

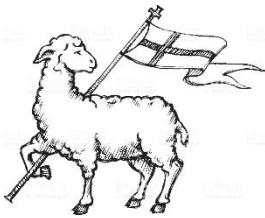
# Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC



Welcome to Lenten Worship: Audio Edition

“When God Says No”

Wednesday, March 18, 2020



Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

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GATHERING HYMN Verses 1 & 3

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
C Have mercy on us.

### THE 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.

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin  
Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of  
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  
everlasting.  
Amen.

### THE EVENING SUFFRAGES

P Show us your mercy, O God,  
C and grant us your salvation.

P Give us the joy of your saving help again,  
C and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

P Give peace in all the world;  
C for only in you can we live in safety.

P Keep the nations under your care,  
C **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

P Let your way be known upon earth;  
C **your saving health among all nations.**

P Let not the needy be forgotten,  
C **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

P Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
C **and sustain me with your Holy Spirit.**

P Lord, hear my prayer,  
C **and let my cry come before you.**

#### THE SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you,  
C **And also with you.**

#### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Holy Trinity, through belief in the three-ness, through confession of the oneness, of the Creator of Creation.

C **Amen.**

#### SCRIPTURE

<sup>2</sup>Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, <sup>3</sup>for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. <sup>4</sup>And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 57 *Read in its entirety by the Assisting Minister*

<sup>1</sup>Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,  
for in you my soul takes refuge;  
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,  
till the storms of destruction pass by.

<sup>2</sup>I cry out to God Most High,  
to God who fulfills his purpose for me.

<sup>3</sup>He will send from heaven and save me;  
he will put to shame him who tramples on me. *Selah*  
God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!

<sup>4</sup>My soul is in the midst of lions;  
I lie down amid fiery beasts—  
the children of man, whose teeth are spears and arrows,  
whose tongues are sharp swords.

<sup>5</sup>Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  
Let your glory be over all the earth!

<sup>6</sup>They set a net for my steps;  
my soul was bowed down.  
They dug a pit in my way,  
but they have fallen into it themselves. *Selah*

<sup>7</sup>My heart is steadfast, O God,  
my heart is steadfast!

I will sing and make melody!

<sup>8</sup>Awake, my glory!

Awake, O harp and lyre!

I will awake the dawn!

<sup>9</sup> I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;

I will sing praises to you among the nations.

<sup>10</sup> For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

<sup>11</sup> Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

Let your glory be over all the earth!

## THE LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMTION

**C We praise You O Christ, because by Your Cross and Passion You have Redeemed the World.**

**THE GOSPEL Mark 14:32-42**

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<sup>32</sup> And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." <sup>33</sup> And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup> And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." <sup>35</sup> And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup> And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." <sup>37</sup> And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? <sup>38</sup> Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>39</sup> And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. <sup>40</sup> And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. <sup>41</sup> And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup> Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

**THE GOSPEL RESPONSE:**

**Praise to you, O Christ**

*A Moment of Silent Reflection and Prayer*

HYMN

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

*Sung Three Times*



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:

*Alt. text: The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:*



when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O

*all my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the*



Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.

*Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.*

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THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

P We give thanks to you, heavenly Father,  
C through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us. Amen.

# SENDING HYMN

## *The Old Rugged Cross*



1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross,  
2 Oh, that old rug - ged cross so de - spised by the world,  
3 In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,  
4 To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,



the em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;  
has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;  
a won - drous beau - ty I see;  
its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;



and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove,  
for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,  
Christ will call me some day to my home far a - way,



for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.  
to . . . bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.  
to . . . par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.  
where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

### *Refrain*



So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my



tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug - ged



cross, and ex - change it some day for a crown.

Text: George Bennard, 1873–1958

Music: THE OLD RUGGED CROSS, George Bennard, 1873–1958

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A Let us bless the Lord

C **Amen.**

## IRISH BENEDICTION

P May the roads rise to meet you, may the winds be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand.

C **Amen.**

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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<b>Preaching/Presiding</b>	Rev. Dr. Alden W. Towberman
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Julie Chamber
<b>Teleconference Host</b>	MaryAnn Sinwell
<b>Cantor</b>	Gloria Christofano

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### Announcements

Welcome to Wednesday Lenten Worship, the Audio Edition. Please maintain silence by keeping your phone muted to eliminate any background noises. The theme of this year's Lenten Services is "Renewal Through Repentance and The Power of Prayer."

Our Wednesday Evening Liturgy is based on the "Service of Responsive Prayer, The Evening Suffrages," found on pages 328 forward in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book and Hymnal.

The offerings from the Lenten services will go to the Good Shepherd Foundation (the Haiti medical mission that our congregation supports).

This Sunday, The Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 22 at 10:15 AM and Next Wednesday, March 25, at 7:00 PM, everyone is invited to participate again in our Audio Services via Teleconference. We will continue our Wednesday Lenten sermon series on "The Power of Prayer." The homily will be "Praying for Healing." **A few minutes before each service, call this number from any phone: 712-770-5505. When prompted, enter the access code: 234426 and press the # key.** Bulletins will be emailed prior to the services.

Lenten practices of: Prayer, Fasting, and the Giving of Alms, commended to us by Jesus in Matthew 6:1-18 help us face the things that are keeping us from God and love of neighbor.