

P: Hear and graciously answer our prayers in accordance with your will, dear Father, for the sake of your beloved Son, who is our blessed assurance, and who lives and reigns with you 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 and knows God. Go now in the name of God the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. (1 John 5:7).

C: Amen.

***Hymn**: “**Crown Him with Many Crowns**”—LBW #170

*Dismissal:

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

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

Postlude

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! Eternal Life is in God's Son! Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org.



**Worship--Eve of
Easter VII
May 15, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

Season of Easter Hallelujah Liturgy

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude - Welcome & Announcements - Psalm 1:1-6

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: Blessed Trinity, your deep desire for your people is that we may be one as you are one. You have made us one in Christ through the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. Teach this gathering of Christ's followers to live each day out of our true identity — children of God and one in Christ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Scripture Readings: I John 5:4-15, and John 17:11b-19

Children's Message: "What's Your Testimony?" (On Facebook)

Sermon: "Beloved! The Testimony of God!" Pastor Steffenson

**Hymn: "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"—LBW #133
(Vs. 1-2 before the sermon & Vs. 3-4 after the sermon)*

*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 in the name of our risen and ascended Savior for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence

L: Heavenly Father, with joy we cry, "Jesus has gone up with a shout! The Lord has ascended on high!" Thank you for our Lord's triumph over sin & death. Keep us faithful unto death, until Jesus gives us his crown of life. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Give your Church faith, joy, and boldness to testify to the TRUTH, and to proclaim Jesus' Lordship to all the world until he comes again in glory. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Be with all students graduating this Spring! Bless them with wisdom as well as knowledge. Give them integrity along with passion. Help them to use all they have learned in ways that glorify you and help others. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Your Son has ascended on high, and is king of all nations. We pray for the earthly leaders of this world. Make them righteous and merciful, and conform them to your will. Teach all people to live together in peace and unity, until the day Christ comes to judge the living and the dead. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Grant mercy to those who are afflicted by COVID-19 throughout the world. We lift before you the needs of all whose lives are shadowed by suffering or sorrow— especially: [NAMES]. Grant to them the abundant life promised by Jesus; fill them with the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit; and bless those who care for them. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

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 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 (#507-251-1342). The Servant Team will be staying at Hope Lutheran Church (917 Straus Rd., Cedar Hill, TX 75104-5317); served by Pastors Joel & Wendy Berthelsen. Wendy is the daughter of Gloria Wiebusch.

Church Land Work Day—Saturday, June 5 from 9am-3pm:

Members of Emmanuel are invited to participate in a work day on our church land. Save the date. Judy and Lee Pearce will be providing snacks & lunch for the participants. They need a head count, so please let them know if you plan on participating in the work day! Work day projects will include: Brush/Burning Pile reduction, putting the Church Sign on the prepared framing, and preparation of the designated area for Recreation and Play. **Signup sheet** is posted in the Gathering Space! Come as you are able. Leave as you need to.

Implementation Team update! We met on Friday, May 14 and we've got exciting news to share with you. Generosity (new dollars and donated labor) is coming our way & it looks like we're going to be able to build a combined shelter and storage area (72 x 24), AND still be under our \$90,000 approved church vote. Praise God! The goal is to have 1/2 of the larger shelter open and 1/2 of the shelter enclosed providing indoor meeting space, storage and security. This will allow us to use the larger building SO MUCH MORE! One new gift of \$5,000 has already been received for this purpose. Those hoping to have a portion of the shelter enclosed are invited to help fund this dream. If you've been thinking of giving a gift to the Building Fund, now is the time to do it! No gift is too small or too large! God loves a cheerful (*hilarious*) giver"—II Corinthians 9:7.

FYI: The donated Playground Equipment for our church land is being picked up on Sunday, May 23. Contact Matt Serr to help!

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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! Indeed! In Deed & In TRUTH!”

Believing in Jesus & Loving One Another!

Easter V: “Beloved! God IS LOVE!”

Perfect Love (Agape) casts out fear!

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

Saving Faith in Jesus gives us the Victory!

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

God gave us Eternal Life and this Life is in His Son!

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. Jesus the vine, We are the branches;

Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;

Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,

Gift of the future now flowing to me.

Jesus is risen and we shall arise:

Give God the glory! Alleluia!

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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: “Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won”—LBW #133
(Vs. 1-2 before the sermon & Vs. 3-4 after the sermon)

1. Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!
Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.

2. Jesus lives! For me He died.
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense;
This shall be my confidence.

3. Jesus lives! I know full well
Nothing me from Him shall sever,
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.

4. Jesus lives! And now is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense;
Jesus is my confidence!

Hymn: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”—LBW #170

1. Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

2. Crown Him the Lord of Life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Karen Salz

Sound/Recording: Don Holtan

Assisting Minister/Scripture Reader/Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Greeter: Barb Steffenson

Sanitizing Team: Judy Pearce

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

Men's Bible Study IN-PERSON: Join us on Wednesdays, May 19 & June 2, 16, & 30 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. We'll meet outside, weather permitting.

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.

First Reading: I John 5:4-15

4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is he who came by water and blood — Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is THE TRUTH. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. 9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. 10 Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. 11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. 14 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading — John 17:11b-19

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John the 17th. Chapter.

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

11b [Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said,] “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Emmanuel Weekly

May 15, 2021
Eve of Easter 7 - 6 pm

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

Blessed Easter to You and Yours!

On Thursday, May 13, we celebrated the 40th Day of Easter and the Ascension of our Risen Lord! In Christ, we are clothed with power from on high and sent into the world to bear witness to the TRUTH.

First Trimester Giving Statements

Emmanuel is celebrating a great 2021. Pick up your Giving Statements and Stewardship Nugget. If you have any questions feel free to contact or visit with our Financial Secretary, Deb Vomhof, or Pastor Dave. Our best days are always ahead of us!

Mega Kids Camp—Register Today!

Limited Enrollment opens May 15 for only 125 elementary age children and 30 pre-kindergarten children. Camp Dates: Monday-Thursday, July 26-29 | 8:45am - 12:30 pm at the Rochester Century High School - National Volleyball Center. Cost: \$40 per youth. **For more INFO or to Register:** www.evangelum.org and follow the MEGA Kids Camp link.

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, May 15—Reg. for Mega Kids Camp; Eve of Easter 7 Worship at 6pm
- Wednesday, May 19, Men’s Bible Study at 11am (Oasis Church)
- Saturday, May 22—Eve of Pentecost Worship at 6pm (Easter Day 50); Holy Communion will be celebrated with pre-filled cups.
- May 22-30: SEMAC Mission Work Trip, Fort Worth, TX
- FYI! MarJean Damerval will be our worship pianist on May 29 (Holy Trinity) and June 5. Our liturgy will be Holden Evening Prayer.
- **4:31 — Prayer Time! Thanks for joining us!**