

*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 Sound/Recording: Don Holtan

Assisting Minister/Scripture Reader/Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Greeter: Julie Engle

Sanitizing Team: Judy Pearce

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B): Our world is filled with many who feel unloved and overlooked. To love one another is to abide in the love of Christ who first loved us. Without his love we are incapable of loving one another; but with his love we show the world what love really is: obedience to the Lord, a sacrificial existence, a sharing of all things good and right. The love of Christ overcomes the shallow, selfish, fleeting ways of the world.

Men's Bible Study IN-PERSON: Join us on Wednesdays, May 19 and June 2, 16, & 30 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. We'll meet outside, weather permitting.

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.

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! The Victory: Our Faith! **Visit us at:** www.emmanuelofrochester.org.



**Worship--Eve of
Easter VI
May 8, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

Season of Easter Hallelujah Liturgy

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude - Welcome & Announcements - Psalm 98

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: “Blessed Assurance”—ReClaim #190**

*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: Heavenly Father, how wonderful it is that you would choose to call us into relationship through your Son & that he would call us friend. Enable us by your Holy Spirit to love you so fully that we love you above all things; 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 John 5:1-8, and John 15:9-17

Children's Message: "Greater Love!" (Posted on Facebook)

Sermon: "Beloved! The Victory: Our Faith!" Pastor 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**").

*Sharing the Peace!

P: The Peace of the LORD be with you always.

C: And also with you! (*Share God's peace in a safe manner*)

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 the Season of 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." With repentant hearts, we receive the body & blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins. Gluten-free wafers & consecrated grape juice are available. When instructed, please receive the body and blood of Jesus in the pre-filled and consecrated containers.*

*Table Blessing: "Now may the assurance of our Lord's resurrection and the promise of His coming again, strengthen you in faith and keep you in hope unto eternal life. Amen."

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

Benediction:

P: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has 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.

L: Give a double portion of your Spirit to all mothers, and to all who act with a mother's love toward your little ones. Grant them patience, wisdom, & a good night's sleep. Forgive them when they falter in their high calling. Renew their spirits, and make them a perpetual blessing to their children. Comfort all who have lost a child, & all who long to have children, but cannot. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Grant the refreshment and joy of your life-giving Spirit to all who cry to you for help & healing, especially: [NAMES]. Grant them wholeness of body and mind; a joyful and confident hope in your goodness, and the peace which the world cannot give them. 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 & dwell in majesty with your Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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 week of May 22-30. 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 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. Wednesdays, June 23, July 21 & August 18 at 6:30pm. See Emmanuel Newsletter for more details!

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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!”

Perfect Love (Agape) casts out fear!

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

Saving Faith in Jesus gives us the Victory!

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

God gave us Eternal Life and this Life is in His Son!

Entrance Hymn: “Blessed Assurance”—ReClaim #190

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love. **Refrain:**

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!

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!

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: Lord Jesus, thank you choosing us to love you, to love one another, & to bear your love into the world. The world needs you so much! Make us faithful & fruitful, so our words and actions nourish hearts starved for your love. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Bless your Church with the power and presence of your Holy Spirit. Fill it with your love. Nourish it with Word & Sacrament. Through it, let the world see, desire, & dwell in your saving faith and forever love. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

First Reading: I John 5:1-8

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God & obey his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. 4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is he who came by water and blood — Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is THE TRUTH. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading — John 15:9-17

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

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

9 [Jesus said,] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you & appointed you that you should go & bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. 17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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The Emmanuel Weekly

May 8, 2021

Eve of Easter 6 - 6 pm

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

Blessed Easter to You and Yours!

This Thursday we celebrate the 40th Day of Easter and the Ascension of our Risen Lord! In Christ, we are clothed with power from on high and sent into the world to bear witness to the TRUTH.

Mother’s Day—May 9

Blessed Mother’s Day to all who are called by God to serve as mother’s, physically & spiritually, in the lives of God’s people! Thank you! A rose will be given to all women tonight in celebration of Mother’s Day.

Season One of “The Chosen”

The Chosen is a television drama based on the life of Jesus Christ. Season 1 introduces Jesus & the calling of his initial disciples. Season 2 focuses on the beginning of his public ministry. Dan & Mary Jo Grimsrud have ordered the DVD’s of Season 1. Contact them if you would like to borrow & view them! You won’t be disappointed.

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 8—Eve of Easter VI Worship at 6pm; Holy Communion
- Sunday, May 9—Blessed Mother’s Day!
- Monday, May 10 - Zoom Council Meeting @10am
- Tuesday, May 11, Men’s Email Bible Study at 8:30am; Pastor’s 1-year Chemo Anniversary
- Thurs, May 13 --Easter Day 40: Ascension of our Lord!
- Saturday, May 15—Eve of Easter 7 Worship at 6pm
- May 22-30: SEMAC Mission Work Trip, Fort Worth, TX
- **4:31 — Prayer Time!**