
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD APRIL 4, 2021

WELCOME

HYMN: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (LSB #457)

Jesus Christ is ris'n today Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!
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INVOCATION: (Adapted from Revelation 1:4-6)

Pastor: Grace and peace to you from Him who is, who was, and who is to come.

People: From Our Lord Jesus Christ,

Pastor: Who is the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

People: To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us a kingdom and priests to serve God the Father.

Pastor: To Him be glory and power forever and ever!

People: Amen.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 16:1-8

¹When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" ⁸Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.



PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Pastor: This Easter Day we celebrate the forgiveness of our sins won by Christ through His victory over death.

People: His life means something to us today and every day.

Pastor: With thanksgiving in our hearts we worship You, O God.

People: We know that Jesus' resurrection is the source of our hope and life.

Pastor: Without Him we are dead in our sins.

People: Without Him we only live for the present.

Pastor: Without Him we are alone and live separated from God forever.

People: Lord, forgive our sinful nature that rebels against You and runs away from You as if You did not exist. Restore us by Your life; create and renew faith in us each day; rekindle our commitment to You and Your word. Have mercy upon us that we might be living witnesses to Christ's resurrection each and every day of our lives. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

DECLARATION OF PRAISE: (Adapted from Revelation 7:9-12)

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: The uncountable multitude of nations and people stand before the Lamb upon His throne and cry out with a loud voice;

People: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Pastor: And all the angels around the throne worship Him saying,

People: Blessing and honor, glory and thanksgiving, power and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: And all the creatures of the earth shout;

People: Amen!

Pastor: And all the saints and angels shout;

People: Amen!

SONG: "Salvation Belongs to Our God" (Pat Turner)

Salvation belongs to our God,
Who sits upon the throne;
And unto the Lamb;
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
Honor and power and strength.
Be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever, Amen!

And we the redeemed shall be strong,
In purpose and unity;
Declaring aloud;
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,

**Honor and power and strength.
Be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever, Amen!**

End...Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength.

**Be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever, Amen!**

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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. ⁷On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. ⁹In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-28

¹⁹If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. ²⁰But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²²For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. ²⁸When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

CONFESSION OF EASTER FAITH: (*Spoken together*)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. His sovereign power has raised His Son from the dead and His eternal love has given us eternal life. He is indeed the Father Almighty!

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and come to earth as a human, born of the Virgin Mary, He suffered and died and went down to hell, announcing His victory as Almighty God over the evil one; the battle was over, and on the third day He rose from the dead and is alive!

I believe this by the power of the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who calls, gathers, and enlightens us and the whole Christian church on earth. By His guidance and through His life giving Word we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

I believe Jesus will come again and take those who believe in Him home to live with Him forever. This is the message of Easter! This is the foundation of our faith. This we believe and confess with our lips and our lives. Alleluia! Amen.

HYMN: "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" (LSB #816)

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends Thy Word.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All praise to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son to Thee.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Whom with the Spirit we adore,
Forever and forevermore:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
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SERMON: Mark 16:1-8 "You Can't Live as if God is Dead!"

OFFERING

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SONG: "Blessed Be the Name of the Lord" (Don Moen)

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
He is worthy to be praised and adored;
So we lift up holy hands in one accord, singing,
"Blessed be the name, blessed be the name, blessed be the name of the Lord." (Repeat)
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IN THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION WE BELIEVE *our Lord Jesus Christ comes to us with His body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins (Matt 26:26-28). In it we are united with him and with the whole Church. Baptized and confirmed Christians who believe, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that Christ's body and blood are present in the bread and wine of the Sacrament, who acknowledge their sin, set aside any refusal to forgive (Matt 6:15), are sorry, repent (Mark 1:15) and look to Christ alone for forgiveness and strength to live the new life, are welcome to eat and drink at the Lord's table in remembrance of Him. (1 Cor 11:25-25) You may register for Communion as the Friendship Folder is passed to you in the pew. If you have any questions, please speak to the Pastor or a Lay Minister before communing.*

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

EASTER BLESSING:

Pastor: Jesus is risen and is alive!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Jesus is risen and is alive! This is the hope and joy that He brings to us today.

People: We go in the peace and joy of our risen Savior!

Pastor: Jesus is risen and is alive! May He bless you and keep you always.

People: Through faith in Jesus we live in His forgiveness and love and go to serve Him each new day!

Amen.

HYMN: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" (LSB #633)

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!**

**Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath
You lie; You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!**

**Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!**

**Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!**

**Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!**

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“For I was hungry and you fed me. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you invited me into your home.”

Hopefully, Covid 19 is better under control, but many neighbors in our area still struggle to put food on their table. We should, and can, help solve this problem for many of them.

How? Join Holy Emmanuel’s donation drive to help VEAP. We named the drive, OPERATION MATTHEW 25 and it will run from March 21st to April 18th.

During this time, we will encourage donations to Holy Emanuel which will be forwarded to VEAP on April 20th.

In addition to the donations collected, Outreach will match the first \$1,000 from the Outreach budget.

Any questions, please ask or call Chuck Squires or John Carlson or Gayle Cedergren

Thank you for your support.

John and Chuck and Gayle



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Morning at 10:45 in the Sanctuary

LOOKING AHEAD IN OUR SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: "The End and Revelation!"

To access via Zoom.

Topic: Holy Emmanuel - Sunday Bible Study

Time: This is a recurring meeting Sunday's 10:45am

Join Zoom Meeting

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Missional Living Learning Group:

Wednesday check the bulletin for dates at 6:00PM

Our goal will be to continue the discovery process as to what missional living means; or, how do we become more Christ like in our own zip code. In the meantime, if you have any questions please let me know. Blessings, Chuck Squires (612-799-5315 Cell) or squir008@msn.com

ATTENTION HOLY EMMANUEL FRIENDS: With the advent of digital data we find ourselves with 100's of choral sheet music titles that we will no longer use. If you are interested in copies for your personal use please contact Randy Marko or Anna VanVleet. All items that remain will be recycled in mid-April. Thank you.

ECC Volunteer Opportunity: Join us on April 6th from 7-9am to give the ECC Parent's a **Tuesday Pick Me Up!** We will be handing out breakfast and an invite to Holy Emmanuel services and upcoming events. Please feel free to join us that morning or call Dawn at 952-888-5116 with any questions.

Dear Holy Emmanuel Members & friends:

With warmer days ahead of us, VEAP is pleased to officially kick off our annual springtime March Food & Fund Drive!

Please consider donating the following items..

- Personal care and household items: shampoo, toothpaste, soap, shaving cream, toiletries, etc.
- Paper bags (We'll always take your extra paper grocery bags).

Note that financial contributions allows VEAP to respond the most flexibly to changing needs. Every \$30 donated allows us to feed an individual for an entire month (a total of 90 meals!). Please consider making a donation in support of this critical drive.

Thank you and best wishes for a warm spring!

Thank You for your continued support of VEAP.

Gayle Cedergren

VEAP Representative

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1. How were the women living as they went to Jesus' tomb?
2. What did the angel present to the women?
3. What was the angel message meant to do for the women?
4. How do we sometimes live as if Jesus is still dead?
5. As the risen Savior, what does say he is going to do?
6. What might lead us to think it would be better if Jesus was still dead?
7. What is the good news message of the resurrection?
8. How is Jesus' resurrection like a receipt?
9. What changes when people reject the good news of Jesus resurrection?
10. What are we doing when we believe the good news?
11. Why is there no need for fear when we believe in the risen Savior?