

P: Grant to us all that is in accordance with your will, dear Jesus, & 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, & the power, & 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: "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"—LBW #481**

*Dismissal:

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

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

Postlude

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Karen Salz

Sound/Recording: Don Holtan

Assisting Minister/Scripture Reader/Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Usher: Pending

Greeter: Jean Wanek

Sanitizing Team: Pending

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



**Worship—Eve
of Easter IV
April 24, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

Season of Easter Hallelujah Liturgy

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements - Psalm 23:1-6

*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: Shepherding God, you have brought us into your holy flock out of great love and mercy. Grant that we, having been so richly and undeservedly forgiven and accepted, might likewise show forth your love in truthful words & through our compassionate acts of love; 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 3:16-24; and John 10:11-18

Children’s Message: “Talk is Cheap!” (Posted on Facebook)

Sermon: “Beloved! Indeed! In Deed & In TRUTH!” Pastor Dave

***Hymn: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”—LBW #456**

***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 our Good Shepherd! Lovely pictures show you leading and carrying spotless sheep through grassy meadows, not a speck of dirt on you. But we know real life is messy, dirty, and stony. Thank you for bearing us – and bearing with us – through all of that. Thank you for leading us safely to your Father’s house. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: O Good Shepherd, defend the Church from peril. Provide for its needs. Lead it in paths of righteousness and holiness. Through its ministry, lead many to hear your voice and follow you. Bless pastors and bishops, and make them faithful sheepdogs for your flock. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: O Dear Shepherd of this congregation, lead us with your Word. Prepare our table with your Body and Blood. Teach us to do your will with glad and faithful hearts. Use us to lead many into your safe keeping. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: O Gate of your sheep, protect all people from false shepherds, especially rulers who care nothing for their welfare. Bring peace in places of violence; rich pasture in places of poverty; and true righteousness in places of injustice. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: O Light and Path through death’s dark valley, be the strong guide and sure comfort of all who walk therein, especially: [NAMES]. Fill them with your abundant life. Keep them steadfast in faith. Strengthen and bless all who care for them. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

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).

Pastor Dave and Julie on Vacation: April 30-May 6. Pastor Waldemar Gies will serve as our pulpit supply during Pastor’s vacation time. Thanks for keeping Pastor Dave and Julie in your prayers as they travel and spend time with their family.

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! Indeed! In Deed and in Truth! Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org.

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! Indeed! In Deed & In TRUTH!”

Believing in Jesus & Loving One Another!

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: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

LBW #456

(Verses 1-2 before sermon; Verses 3-4 after sermon)

1. The King of Love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.
2. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.
3. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.
4. And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

Hymn: “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us ”

LBW #481

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.

2. Early let us seek Your favor,
Early let us do Your will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.

First Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 17 But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. 19 By this we shall know that we are of the truth & reassure our heart before him; 20 for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. 21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; 22 and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. 23 And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ & love one another, just as he has commanded us. 24 Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading — John 10:11-18

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John the 10th. Chapter.

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

11 [Jesus said,] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;

The Emmanuel Weekly

April 24, 2021

Eve of Easter IV - 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 & the gifts of forgiveness, resurrection and eternal life in the name of Jesus! Tonight we are celebrating Good Shepherd Sunday. The thief comes only to "steal, kill & destroy. Jesus, the Good Shepherd comes to give His sheep abundant life!"

Video: Season One of The Chosen

Dan & Mary Jo Grimsrud have ordered the DVD series of Season One of THE CHOSEN. Contact them if you would like to borrow & view it!

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



CALENDAR ITEMS

- 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
- Tuesday, April 27
Men's Email Bible Study at 8:30am
- April 30-May 6 - Pastor Dave on Vacation.
- Saturday, May 1—Easter 5 Worship at 6pm; Pulpit Supply (Pastor Gies)
- Sunday, May 2
Implementation Team Meeting at 5pm (Oasis)

May 22-30: SEMAC Mission Work Trip, Fort Worth, TX

Congregational Meeting Tonight — 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, 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.

SEMAC Mission Work Trip: San Miguel Lutheran Church, an NALC Hispanic Church in Fort Worth, Texas 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; even more so now, having minimal resources & no insurance. Larry Vomhof is putting together a work trip for the week of May 22-30. 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. Hope Lutheran Church, served by Pastor Wendy Berthelsen (Gloria Wiebusch's daughter), is providing hospitality for this work group!

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