



Emmanuel
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

**9 AM Contemporary Worship, March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Year of Saint Matthew**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA

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Gathering: The Holy Spirit Gathers Us in Worship

Welcome

Good morning and welcome to worship at Emmanuel Lutheran Church! You can find bulletins and information on giving online at elcvienna.org. Here in person, you will find hymnals, Bibles, prayer cards, offering envelopes, and a QR code for offerings in the pew holders. Our liturgy is up on the screens for you. We do have large-print bulletins and hearing-assistance devices available. Inquire about those with our ushers in the back. We invite newcomers to stop by our welcome table just outside the sanctuary after worship.

Invocation

Pastor: In this holy season of Lent, we are gathered in the name of the Father, ✚ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Gathering Song

Here I Am To Worship

Verse 1

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created



All for love's sake became poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross

And I'll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross

Tim Hughes

CCLI Song #3266032

Word: God Speaks to Us in Scriptures and Prayer

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel, chapter 37.

Reader:

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know



that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

Reader: Word of God. Word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Romans 8:6-11

Reader: A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans, chapter 8.

Reader:

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader: Word of God. Word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

You Raise Me Up

Verse 1

When I am down and oh my soul's so weary
When troubles come and my heart burdened be
Then I am still and wait here in the silence
Until You come and sit a while with me

Chorus

You raise me up so I can stand on mountains
You raise me up to walk on stormy seas
I am strong when I am on Your shoulders
You raise me up to more than I can be

Verse 2



There is no life no life without its hunger
Each restless heart beats so imperfectly
But when You come and I am filled with wonder
Sometimes I think I glimpse eternity

Brendan Graham, Rolf Lovland
CCLI Song #4434612

Children's Message

Children are invited forward for a message just for them! Following the children's message, Children are invited to Bible storytelling time in the chapel and will return to the sanctuary after the message.

Gospel Acclamation

Be Thou My Vision
ELW 793, v.2

- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

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John 11:1-46

Pastor: The good news of Jesus Christ, according to the gospel of Saint John, the eleventh chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

Pastor:

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of



daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world.¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them.”¹¹ After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.”¹² The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.”¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead.¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away,¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.”²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him.³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”³⁵ Jesus began to weep.³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.”⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me.⁴² I



knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him. ⁴⁶ But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord!

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

Message

“Waiting for Jesus” based upon John 11 by Pastor Lydia Posselt

Song of the Day

Lord Listen To Your Children

Chorus

Lord listen to Your children praying
Lord send Your Spirit in this place
Lord listen to Your children praying
Send us love send us pow'r send us grace

Verse 1

Something's gonna happen
Like the world has never known
When the people of the Lord get down to pray
A door's gonna swing open
And the walls come a-tumbling down
When the people of the Lord get down to pray

Verse 2

He's gonna take over
He's gonna take control
When the people of the Lord get down to pray
He's gonna move the mountain
He's gonna make the waters roll
When the people of the Lord get down to pray

Verse 3

You're gonna know it



When the Lord stretches out His hand
And the people of the Lord get down to pray
There's gonna be a brand new song
Of vict'ry in this land
When the people of the Lord get down to pray

Ken Medema
CCLI Song #22829

The Apostles' Creed

Leader: We confess our common faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**All: 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

Leader: Let us pray.

Leader: Holy God, we pray for Christians around the world gathered in worship this morning. We pray for greater understanding among people of all faiths. Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy God, we pray for faithful leaders to have compassion for the poor,



for all facing affliction, imprisonment, unemployment, hunger, and homelessness. Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy God, we pray for the well-being of all creation; for earth's ecosystems; for plants and animals; for air, water, and soil. Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy God, we pray for the health of our communities; for an end to injustice, oppression, and poverty. Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy God, we pray for your children in need. We pray for... Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy God, we pray for all your holy ones in life everlasting. Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Hear us according to your steadfast love, O Holy God, and in your great compassion bring us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Peace

Leader: May the peace of the Risen Lord be with you always!

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share signs of peace.

Offering

Offerings in support of our mission and ministry can be made at elcvienna.org/give or mailed to the church. Offering envelopes and QR codes are in the pew holders. Ushers will take the offering in person. Every gift matters—thank you!

Offering Music

Healing Hand Of God

Verse 1

I have seen the many faces

Of fear and of pain

I have watched the tears fall plenty



From heartache and strain
So if life's journey
Has you weary and afraid
There's rest in the shadow of His wings

Verse 2

I have walked through the valleys
The mountains and plains
I have held the hand of freedom
That washes all my stains
If you feel the weight of many trials
And burdens from this world
There's freedom in the shelter of the Lord

Chorus 1

I have seen the healing hand of God
Reaching out and mending broken hearts
Taste and see the fullness of His peace
And hold on to what's bein' held out
The healing hand of God

Verse 3

I have touched the scars upon His hands
To see if they were real
He has walked the road before me
He knows just how I feel
When you feel that there's
Not anyone who understands your pain
Just remember all of Jesus' suffering

Chorus 2

'Cause I have seen the healing hand of God
Reaching out and mending broken hearts
Taste and see the fullness of His peace
And hold on to what's bein' held out

Bridge

Cast all your cares on Him
For He cares for you
He's near to the broken and confused
By His stripes our spirit is renewed
So enter in the joy prepared for you



Ending

The healing hand of God
The healing hand of God
And hold on to what's bein' held out
And hold on to what's bein' held out
The healing hand of God
Oh oh

Jeremy Camp
CCLI Song #5323708

Meal: Jesus Gives Us Forgiveness and Life

Holy Communion Words of Institution

Pastor: We remember that in the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Pastor: And 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 in remembrance of me."

The Lord's Prayer

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

**All: 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.**

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God! Come all are welcome!



All: Thanks be to God!

Communion Instructions

All are invited to come forward to receive communion or a blessing. Wafers will be dipped in wine and handed to you. If you prefer a wafer without wine, please let us know. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. We have goldfish and a blessing for our non-communing children. You are also welcome to pray at the communion rail after you have been communed.

Communion Music

The Bread Has Been Broken

Verse 1

Come to the table and worship the Savior
Taste what forgiveness is for
His mercy will lead us the grace of God feed us
Making us hungry for more
His body was given for you and for me
Look on the cross and believe

Chorus

The Bread has been broken
Our eyes have been opened
Oh come Lord restore and renew
The Word has been spoken
So humble and broken
We do all in remembrance of You

Verse 2

The Bread has been broken
And all those who know Him
Believe without touching the scars
His death reconciled us we live sanctified to
Become what we already are
To Him who loves us and freed us to love
Be glory and honor and praise

Joe Beck, Wendy Wills
CCLI Song #4481160

Jesus, the Lord



Refrain

Jesus. Jesus.

Let all creation bend the knee
to the Lord.

1. In him we live,
we move and have our being;
In him the Christ, in him the king!
Jesus, the Lord.

2. Though Son,
he did not cling to godliness;
but emptied himself, became a slave!
Jesus, the Lord.

3. He lived
obediently his Father's will
accepting his death, death on a tree!
Jesus, the Lord.

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Sending: The Holy Spirit Leads Us in Mission to the World

Invitation to Ministry

As the Spirit leads us out into mission in the world, we invite you to join us in our ministries. We invite our newcomers to stop by the welcome table just outside the sanctuary to connect and learn more about the work of our congregation.

Blessing

Pastor: May God the Father, ☩ the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless you and keep you always.

All: Amen.

Sending Song

I Am the Bread of Life
ELW 485

1 "I am the Bread of life.



You who come to me shall not hunger,
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

Refrain

"And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."

2 "The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live forever, you shall live forever." Refrain

3 "Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you." Refrain

4 "I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
If you believe in me,
even though you die, you shall live forever." Refrain

5 Yes, Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
who have come into the world. Refrain

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Sending

Leader: Let us go in peace and serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

I Am the Bread of Life

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Our Mission and Vision

Our mission is to nurture, grow, and share our Christian faith as Lutherans in a multicultural world. We envision Emmanuel Lutheran Church as a welcoming, vibrant, growing, and faith-filled Christian community whose participants generously share their time, talents, and resources in a changing world.

Our Welcome Statement

Emmanuel Lutheran Church welcomes all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome and affirm full participation by all because God welcomes all, regardless of race, culture, national origin, citizenship status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, relationship or socio-economic status, addictions, physical or mental health, disability, imprisonment, age, or other circumstances. OUR UNITY IS IN CHRIST.

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