

Sunday, March 13, 2022  
Second Sunday in Lent  
**WELCOME** to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!  
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



**PRELUDE**

"When Twilight Comes"

*the assembly may follow along at ELW 566*

**TEMPLE TALK**

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

**C: Amen.**

P: Holy One,

**C: we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

**C: Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**

**"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**

**ELW 324**

**GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

ELW p. 156



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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AM: Let us pray together.

**C: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

L: A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. <sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup>But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup>He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. <sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. <sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 27**

*The congregation is invited to sing the bold verses and the refrain.*



In the day of trou - ble, God will give me shel - ter.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>**When evildoers close in against me to de- | vour my flesh,  
they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- | ble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart | will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will | not be shaken.

<sup>4</sup>**One thing I ask of the LORD; one | thing I seek;**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze  
upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God | in the temple. R**

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- | on a rock.

<sup>6</sup>**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music <sup>l</sup> to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, <sup>l</sup> when I call;  
have mercy on me and <sup>l</sup> answer me.

<sup>8</sup>**My heart speaks your message— <sup>l</sup> “Seek my face.”  
Your face, O LORD, <sup>l</sup> I will seek. R**

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- <sup>l</sup> vant in anger.  
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of <sup>l</sup> my salvation.

<sup>10</sup>**Though my father and my moth- <sup>l</sup> er forsake me,  
the LORD will <sup>l</sup> take me in.**

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your <sup>l</sup> way, O LORD;  
lead me on a level path, because of <sup>l</sup> my oppressors.

<sup>12</sup>**Subject me not to the will <sup>l</sup> of my foes,  
for they rise up against me, false witnesses <sup>l</sup> breathing violence.**

<sup>13</sup>This I believe—that I will see the goodness <sup>l</sup> of the LORD  
in the land <sup>l</sup> of the living!

<sup>14</sup>**Wait for the LORD <sup>l</sup> and be strong.  
Take heart and wait <sup>l</sup> for the LORD! R**

## **SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17--4:1**

L: A reading from Philippians.

<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35**

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup>He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you

were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'" The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor John

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"**

**ELW 735**

**APOSTLE'S CREED**

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AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

AM: Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need. You gather the church into a community of mercy and grace. Unify Christians around the globe in efforts to proclaim good news even in the face of opposition and to protect those whose lives are imperiled by the gospel.

*Response to each petition:* AM: Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

AM: Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**PEACE**

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P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**OFFERING HYMN**

**"Around You, O Lord Jesus"**

**ELW 468**

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERING INFORMATION**

For online giving: <https://tinyurl.com/emanuelsgiving>

Mailing Address: Emanuel's Lutheran Church, 206 N. Travis Street Seguin, TX 78155

**OFFERING PRAYER**

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AM: Let us pray.

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **PREFACE**

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### **SANCTUS**

#### **"Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy"**

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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P: Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

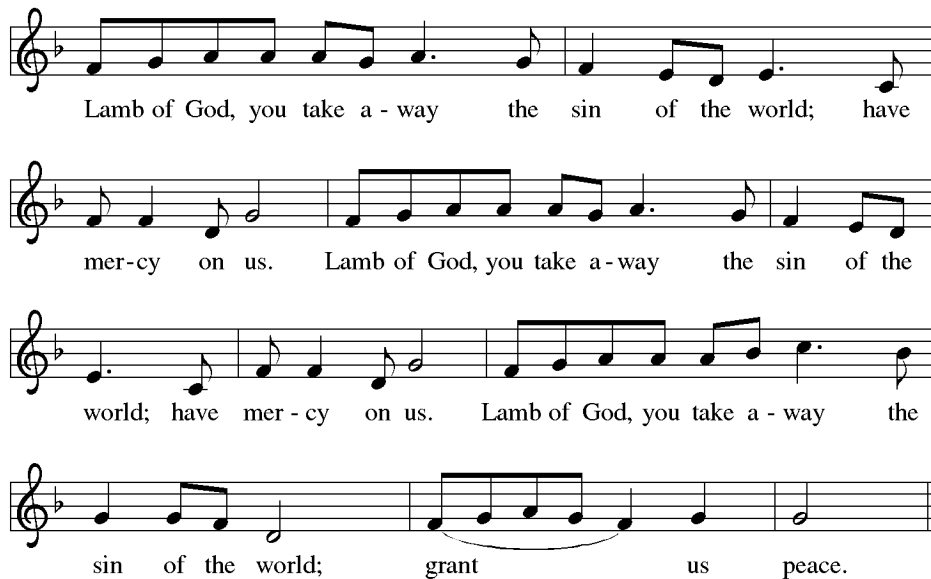
## COMMUNION

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Communion will take place via continuous line. We welcome all baptized persons to the Lord's Table who believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. Children are also welcomed to be brought forward to receive a blessing. Participants will be offered a wafer and invited to eat with these words, "the body of Christ given for you." If you would like a gluten free wafer, please ask the pastor or communion assistant for one. They will present you with a plate where you may retrieve the wafer. Each will then step to the silver tray that contains glasses of white grape juice at the center and outer empty glasses. Please take an empty cup if you prefer wine. Lastly, participants will step the last assistant who will pour the wine and share these words, "the blood of Christ shed for you." Place your glass in the small silver bowl at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat. If you wish to come forward and not receive either element, cross your arms for a blessing.

## COMMUNION SONG

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN

### "When Twilight Comes"

ELW 566

## TABLE BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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AM: Let us pray.

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

C: Amen.

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

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P: You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, ☩ bless you this day and always.

**C: Amen**

## SENDING HYMN

**"God Loved the World"**

**ELW 323**

## DISMISSAL

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P: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** and **RADIO BROADCASTS** are sponsored by Emanuel's members. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one in this way, please call the church office, or sign up on the calendar in the office. Thanks to all who participate in this memorable ministry.

**MUSICIANS TODAY:** Jubilation Singers; Wayne Stalsworth, cantor; Karen Vogel, soloist

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, March 13, 2022: Preaching:** Pastor John; **Presiding:** Pastor Kelsie; **Assisting Minister:** Wayne Stalsworth; **Communion Assistants:** Marsha Schroeder, Bill Elley, Natalie Alexander, Barbara McCall; **Acolyte:** Elle Hepp; **Reader:** Carol Hamilton; **Ushers:** Doug Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; **Altar Guild:** Marsha Schroeder, John Van Deusen, Faye Van Deusen; **AV/Tech:** Steve Anderson; **Council Greeter:** Allan Bode; **Hospitality:** Cathy Anderson, Susan Yeatts, Judy Sagebiel.

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, March 20, 2022: Preaching:** Pastor Marcus; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Elizabeth Jandt; **Communion Assistants:** Liz Witten, Denise Hufnagl, Bill Salt, Cheryl Bathge; **Acolyte:** Rayleigh Kent; **Reader:** Karen Weinstein; **Ushers:** Jacqueline springs, Rissa Springs, Ilene Cherry, Darlene Zies; **Altar Guild:** Marsha Schroeder, Denise Hufnagl, Cheryl Bathge; **AV/Tech:** Steve Anderson; **Council Greeter:** Garry Miller; **Hospitality:** Gloria Hanna, Carol Hamilton, Doris Jefferies.

## EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY WORSHIP** is in-person, online via YouTube and our website, and aired on KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m.

**COVID-19 SAFETY UPDATE: Masks are encouraged but no longer required on the church campus.** The Congregation Council approved the following at their March meeting.

- Masks are strongly encouraged, regardless of vaccination status, but no longer required while participating in campus events, which would include those gathering for worship, Bible study, Sunday School, small groups, outside rentals, service groups, etc.
- Individuals, staff, teachers, volunteers, or visitors, who choose to continue to wear a mask will be supported in their choice. It is a great expression of our Christian faith to ask these individuals if they



would like a mask worn while you are ministering to them, working alongside them, or sitting in their office. Please respect their preferences as we do not always know an individual's personal health situation.

- Masks will continue to be made available in the Narthex and the Church Office for those who would like to use them or need them.
- Pews currently marked off will be opened to accommodate more seating in the sanctuary and those seated in classrooms or other gathering spaces are invited to sit closer than 6-feet part. Please be mindful of the needs of those around you and support the needs and choices of those who may wish to have more space around them.
- Worship practices such as "Sharing of the Peace," collecting of the offering by passing the offering plates, and kneeling at the rails for Holy Communion, will continually be added back into our worship services leading up to Easter 2022.
- Fellowship gatherings and small group gatherings that include food and beverages may use self-serve lines as applicable. The pre-plating of food or pre-pouring of drinks is no longer required, but gloves must be worn by those handling any drink or food that is being served.
- Please refer to the entire updated *2022 Emanuel's Covid-19 Policy* on our website.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

**Ignite! KIDS** (First Floor): Gather in the IGNITE! KIDS room in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Green Classroom at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday Mornings for song and Bible stories. Age groups will transition to different rooms following the gathering time then return to families in worship for Communion. **TEACHERS NEEDED.** Sign up on our Weekly E-News!

**The Heritage Class** (307): Augsburg Fortress Quarterly Adult Bible Study led by various class members during the winter quarter. Spring study is *God Frees and Redeems*. 9:15 a.m.

**Pastor Marcus' Class:** (Family Life Center): "A Study of Martin Luther, the Reformation, and the Theology that Created Change." 9:00 a.m. Please bring your Small Catechism.

### WEEKDAY STUDIES

- **Faith Circle** (Women's Ministry Room): Third Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m.
- **Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Room): Second Thursday at 9:30 a.m.
- **Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Room): First Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.

**SHARING THE GOOD NEWS** from the pen of the Mission Interpreter. **Lent** is a solemn religious observance of forty days beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending just before Easter. For many years there has been a tradition of "giving up something" for Lent, but it's become a bit like New Year's resolutions, thus trivializing the whole thing. Sacrifice needs to be involved as a remembrance of Jesus' sacrificial act. Read vol 2, issue 10 of *Sharing the Good News* in our Weekly E-News or a narthex copy.

**SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB** is **Thursday, March 17th** from 11:30-1:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be celebrating St Patrick's Day and having a Pizza Party. Everyone is to bring a side or dessert to share. RSVP by Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> to Donna Simmons at 830-379-5046.

**CPR & AED CERTIFICATION CLASS** will be hosted on **Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30am to 12:30pm in the Family Life Center. Please RSVP by March 15<sup>th</sup> to Donna Simmons at 830-379-5046 with questions or to register. There is a \$50 fee per person with some financial assistance available.

**EASTER LILYS:** Emanuel's will welcome Easter with beautiful lilies at our 10:30 worship service. You may donate Easter lilies as you rejoice in the season, or in memory or honor of loved ones. Plants may be taken home following the service on Sunday, April 17th. Forms are available online or in the narthex. Return with payment in the offering plate or to the church office **by March 30**. Each plant is \$13.

**2022 LENT OFFERING & EASTER GIVING** are collected in two ways this year to support the work of Eagle Pass Frontera Ministries. This Southwestern Synod supported ministry serves alongside Mission Border Hope Center affiliated with the Methodist Church. Together they address the most essential needs of migrants such as food, water, and hygiene. Mission Border Hope provides rest space and organizes migrant's trips to their final

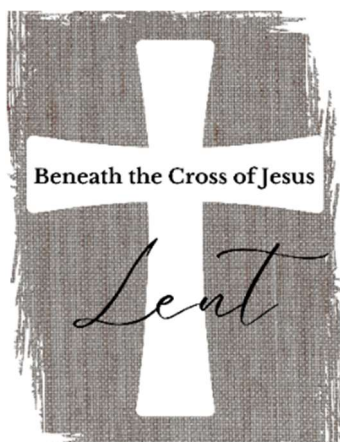
destination within the country, while they wait for their legal asylum process to continue. In a spirit of mercy and humanitarian solidarity, Eagle Pass Frontera Ministries serves people, especially men who are hungry and walk the streets thirsty and often barefoot.

Brand NEW items may be dropped off at the church in the narthex. All donated items will be boxed and shipped following Easter Sunday. Needed items include:

- backpacks
- shoes or sneakers
- toothpaste
- men's underwear of all sizes (SML)
- t-shirts of all sizes

Monetary donations are also welcome. You may honor or remember a loved one on the order forms available online or in the narthex. Gifts may be in any dollar amount. Return forms to the offering basket or church office with payment made to Emanuel's Lutheran church and "Frontera Ministries" in the memo line by March 30, 2022 for inclusion in the Easter Sunday worship bulletins.

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES Sunday, March 27-April 3** from 9:15-10:15am in the Women's Ministry Room. Classes are open to all 5<sup>th</sup> grade youth and older, as well as parents, guardians, or the interested soul. First Communion will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday.



**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES:** Join us for midweek services, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus", on **Wednesdays March 9—April 6 at 12:05 and 7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. Please bring a brown bag lunch and join us at 12:40 p.m. in the Women's Ministry Room for conversation about the study. A simple meal will be served preceding the evening service at 6:15 p.m. in the Women's Ministry Room.

**EMANUEL'S MISSION STATEMENT:** "To be the church God is calling us to be by declaring God's love, serving others, and embracing all."

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