



**Psalm 16 — responsively**

L: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**C: I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”**

L: As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

**C: The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;**

L: Their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

**C: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.**

L: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

**C: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.**

L: I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

**C: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.**

L: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

**C: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

**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!

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**Worship  
Eve - Easter  
April 15, 2017  
6:00 p.m.**

**Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II**

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

\*Procession of Light (“*Were You There*” - sung by soloist)

\*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

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P: Alleluia! The Lord be with you.

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

P: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by His glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with Him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through your Son, 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

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Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4

\*Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia”

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\*Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

Children’s Message: “Go Quickly and Tell!”

Sermon: “See, I Have Told You!”

Rev. David Steffenson

**Martin Luther:** “This is a strange message, such as reason cannot comprehend. It must be accepted in faith: Christ is alive and yet dead, and dead in such a way that in him death itself has had to die and lose all its power.” - Sermon for Easter Day, 1544. WA 52.

**Communication Cards - Offering Envelopes:** The offering envelope in your bulletin is also being used as a visitor and communication card. If you are visiting with us, please know that your presence is your gift to us. We have a generous congregation & ask only that you share your contact information with us. Members & visitors may use the communication envelopes to indicate a desire for a pastoral visit, a prayer concern, or changes in contact information. Envelopes may be placed in the offering basket. Thanks.

**EMMANUEL GROUP PHOTO:** Tonight (April 15) we are taking a group photo of our Emmanuel Church Family immediately following worship. Put on your resurrection smiles.

**Public Reading of the New Testament:** We are celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord and the gift of God’s Word by sharing a public reading of the entire New Testament on Easter Monday, April 17 from 6 am - Midnight. Refreshments will be offered. Stop by for a portion of the day and hear or read God’s Word!

**Men’s Bible Study Breakfast:** Each week, Emmanuel Men are meeting on Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. at Oasis Church for Bible Study and a continental breakfast. We are currently reading and discussing the Bible (Genesis-Revelation). Read pages 370-373 of the NIV Once A Day Bible (DAY 108) in preparation for this week’s study (i.e. Joshua 19:1-21:19; Luke 18:31-19:10; & Proverbs 10:1-10).

**Women of the Word!** The Afternoon Bible Study Group begins an eight-week study this Thursday, April 20 at 1pm at Oasis Church. The topic will be the Lutheran Understanding of Marriage & Family (“The Luther Household”). The Evening Bible Study Group (Lady Light) continues its study on Revelation, monthly at the home of Katie Siebenaler at 6:30pm. Lady Light meets this Wed, April 19.

**Saturday School & G.I.F.T.:** Each week at 5:10pm youth and adults meet for Christian Education. The youth will be treated to an Easter Egg Hunt next Saturday, April 22.

**EMMANUEL HUDDLE:** On Saturday, April 22, following our evening Worship Service, an Emmanuel Huddle will be offered during the Fellowship Time. Join as we discuss our Mutual Ministry!

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

34 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 & 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 & 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.**

## **Colossians 3:1-4 — Christ Is Your Life**

1 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 28th. Chapter.

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

1 Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." 8 So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:**

*Pianist: MarJean Damerval*

*Scripture Reader & Prayers: Vicky Mulvihill*

*Communion Server: Julie Steffenson*

*Ushers: Darald Bothun & Brock Edwards and sons*

*Acolyte: Ava Siebenaler*

*Coffee: Peg Holtan*

*Sound: Don Holtan*

*Treats: Julie Steffenson & Julie Engle*

*Set-up: Julie Steffenson*

*Take-down: Janet Sunde and Friends*

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, April 15, 2017**

**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. With repentant hearts we have entered into the Three Holy Days. 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! Go and Tell! An Easter MUST!

We will light the Paschal Candle during the days of Easter until we arrive at Ascension Day. We also light the Pascal 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. This is the victory that overcomes the world: The Faithfulness of Jesus.

**The April 2017 Emmanuel Prayer  
Calendar & Epistle Newsletter  
are available in print! Also, pick up  
your copy of the current issue of  
"Our Daily Bread" Devotional.**



### **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- Saturday, April 15  
Easter Worship at 6pm  
Resurrection of our Lord
- Sunday, April 16  
Buried Alleluias return.  
Christ is Risen Indeed!
- Monday, April 17 - Public  
Reading of the New  
Testament (6amff)
- Tuesday, April 18 at  
8 am - Men's Bible  
Study Breakfast; Text  
Study (10:30am)
- Wed, April 19 - Madonna  
Towers Worship (1pm);  
Lady Light at Katie  
Siebenaler's (6:30pm)
- Thursday, April 20  
Women's Bible Study at  
Oasis Church (1pm)
- Sat, April 22 - Easter Egg  
Hunt at Saturday School;  
Easter II Worship at 6pm