



**Psalm 16 — responsively**

L: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**C: I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”**

L: As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

**C: The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;**

L: Their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

**C: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.**

L: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

**C: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.**

L: I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

**C: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.**

L: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

**C: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

**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 - Easter  
March 26, 2016  
6:00 p.m.**

**Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II**

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

\*Procession of Light (“*Were You There*” - sung by soloist)

\*Posting of the Paschal Candle

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**C: Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

\*Gathering Hymn: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

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\*Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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P: Alleluia! The Lord be with you.

**C: And Also with you.**

P: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by His glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with Him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen. Alleluia!**

First Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25

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Second Lesson: I Corinthians 15:19-26

\*Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia”

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\*Holy Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Children’s Message: “Do You Remember?”

Sermon: “An Easter MUST”

Rev. David Steffenson

**Public Reading of the New Testament:** We are celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord and the gift of God's Word by sharing a public reading of the entire New Testament on Monday, March 28 from 6 am - 10 pm. Refreshments, snacks, and door prizes will be offered. Stop by for a portion of the day and hear God's Word!

**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, March 29. Our Bible Readings for Easter II are: Acts 5:12-20; Psalm 148; Revelation 1:4-18; and John 20:19-31.

**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. No Saturday School on March 26. Saturday School resumes on April 2.

**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 reconvene on Wednesday, March 30 at 1pm (Topic: "Women of the Word: New Testament Ladies").

**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.

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

## **Isaiah 65:17-25 — Former Things Not Remembered**

17 "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. 18 But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. 19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. 20 No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. 21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. 22 They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. 23 They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them. 24 Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **I Corinthians 15:19-26 — Firstfruits**

19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. 20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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## Gospel Reading: Luke 24:1-12

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24th. Chapter.

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

1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. 5 And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." 8 And they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, 11 but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:**

*Pianist: MarJean Damerval*

*Scripture Reader, Prayers & Communion Server: Julie Steffenson*

*Usher: LeRoy Quam & Rich Sunde*

*Acolyte: Ava Siebenaler*

*Coffee: Peg Holtan*

*Sound: Don Holtan*

*Treats: Katie Siebenaler*

*Set-up: Julie Steffenson*

*Take-down: Janet Sunde and Friends*

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, March 26, 2016**

**Eve of Easter - 6 pm**

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

### **Blessed Easter to You and Yours!**

The Season of Lent has run its course. With repentant hearts we have entered into the Three Holy Days. On this Holy Saturday, we celebrate the return of our buried Alleluias. 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 luminaries, His Easter People. Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Go and Tell! An Easter MUST!

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 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.

**The April 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**

- Holy Saturday, March 26  
Resurrection of our Lord  
Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, March 27  
Buried Alleluias return.  
Christ is Risen Indeed!
- Monday, March 28  
Public Reading: The New  
Testament (6am-10pm)
- Tues. March 29 at 8 am  
Men's Bible Study  
Breakfast at Charlie's
- Wednesday, March 30  
Women's Bible Study:  
"Ladies of the New  
Testament" (1:00 pm)
- Friday, April 1—Clergy  
Faithfulness Meeting at  
12:00 Noon
- Sat, April 2 - Saturday  
School (5:10pm); Easter  
II Worship (6pm)