

Midweek Lent #1

Emanuel First Evangelical  
Lutheran Church

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026



**HYMN:** 407 *When I survey the Wondrous Cross*

*Stand*

**INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**the maker of heaven and earth.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for personal reflection*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

**we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

**PSALM 119C**

**PSALM PRAYER:** Lord, your Word is my delight. When I was lost in the darkness of sin, you penetrated my heart with the light of your Word. Let it enlighten my path each day that I may serve you in holiness. Let your Word shine through all I say and do that others may see you and praise your saving name. In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**(ELS 3:30):** *The Lamb* (Hymn 525, v1)

**(Sr. Choir 6:30):** *Have Mercy, O Lord*

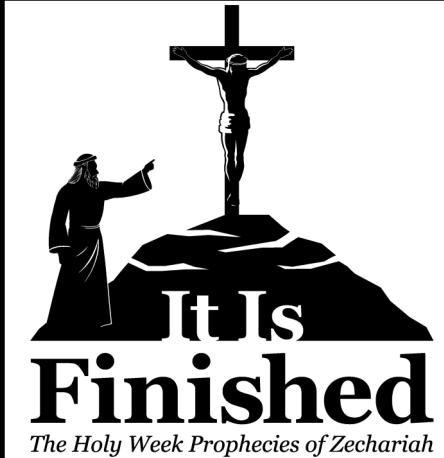
**BLESSING**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

**HYMN:** 794 *Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow*



*It Is Finished!* is a series that explores the prophecies of Zechariah, offering an enriching look at our Savior Jesus, particularly as these prophecies relate to the events of Jesus' Holy Week passion, death, and resurrection.

**March 4:** *Scattered Sheep* (13:7-9)  
**March 11:** *The Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing but the Truth* (8:14-17)  
**March 18:** *The Kingly Priest* (6:9-13)  
**March 25:** *Look at the One Who Was Pierced* (12:10-13)

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<sup>10</sup>I took my staff, Favor, and I broke it in two, to cancel my covenant that I had made with all the peoples. <sup>11</sup>So it was cancelled on that day, and the most miserable of the flock, who were watching me, knew that this was the word of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>Then I said to them, “If it seems good to you, pay me my wages. But if it does not, withhold them.” So they weighed out thirty pieces of silver as my wages.

<sup>13</sup>Then the LORD said to me, “Throw it to the potter, this magnificent price at which they valued me.” So I took the thirty pieces of silver, and I threw them into the House of the LORD, to the potter.

**HYMN:** 401 (verse 1) *There Is a Fountain*

### THE OFFERING

*The members of Emanuel Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.*

*Stand*

### PRAYER

Hear my prayer, O Lord;

**listen to my cry.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye;

**hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

In righteousness I shall see you;

**when I awake, your presence will give me joy.**

Be present, O Merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### 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.**

**PASSION HISTORY:** Lesson One (unified reading from Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John)

The Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching. Jesus said to his disciples, “You know that after two days it will be the Passover, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas. They plotted together how to arrest Jesus in some deceitful way and kill him. But they said, “Not during the Festival, or else there might be a riot among the people.”

Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, who was one of the Twelve. He went away and spoke with the chief priests and officers of the temple guard about how he could betray Jesus to them. They were glad and agreed to give him money. He promised to do it and was looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus to them away from the crowd.

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” He sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and there a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Wherever he enters, tell the owner of the house that the Teacher says, ‘Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

They went and found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles. He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

A dispute arose among the disciples about which of them was considered to be greatest. But he told them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are called Benefactors. But it is not to be that way with you. Instead, let the greatest among you become like the youngest, and the one who leads like the one who serves. For who is greater, one who reclines at the table or one who serves? Isn't it the one who reclines at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have remained with me in my trials. I am going to grant a kingdom to you, just as my Father granted to me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom. And you will sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved those who were his own in the world, he loved them to the end.

By the time the supper took place, the Devil had already put the idea into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God. He got up from the supper and laid aside his outer garment. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who asked him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus answered him, "You do not understand what I am doing now, but later you will understand."

Peter told him, "You will never, ever, wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me."

"Lord, not just my feet," Simon Peter replied, "but also my hands and my head!"

Jesus told him, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet, but his body is completely clean. And you are clean, but not all of you." Indeed, he knew who was going to betray him. That is why he said, "Not all of you are clean." After Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer garment, he reclined at the table again. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me Teacher and Lord. You are right, because I am. Now if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. Yes, I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I have done for you. Amen, Amen, I tell you: A servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

While they were reclining and eating, Jesus said, "Amen I tell you: One of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They were very sad and began to say

to him one after another, "Surely, not I, Lord?"

He said to them, "It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me in the dish. Indeed, the Son of Man is going to go just as it has been written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

After saying this, Jesus was troubled in his spirit and testified, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: One of you will betray me."

The disciples were looking at each other, uncertain which of them he meant.

One of his disciples, the one Jesus loved, was reclining at Jesus' side. Simon Peter motioned to him to find out which one Jesus was talking about.

So leaning back against Jesus' side, he asked, "Lord, who is it?"

Jesus replied, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread, after I have dipped it in the dish." Then he dipped the piece of bread and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

So Jesus told him, "What you are about to do, do more quickly."

None of those reclining at the table understood why Jesus said this to him. Because Judas kept the money box, some thought that Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the Festival," or to give something to the poor. As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

After Judas left, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify the Son in himself and will glorify him at once."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.**

**HYMN:** 823 *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

**SERMON:** *WHAT'S HE WORTH TO YOU?* (Zechariah 11:7-13)

<sup>7</sup>So I shepherded the flock which is to be slaughtered, especially the most afflicted of the flock. I took two staffs for myself. One I called Favor and the other Union. Then I shepherded the flock. <sup>8</sup>I removed three shepherds in one month. I grew very impatient with the flock, and they really detested me. <sup>9</sup>So I said, "I will not shepherd you. Whatever is dying, let it die. Whatever is being destroyed, let it be destroyed. And let those who remain devour one another's flesh."