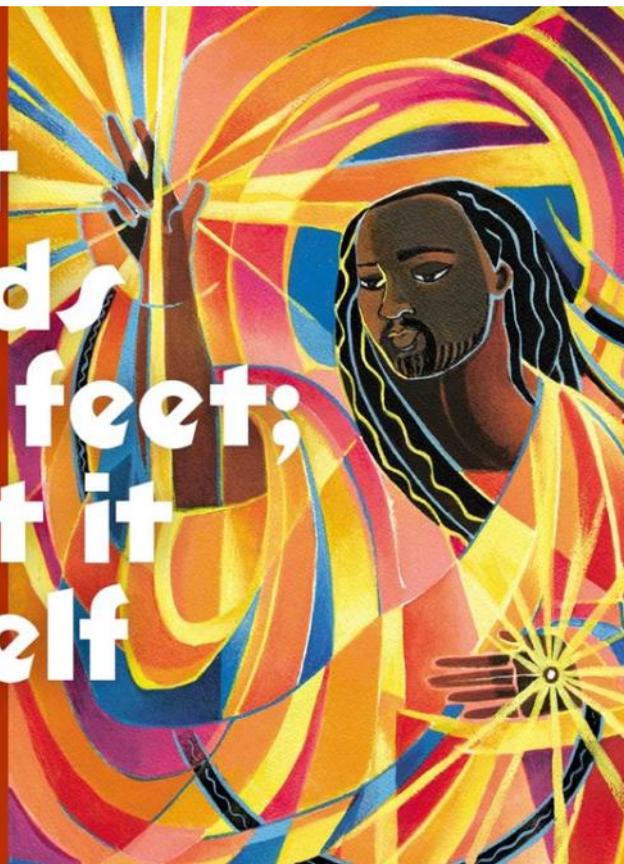


Third Sunday of Easter
April 15, 2018

**Look at
my hands
and my feet;
see that it
is I myself**

LUKE 24:39



WELCOME TO EMANUEL

If you have any questions or need assistance of any kind,
please see an usher or ask any of Emanuel's parishioners.

For recycling, please leave this Worship Bulletin and any inserts on your seat.

WELCOME! If you are visiting with family or friends, we pray that your time together is filled with joy and love. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become part of our community of faith here at Emanuel Lutheran. Please consider filling out one of our “blue forms” that are in the back of the Church on the usher’s table.

HYMNS are taken from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Service Book & Hymnal (the red book in the pew rack), unless otherwise indicated.

PLEASE SILENCE cell phones and all electronic devices during the Service.

PRAYER REQUESTS can be submitted to the Church Office using a “blue form” which can be found on the back Usher’s table. These forms can also be used for address changes, and other information. You can also call the Church Office with your request.

EMANUEL NEWS: If you do not receive the Weekly Emanuel News by email there are printed copies in the back of the Church.

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Easter is not just one day, but a whole season when we celebrate the resurrected Jesus. The season began on Easter Sunday and lasts for 50 days, The color is white, symbolizing resurrection and joy. *Thus the paraments on our altar will be white for 50 days.*

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God

Third Sunday of Easter

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The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord's day. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Jesus Shall Reign

Bell Choir

During the prelude, the congregation is invited into a time of silent prayer.

The congregation is invited to stand for the parts of the Service that are marked with an asterisk "". If you are unable to stand you may remain seated.*

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Just as God's work of creation never ends,
so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day.
Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.
We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life:
for water to bathe in, water to drink,
for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder,
for water that gives life to our planet.

C: **We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place:
for water from our tap, and for rain

C: **We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.**

P: We give you thanks for your salvation through water:
for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters,
for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom,
for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought,
for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land,
for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

C: **We give you thanks for your salvation through water.**

P: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized,
and for all who gather here;
for godparents and baptismal sponsors,
for children and grandchildren,
for our brothers and sisters in Christ
whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

C: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

P: We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit:
for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters,
for our new birth into a life of freedom and service,
for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

C: We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN** *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* **367**

*** GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE *This is the Feast* **ELW Page 140**

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to
be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as
witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever.

C: Amen

The assembly may be seated.

The children are invited to come forward.

ACCLAMATION***Halle, Halle***

Hal le, le, hal le lu jah! Hal le, le, hal le jah! Hal le lu jah! Hal le lu jah!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**ACCLAMATION*****Halle, Halle*****FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19**

After healing a crippled man, Peter preaches to the people how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

Word of God, word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 4

Let the light of your face shine upon us
that we may be glad of heart!

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and | hear my
prayer.

²**“You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?”**

³Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me | when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and | do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed. R**

⁵Offer the appointed | sacrifices,
and put your trust | in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, “Who will show us | any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness | in my heart,
more than when grain and | wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest secure. R**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God, word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness

P: The holy gospel according to Luke

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

* HYMN OF THE DAY

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

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* THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us confess our faith, in the words of the Apostles Creed.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* PRAYERS

After each petition

P: Lord in your mercy

C: **Hear Our Prayer**

* PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

We offer each other a sign of God's peace.

*** PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

P: We offer our gifts – our time, our talent, and our treasure - to God,
in thanksgiving for all that God has given us.

OFFERTORY *This Joyful Eastertide v.1*

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*** OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Together, let us pray ...

**C: Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
as you were made known to the disciples.
Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives,
that we may be your risen body in the world.
Amen**

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the
resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*** HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*** EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*** LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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**

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All are welcome

P: Now let us feast this Easter day
on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*The sacrament is offered using the practice of **intinction**. Please dip the bread into either the red wine or white grape juice.
Gluten-free wafers are offered on a special tray, along with contaminant-free glasses of wine and grape juice. Please indicate your need to the Communion Servers.
If you are unable to come forward, please let the usher know and we will be happy to bring communion to you.
Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward for a blessing.
Children will receive a goldfish cracker as a reminder of God's love for them.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

Day of Arising

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Baptized and Set Free

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*** TABLE BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: **Amen.**

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life,
and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection
that we may show your glory to all the world;
through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*** BLESSING**

P: May God who has brought us from death to life
fill you with great joy.
Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen**

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Reign Me In

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*** DISMISSAL**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Please join us downstairs in Luther Hall for coffee and fellowship. All are welcome!

O-ver all the earth You reign on high;
O-ver ev - 'ry thought, o - ver ev - 'ry word,
ev - ry moun - tain stream, ev' - ry sun - set sky.
may my life re - flect the beau - ty of my Lord.
But my one re - quest, Lord, my on - ly aim
You mean more to me than an - y earth - ly thing.
is that you'd reign in me a - gain.
So, won't You reign in me a - gain?
Lord, reign in me. Reign in Your pow'r
o - ver all my dreams, in my dark - est hour,
You are the Lord of all I am.
So, won't You reign in me a-gain?



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

Brook Nowak † Mal Doyle † Dr. Candi Carroccia † Gail Duek †
Karin Gottier † Rudy Peterson † Carol Johnson † Elaine Wilson †

Joan Feldmann † Doris Barron † Betty-Lois Benson † Inger & Beverly Swanson

Russ Bjorklund, a life long member of Emanuel passed from this life into life eternal with God on Saturday, April 7. A memorial service was held for him on Friday, April 13.

Dot Johnson, passed from this life into life eternal with God on Friday, April 6. A memorial service will be held for her at Emanuel on Friday, April 20.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

A Special Meeting of the Congregation to discuss and vote on Emanuel's 2018 Capital Plan will be held today following the 10:00 AM Service. Please join the congregation in Luther Hall.

MISSION AND MINISTRY MEETINGS

Five more Mission and Ministry Meetings have been scheduled:

- ◆ April 15: 11:30 –1:30 PM in Lounge in Parish Bldg. Host: Deepak and Mrudula Pedada
- ◆ April 23: 7:00—9:00 PM in West Hartford at Graulich Residence
- ◆ April 29: 11:30—1:30 PM in Lounge in Parish Bldg. Host: Mark Hollertz and Keren Paquette
- ◆ May 6: 11:30—1:30 PM in Lounge in Parish Bldg. Host: Jim Flanders & Elizabeth Kieschnick
- ◆ May 15: 7:00—9:00 PM in West Hartford at Murphy Residence

Sign-up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e45ada82aa7fc1-mission> or in Luther Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT EMANUEL

- ◆ April 18 and May 9 at 6:30—Presentation by Pastor Paula of Bible Places along with a potluck dinner (parts 1 and 2)
- ◆ April 20—11:00 AM Dot Johnson Memorial Service
- ◆ April 22—Chili Cookoff to benefit the Youth Group
- ◆ April 22—11:45—1:45 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Mini-Retreat
- ◆ April 25—6:45 PM Confirmation Students
- ◆ April 28—Trinity Academy Fund Raising Gala at the Delmar in West Hartford. Call the Office for info.
- ◆ April 29, May 6 & May 15—Mission & Ministry Meetings
- ◆ May 2—6:00 PM Confirmation Students
- ◆ May 3—12:00 Noon Senior Luncheon
- ◆ May 5—6:00 PM Emanuel Day at Hartford Yard Goats (call the Church Office for Tickets—\$11/each)
- ◆ May 16—Confirmation potluck dinner with Prayer Friends
- ◆ May 19—Elinor McCue Memorial Service
- ◆ May 20—Affirmation of Baptism Sunday

April/May 2018

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