

P: Grant to us all that is in accordance with your will, dear Jesus, and accomplish your salvation among us; for you are risen from the dead and dwell in majesty with your Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Lord's Prayer: Traditional Version

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Offering: (No passing of baskets; offerings may be placed in the basket located by the church entrance as one leaves; offerings of support may also be given electronically or sent via U.S. mail. Thanks for supporting the ministry of Emmanuel.)

*Benediction:

P: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God & knows God. Go now in the name of God the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***Sending Hymn: "We Walk by Faith"—WOV #675**

*Dismissal:

P: Hallelujah! Go in peace. Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Postlude

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Mary Ann Groven Sound/Recording: Don Holtan
Assisting Minister/Scripture Reader/Prayers: Julie Steffenson
Ushers: Pending Sanitizing Team: Pending
Set-up and Take-down: Julie Steffenson & Peg Holtan

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**Worship—Eve
of Easter II
April 10, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

Season of Easter Hallelujah Liturgy

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements - Psalm 148

*Confession & Forgiveness:

P: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia.

P: Blessed are those who call on the strong name of the risen Lord! As we gather in the victorious name of Christ, let us open our hearts to him & confess the ways in which we have failed to follow his will, and the ways in which we simply neglected our calling as his disciples.

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

P: Lord of heaven and earth, of the living and of the dead,

C: We come before you confessing our sins, asking for your gracious mercy. By our human nature we are sinful & unclean; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. By your lovingkindness, we implore you to grant us forgiveness and restore us to your salvation, that we might live holy lives here and now, and be with you in the final resurrection. Amen.

P: Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God declares to all who believe and confess their sins, that we are forgiven and restored to a right relationship through Jesus Christ. We have been redeemed and renewed by Christ, our Passover Lamb. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit, let us walk in newness of life, following our Lord Jesus in holy obedience.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Hymn: “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”—WOV #674**

***Greeting**

P: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who went to the cross for our sake; the love of the Father who put an end to the power of death through the resurrection of Christ; and the promised Holy Spirit who gathers us together, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray: God.

C: Amen.

Scripture Readings:

1 John 1:1-2:2; and John 20:19-31

Children’s Message: “Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire ” (On Facebook)

Sermon: “Beloved! We Confess Our Sins” Pastor Dave Steffenson

***Hymn of the Day: “Thine is the Glory”—LBW #145**

***Confession:**

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven & earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit & born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, & was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, & 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.

***Prayers:**

L: Let us pray to our victorious Savior on behalf of the Church, the world, and all people.

A brief silence

L: Lord Jesus, thank you for being so patient with your followers. Thank you for breathing your Spirit & your peace upon us. Thank you for giving us your own work of forgiving the sins of all who are humble enough to seek forgiveness & grace. Give us the faith, hope, and charity to believe, worship, and obey you always.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Breathe your Holy Spirit upon your Church, so that it may never doubt your Resurrection, but always proclaim you as the crucified and risen Savior of the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Lord, we are your Beloved! Come with your forgiveness, grace, and peace to the people of this congregation. Make us hunger for your Word and thirst for your goodness. Give us a vision of your love for each of us. Help us to serve you by serving others in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Bring the peace of your forgiveness, the healing of your dear touch, & the joy of your salvation to all whose lives are shadowed by suffering to body, mind or soul. Especially we remember before you: [NAMES]. Cheer their hearts, renew their faith, & restore them to fellowship with all who love them. Lord, in your mercy,

L: Lord Jesus, you have been raised from death, and you promise your resurrection life to all whom you have redeemed. We entrust into your strong arms the lives of all who have fallen asleep in you. Wipe away the tears of all who grieve. Turn our doubt into unshakeable confidence. Grant that all whom you have redeemed may see you face to face and cry out in adoration and joy, “My Lord and my God!” Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” 28 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen & yet have believed.” 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Easter Season: “Sermon Series on 1 John”

Eve of Easter, April 3: “Beloved! The Third Day!”

Practicing Resurrection & Real Presence!

Easter II: “Beloved! We Confess Our Sins!”

Easter III: “Beloved! God’s Children NOW!”

Easter IV: “Beloved! In Deed & In TRUTH!”

Easter V: “Beloved! God IS LOVE!”

Easter VI: “Beloved! The Victory, Our Faith!”

Easter VII: “Beloved! The Testimony of God!”

Disaster Preparedness & Response: WHEN? Sunday, April 25 from 1-3pm. WHERE? Holy Cross Lutheran Church—2703 9th Avenue N.W., Rochester, MN. WHO? Mary Bates, Coordinator of the NALC Disaster Response Task Force, will be speaking and answering questions on immediate disaster response, FEMA regulations, and long term care after a disaster has occurred. The NALC would like to set up a Warehouse in each of its Mission Districts to house supplies; & wants to have a team ready to respond when a disaster takes place. Rochester is a preferred site. QUESTIONS? Contact Larry & Deb Vomhof if you would like more information (507-251-1342; or dvomhof@gmail.com).

Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Worship is a blessing to you. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever we are praising, proclaiming & practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! Beloved! We are God’s Children NOW! Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org.

SONG SHEET

Hymn: “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”—WOV #674

1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2. Weeping be gone; Sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: “O grave, be open!”
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

3. City of God, Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of Life, Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Hymn of the Day: “Thine is the Glory”—LBW #145

1 Thine is the glory, Risen conquering Son;
Endless is the vict’ry, Thou o’er death hast won!!
Angels in bright raiment, rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes, Where Thy body lay.

**Refrain: Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son!
Endless is the vict’ry, Thou o’er death hast won!**

2. Lo! Jesus meets thee. Risen from the tomb,
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom.
Let His church with gladness, Hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth, Death hath lost its sting. **Refrain:**

3. No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without Thee; Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, Through Thy deathless
love; Bring us safe through Jordan, To Thy home above.

***Refrain: Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son!
Endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death hast won!***

Hymn: “We Walk by Faith”—WOV #675

1. We Walk By Faith, And Not By Sight;
With Gracious Words Draw Near
O Christ, Who Spoke As None Ever Spoke,
My Peace Be With You Here.
2. We May Not Touch Your Hands And Side,
Nor Follow Where You Trod,
But In Your Promise We Rejoice,
And Cry, “My Lord And God!”
3. Help Then, O Lord, Our Unbelief,
And May Our Faith Abound
To Call On You When You Are Near,
And Seek Where You Are Found:
4. That When Our Life Of Faith Is Done,
In Realms Of Clearer Light
We May Behold You As You Are
With Full And Endless Sight.

First Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard,
which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and
have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — 2 the
life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it &
proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father & was
made manifest to us — 3 that which we have seen & heard we
proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us;

and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus
Christ. 4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be
complete. 5 This is the message we have heard from him and pro-
claim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If
we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness,
we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light,
as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the
blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we
have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If
we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have
not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ... 1 My
little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not
sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and
not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading — John 20:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John the 20th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors
being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus
came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with
you.” 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his
side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21
Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has
sent me, even so I am sending you.” 22 And when he had said this,
he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23
If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you with-
hold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” 24 Now Thomas, one of
the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.
25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But
he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails,
and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand
into his side, I will never believe.” 26 Eight days later, his disciples
were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors
were locked, Jesus came & stood among them and said, “Peace be
with you.” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and

Emmanuel Huddle — April 17 at 7pm

Members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church will enjoy a time of conversation & information sharing on Saturday, April 17. We will have a shorter service of worship that night and begin our Huddle no later than 7pm. The Huddle will be held in the Worship Space of Oasis Church and will conclude no later than 8pm. The Implementation Team will provide an update of their work. Emmanuel Members will have an opportunity to ask questions and share feedback. No motions will be made and no actions will be taken, as this is a Huddle & not a congregational meeting. Masks will be worn and physical distancing will be observed.

Congregational Meeting — April 24 at 7pm

Notice is given that Emmanuel Lutheran Church will have a congregational meeting on Saturday, April 24 at 7pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to approve recommendations and funding for specified steps in our Phase One “Building for the Future” Plan of Action. A quorum of 35% of our members is required. Actions are by majority vote with no proxy or absentee voting permitted. An Emmanuel Huddle will be held on Saturday, April 17 at 7pm for information sharing.

Men’s Bible Study IN-PERSON: Join us on Wednesdays, April 21 and May 5 & 19 at 11am for a study of the appointed Bible readings for the week ahead. We’ll meet in the Oasis Church, wearing masks & practicing safe, physical distancing.

Children’s Ministry Worship Bags: Available for kids each week. We hope children enjoy these resources during worship. Youth are asked to take the bags home with them. We look forward to the time when we can resume in-person Saturday School with our little ones. Until then, we will provide resources for our children & Pastor Dave will continue to post Children’s Messages on our Emmanuel Website and Facebook Page.

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The Emmanuel Weekly

April 10, 2021 Eve of Easter II - 6 pm

**“Praising, Proclaiming and Practicing
Emmanuel—God with us—in daily life!”**

Blessed Easter to You and Yours!

Buried Alleluias have erupted and we are singing Easter Praises to the glory of God! In the Season of Easter, for fifty days—a week of weeks—we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! The Pascal Candle is lit; Jesus Christ is the Light of the World. We are His Beloved! We walk wet as Children of the Light! Shine Bright!

M’m! M’m! Good! Soup to Share!

On Saturdays in Lent, Emmanuel has been collecting store-bought soup which was given to the local Salvation Army Food Pantry. Thanks for sharing the Real Presence of Jesus in your concern and care for others. 400+ cans collected.

Easter Monday Bible Reading!

On April 5, we celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord by reading the entire New Testament. Thanks for abiding in the WORD OF GOD!

The April Emmanuel Prayer Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are available in print! Also, pick up your copy of the current “Our Daily Bread”.



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, April 10—Eve of Easter 2—Worship at 6pm
- Tuesday, April 13
Men’s Email Bible Study at 8:30am
- Saturday, April 17
Easter 3 Worship at 6pm; **Emmanuel Huddle** (7-8pm)
- Saturday, April 24
Congregational Meeting at 7pm
- Sunday, April 25
NALC Disaster Response with Mary Bates (1-3pm) at Holy Cross Lutheran Church
- **May 22-30: SEMAC Mission Work Trip, Fort Worth, TX**
- **4:31 — Prayer Time! Thanks for joining us!**