

# Emanuel Lutheran Church

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## *Praying the Stations of the Cross An Invitation to Walk with Christ*

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.**

P: O Lord, we are gathered together as those who have been called out of darkness into your marvelous light. We are here because you have loved us and been faithful across the generations before us.

**C: We are committed to this journey, to be followers of the One who calls us children of God. Sometimes the journey that we take in following Jesus who is the Christ is not all light and joy. Sometimes the Way is rough and dimly lit. Sometimes the darkness of life threatens to engulf the light.**

P: And so we cry out to you, O Lord. Forgive us when we falter. Show us more clearly the Way. Shine anew the light of your presence into our lives so strongly that a new love for you will be kindled. Grow within us a love that is willing to surrender all our fears and uncertainties to you, that desires nothing more than to love God with all our being and to love those around us with the same faithfulness with which you love us.

**C: As we begin this journey of the Cross, we open our hearts and minds to you. Speak to us what we need to hear. And help us to hear, not just the words that are spoken, but your Word spoken afresh in our hearts.**

**The First Station: Pilate Condemns Jesus to Die**

**Matthew 27:11-14, 24, 26b**

**Mary Fairbank**

P: Let us pray:

**C: Jesus, I see in your silence the quiet strength that reveals a peace and a resolve. O Lord, help me deal with the unfairness of life without**

**becoming critical of others. Help me to be sensitive to the pain and feelings of others. Give me the courage to do what is right without being swayed by the demands of others.**

**C: O Lord, hear our prayers.**

**Hymn: LBW 109 “Go to Dark Gethsemane” (vs. 1)**

**The Second Station: Jesus Accepts His Cross**

**Matthew 27:27-31, John 19:17**

**Verlyn Rebelein**

**P: Let us pray:**

**C: O Lord, forgive me for forgetting that in my weakness I am driven to trust on you, and that in such trust my weakness becomes your strength. Give me the strength to bear the challenges of life as one who follows your example.**

**C: O Lord, hear our prayers.**

**Hymn: LBW 106 “In the Hour of Trial” (vs. 1)**

**The Third Station: Simon Helps Carry the Cross**

**Mark 15:21**

**Annette Raube**

**P: Let us pray:**

**C: O Lord, help me to see more clearly those I can help right around me. You show me how to love; help me to do just that. Forgive me for my indifference. Constantly remind me that I cannot love you without loving others as well. Help me always remember that to be a follower of yours means that I share in the burdens of others. Lord, show me someone whose cross I may help carry.**

**C: O Lord, hear our prayers.**

**Hymn: LBW 106 “In the Hour of Trial” (vs. 3)**

**The Fourth Station: Jesus Speaks to the Women**

**Luke 23:27-31**

**Charlotte Rebelein**

P: Let us pray:

**C: O Lord, forgive my unwillingness to repent, to confess all that I am before you. Help me go beyond the repentance in words of false piety, to sweep away all the facades of who I try so hard to be before others, and recall who I really am inside. Help me once again stand before God with a bare and open heart. O Lord, help me live the fruits of repentance.**

**C: O Lord, hear our prayers.**

**Hymn: LBW 385 “What Wondrous Love is This” (vs. 1)**

**The Fifth Station: Jesus is Stripped of his Garments**

**John 19:23-25a**

**Mary Fairbank**

P: Let us pray:

**C: O Lord, forgive me for wanting to take the path of glory and reward. Forgive me for my selfishness that wants to serve you in easy ways and seeks the reward of others' praise. Lord, teach me the humility of spirit that replaces self-centeredness with a sacrificial spirit. Help me see those around me who are in need. Give me the courage to treat others with the grace you have shown us.**

**C: O Lord, hear our prayers.**

**Hymn: LBW 385 “What Wondrous Love is This” (vs. 3)**

**The Sixth Station: Jesus is Nailed to the Cross**

**Mark 15:23-32**

**Verlyn Rebelein**

P: Let us pray:

**C: O Lord, forgive me for those things I have done that separate me from you, from others. Forgive me for not allowing you to deal with the darkness that I harbor in the hidden recesses of my heart. Forgive me for fooling myself into believing that I am better than others. Forgive me for those things I could have done, but found excuses not to do. O Lord, make me better than I am, transform me into what I can be.**

**C: O Lord, hear our prayers.**

**Hymn:** LBW 92 “Were You There” (vs. 1-2)

**The Seventh Station: Jesus Cares for his Mother**

**John 19:25b-27**

**Annette Raube**

P: Let us pray:

**C: O Lord, make me whole so that I may love with the compassion that you do. Give me the courage to stand beside those who are hurting and share their pain. Through your strength and by your grace, make me a conduit of your love.**

**C: O Lord, hear our prayers.**

**Hymn:** LBW 107 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” (vs. 1)

**The Eighth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross**

**Mark 15:33-39**

**Charlotte Rebelein**

P: Let us pray:

**C: O Lord, I cannot comprehend the depth of your love that led to the cross. O Lord, we long for hope, for renewal, for life. Out of this darkness bring to us the light of a new dawn.**

**C: O Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Solo (P):** Holy is the Lamb  
The Precious Lamb of God  
Why You love me so, Lord  
I shall never know  
The Precious Lamb of God

P: We hope for the dawning of a new day. We hope for God to bring new life out of death and despair. But today. . . we go home. There is nothing more to see.

*(Depart in silence.)*

**Easter Breakfast** will be served on Easter morning starting at 8:00 A.M. Thank you to Renee Mayo. **Easter Worship** will be at 9:30 A.M.