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Invitation & Distribution

Holy Communion *is the Lord’s Supper for the Lord’s People: “All are welcome to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.”*

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence

A: Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth, empower your people in this season of Easter celebration with the boldness of faith to proclaim salvation through our Risen Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: For your Holy Church and for this congregation, that together

we might devote ourselves to the teaching of your apostles, the fellowship in your name, and the faithful gathering for worship and celebration of your sacraments of grace and healing. Make me an instrument of your proclamation. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: For our world, that the nations might learn to live together in peace caring for your creation and one another. That we may feed your lambs to the praise of your glory. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: For those who are in want in body, soul or spirit, we pray that they might receive from you wholeness in their lives. Hear the prayers we offer this day for ourselves and those we raise before you in their time of need (**names**). Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: For those who serve in our armed forces and for those who protect us in our communities, that you might shield them with your mercy and give them the assurance that you are with them each day. Care for those who have been wounded in their service, and welcome into your heavenly mansions those who gave their lives in the service of others. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: With thanksgiving we remember those who have died holding fast to the faith proclaimed in your church; the faith filled with the hope of eternal life we have because of the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. May that hope sustain all of us as we live out our days in joyful service to you. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

P: Guided by your Holy Spirit, we place into your care, Merciful Father, all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: Amen.

PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS: During the month of April we are praying for Sunset Terrace Elementary School. We are delivering goodies on Monday, April 11 as an expression of our love & gratitude. Thanks for keeping the staff, students and families of our area schools in your prayers.

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Scripture Reader & Prayers: Larry Vomhof

Communion Server: Jenna Serr

Ushers: Darald & Leitha Bothun

Coffee: Judy Pearce

Treats: Julie Edwards

Sound: Lee Pearce

Acolyte: Emma Matzke

Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends

Men's Bible Study Breakfast: Emmanuel Men are meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 8 a.m. at Charlie's (1408 2nd. St. SW) for breakfast & a first look at the lectionary readings for the week. Bring a friend, sit at the feet of Jesus & practice being evangelical. Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 12. Our Bible Readings for Easter IV are: Acts 20:17-35; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

Saturday School: Christian Education for all ages on Saturdays at 5:10pm. Each week we'll enjoy singing, a Bible Lesson/Craft & a snack (kid friendly). Contact Julie Steffenson for more information or to share your ideas: (507)-206-3048.

Women's Bible Study: The Afternoon Study Group will meet on Wednesday, April 13 at 1pm (Topic: "Women of the Word: New Testament Ladies"—Mary). The Evening Study Group will meet on Tuesday, April 26 (6:30pm) at Katie Siebenaler's house (12827 Hwy 52 S.E., Chatfield); Session 6 (In the Days of the Judges).

Oasis Garage & Bake Sale: Friday, April 29 (8-5) and Saturday, April 30 (9-1). Proceeds support Camp Victory and the Belize Church.

POBLO Workshop: "Becoming Missionaries at Home" - Sharing our Faith with non-Christians. Saturday, April 30 (8:30am-1:30pm) at Redeemer Lutheran Church. See April Newsletter for more Info.

Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Word and Sacrament is a blessing to you. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever we are praising, proclaiming and practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed!

Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org.



**Worship
Easter III
April 9, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude - *Pascal Candle is lit proclaiming the Light of the World!*

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P: O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you raised up this fallen world. Teach us whom you have rescued from endless death to have the fullness of eternal joy, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Acts 9:1-22

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Children's Message: "A Chosen Instrument"

Sermon: "I'm Not Worthy" Rev. Dave Steffenson

***Hymn of the Day: "This Joyful Eastertide"** **#145**

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Offering

Acts 9:1-22 — Conversion of Saul

1 But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. 4 And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” 5 And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6 But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” 7 The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. 8 Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9 And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. 10 Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” 11 And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, 12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” 13 But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. 14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” 15 But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings & the children of Israel. 16 For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” 17 So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight & be filled with the Holy Spirit.” 18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; 19 and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. 20 And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” 21 And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” 22 But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Revelation 5:1-14 — Worthy is the Lamb

1 Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. 2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” 3 And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, 4 and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. 5 And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.” 6 And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. 8 And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, 10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.” 11 Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” 13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” 14 And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Reading: John 21:1-19

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 21st. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. 2 Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. 3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. 4 Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5 Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." 6 He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. 7 That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. 8 The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. 9 When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. 10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." 11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. 14 This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. 15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16 He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. 18 Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." 19 (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, April 9, 2016

Easter III - 6 pm

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



Paschal Candle!

Our Paschal Candle is lit, reminding us that Christ is the Light of the World. We are His luminaries, His Easter People. Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! We light the Paschal Candle during the days of Easter until we arrive at Ascension Day. We also light this candle whenever we have a baptism or a funeral, reminding us that in baptism we die and rise with Jesus. Not even death can extinguish the Light of Christ's love.

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, April 30 - An **Emmanuel Huddle**. Join us after worship as we share refreshments and conversation regarding our Ministry Together.

Electronic Giving

Members wishing to contribute to Emmanuel Lutheran with automated giving may do so by contacting Judy Caudill or Deb Vomhof. Offerings are transferred once a month on the 15th.

**The April Emmanuel Prayer
Calendar & Epistle Newsletter
are available in print!**

CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat, April 9 - Saturday School at 5:10pm; Easter III Worship @ 6pm
- Tues, April 12 - Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Charlie's (8am)
- Wednesday, April 13 Women's Bible Study (1pm); Council Meeting at 5pm
- Friday, April 15—Praying for Sunset Terrace Elem.
- Saturday, April 16 Saturday School at 5:10pm; Easter IV Worship at 6pm
- April 17-23 - Pastor Dave on Vacation
- Thurs, May 5 - Rochester National Day of Prayer