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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and give thanks that God redeems you from the grave.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and remember God's steadfast love and mercy.

READING: Psalm 42

¹ As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

² My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.

When shall I come and behold
the face of God?

³ My tears have been my food
day and night,
while people say to me continually,
'Where is your God?'

⁴ These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:
how I went with the throng,
and led them in procession to
the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.

⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help ⁶and my God.

My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,

from Mount Mizar.

⁷ Deep calls to deep
at the thunder of your cataracts;
all your waves and your billows
have gone over me.

⁸ By day the LORD commands his
steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

⁹ I say to God, my rock,
'Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I walk about mournfully
because the enemy oppresses me?'

¹⁰ As with a deadly wound in my body,
my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me continually,
'Where is your God?'

¹¹ Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

May we look and perceive, listen and understand,
turn and be forgiven.

HYMN OF THE DAY "When Peace, like a River"

PRAYERS

Let us pray to the Lord, the God in heaven above and on the earth beneath.

O Lord our God, show us your everlasting love,

that we may serve you from the obedience of our hearts.

Lead us in the way of your peace,

that our souls may be restored.

Fill our imaginations with the wonders of your creation,

that our minds may reflect your glory.

Guide us in the way of the cross,

that we might proclaim the strength of your love.

O Lord, there is no God like you, in heaven or on earth, keeping covenant in steadfast love with your servants who walk before you with all their heart. Hear us, O God, and keep teaching us to pray:

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

BLESSING

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength. Keep these words in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorpost of your house.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Tentative Holy Week 2021 Schedule

- Palm Sunday- We will gather in the parking lot for a Palm Procession at 8:30am. You are welcome to walk around the building (distanced) or to stay in your cars and honk your horns! Worship will continue at 9am (online if red, inside if orange or yellow) with a potential parking lot worship option. Check back for details!
- Maundy Thursday- Dinner Church is one of my favorite things and I will be sharing it with you online! We will eat together, share stories about important meals in our lives, do a liturgy

for remembrance of communion, and witness the stripping of the altar. You are invited to make spaghetti so that we are all eating the same thing and have bread/wine/juice for the remembrance of communion! Add whatever you want to make it your own. If you need spaghetti and sauce, reach out and we can provide it. For the best experience, gather on zoom (it will be shared to Facebook, but it won't be as fun there).

- Good Friday- A community worship service will be available on Facebook at noon. If we are orange, there will also be a service in person at 7pm.
- Easter Sunday- We will gather at Meyerholtz Park (1799 W Riverview) at 7am for Sunrise Easter Worship including Holy Communion. Bring a chair and dress for the weather.
- If we are red- Easter worship will be on Facebook and Zoom at 9am with drive thru communion from 10-11am. Bring your own elements if you would like!
- If we are orange or yellow- Easter Worship will be at 9am and 11am. Attendance is limited to 60 people per service and therefore RSVPs are necessary. Masks are required and we ask that you distance. Communion will be celebrated at the end of worship in the back of the sanctuary and from 10-10:45am in the elevator room.

*Holy Week's determination will be based on the county color as of March 25th.

EASTER LILIES: Only Easter lilies are available this year to be purchased for Easter Sunday. The cost will be \$10.00. Any proceeds will benefit the Good Samaritan Fund. An order form is included in this Sunday's bulletin. The order (and check made out to Emanuel Lutheran) can be placed in the black drop box located on the back wall of the church building. Help decorate the altar for Easter Sunday! **The deadline for ordering is March 20.** Any questions, please call Denise Etzler at 814-389-2973.

Link to the order Easter Lilies <https://forms.gle/4XUYD3mveNoZzn3u6>

Offering

If you are interested, you may sign up for Simply Giving through Vanco by contacting treasurer Julie Kohout, or send your offering to Emanuel Lutheran Church, PO Box 501, Napoleon, OH 43545. **Please do not send cash in the mail!**

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2. Locate the link Give at the top of the page.

You can make a one-time contribution or a recurring gift. Any questions, please contact Julie Kohout.

EASTER PLANTS ORDER FORM

\$10⁰⁰

Proceeds will benefit the
Emanuel Lutheran Good Samaritan Fund

ORDER DEADLINE — March 20, 2021

Please make Checks payable to Emanuel Lutheran Church.

(How many) _____ Lily

*Total amount enclosed \$*_____

Name_____ Phone #_____

(Optional)

In loving memory of *(deceased)*_____

In honor of *(living)*_____
