

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!

Prayers for Pastor Dave & Julie: Prayers are welcomed as Pastor Dave undergoes treatment for pancreatic cancer. Chemo treatment begins on Monday, May 11.

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!

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader/Prayers/Assisting Minister: Julie Steffenson

Sound/Recording: Don Holtan

Thanks for worshipping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Worship 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! Alleluia!

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**Worship—Eve of
Easter V
May 9, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

With One Voice— Bread of Life Liturgy

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

*Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness Page 10f

*Gathering Hymn: “Be Thou My Vision” WOV #776

*Greeting Page 28

*Kyrie Page 28

*Hymn of Praise (Men = I; Women = II) Page 29f

*Salutation and Prayer of the Day Page 30

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Heavenly Father, your Son, Jesus Christ, is the way, the truth, and the life. Grant us the grace to follow him and live lives of servanthood and truth; through 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 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

Psalm 146 Bulletin Insert

Second Lesson: I Peter 2:2-10

*Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia” Page 31

*Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14

Children’s Message: “Got Milk?”

Hymn: “My Life Flows On in Endless Song” WOV #781

Sermon: “The Pure Spiritual Milk” Rev. Dave Steffenson

*Hymn: “You Are the Way” LBW #464

(To the Tune of: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”)

1. You are the way; through You alone, Can we the Father find;
In You, O Christ, has God revealed, His heart and will and mind.

2. You are the truth; Your Word alone, True wisdom can impart;
You only can inform the mind, And purify the heart.

3. You are the life; the empty tomb, Proclaims Your conqu'ring arm,
And those who put their trust in You, Not death nor hell shall harm.

4. You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win, Whose joys eternal flow.

*Confession of Faith: “Apostles’ Creed” Page 33

*The Prayers (bulletin pages 3-4)

*Lord’s Prayer: Traditional Version Page 39

*Benediction Page 41

*Sending Hymn: “I Know that My Redeemer Lives” LBW #352

1. I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence
gives!

He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.

2. He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

3. He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer
death;

He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

4. He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives; I know that my Redeemer lives!

*Dismissal Page 41

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 being the Way to your Father’s house, the
Truth that sets us free, and the Life which raises us out of sin and
death. We bless and adore you for being, above all, the Love that
will never let us go. Give us grace to share your love with everyone
we meet, especially those who have lost their way, strayed from the
truth, and are haunted by death. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Make the whole Church on earth into your spiritual house of
living stones: holy, precious, your prized possession and beloved
Body. Cause its words and deeds to proclaim the greatness of your
salvation. Use it to call many people out of darkness into your
marvelous light. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Like Stephen, there are many even today who are persecuted
and tortured for proclaiming you as Lord. Give them the grace and
strength that you gave Stephen: to fearlessly speak your truth in
love; to forgive and pray for their enemies; and to remain faithful
to the end. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: You care tenderly for your people, especially the little ones who
are laid in your arms. On this Mother’s Day weekend, we ask your
blessing upon mothers, foster mothers, and all who act with a
mother’s love. Give them your own patience, steadfastness, tender-
ness and wisdom. Share your deep gentleness and strong love as
they care for their children. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Bless, heal, comfort and sustain everyone who cries out to you
for help – especially: [NAMES]. With the Psalmist, cause them to
say, “Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help;
whose hope is in the LORD their God; who keeps his promise
forever.” Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We praise and magnify you, dear Jesus. You prepare a place for
us in the Father’s House. Accept our prayers and lay them at the
feet of your Father, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns
gloriously as our Lord and our God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 [Jesus said,] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way to where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." 8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. 12 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. 13 Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, May 9, 2020
Eve of Easter V—6pm

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

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.**



CALENDAR ITEMS

- May 1-10: Virtual Walk for Life (New Life Family Services)
- Sat, May 9—Virtual Worship, Easter V—6pm
- Sunday, May 10—Drive-In Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church (9am)
- Tuesday, May 12 Men's Bible Study via email (8:30-9:30am)
- Thursday, May 14 Women's Virtual Bible Study on I Peter 3 (1:00-2:30pm).
- Sat, May 16—Virtual Worship, Easter VI—6pm
- Group Prayer each day at 4:31pm. Thanks for joining us in prayer!

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60 — Stephen, Chosen & Martyred

1 Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. 2 And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. 3 Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. 4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” 5 And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, & Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. 6 These they set before the apostles, & they prayed & laid their hands on them. 7 And the word of God continued to increase, & the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, & a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. 8 And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. 9 Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. ... 2a And Stephen said: 51 “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. 52 Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, 53 you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.” 54 Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. 55 But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” 57 But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. 58 Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” 60 And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146—responsively

L. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

C: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

L: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

C: When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

L: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

C: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

L: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

C: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

L: The Lord watches over the sojourners;

C: He upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

L: The Lord will reign forever,

C: Your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

I Peter 2:2-10 — Spiritual Milk

2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation — 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. 4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” 7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” 8 and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called