



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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March 4, 2026

I found this prayer in the Prayer Book for the Armed Services, prepared and printed by Augsburg Fortress, the Lutheran publishing house. I was looking for a prayer for this time of armed conflict and found something suitable for Lent and so much that we are encountering in our lives and communities, nation and world.

From the cowardice that dare not face new truth,
from the laziness that is contented with half truth,
from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth,
good Lord, deliver us. **Amen.**

This Sunday, March 8, we will have a special congregational meeting to approve updates to the congregation constitution. This will take five minutes following the benediction. At the annual meeting on February 8, we reviewed the changes. They come to us from the ELCA 2025 Churchwide Assembly.



We encourage you to read the Annual Report as well as these constitutional changes. You may pick them up at Emmanuel or request special delivery.

LENTEN MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 1 PM



Don't forget to change your clocks before going to bed this Saturday (March 7) – it's time to Spring Forward!

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday – April 2

7 pm - Holy Communion – we remember Jesus' Last Supper

Good Friday – April 3

12 to 3 pm - Come for prayer and meditation in the sanctuary

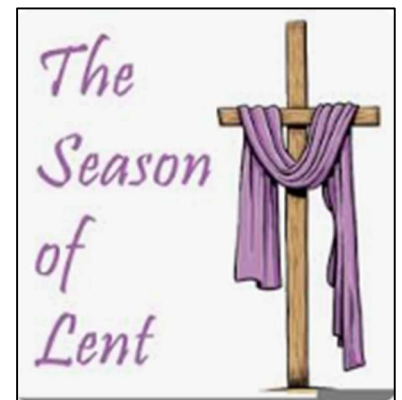
7 pm - The Good News of the Cross

Easter Saturday – April 4 - Community Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday - April 5

Festival Worship 10 a.m.

Easter Dinner 11:30 after worship



Worship and pray

Come in person at 10 am every Sunday

By phone: Call 312-626-6799. When prompted, enter the meeting ID 923 3815 0341.

By computer or smartphone: Go to www.zoom.us. Enter Meeting ID 923 3815 0341.

At home without technology: Read the bulletin. Read the Scripture. Pray. Meditate.

TO ORDER ALTAR FLOWERS for our weekly worship services, contact Judy Mayhood (412-760-0986), call the church office, or sign up on the Flower Chart in the entry way. The cost is \$50, or \$25 per vase. The prices remain the same in 2026 as 2025. You can pay for flowers online or by check.



PRAYER REQUESTS: Call Pastor Theophilus for yourself or others to be included in prayer. Contact Marsha Kennedy also; she sends cards to let people know that we are praying for them. You can reach Marsha at 412-824-4966 **or** Marsha_Kennedy@verizon.net **or** 415 Kingston Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING. You may give in person, send a contribution in the mail or donate online.

Go to <https://www.emmanuelutheraneastmont.org/>
and you'll see the link.

Or use the QR code for easy connection on your smart phone.



GATHER BIBLE STUDY - Join other women in the eastern suburbs for a monthly Bible study on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm. We meet at Zion Lutheran Church in Penn Hills.

1:00-2:30 pm – Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Zion Lutheran Church,
11609 Frankstown Road

In March, our Bible Study is *“Embodied Prayer: Part 2”* by the Rev. Liv Larson Andrews. Part 2 focuses on praying with and for the earth.

In April, we'll begin a three-part study on *“I AM: God's holy name and promise,”* by the Rev. Hannah Hawkinson. Each session is self-contained, so if you miss one, feel free to come to the next one.

Sunday, March 8 - Special congregational meeting at end of worship

Wednesday, March 11, 1 pm – Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday, March 15, 1 pm – Pastor Ken's Class

Wednesday, March 18, 1 pm – Midweek Holy Communion

Monday, March 23, 10 am - Parish Life Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 1 pm – Midweek Holy Communion

For Such a Time as This

We are including a weekly Lenten devotional series, created by members of the synod's Authentic Diversity and Justice Working Group. The series centers on the theme "For such a time as this."

Each week highlights someone across scripture and history who responded to the needs of their moment with courage, compassion, and conviction. Through brief storytelling, reflection, and prayer, the series invites us to notice where God may be at work in our own time and to consider how our faith shapes the ways we respond.

This week we learn about Thich Nhat Hanh, a Vietnamese Buddhist teacher and monk who worked for peace during the Vietnam War and throughout his life. As we move through Lent toward the hope of Easter, we are gently encouraged to listen for our own calling and to take faithful steps in love of neighbor and care for the world.

Last chance to order Easter candy

MEALS FOR FRIENDS is once again selling Betsy Ann Chocolates for Easter. Order forms are available at Emmanuel. **Orders are due March 9**, and pickup will be March 20 or 23 at Emmanuel during Meals for Friends hours.



RIDING INTO JERUSALEM

Pastor Ken Ofslager is teaching every third Sunday afternoon through May. Each month we will dig into the Biblical texts for the festivals in those months.

Next class is Sun., March 15, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

There is lunch at 12 noon.

You can participate in person or via zoom.

To join via zoom, use the Emmanuel class link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89760867900>

Meeting ID: 897 6086 7900

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT – Saturday, April 4, from 2-3 pm

The community Easter Egg Hunt is coming up soon. This is Emmanuel's most effective way to connect with families in our neighborhood. We need people to lead crafts, hide eggs, and generally assist with welcoming families. We need contributions of dyed eggs also. Invite all your friends and neighbors!





Stewardship Reflection by Pastor Dennis Orsen

The following note was found in the clothing of unknown dead child at Ravensbruck Concentration Camp during the 1940's:

O Lord remember not only the men and women of good will, but also those of ill will.

But, do not remember all the suffering they have inflicted upon us;

Instead remember the fruits we have borne because of this suffering -----

Our fellowship, our loyalty to one another, our humility, our courage, our generosity, the greatness of heart that has grown from this trouble.

When our persecutors come to be judged by you, let all of these fruits that we have borne be their forgiveness.

(from For All the Saints compiled by Frederick J. Schumacher.)

Two thoughts:

1. During turbulent times God brings out an even more genuine witness from us.
2. Genuine stewardship begins when we forgive.



Emmanuel's Mission Statement:

Gathered by the Holy Spirit, Emmanuel is called by God to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with a Lutheran emphasis on God's grace and forgiveness. As people who have received God's mercy, we support each other in faithful living. Emmanuel's purpose is to welcome ALL people into its fellowship, to share the Good News with ALL people, to strive for peace and justice in ALL the world, and to serve ALL people following Christ's example.

In honor of Transgender Day of Visibility on Thursday, March 26, St. John's is hosting a family friendly concert featuring **Bobby Jo Valentine**, Heart-Opening Folk/Pop Singer. The council members of St. John's are working together to host this exciting family friendly event! The concert begins at 7 pm on March 26; and admission is FREE! To learn more about Bobby Jo Valentine, click here: <https://bobbyjovalentine.com/>.

St. John's Lutheran Church is located at 715 Lincoln Highway, North Versailles.

