

*Second Sunday of Easter*  
*April 7, 2024*



WELCOME TO EMANUEL

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please ask an usher.

**ALL ARE WELCOME AT EMANUEL**

Recognizing that we live in a broken world, Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness. As members of Emanuel Lutheran Church and children of a loving and merciful God, we acknowledge that this reconciliation extends to people of any gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, race, culture, physical or mental ability, economic circumstances, relationship status, or any person that has ever experienced pain or oppression. Because members of different communities may have been excluded from the Church in the past, we wish to make explicit our welcome to all. It is for this purpose that we affirm that ALL people are welcome here, just as they are, contributing their individuality to the wholeness of the Body of Christ.



**SERVING TODAY**

Presider.....Pastor Mark Olsen  
Preacher.....Vicar Christine Pelfrey  
Assisting Minister.....Maureen Leyes  
Lector.....Janice Favreau  
Communion Preparer.....Yvonne Gardner  
Director of Music.....Jonathan Reuning-Scherer

**EMANUEL MUSICIANS**

Sarah Asmar, David Altschuler, Reham Atef, Kate Birney, Adam Desmarais, Hillary Ekwall, Andy Foreman, Trey Hazard, Linda Helmke, Morgan Hunt, Aron Kiehne, Kathryn Lees, Dan Luddy, Honoka Masuyama, Andy Nagle, Kari Olsen, Morgan Pope, Joel Reuning-Scherer, Gavin Tarling, Rachan Vamsi, Anna VanDeBerg

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

In honor and memory of Abby Stadlander, dedicated by the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

*Though not expected, when it happens, applause is a spontaneous expression of our thanksgiving to God for the gifts of music and of musicians that enrich our lives and enhance our worship.*

***Soli deo gloria – Glory to God alone***

## INTRODUCTION

*The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C: **Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,  
giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807-1882, alt.  
 Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781-1821

\*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.**

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty God,

C: **with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: ACTS 4:32-35**

*While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.*

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 1:1—2:2**

*The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.*

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Halle, Halle*

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

**\*GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31**

*The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.*

P: The holy gospel according to John.

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

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

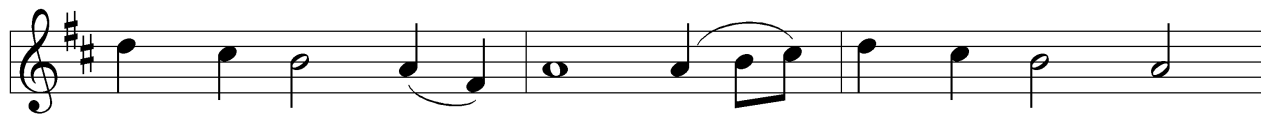
**SERMON**

**Vicar Christine Pelfrey**





1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
 4 That, when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near and seek where you are found:  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.  
 Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, fl. 1816

**\*APOSTLES CREED**

A: Let us join together in professing our faith using 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 OF INTERCESSION

*After each petition*

A: God of Grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

### \*PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

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

## OFFERING MUSIC

*Good Christian Friends – John Ferguson*

Emanuel Choir

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



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

*To make your gift online, scan this code using your phone's camera  
or QR scanner app.*

### \*OFFERING PRAYER

A: Risen One,

C: **you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . Join in our unending hymn:

## \*HOLY HOLY HOLY

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might;  
Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff begins with a 6/8 time signature. The second staff changes to 3/8 time, and the third and fourth staves return to 6/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

## \*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### \*LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 at the Table!**

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.


***This is the Lord's Table and all are welcome to receive the bread & wine of communion.***

*Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available as needed.*

*The ushers will guide you out of your pew down the center aisle to the front of the church. Once you receive communion, please return to your seat by the side aisles.*

*If you would like to receive communion at your seat, please let an usher know. If, for any reason, you choose not to receive the bread and wine, we invite you to come forward for a blessing.*

**\*LAMB OF GOD**



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

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

*Agnus Dei* – John Leavitt

Emanuel Choir

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

*We Have Seen the Lord*

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**\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**C:** Amen.

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A:** Shepherding God,

**C:** **you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

**BLESSING AND WELCOME OF INTERN**

**P:** Let us pray. O God, who through the Holy Spirit illumines the mind and sanctifies the lives of those who are called to be pastors and teachers: look with favor upon all seminaries for the instruction and discipline of those who are to serve in the Sacred Ministry of your Church; and bless your people in this ministry site who by word and

example will aid your servant, Vicar Christine Pelfrey, in learning to apply the principles of ministry that have been taught in school. Grant, as we diligently work together, submitting ourselves in obedience to your Son and guided by your Spirit, that our lives may be enriched, and our ministries fulfilled with joy, to the glory of your name.

**C: Amen.**

Intern Committee Chair (ICC): The Apostle Paul writes, "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God that inspires them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." (1 Cor. 12:4-7)

It is the duty of the vicar, under the direction of the supervisor, to be completely involved in the life and work of the ministry in this ministry site, so that experiential knowledge of what the ministry entails may be gained. In a very real sense, you are an un-ordained partner in this ministry.

P: I ask you, Vicar Christine, are you ready to assume your responsibilities of ministry here and will you seek under God's hand to fulfill that ministry to God's glory? If so, answer "I am ready, God helping me with God's Grace."

V: I am ready, God helping me with God's Grace.

*(The congregation will please rise as they are able)*

P: It is your calling as members of this ministry site to accept this vicar as a fellow worker within our congregation, to invite and welcome her into your homes, and in every way possible strengthen and encourage her in this year of service in a new and unfamiliar area. Now I ask you, saints of Emanuel Lutheran Church, will you receive this servant of God as a fellow laborer in the Gospel of Christ and uphold and support her in every way? If so, answer, "Yes, by God's help."

**C: Yes, by God's help.**

P: Almighty God, by whose call we are at work, bless us in our labors together.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, we humbly ask you to bless this ministry site, and to further with your continual help those who labor in it; grant them lowliness in spirit, steadfastness of faith, perseverance in all good works, and bring all at least to your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **\*BLESSING**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P: The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.

**C: Amen.**

v. 1, 3, 4



*Refrain/Estribillo*  
¡A - le - lu - ya! Cris - to re - su - ci - tó  
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is a - ris - en.



de ma - dru - ga - da el do - min - go.  
Bright is the dawn-ing of the Lord's day.



1 Fue - ron mu - jer - es al se - pul - cro. La pie - dra, un  
1 Run, faith - ful wom - en, to the grave - side. Mar - vel, the  
2 Rise, Mag - da - len - a, from your weep - ing; Christ stands be -  
3 Gath - er, dis - ci - ples, in the eve - ning; sud - den - ly  
4 Thom - as, where were you on that eve - ning? "I'll not be -



án - gel re - mo - vió; les di - jo: "Ha re - su - ci -  
stone is rolled a - way! Hear from the an - gel, "He is  
fore your ver - y eyes. Quick - ly re - turn to the dis -  
Christ your Lord ap - pears. "Look, it is I, your wound - ed  
lieve un - less I see." Christ comes a - gain, and ev - 'ry



*Refrain/Estribillo*  
ta - do." Y al ir - se, les sa - lió el Se - ñor.  
ris - en." Christ goes be - fore you all the way.  
ci - ples; bear the good news: "He is a - live."  
Sav - ior. Peace be with you, and do not fear."  
Lord's day: "Touch me and see; have faith in me."

\*DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

## **Easter Flower Dedications**

### **Given By**

Alan and Ruth Anderson  
His wife Myrtle Bloomquist and family  
Chet and Glenna Brodnicki  
Carol Dennler and family  
Mebret Farquhar  
Janice Favreau  
John and Susan Foote  
The Hazard Family  
His family  
Bill and Sue Kasmarzyk  
Janice and Douglas Larson  
Leich and Gleason family  
Richard Liljedahl  
Their families  
Stanley Maticka  
Lorraine K. MacCann  
Arlene Parmelee, her daughters, and their families  
Their granddaughters: Sarah, Laura, and Hannah  
  
Pellegatto and Obadowski families  
The Peterson and Dwyer families  
Sarah and Jeff Potter, Jen and Steve Jarvis, and  
their children Olivia and Ethan  
Lynn and Lee Sherman  
Karin Stetson and Family  
  
Swanson, Caracuzzi, Smith, and Rice family  
  
Diane and Gary Troutman  
  
Margaret Zachariasen

### **Dedication**

Kimberly Anderson Ramstad  
In loving memory of Clifford Bloomquist  
Our parents  
Bradford Dennler  
In memory of Jim Ashwell  
Jeanette and Edward Kwasniak  
In honor of our parents  
Gail Peterson Hazard  
In memory of Erik Walter Johnson, Sr.  
Loved ones  
Loved ones and friends  
Family members who have passed away  
Liljedahl family  
Arnold and Linnea Lindquist  
Mildred and Jarimor  
James P. McCann  
David Parmelee  
In loving memory of Constance and Leland  
Parmelee  
Harold E. and Jessie Magneson  
Marion and Rudy Peterson  
In memory of Janet and Richard Potter  
  
Our parents Bud and Ginny, Milford and Bertha  
In memory of the Rev. Stanley, Gladys Sandberg,  
and Kenneth Stetson  
Albert and Bernice Swanson, and Karen L.  
Swanson Smith  
In memory of our parents, Bill and Virginia  
Morse and Jim and Betty Troutman  
Dear departed loved ones of family and friends

***Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.***

Carol Johnson † Karin Gottier † Bert Johnson † Betsyann Carter † Anne Louise Swanson  
† Lee Sherman † Jennings-Marzett Family † Mckenna Jobes † Brooklyn King † Elaine Wilson  
† Vito Vitrano † Monique Jennings † Rae Ann Gremel  
† Harris Kannah † Jerry Vigil † Janet Starkes

*Homebound:* Ellie Olson † Elaine Wilson † Joan Johnson † Anna-Lisa Johnson  
Doris Barron † Peggy Zachariasen

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