

**Psalm 118:15-29—responsively**

L: Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:

**C: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,**

L: The right hand of the LORD exalts,

**C: The right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”**

L: I shall not die, but I shall live,

**C: And recount the deeds of the LORD.**

L: The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

**C: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

L: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

**C: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

L: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**C: This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

L: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**C: Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!**

L: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

**C: We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

L: The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

**C: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.**

L: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**C: For his steadfast love endures forever!**

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**Worship**  
**Eve - Easter**  
**April 11, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II**

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

\*Procession of Light

\*Call to Worship: “Were You There?” (Vs. 1 & 4)

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\*Posting of the Paschal Candle

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**C: Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

\*Gathering Hymn: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

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\*Salutation and Prayer of the Day (*Spoken*)

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P: Alleluia! The Lord be with you.

**C: And Also with you. Alleluia!**

P: God of all mercy and grace, your only Son’s death and glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of death & redeemed all creation. Grant that we may no longer look for the living among the dead and instead daily die to sin and rise to newness of life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**C: Amen. Alleluia!**

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:15-29

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 15:1-11

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\*Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia” Page 83

\*Holy Gospel: John 20:1-18

Children’s Message: “Surprise!”

\***Hymn:** “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won!” #133

Sermon: “It is Finished! Now What?” Rev. David Steffenson

\***Hymn of the Day:** “Thine Is the Glory” #145

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\***Sending Hymn:** “Go Tell It in the Valley”

**Refrain:**

**Go tell it in the valley, down through the lowlands, everywhere; Go tell it in the valley, that Jesus Christ still lives.**

1. Where soldiers kept their watching around the tomb that night, behold, by glorious morning, there shone a heavenly light.

**Refrain**

2. The soldiers feared and trembled when, lo, God shook the earth, and sent an angel message that hailed our Lord’s rebirth.

**Refrain**

3. In that cold tomb, so empty, our Easter hope was born; And God sent us salvation, that blessed Easter morn.

**Refrain**

*Easter Sequel to a familiar Christmas carol by Bernhard Hillila; Nov./Dec. 1997—Lutheran Partners. Used by permission.*

\***Dismissal**

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Postlude

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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

A: Father in heaven, You raised Your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead as the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. You swallow up sin & death forever. Fill all Your baptized people with the joy of Christ’s victory, and send us forth as witnesses to His resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

### **C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Lover of mankind, You appear to us in Word & Sacrament. Prosper Your Gospel wherever it is preached throughout the world, that it may give and sustain faith in all who hear it, delivering them from the power of darkness and bringing them into the joyful Kingdom of Your risen Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

### **C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Lord of glory, Your Son established Your Church to be a refuge of peace in a troubled world. Raise up servants of Your Church in every place who will devote their lives to the spread of the Gospel and the service of Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

### **C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Rock of refuge, hear the prayers of those who call upon You in times of distress, especially those who are lonely and homebound, the sick, the dying and the mourning [NAMES]. During these days of the Coronavirus, may all who suffer find their peace and strength, their hope and joy in the promise of Christ and His resurrection. May Jesus be their joy in sorrow, their health in sickness, and their life in death. Lord, in Your mercy,

### **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen. Alleluia!**

## Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." 3 So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. 4 Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, 7 and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples went back to their homes. 11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. 13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." 14 Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned & said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord" — and that he had said these things to her.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, April 11, 2020**

**Eve of Easter - 6 pm**

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

## **Blessed Easter to You and Yours!**

The Season of Lent has run its course. On this Holy Saturday, we celebrate the return of our buried Alleluias. We praise the LORD for the resurrection victory that is ours in Christ Jesus. We light our Paschal Candle reminding us that Christ is the Light of the World. We are His luminaries, His Easter People. Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

We will 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 daily die and rise with Jesus. Not even death can extinguish the Light of Christ's love. This is the victory that overcomes the world: The Faithfulness of Jesus.

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



## **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- Sat, April 11— Virtual Easter Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, April 12—Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Blessed Easter to you and yours! Buried Alleluias are back!
- Monday, April 13—Public Reading of the New Testament (5am-Midnight). Readings will be done in homes this year due to the need for "sheltering in place" with COVID-19. We will practice a tag-team relay of sorts. Join us!
- Tuesday, April 14 Men's Bible Study via email; Happy Birthday to Neil Proechel
- Sat, April 18—Virtual Worship, Easter 2—6pm

## **Acts 10:34-43 — Good News for ALL**

34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), 37 you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, 40 but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. 43 To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **I Corinthians 15:1-11 — Easter Hope & Promise**

1 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am,

and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:**

*Pianist: MarJean Damerval*

*Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson*

*Sound/Recording: Don Holtan*

*Set-up & Take-down: Julie Steffenson*

**MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP:** Faith Practices! Signposts guide our way—Disciples pray daily, worship weekly, grow spiritually, read & study Scripture on a regular basis, serve others, share the good news, and live & give generously.

**Saturday School & G.I.F.T.** — Postponed until further notice.

**Men's Bible Study Breakfast:** — Happening online via Email.

**Women's Bible Study:** New study on I Peter begins on April 23. Perhaps via Email or Zoom. We'll keep you posted.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Cancelled this year due to the Corona-virus. Good Lord willing, we may be able to have an Egg Hunt on May 23—Easter VII. We will keep you posted.

**EASTER MONDAY:** On April 13 a Public Reading of the entire New Testament will take place in our individual homes with a telephone tag-team of sorts. Contact Pastor Dave if you would like to participate in this tag-team reading of the Bible.

## **Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed!**

Each day at 4:31pm, Members and Friends of Emmanuel are connecting for prayer while staying put in their own homes. Send prayer requests to Pastor Dave. Thanks for joining us.

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father”—Philippians 2:5-11. Alleluia!