

*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.

***Hymn: "Children of the Heavenly Father"—LBW #474**

*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

Usher: Pending

Greeter:

Sanitizing Team: Pending

Set-up and Take-down: Julie Steffenson & Peg Holtan

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.



**Worship—Eve
of Easter III
April 17, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

**Season of Easter
Hallelujah Liturgy**

* *indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements - Psalm 4:1-8

*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: Holy God, you make yourself known to us in the breaking of bread and reveal to us the mystery of your life, death and resurrection through the Scriptures. Embolden us to live our lives in ways that bear witness to who we are — Beloved Children; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

Scripture Readings: 1 John 3:1-7; and Luke 24:36-49

Children’s Message: “What’s Your Practice?” (On Facebook)

Sermon: “Beloved! God’s Children Now!” Pastor Dave Steffenson

***Hymn: “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”—LBW #352**

***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, we can scarcely imagine seeing you face to face. It’s even harder to imagine looking at each other, & seeing you – perfectly reflected in everyone’s face! Thank you for that promise. Give us grace, when it’s hard to see you in ourselves and each other, to cling to that promise, and to catch a glimpse of your love shining through. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Make you Church in your image. In its words, let unbelievers hear your challenge, forgiveness, and invitation. In its deeds, let them see your love. In its worship, let them see your beauty. In its cross-bearing, let them see your life. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Make this congregation bold to proclaim you as our risen Lord. Help us to speak and act in ways that reflect your holiness and love to those around us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Grant to our children your dearest blessings. Teach them to trust you with all their heart, and to find happiness in sharing your love with their friends & family. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: We pray on behalf of all whose needs of body, soul & mind are great. We lift before you the needs of: [NAMES]. Change their suffering into patient endurance, & their sorrow into enduring hope. Grant them your peace, & healing. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

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.

of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Disaster Preparedness & Response!

WHEN? Sunday, April 25 from 1-3pm.

WHERE? Holy Cross Lutheran Church—2703 9th Avenue N.W., Rochester, MN.

WHO & WHAT? Mary Bates, Coordinator of the NALC Disaster Response Task Force, will be speaking & 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, and 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).

SEMAC Mission Work Trip—TEXAS

San Miguel Lutheran Church, an NALC Hispanic Church in Fort Worth, TX, had a foot of water in its building after pipes burst. Many members of San Miguel also suffered a lot of damage to their homes. Many were in need of help before the winter storms, and even more so now, having minimal resources & no insurance. Larry Vomhof is putting together a work trip for the last week of May; leaving May 22; coming home on Memorial Day weekend. The work will be mainly plumbing, sheet-rocking & taping. Contact Larry if you wish to serve or want more information on how to support this mission trip (dvomhof@gmail.com, or #507-251-1342).

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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!”

The TRUTH is in us!

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

Practicing Sin no more!

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!”

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: “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”—LBW #352
(Verses 1-2 before sermon; verses 3-4 after sermon)

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.
2. He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.
3. He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.
4. He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives;
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Hymn: “Children of the Heavenly Father”—LBW #474

1. Children of the heav’nly Father
Safely in his bosom gather.
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e’er was given.
2. Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord his children sever.
Unto them his grace he showeth,
And their sorrows all he knoweth.
3. Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne’er forsaketh.
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them safe and holy.

First Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. 4 Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6 No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading — Luke 24:36-49

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke the 24th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

36 As [the disciples] were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” 37 But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. 38 And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, & why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 See my hands & my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” 40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands & his feet. 41 And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it & ate before them. 44 Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending the promise

The Emmanuel Weekly

April 17, 2021

Eve of Easter III - 6 pm

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

Celebrating the Season of Easter!

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!
Alleluia. Easter is a Season (50 Days long) in which redeemed people of God celebrate the promise of the Third Day and the gifts of forgiveness, resurrection and eternal life in the name of Jesus!

Installation of Rev. Douglas Hedman
Trinity Lutheran, a new congregation of the NALC, in the town of St. Charles, MN, has called its first pastor. The installation of Pastor Douglas Hedman will take place on Sunday, April 18th, during the congregation's 9am worship service. Please lift up Pastor Hedman and Trinity Lutheran in your prayers.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you have Thrivent Products don't forget to designate your Choice Dollars. Call #1-800-847-4836, or Go online at www.thrivent.org. Emmanuel has received \$1,279.00 in 2021 in Choice Dollars. Thank You for your support!

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 17—Eve of Easter 3—Worship at 6pm; Emmanuel Huddle from 7-8pm
- Sunday, April 18 (9am)
Rev. Doug Hedman
Installation at Trinity Lutheran, St. Charles
- Tuesday, April 20
Men's Email Bible Study at 8:30am
- Wednesday, April 21
Men's in-person Bible Study at 11am (Oasis)
- Saturday, April 24
Easter 4 Worship at 6pm; **Congregational Meeting** at 7pm
- Sunday, April 25
NALC Disaster Response with Mary Bates (1-3pm) at Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Tonight! Emmanuel Huddle — April 17 at 7pm

Members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church will enjoy a time of conversation & information sharing tonight (Saturday, April 17). We will have a shorter service of worship and begin our Huddle no later than 7pm. The Huddle will be held in the Worship Space 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 comments & 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.

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.

Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed! *"And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the Word of God with boldness."* Each day at 4:31pm, members & friends of Emmanuel are connecting for prayer. Send your prayer requests to Pastor Dave. Thanks for joining us in daily prayer.

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