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<u>Invitation & Distribution:</u> 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 & risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.” Tonight, we are practicing head of the aisle Communion by means of Intinction.	
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WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight

Pianist: Karen Salz Pulpit Supply: Pastor Tim Duesenberg
Scripture Reader & Prayers: Larry Vomhof
Communion Server: Katie Siebenaler
Ushers: Joe Vomhof & Cabe Siebenaler
Sound: Don Holtan Acolyte: Addison Siebenaler
Coffee: Peg Holtan Treats: Margaret Quam
Set-up & Liturgist: Julie Steffenson
Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends

The Prayers

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

Brief silence

L: Father of glory, remember Your Church throughout the world, and strengthen all Your baptized people to be bold witnesses of our Lord’s resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Fount of wisdom everlasting, look in kindness upon the NALC, the Iowa Mission District, and your beloved Emmanuel, that all we undertake may be to Your praise & glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Ruler of all, to Your care and protection we commend all our elected officials and all who serve in our armed forces, especially our beloved Roman Mulvihill. Grant them wisdom and honor as they carry out their responsibilities. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Heavenly King, Your Son promised that He does not break the bruised reed or quench the dimly burning wick. Remember in mercy all who struggle with the darkness of doubt and despair, and bring to their hearts the peace of Your Son’s resurrection victory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Forgiver of all our sin, You have given Your Church the keys of the Kingdom. Help all pastors to use them faithfully, that Your people’s joy may overflow. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: O Lord, our Healer, we commend to You all those who are in need of restoration, whether of body, soul or spirit [especially ... **NAMES**]. Grant to them Your peace, that they may bear their sufferings with patience as they await Your gracious healing. 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.

Psalm 148—responsively

L: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

C: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

L: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

C: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

L: Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.

C: And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

L: Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,

C: Fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

L: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

C: Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

L: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

C: Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

L: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

C: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

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 & practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

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**Worship—Eve of
Easter II
April 7, 2018
6:00 p.m.**

With One Voice— Bread of Life Liturgy

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements — Julie Steffenson

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***Gathering Hymn: “Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks” #671**

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Gracious God, through your Son’s resurrected presence you transform us from frightened, self-absorbed people into a community marked by peace, forgiveness, and mercy. Guide us to faithfully be signs to the world of your abundant grace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 148

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Second Lesson: I John 1:1-2:2

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*Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

Children’s Message:

Rev. Timothy Duesenberg

Sermon:

Rev. Timothy Duesenberg

The Emmanuel Weekly

Communication Cards & Offering Envelopes: The offering envelope, in your bulletin is also used as visitor/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 and visitors may use the 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

THANKS: On Easter Monday we read through the entire New Testament in celebration of our Lord's resurrection. We had 35 participants, 22 of whom read. Thanks to all who participated in the hearing and reading of God's Word. We even made the KTTC news! We also launched our Emmanuel Building Fund on April 2. Thanks is offered to all who gave a second mile gift to this fund. Current balance is \$66,500. Our goal is \$100,000 by year end.

Easter Egg Hunt: Thanks to Julie Edwards and her sister for coordinating this year's Easter Egg Hunt. It was amazing!

Emmanuel Choir—Grafton, Iowa: Mark Borchardt and the Emmanuel Choir, from Grafton, Iowa, are making a return trip to Rochester on Easter III—**Saturday, April 14 (6pm)**. The Choir will offer several gifts of music at our Emmanuel Lutheran Church evening Worship Service. Spread the word and invite a friend to join you for worship as we celebrate the hope and joy of our Lord's resurrection during the 50 Days of Easter. Emmanuel will be offering extra hospitality and treats to our guests on April 14.

Women's Bible Study: New study, new time, & new location. A six session study on the "Great Commissions" of the Bible begins on Thursday, April 19 at 10am at The Bridgemoor Pavilion (Bldg. #5520) of the Homestead of Rochester (Nancy Stanley's place).

Saturday School & G.I.F.T. — G.I.F.T. and Saturday School meet weekly on Saturday nights at 5:10pm. Julie is teaching our little ones Bible Stories. Pastor Dave is teaching grades 3-8 a class on Creation and Fall, using C.S. Lewis' book, "The Magician's Nephew". The Adults are discussing the "Truth about Islam".

Men's Bible Study Breakfast: Men of Emmanuel are looking at the Book of Acts on Tuesdays at 8am and discussing the gift of Witnessing in Daily Life. They meet at Oasis Church weekly for conversation & coffee.

Saturday, April 7, 2018
Eve of Easter II—6pm

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

6th Annual Mega Kid's Camp

An amazing camp for kids, including Creative Arts, Horses, Legos, and Adventure Games & Sports will be held in the summer of 2018 (Monday, July 16th - Thursday, July 19th, from 8:45am-Noon each day) at Century High School. This year's theme is "Team Spirit". Youth (Preschool age 4-Grade 6) will learn how to be great teammates through both sports stories and Bible stories about Jesus and his team of disciples. Cost: \$25.00 per child. Registration opened on April 2. Call Evangel United Methodist for more information (507-289-4817).

The Gather Vocal Band Friday, April 20 (7pm)

Groups of 10+ receive ticket price of \$23.00. Contact Margaret Quam if you are interested in attending this event!

**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 7—Saturday School & G.I.F.T. at 5:10pm; Easter II Worship at 6pm with Rev. Tim Duesenberg
- Tues, April 10 —Men's Bible Study (8am); Text Study (10:30am)
- Thurs, April 12—Pastor Dave returns from Vacation (April 5-12)
- Fri, April 13—Council Mtg. at 10am
- Sat, April 14—Saturday School & G.I.F.T. at 5:10pm; Easter III Worship at 6pm with Guest Choir from Grafton, IA
- Seminarian Dallas Groten: Worship Liturgist on April 21 & 28

Tonight's Readings: John's Gospel message for the Second Sunday of Easter highlights faith that is based on what is unseen. Thomas, who was absent when Jesus first appeared to the disciples, vowed not to believe in a risen Jesus unless he could see, touch, and speak to him in person. This is a common human response to things we cannot understand, and yet the very nature of faith is rooted in believing without seeing.

Acts 4:32-35 — Great Grace was Upon Them All

32 Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. 33 And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold 35 and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

I John 1:1-2:2 — God Is Light

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — 2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us — 3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; & indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. 5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, & his word is not in us. 2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.

But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." 24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, & place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." 26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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