

**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; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

**C: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. 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 & practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!*

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**Worship—Eve of  
Easter II  
April 18, 2020  
6:00 p.m.**

**With One Voice— Bread of Life Liturgy**

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

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\***Gathering Hymn: “Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks” #671**

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P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: Gracious God, through your Son’s resurrected presence you transform us from frightened, self-absorbed people into a community marked by peace, forgiveness, and mercy. Guide us to faithfully be signs to the world of your abundant grace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

First Lesson: Acts 5:29-42

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Second Lesson: I Peter 1:3-9

\*Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia” Page 31

\*Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

Children’s Message: “The SHOW ME State”

**Hymn: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” #780**

Sermon: "Believing IS Seeing!" Rev. David Steffenson

\*Hymn: "We Walk by Faith" (tune of Amazing Grace) #675

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\*The Prayers (bulletin pages 2-3)

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\*Sending Hymn: "Thine Is The Glory" LBW #145

1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment, rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.

**Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won!**

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! **[Refrain]**

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan, to thy home above. **[Refrain]**

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Postlude

### **WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight**

*Pianist: Mary Ann Groven*

*Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson*

*Sound/Recording: Don Holtan*

*Set-up, Take-down, & Liturgist: Julie Steffenson*

### **The Prayers**

A: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

### *Brief silence*

L: Father of glory, remember Your Church throughout the world, and strengthen all Your baptized people to be bold witnesses of our Lord's resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Fount of wisdom everlasting, look in kindness upon the NALC, the Iowa Mission District, and your beloved Emmanuel, that all we undertake may be to Your praise & glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Ruler of all, to Your care and protection we commend all our elected officials and all who serve in our armed forces. Grant them wisdom and honor as they carry out their responsibilities. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Heavenly King, Your Son promised that He does not break the bruised reed or quench the dimly burning wick. Remember in mercy all who struggle with the darkness of doubt and despair, and bring to their hearts the peace of Your Son's resurrection victory. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Good Shepherd, forgiver of all our sin, You have given Your Church the keys of the Kingdom. Help all pastors to use them faithfully, that Your people's joy may overflow. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: O Lord, our Healer, we commend to You all those who are in need of restoration, whether of body, soul or spirit [especially ... **NAMES**]. Grant to them Your peace, that they may bear their sufferings with patience as they await Your gracious healing. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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**THANKS:** On Easter Monday we read through the entire New Testament in celebration of our Lord's resurrection. We had 38+ readers. Thanks to all who participated in the hearing and reading of God's Word. Alleluia!

### 2020 Mega Kid's Camp — July 20-23!

Things are moving forward with the planning of this summer's 8th annual Mega Kids Camp. The Coronavirus may force this summer camp to be cancelled. Only time will tell. Registration opened on April 1. The cost for this year is \$30 per child. No fee is being collected at registration. This year's theme is, "**The Heart of a Champion.**" To register, go to [www.evangelum.org](http://www.evangelum.org) and follow the Mega Kids Camp link. You may also print the registration material from the website and mail it to: Evangel United Methodist Church, 2645 North Broadway, Rochester, MN 55906.

**MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP:** Faith Practices! Signposts guide our way—Disciples pray daily, worship weekly, grow spiritually, read & study Scripture on a regular basis, serve others, share the good news, and live & give generously.

**Saturday School & G.I.F.T.** — Postponed until further notice.

**Men's Bible Study Breakfast:** — Happening online via Email.

**Women's Bible Study:** New study on I Peter this Thursday, April 23 (1pm). Women are invited to study via phone and email.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Cancelled this year due to the Coronavirus. Good Lord willing, we may be able to have an Egg Hunt on May 23—Easter VII. We will keep you posted.

### 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 and Friends of Emmanuel are connecting for prayer while staying put in their own homes. Send prayer requests to Pastor Dave Steffenson Thanks for joining us. At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father.”  
Philippians 2:5-11. Alleluia!

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, April 18, 2020**  
**Eve of Easter II—6pm**

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



## CALENDAR ITEMS

### Blessed Easter to You and Yours!

The Season of Easter is 50 Days long. Each Sunday is a mini Easter. We praise the LORD for the resurrection victory that is ours in Christ Jesus. We light our Paschal Candle reminding us that Christ is the Light of the World. We are His Easter People. Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

We will 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 daily die and rise with Jesus. Not even death can extinguish the Light of Christ's love. This is the victory that overcomes the world: The Faithfulness of Jesus. Alleluia!

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

- Sat, April 18— Virtual Easter II Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, April 19—Pastor Dave preaching at Trinity Lutheran in St. Charles.
- Tuesday, April 21 Men's Bible Study via email.
- Thursday, April 23 Women's Virtual Bible Study begins on the Book of First Peter.
- Friday, April 24—Prayers for Kelly Stoyles, final Chemo treatment.
- Sat, April 25—Virtual Worship, Easter 3—6pm
- Group Prayer each day at 4:31pm. Thanks for bending the knee and joining us in prayer each day.

## **Acts 5:29-42 — Witnesses of the Resurrection**

29 Peter and the apostles answered [the high priest and the council], “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, and 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, & 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, and 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 and 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, & 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.**

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**We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight**    **WOV #675**  
*(Sing to the tune of Amazing Grace)*

1.    We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
      With gracious words draw near  
      O Christ who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
      My peace be with you here.
  
2.    We may not touch His hands and side,  
      Nor follow where He trod;  
      But in Your promise we rejoice  
      And cry, "My Lord and God!"
  
3.    Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
      And may our faith abound  
      To call on You when You are near  
      And seek where You are found.
  
4.    That, when our life of faith is done,  
      In realms of clearer light,  
      We may behold You as You are,  
      With full and endless sight.