



The Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord

Emmanuel Lutheran Church


April 5, 2026

Welcome!

We are honored that you are with us today. May the Word of God that you hear strengthen your faith and increase your desire to serve the Lord! If you are a guest today, we are thankful you have joined us. We hope that you will join us again soon.

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What Difference Does It Make?

He lives to dry my tears and take away my fears

I can walk through a cemetery where loved ones are buried. What do I feel? Sadness as I think of their departure? Fear that I will soon join them? Resignation and despair because everything returns to ashes and dust?

Without the resurrection of Jesus, I tremble at death, and my inevitable future is hopeless.

But Jesus lives, and it matters. Jesus is the resurrection first fruits for the harvest of humanity. The dead are not dead forever. Death is not final at all. My deceased Christian loved ones are not gone forever. I will see them again. Jesus will do exactly as he promised.

He dries my tears. He takes away my fears. He opens the portal to heaven and gives me eternal life.

The Resurrection Song Service (6:30 and 9:15 a.m.) begins on the following page.

The Festival Service (8:00 and 10:30 a.m.) begins on page 19.

Resurrection Song Service

For the 6:30 a.m. service there is no pre-service music. Please enter the sanctuary in silence and use the pre-service time for reflection and meditation.

The service begins with the proclamation:

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

Please stand for the opening hymn.

Hymn

438 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
arr. Don Chapman

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Psalms 30

The vocalists introduce the short response; all repeat it and sing as indicated.



1. Let us _ sing to the Lord; he has cov-ered him-self in glo - ry.

Let us _ sing to the Lord; _ he has cov-ered him-self in glo - ry.

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

I will exalt you, O LORD,
for you lifted me out of the depths.

O LORD, you brought me up from the grave.
You spared me from going down into the pit.

Sing to the LORD, you saints of his;
Praise his holy name!

For his anger lasts only a moment,
but his favor lasts a lifetime.



During our services,
the congregation
speaks the responses
in *bold*.

All sing:



1. Let us _ sing to the Lord; he has cov-ered him-self in glo - ry.



Let us _ sing to the Lord; _ he has cov-ered him-self in glo - ry.

Weeping may remain for a night,
but rejoicing comes in the morning.

You turned my wailing into dancing;
you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

O LORD my God,
I will give you thanks forever!

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

All sing:



1. Let us _ sing to the Lord; he has cov-ered him-self in glo - ry.



Let us _ sing to the Lord; _ he has cov-ered him-self in glo - ry.

Glory to God

The congregation sings the first refrain and each subsequent refrain with the vocalists.

Gloria

arr. David Haas

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est! Glo-ry to God,
Glo-ry to God! Glo-ry to God in the high - est!
Peace to his peo - ple on earth!

*Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.*

Refrain: all

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.*

Refrain: all

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Final refrain: all

(Printed on the next page.)

Glo-ry to God in the high-est! Glo-ry to God,
 Glo-ry to God! Glo-ry to God in the high - est!
 Peace to his peo - ple on earth! Glo-ry to God
 in the high-est! Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God!
 Glo-ry to God in the highest! Peace on earth!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before you in righteousness and purity forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

First Lesson

810 First Song of Isaiah

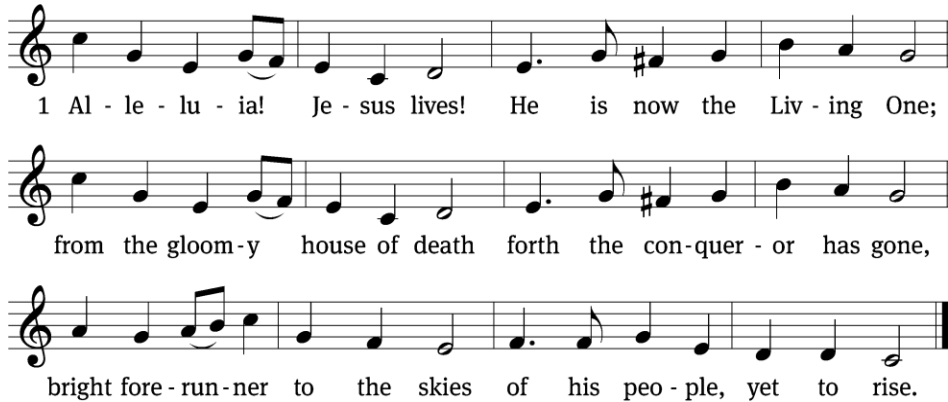
The First Lesson is Isaiah 12:1-6. Instead of reading the lesson, we will sing hymn 810 in the blue hymnal.

The refrain will only be sung once at the opening and closing.

Hymn

455 Alleluia! Jesus Lives
with "Glory to God" by Michael D. Schultz

All sing:



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
from the gloom - y house of death forth the con - quer - or has gone,
bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.

Vocalists: *Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!*

All sing:

**Jesus lives! Let all rejoice;
praise him, ransomed ones of earth.
Praise him in a nobler song,
cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the Victor-King, whose sway
sin and death and hell obey.**

Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!

**Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,
life is yours eternally;
joined to him, your living head,
where he is, you too shall be;
you with him at his right hand
victor over death shall stand.**

Glory to God and peace to his people on earth.

Hymn

441 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; he lives, and



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my
I shall con - quer death; he lives my man - sion



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.
to pre - pare; he lives to bring me safe - ly there.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

In response to the forgiveness won by our Passover Lamb, we make our entire Christian lives into an Easter celebration.

Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? Purge out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, just as you are unleavened. For our Passover lamb has been sacrificed, namely, Christ! So let us keep celebrating the festival, not with old yeast, not with the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

440 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of -
 4 It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and
 6 So let us keep the fes - ti - val to which the
 7 Then let us feast this Eas - ter Day on Christ, the



fens - es giv - en; but now at God's right hand he
 death con - tend - ed. The vic - to - ry re - mained with
 Lord in - vites us; Christ is him - self the joy of
 bread of heav - en; the Word of grace has purged a -



stands and brings us life from heav - en.
 life, the reign of death was end - ed.
 all, the sun that warms and lights us.
 way the old and e - vil leav - en.



There - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to
 Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly saith that death is
 Now his grace to us im - parts e - ter - nal
 Christ a - lone our souls will feed; he is our



God right thank - ful - ly loud songs of
 swal - lowed up by death; dis - graced, it
 sun - shine to our hearts; the night of
 meat and drink in - deed; faith lives up -



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lies de - feat - ed. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 sin is end - ed. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 on no oth - er! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel Acclamation

The vocalists introduce the refrain.

All repeat the refrain and sing it as indicated.

This is the Day

Leon C. Roberts

Refrain

This is the day _____ the Lord has made; let us re-joyce and be
glad in it! This is the day _____ the Lord has made;
let us be glad, be glad, be glad, be glad and re-joyce in it!

Alleluia! Glory, glory!

Alleluia, let us be glad!

Alleluia! Glory, glory!

Alleluia, let us be glad!

Refrain: all (sung twice)

Please stand.

Gospel

John 20:1–18

The living Lord appears to Mary to dry her tears and take away her fears.

1Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2So she left and ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,” she told them, “and we don't know where they put him!”

3So Peter and the other disciple went out, heading for the tomb. 4The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and got to the tomb first. 5Bending over, he saw the linen cloths lying there, yet he did not go in.

6Then Simon Peter, who was following him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there. 7The cloth that had been on Jesus' head was not lying with the linen cloths, but was folded up in a separate place by itself. 8Then the other disciple, who arrived at the tomb first, also entered. He

saw and believed. ⁹(They still did not yet understand the Scripture that he must rise from the dead.)

¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood outside facing the tomb, weeping. As she wept, she bent over, looking into the tomb. ¹²She saw two angels in white clothes sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They asked her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"

She told them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they have laid him."

¹⁴After she said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, though she did not know it was Jesus.

¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?"

Supposing he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you carried him off, tell me where you laid him, and I will get him."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned and replied in Aramaic, "*Rabboni!*" (which means, "Teacher").

¹⁷Jesus told her, "Do not continue to cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father – to my God and your God.'"

¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!" She also told them the things he said to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day

471 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

arr. Don Chapman

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there -
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; set

praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
heart and will on things a - bove that we

tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
con - quer thro' your tri - umph; grant grace suf -

an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Message

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

It's a new day!

Offering

Musical Offering

I Know That My Redeemer Lives
arr. Keith and Kristyn Getty, Laura Story

*I know that my Redeemer lives.
What hope this sweet assurance gives,
That he, who gave his life for me,
Arose with healing in his wings.*

*He lives, the tomb is empty still.
Redemption's promise he fulfilled.
No condemnation now remains,
The stone of death is rolled away.*

*My Redeemer lives.
My Redeemer lives.
On heaven's throne and in my very soul,
I know that my Redeemer lives.*

*I know that my Redeemer lives.
In life and death I trust in him.
My soul secure, my future safe,
He'll not forsake me to the grave.*

*He lives and he will not delay.
My eyes will wake to brightest day.
And in my flesh I'll see him stand
When Christ, in glory, comes again.*

*My Redeemer lives.
My Redeemer lives.
On heaven's throne and in my very soul,
I know that my Redeemer lives.*

Please stand.



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Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated.

Hymn

549 Across the Lands



1 You're the Word of God the Fa-ther from be-fore the
 2 Yet you left the gaze of an-gels, came to seek and
 3 With a shout you rose vic-to-rious, wrest-ling vic-t'ry



world be-gan. Ev-'ry star and ev-'ry plan-et has been
 save the lost, and ex-changed the joy of heav-en for the
 from the grave, and as-cend-ed in-to heav-en, lead-ing



fash-ioned by your hand. All cre-a-tion holds to-
 an-guish of a cross. With a prayer you fed the
 cap-tives in your way. Now you stand be-fore the



geth-er by the pow-er of your voice. Let the skies de-
 hun-gry, with a word you calmed the sea, yet how si-lent-
 Fa-ther, in-ter-ced-ing for your own; from each tribe and



clare your glo-ry, let the land and seas re-joice!
 ly you suf-fered that the guilt-y may go free!
 tongue and na-tion you are lead-ing sin-ners home!

Refrain



You're the au-thor of cre-a-tion, you're the Lord of ev-'ry



man, and your cry of love rings out a-cross the lands.

Hymn

465 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" saints on
 2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the
 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has
 6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to



earth and an - gels say. Raise your joys and
 fight, the bat - tle won. Lo, our sun's e -
 burst the gates of hell. Death in vain for -
 you by both be giv'n! God has now ful -



tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
 clipse is o'er; lo, he sets in blood no more.
 bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 filled his Word; praise the res - ur - rect - ed Lord!

Closing Hymn

617 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

You may sing in harmony, if you wish.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all

creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'n -

ly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Post-Service Music

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What Difference Does It Make? He lives to take me from death to life

Without the resurrection of Jesus, death would be permanent. There would be no hope for anything beyond the grave.

Jesus told his disciples that he would rise on the third day, but they were slow to believe the resurrection truth. But Jesus rose, just as he said he would. And God made sure that his people had witnesses to tell others that Jesus did not remain dead.

He lives, and it makes a difference! Death has been destroyed. Paradise has been reopened. I too shall rise from my grave. Physical death is now a pathway to heaven. Jesus has already brought me from death to life, making me spiritually alive by giving me faith in his resurrection.

In every possible way, Jesus takes me from death to life.

The Festival of the Resurrection of our Lord

Pre-Service Music

Please stand.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Dialogue for the Resurrection of our Lord

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

The hymn response continues on the next page.



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the congregation
speaks the responses
in bold.*

Response

466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!



Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go,
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare,



e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
and in its con - quest his might did show.
on - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

Refrain



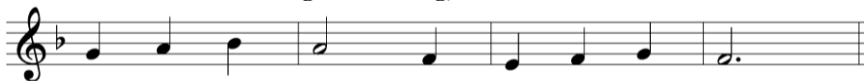
Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy;



death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

I will not die, but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The LORD's right hand is majestic in power. The LORD's right hand has shattered the enemy.

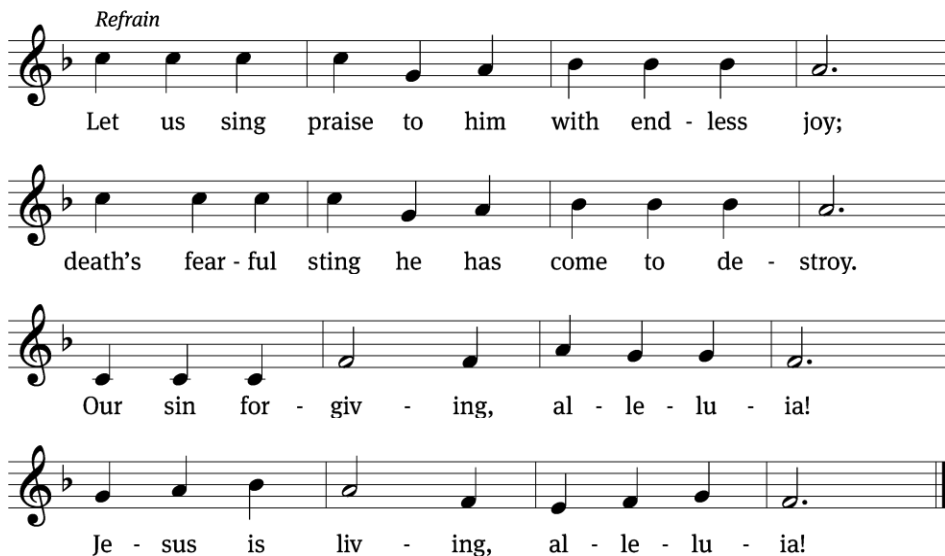
Death has been swallowed up in victory.

The LORD will not abandon me to the grave. He has made known to me the path of life.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

Response

Refrain



Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy;
death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn Response

466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave;
5 Christ has a - ris - en to set us free.



he has a - ris - en this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.



Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done.
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
he reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain



Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy;



death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Holy Baptism (8:00 a.m.)

The Word

Salutation

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

Anthem

The Lord Has Risen Indeed

William Billings

William Billings is considered to be the first true American choral composer.

*The Lord is risen indeed! Hallelujah!
Now is Christ risen from the dead,
And become the first fruit of them that slept.*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.
And did he rise? And did he rise? Did he rise?
Hear it, ye nations! Hear it O ye dead!
He rose, he rose, he rose, he rose,
He burst the bars of death,
And triumphed o'er the grave.*

*Then, then, then I rose,
Then I rose, then I rose,
Then first humanity triumphant
Past the crystal ports of light,
And seized eternal youth.
Man, all immortal hail, hail, heaven,
All lavish of strange gifts to man,
Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.*

First Reading

*The Old Testament
Prophet Jonah
escaped certain
death after three
days in the belly of
a fish.*

¹He said the following:

In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me.
From the belly of the grave I cried out, and you heard my voice.

²You threw me into the depths, into the heart of the seas.
The currents swept around me.

All your breakers and your waves swept over me.

³I said, "I have been driven away from your sight.
Nevertheless, I will once again look toward your holy temple."

⁴Waters engulfed me so that I was near death.
The deep surrounded me. Seaweed was wrapped around my head.

⁵To the roots of the mountains I sank down.
The earth locked me behind its bars forever.

But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD, my God.

⁶When my life was ebbing away, I remembered the LORD.
My prayer came to you, to your holy temple.

⁷Those who cling to worthless idols forsake the mercy that is theirs.

⁸But I, with a shout of thanksgiving, will indeed sacrifice to you.
What I have vowed, I will certainly pay in full.

Salvation belongs to the LORD!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

*Hold onto the gospel
that was preached:
Jesus Christ is risen
from the dead.*

¹Brothers, I am going to call your attention to the gospel that I preached to you. You received it, and you took your stand on it. ²You are also being saved by that gospel that was expressed in the words I preached to you, if you keep your hold on it— unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:

that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,

⁴that he was buried,

that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.

⁶After that he appeared to over five hundred brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, he appeared also to me, the stillborn child, so to speak. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, and I am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted God's church. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not ineffective. On the contrary, I worked more than all of them (and yet it wasn't my doing, but it was the grace

of God, which was with me, that did it). ¹¹So whether it is I or they, that is what we preach, and that is what you believed.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 1:18

The congregation sings each refrain. The minister sings the verse.

Refrain

Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia!

I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

Refrain: all

Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

¹After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ²Suddenly, there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, and going to the tomb, he rolled away the stone and was sitting on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. ⁴The guards were so terrified of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here. He has risen, just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷Go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead! And look, he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him.' See, I have told you!"

The angels at the empty tomb announced Jesus' resurrection.

⁸They hurried away from the tomb, with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!"

They approached, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.

¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go, tell my brothers that they should go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day

441 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

arr. James Biery



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
in the sky; he lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

Sermon

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Hold onto something solid

After the sermon please stand (10:30 a.m.).

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Be seated.

Offering

Musical Offering

Please stand.

This Joyful Eastertide

Jeffrey Blersch



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Prayer of the Church

Almighty and merciful God, on this glorious day we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Increase our faith that the message of the empty tomb may fill our lives and make us glad each day.

When we are weak, be our strength; when we are sad, be our song; and when we sin, be our salvation.

Remove the hurt of death from all who mourn. In moments of grief call believers through the voice of our Good Shepherd and embolden us to follow his promises. In their hopelessness of despair turn the faithless to trust in the only Way, Truth, and Life.

Wipe away tears born of death and give new birth to a living hope in the hearts of the lost and troubled. Use our witness as compassion and comfort for others in need of mercy.



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King of kings and Lord of lords, destroy all dominion, authority, and power that stands against you, whether seen or unseen. Whatever evil exerts itself against your saving will--false teaching or lukewarm faith, Satan's lies or worldly pleasures, empty worship or futile religion – rule it for the sake of the gospel's free course.

Triumph over our enemies and empower the Church to fight the good fight to the end. Never leave us or forsake us.

Walk among our churches, O Living One, as the faithful witness and firstborn from the dead. As your angel sent women with news of the risen Christ, call women in our church to announce, "He is risen!" As you sent your disciples with the breath of the Spirit, call those in our church full of the Spirit and wisdom to administer the keys of the kingdom.

Wherever we live and whatever we do, help us to be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have in Christ.

Heavenly Father keep the baptized united with your Son in his resurrection. Put to death the fleshly urges of those caught in addictions, clothe in your righteousness anyone ashamed of good intentions which have fallen short, and assure those searching for purpose that their eternal identity as your dear children is sealed.

Thank you for the power of baptism working in our lives, and for the certainty of its promises through the resurrection. Enrich us with everything we need for life and godliness.

Special intercessory prayers.

O Lord, hear the desires of our hearts, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer.

O Lord of life, you have done mighty things for us! We pray through him who is the Beginning and the End, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

His name is above every name, to the glory of God the Father! Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Be seated.

Hymn

459 Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

Please stand.

Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

Remain standing for the closing hymn.

Closing Hymn

441 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; he lives, and
8 He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my
I shall con - quer death; he lives my man - sion
Je - sus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this
to pre - pare; he lives to bring me safe - ly there.
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

Be seated.

Post-Service Music

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Minister, Song Service

Pastor Gary Pufahl

Minister, Festival Service

Pastor Jon Buchholz

Organ, Festival Service

Kurt Rosenbaum

Piano

Noah Gruman, Lisa Thiesfeldt

Vocalists, Song Service

Carter and Danielle Breeden,

Nathaniel Ehlers, April Long

Choir, Festival Service

Adult choir of Emmanuel

Kevin Bode, *director*

Instrumentalists, Song Service

Kali Gonzalez, Tim Kriewall, *violin*

Kris Pufahl, *clarinet*

Dane and Sean Lieske, Kali Gonzalez, *brass*

Emma and Kris Pufahl, *percussion*

Barb Andrews, Kevin Bode, Adeline Clark

Nathaniel Ehlers, Logan Wenzel, *guitar*

Brass, Festival Service

Norm Andrews, Nathan Crabtree, Kali Gonzalez,

Eli Gruman, Maddie Leppert, Charlie Myers, Zoe Willis

Acolytes

Cameron Sulit (6:30 a.m.), Lincoln Schlaht (9:15 a.m.),

Colton Sallquist (8:00 a.m.), Tyler Reeve (10:30 a.m.)

Video streamer, slides

Jacob Sallquist, Lauren Sallquist (8:00 a.m.),

Cathy Wightman, Chris Wempner (9:15 a.m.)

Video captions

Angie Keezer (8:00 a.m.), Chris Wempner (9:15 a.m.)

Sound

George Willis

In our prayers

- Ka'zia – Thanksgiving that her heart transplant is going well after one year.
- Ken Dins – Recovering from illness.
- Chris Heise – Battling cancer.
- Kaylee – Healing from her surgery.
- Louise Sallquist – Recovering at home.
- Family of Yolie Schoening, who was taken to heaven on April 1.
- Wayne Score – Recovering at home.
- Much-needed rain for the state of Arizona.

Ushers

6:30 a.m.
8:00 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Pete Gross, Jacob Pufahl, Rob Wenzel, Justus Wenzel
Pete Gross, Jim Olson, Dan Warskow, Kevin Wenzel
Tom Bernthal, Michael Kobs, Fabian Velazquez
Caden Head, Ryan Konig, Michael Prahll



Emmanuel usher
sign-up.

This week at Emmanuel

Sunday

Easter Sunday
Song services 6:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Easter breakfast in the MEC 7:30-9:15 a.m.
Festival services 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study No classes this week
Public School Catechism No class this week

Monday

ELS – Easter break No school

Tuesday

ELS Classes resume

Wednesday

Wednesday Bible study in the MEC 8:30 a.m.
Drive through the Gospels
Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl
Adult choir practice 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Thursday Bible study at Denny's 6:00 a.m.
21st Century Lessons from the Life of Jacob
Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at
Denny's (Broadway and Priest in Tempe)
God's Ways Bible study in the MEC 6:00 p.m.
Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl
Bible Basics No class this week

Friday

Chapel 8:30 a.m.
ELS early release 1:50 p.m.

Sunday, April 12

Worship services 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study 9:15 a.m.
Public School Catechism 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Looking ahead

April 15	Wednesday Bible study	8:30 a.m. <i>Drive through the Gospels</i> <i>Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl</i>
	Adult choir in the MEC	6:30 p.m.
April 16	Thursday Bible study at Denny's	6:00 a.m. <i>21st Century Lessons from the Life of Jacob</i> <i>Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at</i> <i>Denny's (Broadway and Priest in Tempe)</i>
	God's Ways Bible study in the MEC	6:00 p.m. <i>Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl</i>
	Bible Basics in the MEC	6:30 p.m. <i>Led by Pastor Jon Buchholz</i>
April 17	Chapel	8:30 a.m.
	ELS early release	1:50 p.m.
April 19	Worship services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
	Church open forum	9:15 a.m.
	Bible study	No class
	Sunday school, teen study	9:15 a.m.
	Public School Catechism	12:00-1:30 p.m.
April 21	Church council meeting	6:00 p.m.
April 22	Wednesday Bible study	8:30 a.m. <i>Drive through the Gospels</i> <i>Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl</i>
	Adult choir in the MEC	6:30 p.m.



Notes and News

Connection cards

Connection card
During the offering we ask that you complete an online connection card.

The connection cards have a valuable purpose in helping us serve you better. We ask all our worshipers to help us serve you by scanning the QR code, by going to elctempe.org/connect, or by filling out one of the cards in the pews. Thank you!

Thank you!

Thank you to all who purchased Easter lilies and kalanchoes. The flowers help beautify the church and Ministry and Education Center (MEC) for Easter. Easter lilies have been placed in the front of church for Easter morning, and kalanchoes for Easter breakfast table centerpieces in the MEC. If you still need to pay for the flowers, please give your payment to either Karen Henriksen, Wendy Binger, or the church office in an envelope marked "WOW Easter Flowers." All flowers will be available to take home after the last Easter service today (Sunday, April 5).

Mr. Kevin Bode receives a divine call

On March 25, St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School in Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin, called Mr. Kevin Bode to teach grades 5-6 and to serve musically in the church and school. He currently serves as our part-time 5th-grade teacher and director of music. As he considers the ministries here and there, please pray that he deliberates these calls with great spiritual wisdom and that God be glorified throughout the process.

Call for a new pastor

On Tuesday, March 3, Emmanuel called **Pastor David J. Meyer** to serve as pastor overseeing our youth and family ministries. Pastor Meyer and his wife, Anna, live in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he serves as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Oak Creek, Wisconsin. Please pray for Pastor Meyer and his family, as he deliberates this call and determines where he can best serve.

Cheering section at Pat's Run | April 11

We are putting together a group to cheer on the people walking or running in Pat's Run on April 11. We are asking those who join our cheering section to wear an Emmanuel t-shirt and or hat. Those interested in carpooling can meet in the Ministry and Education Center (MEC) at 6:15 a.m. the morning of the run (Saturday, April 11). Our goal is to walk around the area finding a spot to cheer on the participants (especially our fellow members) in the event. Please bring a water bottle, wear sunblock, typical drill in our climate.

Peter Pan props, please!

A dog and crocodile costumes are needed for our upper grade performance of Peter Pan. If your closets are full of canine and croc outfits, can you share with us? If so, please bring to the church or school office by April 12. Thank you!

Joy Fellowship event | April 24

Enjoy good music? Like a good slice of pizza? Have a fascination for organs? Join our Joy Fellowship group on Friday, April 24, as we enjoy music, pizza, and fellowship at Organ Stop Pizza. Our Joy Fellowship group is for those 55 years and older. More details to come.

Survey on Emmanuel's ministry

As our Personal Member Ministry is taking form, Benjamin Ruppel (Emmanuel's Personal Member Ministry Coordinator) is gathering information on members' perspectives of our overall ministry atmosphere. Please click on this [assessment link](#) or scan the provided QR Code. Printed assessments are available upon request. Please take a few minutes and read each question and prayerfully answer all the questions you are comfortable with. This will be kept confidential. This assessment will be available until April 30. Any questions please feel free to contact Benjamin Ruppel at the church office or email bruppel@elctempe.org.



*Member ministry
assessment*

Summer art camps

Join Mrs. Amber Bode this summer for a week of artistic fun. This summer Mrs. Bode is offering two art camps; see below for details. Email Mrs. Bode at amber.lee.bode@gmail.com to register by May 15. These camps aren't for the *paint* of heart!

Art Camp Week 1

Current 1st-4th graders

When: June 9-12 (No Monday due to district convention)

Time: 9:00-12:00pm

Location: Emmanuel art classroom

Fee: \$100 (ESA accepted)

Art Camp Week 2

Current 5-8th graders

When: June 15-19

Time: 9:00-12:00pm

Location: Emmanuel art classroom

Fee: \$115 (ESA accepted)

Save the date for our annual church campout at Woods Canyon Lake

Do you think it was hot a few weeks ago? It's not even summer yet! Plan your summer escape by attending our annual church campout this June on the cool Mogollon Rim. The 2026 Emmanuel campout is scheduled for June 26-28. If you have a tent, camper, trailer, or RV (max 30-ft), this is a great time for fun and fellowship. Join us at Woods Canyon Lake campground, about 30 miles east of Payson. The cost is \$55 per family or \$30 for a single person. Enjoy hiking, group activities for adults and kids, s'mores around the bonfire, and Sunday morning worship.

John and Alysha Bergsma will once again be our camp hosts, and they are excited to get out of the heat and enjoy the beauty of nature. If you have any questions, please contact Alysha Bergsma at (480) 789-0726. Registration deadline is Wednesday, June 3; use the provided QR codes to register (or click [here](#)) and make your payment (via [online giving - Church Campout Fee](#)). More details will follow for those who sign up to attend.



Church campout -
registration



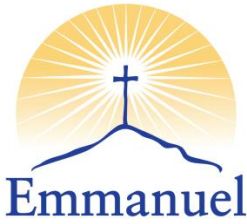
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online giving)

Easter Lilies and Spring Plants

Easter lilies and spring plants were given by God's people to beautify the sanctuary and Ministry and Education Center in memory of loved ones or in celebration of special occasions.

- Joe and Monica Beatrice in memory of Pastor Hugh Reaume
- Margaret and Alicia Benson to the glory of God
- Bergsma and Naumann families in memory of Alexis Naumann
- Gary and Wendy Binger to the glory of God
- Karen Brandenburg and family in memory of Fritz Brandenburg
- Chet and Barb Jaehnig to the glory of God
- Janes family to the glory of God
- Dan Kucenski in memory of Susan Kucenski
- Manteuffel family to the glory of God
- Pastor Dan and Ingrid Pautz to the glory of God
- Betty Reaume to the glory of God
- Jon and Linda Rossman to the glory of God
- Jerry and Judy Rusert to the glory of God
- Pastor Allen and Barbara Schroeder to the glory of God
- Greg and Lisa Thiesfeldt to the glory of God





About Us

Emmanuel Lutheran Church shares the love of Jesus and the truth of his saving Word with the people in our church, our community and the world.

The objectives of our mission are:

- To **preach**, by proclaiming the Word of God, as we worship and praise God in a loving Christian atmosphere;
- To **teach**, by fostering an ongoing increase in knowledge and maturity in God's Word;
- To **reach**, by sharing the Gospel of God's Word with all people, and to do so;
- By **each** member actively participating in our ministry.

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