

*Sending Hymn: “Now All the Vault of Heaven”—LBW #143

*Dismissal:

P: Hallelujah! Go in peace. Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Easter Monday, April 5: Reading through the entire 27 Books of the New Testament in celebration of our Lord’s Resurrection!

Emmanuel Huddle — April 17 at 7pm

Members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church will enjoy a time of conversation & information sharing on Saturday, April 17. We will have a shorter service of worship that night and begin our Huddle no later than 7pm. The Huddle will be held in the Worship Space of Oasis Church and will conclude no later than 8pm. The Implementation Team will provide an update of their work. Emmanuel Members will have an opportunity to ask questions and share feedback. No motions will be made and no actions will be taken, as this is a Huddle & not a congregational meeting. Masks will be worn and physical distancing will be observed. **SAVE THE DATE!**

Congregational Meeting — April 24 at 7pm

Notice is given that Emmanuel Lutheran Church will have a congregational meeting on Saturday, April 24 at 7pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to approve recommendations and funding for specified steps in our Phase One “Building for the Future” Plan of Action. A quorum of 35% of our members is required. Actions are by majority vote with no proxy or absentee voting permitted. An Emmanuel Huddle will be held on Saturday, April 17 at 7pm for information sharing.

Thanks for worshiping 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! Beloved! We are God’s Children NOW! Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org.



**Worship--Easter
April 3, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

Season of Easter Hallelujah Liturgy

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude - **Congregation sings: “Were you There?”**

*Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?*

Welcome & Announcements - Psalm 16

P: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia.

P: Blessed are those who call on the strong name of the risen Lord! As we gather in the victorious name of Christ, let us open our hearts to him & confess the ways in which we have failed to follow his will, and the ways in which we simply neglected our calling as his disciples.

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

P: Lord of heaven and earth, of the living and of the dead,

C: We come before you confessing our sins, asking for your gracious mercy. By our human nature we are sinful & unclean; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. By your lovingkindness, we implore you to grant us forgiveness and restore us to your salvation, that we might live holy lives here and now, and be with you in the final resurrection. Amen.

P: Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God declares to all who believe and confess their sins, that we are forgiven and restored to a right relationship through Jesus Christ. We have been redeemed and

renewed by Christ, our Passover Lamb. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit, let us walk in newness of life, following our Lord Jesus in holy obedience.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Hymn: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”—LBW #151**

***Greeting**

P: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who went to the cross for our sake; the love of the Father who put an end to the power of death through the resurrection of Christ; and the promised Holy Spirit who gathers us together, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray: God of all mercy and grace, your only Son’s death and glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of death and 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.

Scripture Readings:

I Corinthians 15:1-11

Mark 16:1-8

Children’s Message: “What’d You Expect?” (Posted on Facebook)

Sermon: “Beloved! The Third Day!” Pastor Dave Steffenson

***Hymn of the Day: “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”—WOV #674**

***Confession:**

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven & earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit & born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, & was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, & is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayers:** (Each petition ends with “**Lord in your mercy**”; and the people respond with, “**Hear our prayer**”).

Offering: (No passing of baskets; offerings may be placed in the basket located by the church entrance as one leaves; offerings of support may also be given electronically or sent via U.S. mail. Thanks for supporting the ministry of Emmanuel.)

Communion Hymn: “In Christ Alone” — ReClaim #215

***Eucharistic Prayer for Easter**

Lord’s Prayer: *Traditional Version

Invitation & Distribution: *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, & believe that Jesus Christ, crucified & risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread & wine for the forgiveness of sins, life & salvation.” We are practicing distancing Communion following worship tonight. Please follow the directions of the ushers. With repentant hearts, we receive the body & blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins. Gluten-free wafers & consecrated grape juice are available.*

***Benediction:**

P: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves have been born of God and knows God. Go now in the name of God the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. (1 John 5:7).

C: Amen.

the tears of all whose grief runs deep. Feed us all with a foretaste of your Kingdom feast. Take away the shroud of sin, suffering and sorrow that troubles this broken world. Bring us to stand with all the redeemed and sing, “Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever! Amen!” Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Grant to us all that is in accordance with your will, dear Jesus, and accomplish your salvation among us; for you are risen from the dead & dwell in majesty with your Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Mary Ann Groven

Sound/Recording: Don Holtan

Assisting Minister/Scripture Reader/Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Ushers: Pending

Sanitizing Team: Pending

Set-up and Take-down: Julie Steffenson & Peg Holtan

EASTER MONDAY: On April 5 a Public Reading of the entire New Testament will take place in our individual homes. Contact Pastor Dave if you would like to participate in the reading of the entire of New Testament. This is our sixth year in a row of celebrating our Lord’s resurrection with Bible Reading.

Men’s Bible Study IN-PERSON: Join us on Wednesdays, April 7 & 21 at 11am for a study of the appointed Bible readings for the week ahead. We’ll meet in the Oasis Church, wearing masks & practicing safe, physical distancing.

Children’s Ministry Worship Bags: Available for kids each week. We hope children enjoy these resources during worship. Youth are asked to take the bags home with them. We look forward to the time when we can resume in-person Saturday School with our little ones. Until then, we will provide resources for our children & Pastor Dave will continue to post Children’s Messages on our Emmanuel Website and Facebook Page.

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Hymn: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”—LBW #151

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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

1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!
2. Weeping be gone; Sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: “O grave, be open!”
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!
3. City of God, Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of Life, Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Communion Hymn: “In Christ Alone”—ReClaim #215

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry, to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck, me from His hand.
Till He returns, or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Sending Hymn: “Now All the Vault”—LBW #143

1. Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayers for Easter — April 3, 2021

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Let us pray to our victorious Savior on behalf of the Church, the world, and all people.

A brief silence

L: O Lord Jesus, risen gloriously from the dead, you have snatched us from the snares of the evil one: alleluia! In you, righteousness and peace kiss one another: alleluia! In you, all God's promises have their “yes”: alleluia! In you, we shall not die but live, and declare the glory of the Lord: alleluia! Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Fill your Church with the splendor of your life, light, and love. May its words and deeds proclaim: “Alleluia, Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!” Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Crown this congregation with unfading joy, unfailing kindness, undaunted hope, and unceasing praise. Let everyone we meet see your goodness revealed in our words and deeds. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Grant peace among all nations. Impart wisdom, integrity, and holy fear to our leaders. Bestow joy, hope, and healing upon all people, especially those afflicted by human malice or natural catastrophe. Bring us into right relationship with you and each other forever. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: We plead on behalf of all who are sick, wounded, abused, imprisoned, despairing, grieving or dying, and for all who crave your mercy, including: [NAMES]. Impart your life and love to them, so they may sing the Psalmist's words, “I shall not die but live, and declare the works of the Lord!” Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Most holy and gracious Savior, thank you for redeeming all who have fallen asleep in your arms. In your mercy, wipe away

First Reading: I Corinthians 15:1-11

1 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2 & 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.**

Gospel Reading — Mark 16:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark the 16th. Chapter.

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

1 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” 4 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back — it was very large. 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, & they were alarmed. 6 And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples & Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” 8 And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, they were afraid for.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Emmanuel Weekly

April 3, 2021

Eve of Easter - 6 pm

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

Resurrection of Our Lord Blessed Easter to You and Yours!

The resurrection of Jesus in Mark’s Gospel leaves us puzzled & wondering.

The women were concerned about rolling the stone away from the tomb, but when they arrived at the gravesite, it was already moved. As they received firsthand the news of Jesus’ resurrection, the women were silenced by fear. How would the good news be shared with the world if the first witnesses kept it quiet? What if we keep it quiet?

M’m! M’m! Good! Soup to Share!

On Saturdays in Lent, Emmanuel has been collecting store-bought soup which will be given to the local Salvation Army Food Pantry. Thanks for sharing the Real Presence of Jesus in your concern and care for others. 316 cans collected so far.

Easter Monday Bible Reading!

April 5 - Celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord by reading the N.T.

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



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, April 3—Eve of Easter Worship at 6pm; Holy Communion
- Easter Sunday—April 4 Christ is Risen Indeed!
- April 5, Easter Monday In-Home Reading of the entire New Testament! Implementation Team Meeting at 1pm (Oasis)
- Wednesday, April 7 Men’s In-Person Bible Study at 11am (Oasis)
- Thurs, April 8 - Zoom Council Mtg. at 1pm
- Saturday, April 10 Easter 2 Worship at 6pm
- April 17—Emmanuel Huddle at 7pm
- **4:31 — Prayer Time! Thanks for joining us!**