **Refrain***
- 3 *He chose to give of himself, became our bread;  
broken, that we might live;  
love beyond love, pain for our pain. **Refrain***
- 4 *We are the presence of God; this is our call;  
now to become bread and wine,  
food for the hungry, life for the weary;  
for to live with the Lord, we must die with the Lord. **Refrain***

**ASSEMBLY HYMNS:**    ***Blessed Assurance***  
                              ***Thy Holy Wings***  
                              ***My Faith Looks Up to Thee***

**ELW 638**  
**ELW 790**  
**ELW 759**

*The assembly stands.*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Tender and merciful one,  
at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing,  
turning our emptiness into joy.  
Filled with your abundant grace,  
send us now to be ministers of reconciliation,  
mending broken hearts, working for justice,  
and striving for peace among all people,  
in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

God our Father bless you and shield you.  
Christ our Mother shelter you and carry you.  
God the Holy Spirit guide your journey  
+ both now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG**

*How Firm a Foundation*

(verses 1, 2, 4) ELW 796

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*The Spacious Firmament on High*

*Joseph Addison/arr. Sherwin*

### **7:45 Service**

Greeters: *Jerry & Julie Kerr*

Assisting Minister: *Barry Borman*

Lector: *Joyce O'Neill*

Acolyte: *Jim Klink*

Ushers: *Gary & Marcia Piipponen, Rosy Myers, Marilyn Thomack*

Altar Guild: *Joyce O'Neill*

AV: *Alex Lyberg, Zack Faust, Colleen Ziegelmaier, Jayden Wampler (helper)*

Hospitality: *Sandy Cole and Jan Donnell*



### **9:30 Service**

Greeters: *Robert Piasecki & Helen Hofmann Piasecki*

Assisting Minister: *Theresa Shaw*

Lector: *Fred Davis*

Acolyte: *Gussie Paulson*

Ushers: *David & Janet Pedersen, John & Marit Granskog*

Altar Guild: *Bruce & Cheryl Carlson*

AV: *Alex Lyberg, Zack Faust, Colleen Ziegelmaier, Patricia Day (camera), Jayden Wampler (helper)*

Hospitality: *Sandy Cole and Jan Donnell*

### **11:00 Service**

Greeters: *Bruce & Kay Philp*

Assisting Minister: *Kathy Worley*

Lector: *Marianne Zarek*

Acolyte: *Jola Boe*

Ushers: *Dick & Vera Hynes, Tom & Norine Petruzelli*

Altar Guild: *Diedre Milligan*

AV: *Alex Lyberg, Zack Faust, Colleen Ziegelmaier, Jayden Wampler (helper)*

Hospitality: *Sandy Cole and Jan Donnell*



*During Lent we do not have flowers on the Altar. However, Priscilla Hinsch is contributing to our Altar Flower Fund in loving memory of her mother, Norma Hinsch.*

## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC



The Emmanuel Choir will be singing for the 9:30 sanctuary service today. The anthem, *When Twilight Comes*, is a beautiful haunting melody from the Philippines. In Filipino and other cultures the image of a mother hen sheltering her brood (at night) is a common one. These words also relate to today's gospel Luke 13: 31-35, where Jesus speaks his lament over Jerusalem.

Jan Gazdic will be singing *Now We Remain* for the 9:30 and 11:00 Communion, and *When Twilight Comes* at the 11:00 offering. The composer for *Now We Remain*, David Haas, states: "As we move forward during this season of Lent and anticipate the glory of Easter, let us remember this: 'Dying and rising' is every day. Both of these energies are tethered to one another; we are called to be for each other. Let us remember and hold each other up in prayer, to 'remain with Jesus the Christ.'"

Many thanks to the Emmanuel Choir and to soloist Jan Gazdic for sharing their musical gifts today!