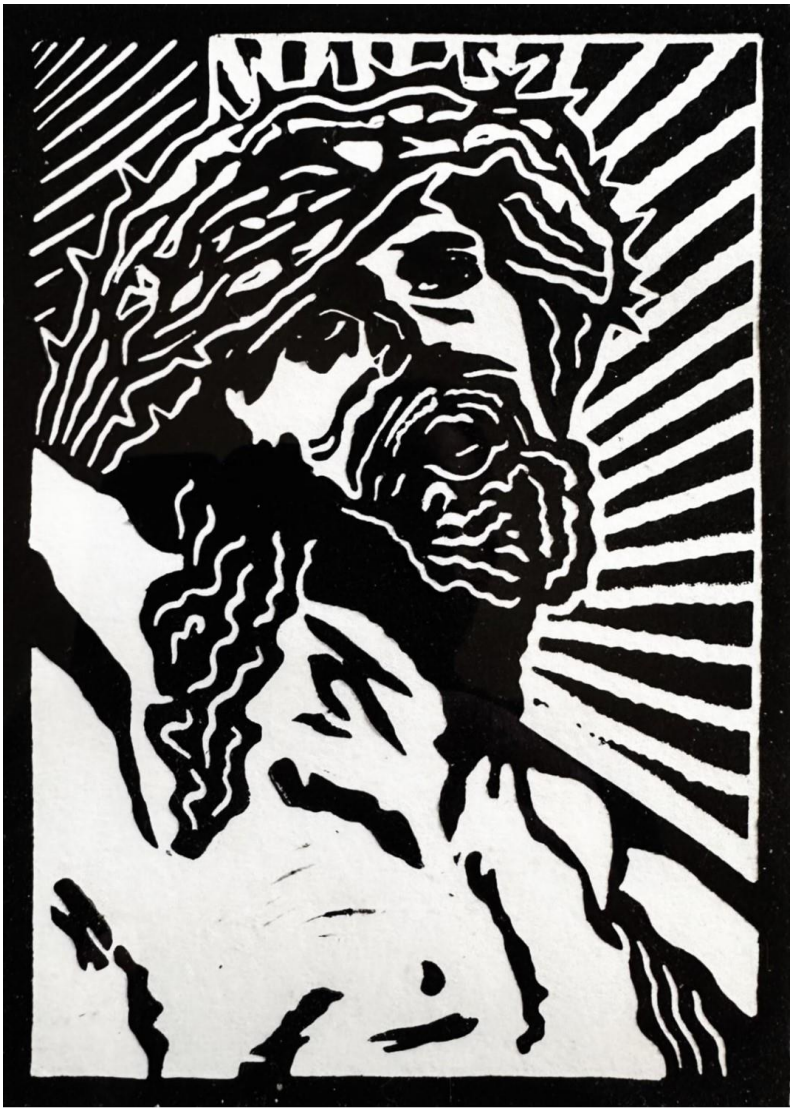
Midweek Lenten Service at 11:30



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Here are a few things we'd like you to know...

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We are so happy you are here!

We've got tot bags and children's bulletins that are located in the east and west rear entrances of the church. Also, check out our Visual Faith page in the back of the bulletin.

Please feel free to bring your kids up during the distribution of Holy Communion for a personal blessing.

The unstaffed Church Nursery is available for children three years of age and younger and is located in the lower level. If you need help finding it, please ask one of our ushers who will gladly guide you.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request that you would like announced to the congregation, you will find a prayer request card on the tables located near each entrance into the sanctuary. Drop the completed card into one of the boxes located at each entrance, or simply hand it to an usher.

CONNECTIONS COUNTER

Visit the Connections Counter located in Ebenezer Hall. We've been expecting you and have a gift for our visitors. You can also pick up information on all we have to offer and sign up for events too!

SPECIAL NEEDS

We offer a hearing loop, large print bulletins and printed copies of today's sermon. If these would be helpful, please ask one of our ushers who would be delighted to assist you.

GATHERING TIME

Join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship on Sunday mornings, after the early service and before Sunday school and Bible classes begin.

EMMANUEL APP

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RESTROOM

Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

"For Us He Seeks"

AS WE GATHER
Jesus talks all about seeking us in our texts this week. He does not wait passively until we get up the gumption to ask Him for help. Nor does He act out of selfish gain, like our health-care system seems to do so often today. Praying, teaching, working. In all these things, Jesus seeks us out and looks for ways to help us. This work is often overlooked because it is so ordinary. Water, bread and wine, the folly of preaching. In all these ordinary works, Jesus continues His ministry among us. This ministry of forgiveness means that Jesus continues to strengthen and help us.

+ THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE +

THE PRELUDE: "When Jesus Wept" Billings

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE OPENING HYMN: **"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"** **Hymn 423**

(Please stand, as you are able)
THE INVOCATION
Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION
Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:8-9)**.**

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Leader: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

THE RESPONSIVE PSALM (Psalm 80:1–7)
Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock!
People: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Leader: Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Your might and come to save us!
People: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

Leader: O LORD God of hosts,
People: how long will You be angry with Your people's prayers?

Leader: You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.
People: You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.
All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)
THE FIRST READING: Mark 1:35–39
And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He departed and went out to a desolate place, and there He prayed. [36]And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him, [37]and they found Him and said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." [38]And He said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." [39]And He went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)
THE PASSION READING: Mark 14:53–15:5
Leader: The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Mark, the 14th and 15th chapters.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. [54]And Peter had followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. [55]Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but they found none. [56]For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimony did not agree. [57]And some stood up and bore false witness against Him, saying, [58]"We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made

with hands.'" [59]Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. [60]And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, "Have You no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against You?" [61]But He remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" [62]And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." [63]And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? [64]You have heard His blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned Him as deserving death. [65]And some began to spit on Him and to cover His face and to strike Him, saying to Him, "Prophesy!" And the guards received Him with blows. [66]And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, [67]and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." [68]But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. [69]And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." [70]But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." [71]But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." [72]And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." And he broke down and wept. [15:1]And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led Him away and delivered Him over to Pilate. [2]And Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And He answered him, "You have said so." [3]And the chief priests accused Him of many things. [4]And Pilate again asked Him, "Have You no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against You." [5]But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)
THE SERIES HYMN: **"O Love, How Deep"** **Hymn 544**
(Verses 1-4)

THE SERMON Pastor Dan May

(Please stand, as you are able)
THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.
Leader: For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Please be seated)
THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT
Leader: Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION
Leader: Let us bless the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
People: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: "**Glory Be to Jesus"** **Hymn 433**

THE POSTLUDE: "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken" J. S. Bach

SERVING
Piano Bev Williams

+MIDWEEK WORSHIP+

Wednesday, March 18, at 11:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
"For Us He Heals"
Lenten Worship Service

Wednesday, March 25, at 11:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
"For Us Betrayed"
Lenten Worship Service

+HOLY WEEK+

Thursday, April 2, at 11:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
"For Many, For Us"
Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, April 3, at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
"For Us, He Died"
Good Friday Worship at 1:00 p.m.
Tenebrae Worship at 7:00 p.m.

+EASTER SUNDAY+

Sunday, April 5 at 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday Services

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Building faith in the city

We are a caring family of baptized Christians bound together in the forgiveness which God has provided all people through His Son, Jesus.

This family exists to announce this gift of forgiveness to individuals of all nations and cultures through the preaching of God's Word and the administration of the Sacraments. Emmanuel instructs young and old according to the confessional standard of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and reaches out through forgiving relationships, working to connect all members of the family through caring friendships.

Emmanuel serves as shepherds of the sheep; seekers of the lost; friends of sinners; and caregivers to the poor, lonely and broken-hearted. It is a family that cares for all people and reaches out to witness to the love and forgiveness found in Jesus Christ.

Emmanuel Worship Services are designed to share God's love and forgiveness through the ministry of Word and Sacrament. We offer a variety of worship styles and we encourage you to worship in the liturgical style that best meets your needs.

Saturday Evening Divine Service—This service offers a contemporary setting and is held on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning Divine Services—These services are held on Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. and feature worship in a traditional liturgical setting.

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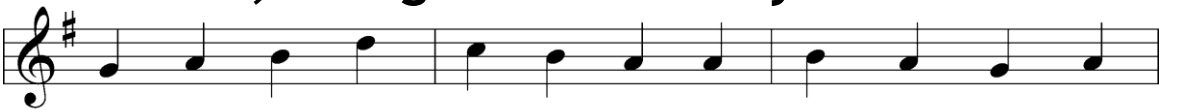
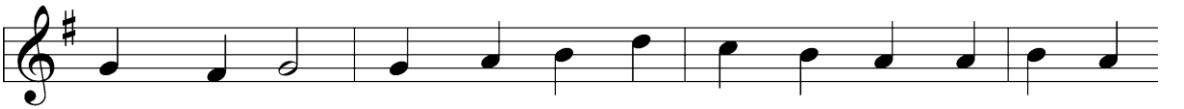
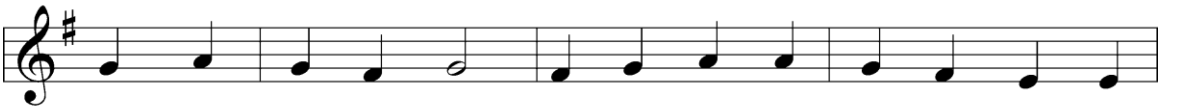
423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary



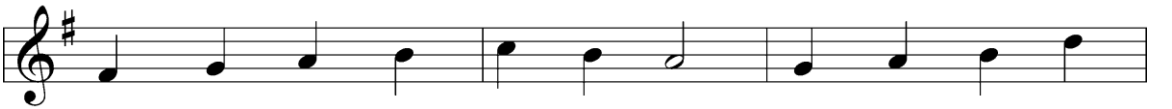
1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



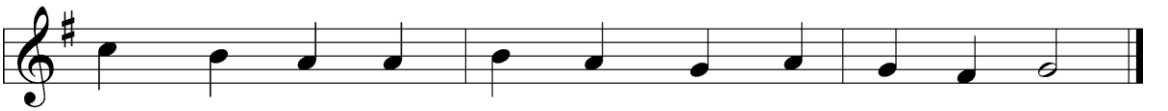
whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

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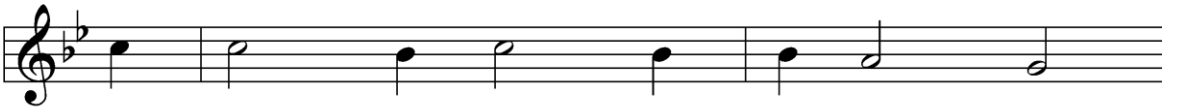
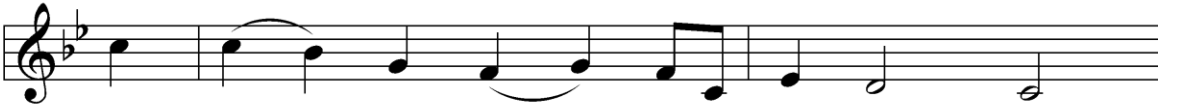
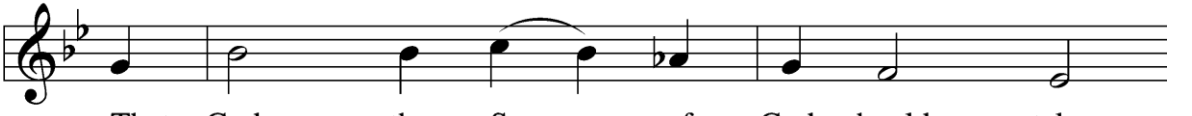
544 O Love, How Deep



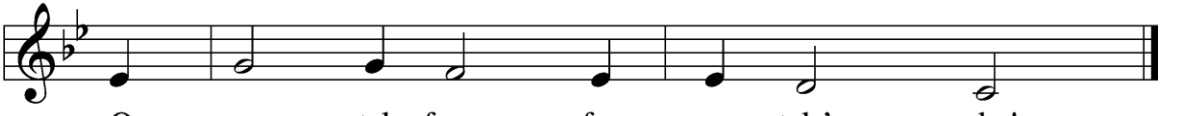
1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore
4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
Of high - er or of low - er place,
His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
For us His dai - ly works He wrought,



That God, the Son of God, should take
But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;
By words and signs and ac - tions thus



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
And to this world Him - self He came.
For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

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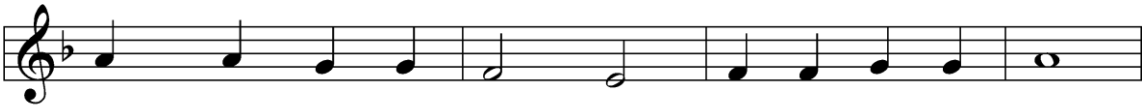
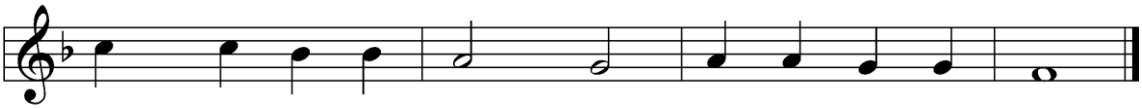
433 Glory Be to Jesus



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

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