
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 11, 2021

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

HYMN: “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” (LSB #465)

Now all the vault of heav’n resounds,
In praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence still all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life’s day
That by our lives we truly say:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

People: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION OF SINS:

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

CALL TO WORSHIP: (From Psalm 105)

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;

People: **Make known among the nations what he has done.**

Pastor: Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

People: **Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

Pastor: Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

People: **Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced.**

Pastor: He remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded, for a thousand generations.

HYMN: "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" (LSB #474)

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Jesus is risen and we shall arise:

Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Jesus the vine, We are the branches;

Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;

Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,

Gift of the future now flowing to me.

Jesus is risen and we shall arise:

Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent:

Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.

Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!"

Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.

Jesus is risen and we shall arise:

Give God the glory! Alleluia!

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FIRST READING: Acts 3:1-26

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. ² Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. ³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. ⁴ Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” ⁵ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. ⁶ Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” ⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. ⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. ⁹ When all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰ they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. ¹¹ While the beggar held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon’s Colonnade. ¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see. ¹⁷ “Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰ and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. ²¹ He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. ²² For Moses said, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you. ²³ Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from among his people.’ ²⁴ “Indeed, all the prophets from Samuel on, as many as have spoken, have foretold these days. ²⁵ And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, ‘Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.’ ²⁶ When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.”

EPISTLE: 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ² This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³ This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. ⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

CHILDREN’S LESSON

SONG: “See His Glory” (Rich Cook)

**See His glory, see His glory,
See His glory come down;
Praise His name, heaven reigns,
See His glory come down,
See His glory come down. (Repeat)**

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SERMON: John 20:19-23 “Still Working!”

SONG: “I Believe in Jesus” (Marc Nelson)

**I believe in Jesus,
I believe He is the Son of God;
I believe He died and rose again,
I believe He paid for us all.
And I believe He’s here now,
standing in our midst;
Here with the power to heal now,
and the grace to forgive. (Repeat)**

**End...I believe in You, Lord,
I believe You are the Son of God;
I believe You died and rose again,
I believe You paid for us all.
And I believe that You’re here now,
Standing in our midst;
Here with the power to heal now,
And the grace to forgive.
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THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,

People: **And for all people according to their needs.**

Pastor: Lord, give us courage to confront our doubts.

People: **Strengthen our faith in You and silence all our fears.**

Pastor: Make us bold to proclaim the good news about Jesus,

People: **And give witness to His saving death and resurrection in our words and deeds.**

Pastor: Give us a spirit of true repentance,

People: **That we remain in that faith which the Spirit stirred in us at our Baptism.**

Pastor: For those who are sick and who suffer, especially...*(special requests)*...Lord we pray,

People: **May they not lose confidence in Your good and gracious will.**

Pastor: For those who have strayed away from the Lord,

People: **Spirit, rekindle their faith and draw them back to Jesus.**

Pastor: Risen Lord Jesus, as You live and reign in glory everlasting,

People: **Raise us up each day to live a new life in You. Amen.**

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.**

BLESSING:

Pastor: As Almighty God sent forth His Son from the waters of His baptism, filled with the Spirit for service,

People: So He sends us his holy people, filled with the Spirit for service as well.

Pastor: May we shine as the Lord's light to the nations,

People: In the strong name of Jesus our Savior and Lord.

Pastor: And the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

People: Amen.

HYMN: "On What Has Now Been Sown" (LSB #921)

**On what has now been sown
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is Thine alone
To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,
And Thou alone shalt have the praise.**

**To Thee our wants are known,
From Thee are all our pow'rs;
Accept what is Thine own
And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,
And to Thy Word a blessing give.**

**O grant that each of us,
Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus
When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!**

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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

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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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“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



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John 20:19-23

“Still Working!”

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

1. How long do we usually say Jesus’ ministry lasted?
2. What is the Old Testament a diary of?
3. Why is Jesus able to exert his influence today even though he died?
4. What arrangements did Jesus make so his ministry would continue after he ascended back into heaven?
5. Why shouldn’t believers be filled with fear when it comes to the job Jesus has given us to do?
6. What does the Holy Spirit encourage each of us as believers in Christ to do?
7. What authority does Jesus give to all who rely upon him as their Savior?
8. How does Jesus continue to carry on his ministry today?