

*Lord's Prayer: Traditional Version

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.)

*Benediction:

P: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God & knows God. Go now in the name of God the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"—LBW #315**

*Dismissal:

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

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

Postlude

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Mary Ann Groven Pulpit Supply: Pastor Gies
Sound/Recording: Don Holtan
Assisting Minister/Scripture Reader: Deb Vomhof
Usher: Pending Greeter: Barb Steffenson
Sanitizing Team: Judy Pearce
Set-up and Take-down: Peg Holtan and Pending

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! God IS Love! Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org.



**Worship—Eve
of Easter V
May 1, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

**Season of Easter
Hallelujah Liturgy**

* *indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements - Psalm 150 (Deb Vomhof)

*Confession & Forgiveness:

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

***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: Holy God, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will. Grant that your people would love what you command and desire what you promise, that, among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Scripture Readings: 1 John 4:1-21 & John 15:1-8 (Deb Vomhof)

Children’s Message: “What’s On Display?” (Posted on Facebook)

Sermon: “Beloved! God IS Love!” Pastor Waldemar Gies

***Hymn: “Where Charity & Love Prevail”—LBW #126**

***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:**

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

A brief silence

L: Lord Jesus, thank you for cutting us from our tree of death and grafting us to yourself, the Living Vine. Give us courage: your Father’s pruning shears frighten us at times! Give us faith: he prunes us to bear much fruit in you! Give us love: it is the sweetest fruit of your blessed vine. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Grant that your holy Church may always abide in you, and you in it. Make it fruitful in words of faith and hope, & deeds of love. Through its witness, graft many souls to yourself. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Grant to all who suffer a double portion of your Spirit, especially [NAMES]. Fill them with your life. Keep them steadfast in faith. Bless and strengthen all who care for them. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Lord Jesus, death shall never have the last word over those who abide in you. Thank you for speaking words of forgiveness and life to all who have died in you. Abide with us. Lead us to that place where we shall dwell with you & with all the redeemed, and shall feast at your heavenly Table forever. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: 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 and dwell in majesty with your Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, & every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me & I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, & burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit & so prove to be my disciples.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SEMAC Mission Work Trip—TEXAS: San Miguel Lutheran Church, an NALC Hispanic Church in Fort Worth, TX, had a foot of water in its building after pipes burst. Many members of San Miguel also suffered a lot of damage to their homes. Many were in need of help before the winter storms, and even more so now, having minimal resources & no insurance. Larry Vomhof is putting together a work trip for the last week of May; leaving May 22; coming home on Memorial Day weekend. The work will be mainly plumbing, sheet-rocking & taping. Contact Larry if you wish to serve or want more information on how to support this mission trip (#507-251-1342). The Mission Servant Team will be staying at Hope Lutheran Church (917 Straus Rd., Cedar Hill, TX 75104-5317); served by Pastors Joel & Wendy Berthelsen. Wendy is the daughter of Gloria Wiebusch.

GOSPEL Summer Concert Series

Trinity Lutheran in St. Charles is pleased to invite everyone to their Gospel Summer Concert Series. Pastor Greg Behrend (Altura Moravian Church) will perform in the green space behind the St. Charles City Hall at 6:30 PM on June 23rd. Matt & Brenda Stier will perform on July 21st also at 6:30 PM. The RavensFire Band will round out this year's summer concert series with a performance at 6:30 PM on August 18th. Wednesdays this summer!

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Easter Season: “Sermon Series on 1 John”

Eve of Easter, April 3: “Beloved! The Third Day!”

Practicing Resurrection & Real Presence!

Easter II: “Beloved! We Confess Our Sins!”

The TRUTH is in us!

Easter III: “Beloved! God’s Children NOW!”

Practicing Sin no more!

Easter IV: “Beloved! Indeed! In Deed & In TRUTH!”

Believing in Jesus & Loving One Another!

Easter V: “Beloved! God IS LOVE!”

Easter VI: “Beloved! The Victory, Our Faith!”

Easter VII: “Beloved! The Testimony of God!”

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. Jesus the vine, We are the branches;

Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;

Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,

Gift of the future now flowing to me.

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!

Hymn: “Where Charity & Love Prevail—LBW #126

1. Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ’s love,
By love are we thus bound.
2. With grateful joy and holy fear, His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul,
Now love him in return.
3. Forgive we now each other’s faults,
As we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well, In Christian holiness.

Hymn: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”—LBW #315

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

First Reading: 1 John 4:1-21

1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,

3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. 4 Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. 7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading — John 15:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John the 15th. Chapter.

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

1 [Jesus said] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

The Emmanuel Weekly

May 1, 2021
Eve of Easter V - 6 pm

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

Celebrating the Season of Easter!

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!
Alleluia. Easter is a Season (50 Days long) in which redeemed people of God celebrate the promise of the Third Day and the gifts of forgiveness, resurrection and eternal life in the name of Jesus!

Welcome Rev. Gies

Thanks is offered to Pastor Waldemar who is serving as our pulpit supply tonight while Pastor Dave & Julie are enjoying some time with their family.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you have Thrivent Products don't forget to designate your Choice Dollars. Call #1-800-847-4836, or Go online at www.thrivent.org. Emmanuel has received \$1,279.00 in 2021 in Choice Dollars. Thank You for your support!

Video: Season One of “The Chosen”

Dan & Mary Jo Grimsrud have ordered the DVD series of Season One of THE CHOSEN. Contact them if you would like to borrow & view it!

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



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, May 1—Eve of Easter 5—Worship at 6pm; pulpit supply: Rev. Waldemar Gies
- Sunday, May 2
Implementation Team Mtg. at 5pm (Oasis)
- Wednesday, May 5
Men's In-Person Bible Study at 11am (Oasis). Pastor Dave will be home from vacation (April 30-May 6) & will lead the study.
- Saturday, May 8—Eve of Easter 6 Worship at 6pm with Holy Communion; Mother's Day Weekend

**May 22-30: SEMAC
Mission Work Trip, Fort
Worth, TX**

- **4:31 — Prayer Time!
Thanks for joining us!**

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B): “The love of Christ is shown to the world by the way his people live our lives, practicing holiness. Nothing good can be done apart from God. It is the Spirit of God that leads us into opportunities to share this love, as is evidenced by the way in which Philip is led to meet the Ethiopian and explain the Good News to him (Acts 8). God desires that all people would come to know him and be a part of the Kingdom's True Vine. God is Love. Love is not god! Beloved! Let us Love one another!”

Congregational Meeting — April 24 at 6:52pm: God's people met for a congregational meeting last Saturday night after worship. The following motion was overwhelmingly passed: “That the membership of Emmanuel Lutheran Church approve the allocation of funds from the Designated Building Fund #357, not to exceed \$90,000, which will accomplish the following steps in our “Building to Serve” Plan of Action: Driveway from Access Road, Parking Area, Electrical Service, Shelter, and a Portable Storage Shed, and necessary permits. Work to be performed by AB Systems (Peter Schuller).” Only one “no” vote was cast. All other votes were “yes”. Thanks to everyone who attended the meeting. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

Men's Bible Study IN-PERSON: Join us on Wednesdays, May 5 & 19 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.

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 & friends of Emmanuel are connecting for prayer. Send your prayer requests to Pastor Dave. Thanks for joining us in daily prayer.

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