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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: As we praise the name of the Lord in this Easter Season, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *A brief silence*

A: Holy Father, risen Lord, sanctifying Spirit, we glorify you and praise your Holy Name. We give thanks for all your gifts and benefits. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Father in Heaven, when we are grieved by various trials, guard us. Protect us today from all calamities and distresses that can happen to people in our world, in our nation, in our communities,

and in our lives. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Gracious Father, your Son said, "Peace be with you" to the disciples hiding in fear. Where people quake in fear today, bring your peace, hope, & good news. Be with leaders and peacemakers as they work to bring peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Spirit of God, you call, gather and enlighten your people. With all your creatures we praise you and thank you for gifts that you have given us. We thank you for your holy church, & the ministry of Word and Sacrament. Grant that we may love as resurrected people and share all things in common. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Healing Spirit of the Risen Lord, we pray for your work to be done in all who suffer from any distress or physical illness. Bless the healing hands that you have called and sent to care for your people. Tonight we remember especially *[names]* and all who need your healing touch. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

A: Father in Heaven, you have given us eternal life in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. We remember with thanksgiving those who have believed without seeing, especially those most near and dear to us who now rest in your arms. Help us to be witnesses of these things to all around us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, most merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Risen Lord.

C: Amen.

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Karen Salz

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Scripture Reader & Prayers: Matt Serr

Communion Server: Katie Siebenaler

Ushers: Larry Vomhof & Cabe Siebenaler

Coffee: Judy Pearce

Treats: Janet Sunde

Sound: Lee Pearce

Acolyte: Elijah Matzke

Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends

Psalm 148—responsively

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

C: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

L: Praise him, sun & moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

C: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

L: Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created.

C: And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

L: Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,

C: Fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

L: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

C: Beasts & all livestock, creeping things & flying birds!

L: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

C: Young men & maidens together, old men & children!

L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;

C: His majesty is above earth and heaven.

L: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him.

C: Praise the Lord!

Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Word and Sacrament is a blessing to you. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever we are praising, proclaiming and practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed!

Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org.



**Worship
Easter II
April 2, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude - *Pascal Candle is lit proclaiming the Light of the World!*

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*Gathering Hymn: "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" #132

*Greeting Page 78

*Hymn of Praise: "Worthy Is Christ" Page 81f

*Salutation and Prayer of the Day Page 82

P: Help us, Almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the resurrection feast may be reflected in our daily work & conversation. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives & reigns with you & the Holy Spirit, one God, now & forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Acts 5:12-20

Psalm 148 Bulletin Page 4

Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4-18

*Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia" Page 83

*Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

Children's Message: "Monopoly: Go to Jail"

Sermon: "Witnesses of the Resurrection!" Rev. Dave Steffenson

*Hymn of the Day: "Thine Is The Glory" #145

*Confession of Faith: "Nicene Creed" Page 84

*The Prayers (bulletin pages 2-3)

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Acts 5:12-20 — Imprisoned for Preaching

12 Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. 13 None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. 14 And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, 15 so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. 16 The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. 17 But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy 18 they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. 19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors & brought them out, and said, 20 "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Revelation 1:4-18 — Alpha & Omega for you!

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood 6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 7 Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. 8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." 9 I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet 11 saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea." 12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, 15 his feet

were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. 17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, 18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the public reading of the New Testament on Easter Monday. It took 18.5 hours. Total readers: 17. Total participants: 30. Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

Men's Bible Study Breakfast: Emmanuel Men are meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 8 a.m. at Charlie's (1408 2nd. St. SW) for breakfast & a first look at the lectionary readings for the week. Bring a friend, sit at the feet of Jesus & practice being evangelical. Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 5. Our Bible Readings for Easter III are: Acts 9:1-22; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:[1-7] 8-14; John 21:1-14 [15-19].

Saturday School: Christian Education for all ages on Saturdays at 5:10pm. Each week we'll enjoy singing, a Bible Lesson/Craft & a snack (kid friendly). Contact Julie Steffenson for more information or to share your ideas: (507)-206-3048.

PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS: During the month of April we are praying for Sunset Terrace Elementary School. We are delivering goodies on Monday, April 11 as an expression of our love and gratitude. Thanks for keeping the staff, students and families of our area schools in your prayers.

Women's Bible Study: "Women of the Word! Session 6 (In the Days of the Judges) for the Evening Study Group will be on Tuesday, April 26 (6:30pm) at Katie Siebenaler's house (12827 Hwy 52 S.E., Chatfield) The Afternoon Study Group will meet on Wednesday, April 13 at 1pm (Topic: "Women of the Word: New Testament Ladies"—Mary).

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Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th. Chapter.

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

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands & His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." 24 Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe." 26 Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." 28 Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Worship At Madonna Towers: On the first Wednesday of each month, Pastor Dave is leading worship in the Chapel of the Madonna Towers Nursing Home. Our next Service will be on Wednesday, April 6 at 1:30pm. Contact Lee Pearce if you would like to volunteer and participate in this ministry.

Electronic Giving: Members wishing to contribute to Emmanuel Lutheran with automated giving may do so by contacting Judy Caudill or Deb Vomhof. Offerings are transferred once a month on the 15th of the month.

The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, April 2, 2016

Easter II - 6 pm

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

Thanks to our guest pianist, Karen Salz, for offering her musical talents to Christ and His worshiping community tonight. It's always a blessing to have you with us Karen.

Paschal Candle!

Our Paschal Candle is lit, reminding us that Christ is the Light of the World. We are His luminaries, His Easter People. Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! We 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 die and rise with Jesus. Not even death can extinguish the Light of Christ's love.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 30 - An **Emmanuel Huddle**. Join us after worship as we share refreshments and conversation regarding our Ministry Together.

The April Emmanuel Prayer Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are available in print! Pick up a copy. Share one with a friend!



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat, April 2—Saturday School at 5:10pm; Easter II Worship @ 6pm
- Monday-Tues, April 4-5 Iowa Mission District Clergy Retreat
- Tues, April 5 - Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Charlie's (8am)
- Wednesday, April 6 Worship at Madonna Towers (1:30pm)
- Thursday, April 7 - Pastor at Continuing Ed.
- Saturday, April 9 Saturday School at 5:10pm; Easter III Worship at 6pm
- Saturday, April 30 Emmanuel Huddle