

Psalm 116:1-16—responsively

L: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

C: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

L: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

C: I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the Lord: O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”

L: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

C: The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

L: Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

C: For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

L: I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

C: I believed, even when I spoke: I am greatly afflicted”;

L: I said in my alarm, All mankind are liars.”

C: What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

L: I will lift up the cup of salvation & call on the name of the Lord,

C: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

L: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

C: O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight

Pianist: Karen Salz

Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Sound/Recording: Don Holtan

Set-up, Take-down, & Liturgist: Julie Steffenson

Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. you. **Visit us at:** www.emmanuelofrochester.org



**Worship—Eve of
Easter III
April 25, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

With One Voice— Bread of Life Liturgy

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

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***Gathering Hymn: “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”** **WOV #674**

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Living God, Jesus reveals himself and is present with us in the breaking of the bread. May our hearts burn within us and our eyes be opened to his presence among us and for us through his redeeming work; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

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Second Lesson: I Peter 1:17-25

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*Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Children’s Message: “Walking with Jesus”

Hymn: “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

ReClaim #248

Refrain:

*Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
Daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

1 I am weak but thou art strong: Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I’ll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

[Refrain]

2 Through this world of toil & snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none
but thee. **[Refrain]**

3 When my feeble life is o’er, time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o’er, to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

[Refrain]

Sermon: “Open Eyes! Burning Hearts!” Rev. Dave Steffenson

*Hymn: “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

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*Confession of Faith: “Apostles’ Creed”

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*Lord’s Prayer: Traditional Version

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*Sending Hymn: “In the Garden”

ReClaim #160

1. I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

**And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.**

2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing. **[Refrain]**

3. I’d stay in the garden with Him
Tho’ the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go; thro’ the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling. **[Refrain]**

*Dismissal

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Postlude

The Prayers

A: Let us pray to our Risen Savior on behalf of the Church, the
world, and all people according to their need.

A brief silence

A: Thank you, Jesus, for walking with us on our Emmaus roads.
Thank you for speaking, not over our heads or with overwhelming
displays of majesty, but with clear words that bring Holy Scripture
to fruitful life in our hearts. Thank you for making yourself known
to us in the breaking of the bread. Thank you for your patient
kindness when we are sad and bewildered. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: You ransom and purify your Church with your own precious
blood. Grant that the Church should constantly glorify you, live in
glad obedience to you, and preach your Gospel to all. Lord, in your
mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Bless this congregation with your dear presence. Cause our
hearts to burn within us as we hear your Word. Come to us in the
breaking of the bread. Kindle sincere affection and love between us
all. And make us eager & tireless in telling others about your love
for them, which has triumphed over sin & death. Lord, in your
mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We plead on behalf of all who suffer in body, mind, heart or
spirit – especially: **[NAMES]**. Rescue their lives from death, their
eyes from tears, and their feet from stumbling. Be gracious and
compassionate to them, so that they may walk again in the land of
the living, and praise you forever. 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.

2020 Mega Kid's Camp — July 20-23!

Things are moving forward with the planning of this summer's 8th annual Mega Kids Camp. The Coronavirus may force this summer camp to be cancelled. Only time will tell. Registration opened on April 1. The cost for this year is \$30 per child. No fee is being collected at registration. This year's theme is, **"The Heart of a Champion."** To register, go to www.evangelum.org and follow the Mega Kids Camp link. You may also print the registration material from the website and mail it to: Evangel United Methodist Church, 2645 North Broadway, Rochester, MN 55906.

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 began on April 23 Email and phone. Contact Pastor Dave for a printed copy!

Easter Egg Hunt: Cancelled this year due to the Coronavirus.

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 and Friends of Emmanuel are connecting for prayer while staying put in their own homes. Send prayer requests to Pastor Dave Steffenson 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!

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The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, April 25, 2020
Eve of Easter III—6pm

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



CALENDAR ITEMS

Blessed Easter to You and Yours!

The Season of Easter is 50 Days long. Each Sunday is a mini Easter. 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 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. Alleluia!

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

- Sat, April 25— Virtual Easter 3 Worship at 6pm
- Tuesday, April 28 Men's Bible Study via email (8:30-9:30am)
- Thursday, April 30 Women's Virtual Bible Study on the Book of First Peter (1-2:30pm).
- Sat, May 2—Virtual Worship, Easter IV (Good Shepherd Sunday)—6pm
- Sunday, May 3—Pastor Dave leading Drive-In Worship at Trinity (9am)
- Friday, May 8 at 6pm Church Council Mtg.
- Group Prayer each day at 4:31pm. Thanks for bending the knee with us in prayer each day.

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 — One Promise for All

14a Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: ... 36 “Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” 37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” 38 And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” 40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” 41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

I Peter 1:17-25 — Born Again through the Living Word

17 If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. 20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you 21 who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. 22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, 23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; 24 for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, 25 but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

13 That very day two of [Jesus’ followers] were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” 19 And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. 22 Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, 23 and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” 25 And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. 28 So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, 29 but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. 31 And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” 33 And they rose that same hour & returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34 saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, & has appeared to Simon!” 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, & how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.