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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Let us shed our doubts and come joyfully before the Lord in prayer, confident that He will hear and answer us according to His promise.
Brief silence

A: Lord God, like Thomas we wrestle with faith amid doubts and fears. Grant us Your Holy Spirit so that believing, we may see, and, seeing, we may rejoice in Your Son and in the power of His

resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Lord God, You know the hearts of Your people and those who have wandered into error or have fallen away from the faith. Rekindle faith in them and restore them to the fold, that their voices may be one with us in prayer and praise again. Grant your people peace and pardon in daily life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Lord God, the threats against us are great, but You are greater still. Deliver us from conflict, war and oppression, and provide for us good, wise and honorable leaders who will serve the causes of justice and freedom for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Lord God, we live in community with our neighbors. Make us good citizens, and give to us good government in our cities and towns. Open our hearts to the stranger, and help us serve our neighbors in love as Christ has served us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Lord God, the trials & troubles of this mortal life weigh heavy upon us. Give to the sick and those who suffer the consolation of Your grace, and healing according to Your will, [**NAMES,**] that we may have courage, confidence & peace in every circumstance. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Lord God, the things of this world too often distract us from the one great treasure of Christ, who died that we might live and who lives that we might never die. Guide us in the use of things, that we may ever be grateful for Your gifts and use them wisely for Your purpose and glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, we have learned to trust in Your mercy and to abide in faith amid all circumstances. Even now, we pray without fear that Your will be done for us, among us and through us, and that in all things we may learn to be content in Your grace and favor; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

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 and 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 and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

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

C: Young men and maidens together, old men and 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!

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**Worship
Eve of Easter II
April 22, 2017
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!*

Welcome/Announcements

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P: Alleluia! The Lord be with you.

C: And Also with you. Alleluia.

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

C: Amen. Alleluia!

First Lesson: Acts 5:29-42

Psalm 148 Bulletin Page 4

Second Lesson: I Peter 1:3-9

*Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia” Page 83

*Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

Children’s Message: “Locked Doors?”

Sermon: “Make Believe” Rev. David Steffenson

*Hymn of the Day: “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” #132

*Confession of Faith: “Nicene Creed” Page 84

Communication Cards - Offering Envelopes: The offering envelope in your bulletin is also being used as a visitor and communication card. If you are visiting with us, please know that your presence is your gift to us. We have a generous congregation & ask only that you share your contact information with us. Members & visitors may use the communication envelopes to indicate a desire for a pastoral visit, a prayer concern, or changes in contact information. Envelopes may be placed in the offering basket. Thanks.

Public Reading of the New Testament: We celebrated the gift of Eater and the resurrection of our Lord by hosting a public reading of the entire New Testament on Easter Monday, April 17. We began at 6am and ended shortly before Midnight. 23 people participated. Our youngest reader was a 6-year-old. Thanks to everyone who read Scripture, heard God's Word, and provided refreshments.

Men's Bible Study Breakfast: Each week, Emmanuel Men are meeting on Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. at Oasis Church for Bible Study and a continental breakfast. We are currently reading and discussing the Bible (Genesis-Revelation). Read pages 393-398 of the NIV Once A Day Bible (DAY 115) in preparation for this week's study (i.e. Judges 7:8b-8:35; Luke 22:63-23:25; & Psalm 51:1-9).

Women of the Word! The Afternoon Bible Study Group is studying the "Lutheran Understanding of Marriage & Family" (The Luther Household) on Thursday afternoons at 1pm. The Evening Bible Study Group (Lady Light) continues its study on Revelation, monthly at the home of Katie Siebenaler at 6:30pm. The next session will be on Wednesday, May 17.

Saturday School & G.I.F.T.: Each week at 5:10pm youth and adults meet for Christian Education. Youth are enjoying an Easter Egg Hunt tonight while adults are discussing "Growing in Faith Together". Youth will enjoy Song Time on May 13 and offer a gift of music in worship that night.

Worship At Madonna Towers: On the first & third Wednesdays of each month, Emmanuel members are invited to participate in a ministry to area seniors. Our next Worship Service will be on Wednesdays, May 3 & 17 at 1:00 pm. Give Lee Pearce a call if you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry.

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Acts 5:29-42 — Witnesses to the Resurrection

29 Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." 33 When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. 34 But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. 35 And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. 36 For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, & a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. 37 After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. 38 So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; 39 but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, 40 and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. 42 And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

I Peter 1:3-9 — Source of Hope

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, & unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

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 SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader, Prayers, & Communion Server: Jean Wanek

Usher: Rich Sunde & Darald Bothun

Acolyte: Emma Matzke

Sound: Don Holtan

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Deb Vomhof

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde and Friends

The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, April 22, 2017

Eve of Easter II - 6 pm

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

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.

Baptism of Charles Wagner

On Saturday, April 29, we are welcoming our newest member into the Emmanuel church family! Join us for the christening of Charles August Wagner.

**Emmanuel Huddle TONIGHT after
worship. Discussing our mutual
Ministry!**

**The April 2017 Emmanuel Prayer
Calendar & Epistle Newsletter
are available in print! Also, pick up
your copy of the current issue of
"Our Daily Bread" Devotional.**



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, April 22
Saturday School & GIFT at 5:10pm; Easter II Worship at 6pm; Emmanuel Huddle after worship (7:15pm)
- Sunday, April 23 - Pastor Dave preaching in Readlyn, IA (10am)
- Monday-Tuesday, April 24-25—Clergy Retreat
- Tues, April 25 - Men's Bible Study (8am); Text Study (10:30am)
- Thursday, April 27
Women's Bible Study at Oasis Church (1pm)
- Friday, April 28 - Clergy Mtg. at 12:00 Noon
- Sat, April 29 - Saturday School & GIFT (5:10pm); Easter III Worship at 6pm - Wagner Baptism