



# Emmanuel Lutheran Church

of North Hollywood

Good Friday

*Bulletin for Worship*

*April 3, 2025*

*7:00 pm*

*Welcoming all people, Emmanuel Lutheran Church and schools  
love, teach and serve through Christ.*

## **“Good Friday”**

*All gather in silence.*

*On this Friday, which is “good” because Jesus died so that we might live, begin worship in silence, and ponder the mystery and the wonder of God's grace.*

*Congregation remains seated for the service*

### **Invocation**

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen**

### **Responsive Reading**

#### **Portions of Psalm 22**

Reader: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**ALL: I have cried desperately for help, but still it does not come.**

**During the day I call to you, my God, but you do not answer; I call at night, but get no rest.**

Reader: But you are enthroned as the Holy One, the one whom Israel praises.

**ALL: Our ancestors put their trust in you; they trusted you, and you saved them. They called to you and escaped from danger; they trusted you and were not disappointed.**

Reader: But I am not long human; I am a worm, despised and scorned by everyone.

**ALL: All who see me make fun of me; they stick out their tongues and shake their heads. “You relied on the Lord,” they say. “Why doesn't he save you? If the Lord likes you, why doesn't he help you?”**

Reader: My strength is gone, gone like water spilled on the ground.

**ALL: All my bones are out of joint; my heart is like melted wax.**

**My throat is as dry as dust, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth.**

Reader: It was you who brought me safely through birth; when I was a baby, you kept me safe.

**ALL: I have relied on you since the day I was born, and you have always been my God. Do not stay away from me! Trouble is near, and there is no one to help. Come quickly to my rescue!**

Reader: I will tell my people what you have done: I will praise you in their assembly.

**ALL: "Praise the Lord, you servants of the Lord! Worship him and honor him! For he does not neglect the poor or ignore their suffering. He does not turn away from them, but answers when they call for help."**

Reader: All nations will remember the Lord.

**ALL: From every part of the world they will turn to him; all races will worship him. Future generations will serve him; people will speak of the Lord to the coming generations. Those not yet born will be told: "The Lord saved his people."**

*Silence for reflection*

## **Prayer**

Let us pray . . .

**All-knowing God, part of us would rather be anywhere but here this day. To behold the suffering of your Son is almost more than we can bear, for we know we are complicit in that suffering. And yet, we know there is nowhere else we can find the truth, the healing, and the meaning we seek. By your Spirit, free us to offer ourselves in your service, this day and always. In Jesus' name we pray.**

**Amen.**

## The Passion According to Matthew 26:36-75, 27:1-66

### Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” <sup>37</sup>He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated. <sup>38</sup>Then he said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.” <sup>39</sup>And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want.” <sup>40</sup>Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? <sup>41</sup>Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” <sup>42</sup>Again he went away for the second time and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” <sup>43</sup>Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup>So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. <sup>45</sup>Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Now the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup>Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand.”

### Jesus is arrested ELW 348 “Stay with Me” x3

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is in the Treble clef, and the bass line is in the Bass clef. The lyrics are: "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and pray. Watch and pray." The score consists of two systems of two staves each. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The melody features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and single notes.

### The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.” <sup>49</sup>At once he came up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him. <sup>50</sup>Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you are here to do.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. <sup>51</sup>Suddenly one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place, for all who take the sword will die

by the sword. <sup>53</sup> Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup> But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?" <sup>55</sup> At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a rebel? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. <sup>56</sup> But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

### Jesus before the High Priest

<sup>57</sup> Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. <sup>58</sup> But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. <sup>59</sup> Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, <sup>60</sup> but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward <sup>61</sup> and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" <sup>62</sup> The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" <sup>63</sup> But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." <sup>64</sup> Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

<sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. <sup>66</sup> What do you think?" They answered, "He deserves death." <sup>67</sup> Then they spat in his face and struck him, and some slapped him, <sup>68</sup> saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

### Peter Denies Jesus ELW 348 "Stay with Me" x3

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and

pray. Watch and pray.

### **Peter's Denial of Jesus**

<sup>69</sup> Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A female servant came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." <sup>71</sup> But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." <sup>71</sup> When he went out to the porch, another female servant saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus the Nazarene." <sup>72</sup> Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." <sup>73</sup> After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." <sup>74</sup> Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. <sup>75</sup> Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

### **Jesus is Tried            ELW 353    *"Were You There"*    vs. 1**

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

### **Jesus Brought before Pilate**

<sup>27</sup> When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. <sup>2</sup> They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

### **Pilate Questions Jesus**

<sup>11</sup> Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." <sup>12</sup> But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. <sup>13</sup> Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" <sup>14</sup> But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

### **Barabbas or Jesus?**

<sup>15</sup> Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup> At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" <sup>18</sup> For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. <sup>19</sup> While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." <sup>20</sup> Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. <sup>21</sup> The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." <sup>22</sup> Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" <sup>23</sup> Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

<sup>24</sup> So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." <sup>25</sup> Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" <sup>26</sup> So he released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified.

## **Jesus is Crucified**    ELW 353    *"Were You There"*    vs. 2

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

### **The Soldiers Mock Jesus**

<sup>27</sup> Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. <sup>28</sup> They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup> and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup> They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup> After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

### **The Crucifixion of Jesus**

<sup>32</sup> As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup> And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup> they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup> And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; <sup>36</sup> then they sat down there and kept watch over him. <sup>37</sup> Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

<sup>38</sup> Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup> Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." <sup>41</sup> In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, <sup>42</sup> "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup> He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" <sup>44</sup> The rebels who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

### **The Death of Jesus**

<sup>45</sup> From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>46</sup> And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>47</sup> When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." <sup>48</sup> At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup> But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." <sup>50</sup> Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. <sup>51</sup> At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup> The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. <sup>53</sup> After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup> Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

<sup>55</sup> Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him. <sup>56</sup> Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

### **The Burial of Jesus**

<sup>57</sup> When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who also was himself a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup> He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. <sup>59</sup> So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth <sup>60</sup> and laid it in his new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. <sup>61</sup> Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

### **The Guard at the Tomb**

<sup>62</sup> The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup> and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' <sup>64</sup> Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise, his disciples may go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first." <sup>65</sup> Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." <sup>66</sup> So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

**Jesus in the Tomb**    ELW 353    *“Were you There”*    vs. 4 & 5

**Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?**

**5    Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?  
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?**

*All leave in silence*

***Worship Easter Sunday! 10am  
Bring family and friends to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ!***

**Worship Team**

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| <b>Message</b>           | Pastor Rick Hall |
| <b>Minister of Music</b> | Mark Longfield   |
| <b>Organist</b>          | Andy Gladbach    |
| <b>Usher #1</b>          | Robert Nesse     |
| <b>Usher #2</b>          | Rebecca Nesse    |
| <b>Greeter</b>           | Sue Clauss       |
| <b>Lector</b>            | Liz Rickertsen   |
| <b>Gaffer</b>            | Marshall Bowen   |
| <b>Sound</b>             | Ted Akin         |
| <b>Live Stream</b>       | Bob Akin         |

**Thank You Visitors and Members!** On our [elcnoho.org](http://elcnoho.org) website, please click on “Member/Visitor Form” to give us feedback.

## Announcements



### **Sing with the choir for Easter Sunday!**

The Emmanuel choir is looking for singers to join us for Easter Sunday. Sing the glorious Easter music with great singers and a brass quartet! We will teach you the music. Only two rehearsals needed: Thursday, April 2, 9pm-9pm and Sunday, April 5 (Easter Sunday) 9:15am for the 10 am worship,

in the Sanctuary. Contact Mark Longfield at [mlongfield@laurelhall.com](mailto:mlongfield@laurelhall.com) and we will have your music ready for you. Laurel Hall volunteer hours possible. **He is risen!**

## *Member Directory*

**Dear Congregation Members,** our Directory Task Force (Marshall Bowen, Terri Lau, Elsa Lewis, Adrienne Madolora and George Watson) have been hard at work reaching out via emails. We are asking for a confirmation of the way you would like your listing in the new Emmanuel pictorial directory. When you receive the email, please respond with any updated information. If you have not heard from us yet, you should be getting that email in the next week or so.

If you would prefer talking on the phone, please call **Elsa Lewis at (818) 590-5169.**

We would like a photo from everyone in the directory. A picture taken with your smartphone will work. Let us know if you would prefer us to arrange to have your photo taken on a Sunday morning. **Thanks for your help.**

Directory task force: Marshall Bowen, Chair, Terri Lau, Elsa Lewis, Adrienne Madolora and George Watson.



## [“12 Disciples of Jesus” continues in the Adult Bible Study](#)

Join our Adult Sunday morning Bible Study/Sunday School, every Sunday **at 9:00 a.m. sharp** and conclude at 9:45 to get ready for worship. We meet in the Conference Room on the first floor of the Administration building. Our upcoming topics include:

- Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday – no class
- Sunday, April 12 – The Women who followed Jesus – Mary, the mother of Jesus
- Sunday, April 19 – The Women who followed Jesus – Martha & Mary
- Sunday, April 26 – The Women who followed Jesus – Mary Magdalene
- Sunday, May 3 – The Women who followed Jesus – The Samaritan Woman (we heard about her in Pastor Rick's sermon on 3/8/26)!!
- Sunday, May 10 – The Women who followed Jesus – Lydia

Our lively group always has room for more, as we learn about those closest to Jesus. See you on Sunday morning.

Liz

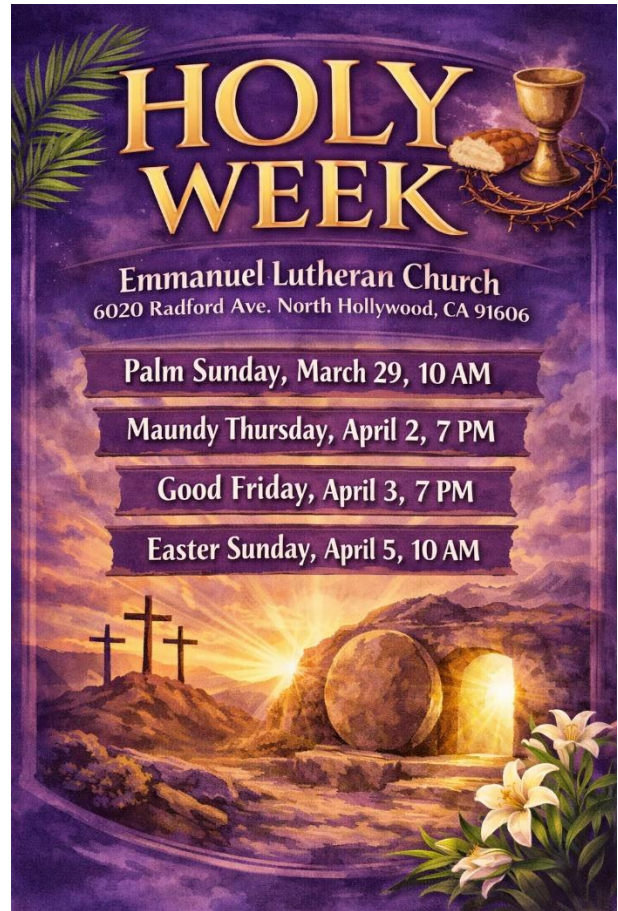
## **A Message From Your Nominating Committee**

We are looking for congregation members who would like to share their gifts and talents by serving on Council, the Nominating Committee (if you have been a member at least 2 years), or as Trustee on the Emmanuel Lutheran Foundation. If you are interested in serving for one of these positions or finding out more about the positions contact Sue Clauss; Nominating Committee Chair at [sueelc@aol.com](mailto:sueelc@aol.com); talk to one of the other Nominating Committee Members. Read the full description of duties [HERE](#).



Open positions for 2026/2027 are President, Treasurer, two Members-At-Large on Council, two positions on Nominating Committee, and two positions on ELF. This is a great way to serve our community and our Lord as well as have fun working with other members of Emmanuel!

Nominating Committee Members: Chair: Sue Clauss, Bonnie Ericson, Kristen Longfield, Kathleen Marsden, and Sylvia Ottemoeller.



Confirmation Classes continue as we partner with other churches in the Twin Valley Conference to teach Confirmation classes. Classes will be held Sunday afternoons from 1:30- 3:30pm at differing locations and churches throughout the Conference. Classes will only be once a month and will run until May.

If you are in the 6-8th grade and want to attend or if you are the parent of a middle schooler who wants their kiddo to attend, please contact Pastor Rick at [rhall@elcnoho.org](mailto:rhall@elcnoho.org) or call the church 818-761-6124 or catch him on Sunday. It should be an exciting year of learning as we will focus on: What does it mean to be Lutheran?



"ELATE presents *Lettice and Lovage*, the story of a later in life friendship between the most unlikely humans. Lettice, an eccentric child of the theatre, and Lotte, the empitomous career women find common ground in Peter Shaffer's wonderful tale of worlds colliding. It's a joyous, laugh a minute way to remind ourselves that differences can be overcome, and anyone can become friends. Even if an axe

happens to be involved. *Lettice and Lovage* runs April 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 and May 1, 2, 3, Friday and Saturdays at 8pm, Sundays at 2pm in the Lincoln Stegman Theatre.

Tickets available for purchase at the door, at <https://events.ticketleap.com/tickets/elate-1094460696/lettice-and-lovage> or by calling 818-509-0882"



**Good Friday, April 3rd, Noon  
Ascension Lutheran Church  
presents "The 7 Last Sayings of  
Jesus"**

This year we celebrate the excellence of women in ministry! This year's special speakers will be an all women cast!!

We hope that you will join us!

Ascension Lutheran Church  
5820 West Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90043  
12 Noon

## Contact Us

Please check as many as you wish.

- I wish to meet with Pastor Rick Hall to learn more about the sacrament of Holy Communion.
- I wish to meet with Pastor Rick Hall to learn more about the sacrament of Holy Baptism.
- I wish to meet with Pastor Rick Hall to learn more about becoming a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church.
- Today, or next Sunday will be my first communion, or the first communion for:

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**THANKS! Pastor Hall will contact you soon!**