



## Holy Thursday

Emanuel First Evangelical  
Lutheran Church

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

### Worship Notes

*Our order of worship this evening is called a “compline” service. Compline is a word that can be translated as “end.” It was historically a service of mediation and prayer to close, or end the day.*

*In this Holy Thursday service, we will also celebrate the Lord’s Supper. If you are a communicant member of another WELS or ELS congregation, we invite you to share this Sacrament with us. If you are not yet a member of our church, we ask you to honor our Biblical practice of close communion and refrain from coming forward until you have completed doctrinal discussions with one of our pastors. (Please read “Attending the Lord’s Supper” for more information. Pamphlets are in the Capitol Ave. entryway.)*

### OPENING RESPONSES:

M: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.



It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



to herald your love in the morning,



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**HYMN:** 416 *When You Woke That Thursday Morning*

*Stand*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

M: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: 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:** 116

**PSALM PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, as we face death, turn our thoughts to your body, broken for us, and your blood, spilled for us. Let us rise as you have risen from the dead, to walk with you forever in the land of the living. We call on your name, for you have promised to be with us.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 24:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, along with Nadab and Abihu and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship me from a distance. <sup>2</sup>Only Moses is allowed to come near the LORD, but the others are not to

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**BLESSING:**

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

**HYMN:** 782 *Evening Prayer*



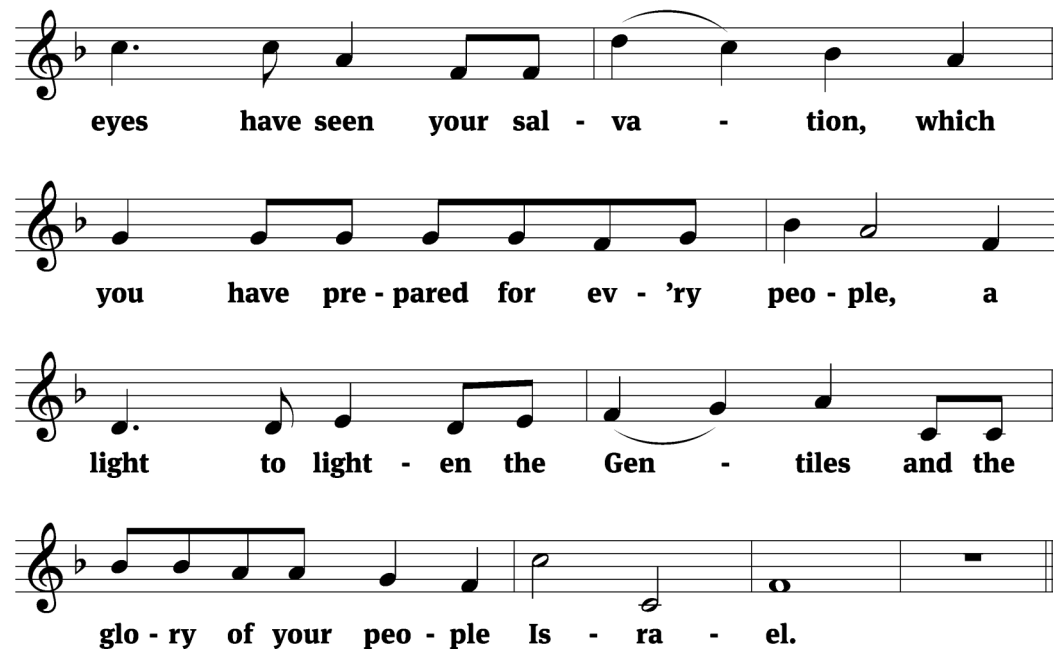
**Holy Week Services**

**Fri, April 3, 2026** Good Friday (1:00PM & 6:30PM)

**Sun, April 5, 2026** Easter Dawn (7:00AM)

*Breakfast served between services 8:30-9:45. Easter for Kids from 9:00-9:45AM.*

**Sun, April 5, 2026** Easter Day (10:30AM)



eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which  
 you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a  
 light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the  
 glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Guide us waking, O Lord,



and guard us sleep - ing

That awake we may watch with Christ



and a - sleep we may rest in peace,



in peace, in peace.

come near, and the people are not to go up with him.”

<sup>3</sup>Moses came and reported to the people all the words of the LORD and all the ordinances. Then all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words which the LORD has spoken we will do.” <sup>4</sup>Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD.

He got up early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain. He set up twelve memorial stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>He sent young Israelite men, who offered whole burnt offerings and sacrificed fellowship offerings of cattle to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and he splashed half of the blood on the altar. <sup>7</sup>He took the Book of the Covenant and read it out loud to the people and they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do. We will obey.”

<sup>8</sup>Moses took the blood and splashed it on the people. He said, “Look, here is the blood of the covenant, which the LORD made with you by means of all these words.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up. <sup>10</sup>They saw the God of Israel. Under his feet they saw what looked like a pavement of sapphire as clear as the sky. <sup>11</sup>The LORD did not lay his hand on the dignitaries of the people of Israel. They gazed at God, and they ate and drank.

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God!**

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup>In the same way, after the meal, he also took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new testament in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup>Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the Lord’s body and blood. <sup>28</sup>Instead, let a person examine himself and after doing so, let him eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God!**

Stand

**GOSPEL READING:** John 13:1-15, 34

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.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>He got up from the supper and laid aside his outer garment. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

<sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who asked him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

<sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "You do not understand what I am doing now, but later you will understand."

<sup>8</sup>Peter told him, "You will never, ever, wash my feet!"

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

<sup>9</sup>"Lord, not just my feet," Simon Peter replied, "but also my hands and my head!"

<sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>Indeed, he knew who was going to betray him. That is why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>"You call me Teacher and Lord. You are right, because I am. <sup>14</sup>Now if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>Yes, I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I have done for you.

<sup>34</sup>"A new commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love one another.

This is the Gospel 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.**

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** 394 *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

712 *Delay Not! Delay Not*

550 *Lamb of God*

Stand

**SONG OF SIMEON:**

Guide us waking, O Lord,

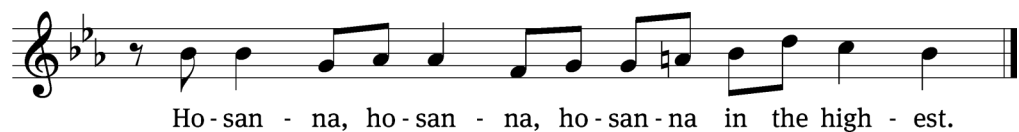
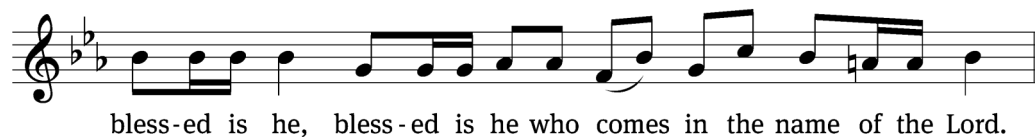
and guard us sleep - ing

That awake we may watch with Christ

and a - sleep we may rest in peace,

In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser - vant

now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my



### WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

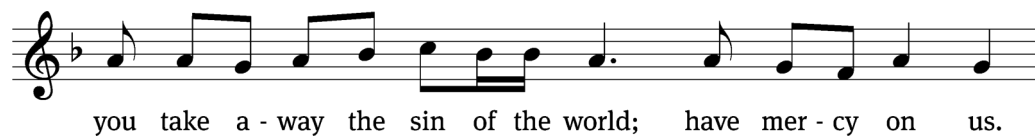
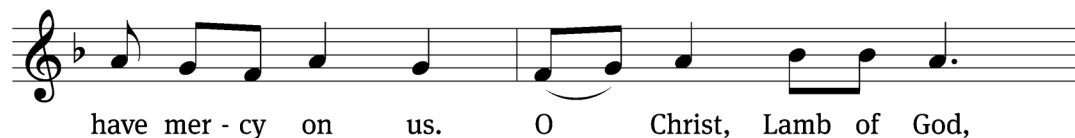
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

### O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



Into your hands I commend my spirit.



You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.



Glory to the Father and to the † Son and to the Holy Spirit.



*Be seated*

**HYMN:** 418 *The Blood of the Lamb*

**SERMON: A CLEANSING FOUNTAIN** (Zechariah 13:1-3)

<sup>1</sup>On that day a fountain will be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.

<sup>2</sup>In that day, declares the LORD of Armies, I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they will no longer be remembered. I will also remove the prophets and the impure spirit from the land. <sup>3</sup>If anyone still prophesies, his father and his mother who gave birth to him will tell him, "You shall not live, because you have spoken lies in the name of the LORD!" Then his father and his mother who gave birth to him will stab him when he prophesies.

### 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:**

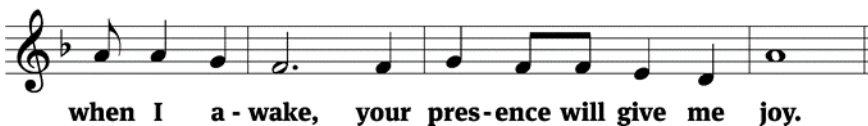
Hear my prayer, O Lord;



Keep me as the apple of your eye;



In righteousness I shall see you;



O Lord, support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who watch or work or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, pity the afflicted, soothe the suffering, bless the dying—and all for your love's sake; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*(Please regard the note regarding the Lord's Supper on the cover page.)*

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**