



*Sunday, April 26, 2020*  
*Third Sunday of Easter*  
*Emmanuel Lutheran Church*

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**April 26, 2020 • 9:30 A.M. Service**

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**WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**INTRODUCTION**

*Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them, and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.*

**PRELUDE**

***Children of the Heavenly Father***

**arr. Bish**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TRINITARIAN CHIMES**

*The assembly stands.*

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are raised with him to new life.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning you created us in your image  
and planted us in a well-watered garden.  
In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,  
and you gave us water from the rock.  
When we did not know the way,  
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,  
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.  
We praise you for your salvation through water,  
for the water in this font,  
and for all water everywhere.  
Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.  
Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.  
To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG:**        *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*    (*Verses 1-3*)

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### **GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.  
O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36–41**  
**(Please turn to page 123 of the New Testament in your pew Bible).**

*Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17–23**

**(Please turn to page 250 of the New Testament in your pew Bible).**

*The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*

The word of the Lord.

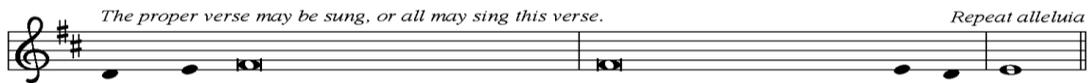
**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**Gospel Acclamation**



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



*The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.* *Repeat alleluia*

Our hearts burn within us, while you open to us the Scriptures.  
(Luke 24: 32)

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:13–35**

**(Please turn to page 92 of the New Testament in your pew Bible).**

The holy gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Steven Wigdahl**

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

***Day of Arising (tune: Morning Has Broken)***

- 1 Day of arising,  
Christ on the roadway,  
unknown companion walks with his own  
When they invite him,  
as fades the first day,  
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.
  
- 2 When we are walking,  
doubtful and dreading,  
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,  
yet Christ walks with us,  
ever awaiting  
our invitation: Stay, do not part.
  
- 3 Christ, our companion,  
hope for the journey,  
bread of compassion, open our eyes.  
Grant us your vision,  
set all hearts burning  
that all creation with you may rise.

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**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven,  
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
 and became truly human.  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again  
 in accordance with the scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
 who has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

#### HEAR OUR PRAYER



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:  
 peace to all people, hope for each soul.  
 God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

We bring to you, Christ, members and friends of Emmanuel who need your healing touch

*(Names from our congregation...)*

*Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. **Amen.***

**Congregational response: "Hear Our Prayer"**

**PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

**OFFERING**

**THE ALIVE BAND**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration,

but you make of them an abundance,

just as you do with our lives.

Feed us again at this table

for service in your name,

in the strength of the risen Christ.

**Amen.**

**HOLY COMMUNION (CONTINUING REFLECTION)**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Life-giving God,  
you have fed us with your word,  
and our hearts burn within us.  
Continue to open us up to your presence,  
And send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead  
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,  
and turn your mourning into dancing.  
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:**            *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen! (Verses 4, 5)*

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### **DISMISSAL**

Christ is risen, just as he said.  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Earth and All Stars*

**arr. Leavitt**