
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 18, 2021

WELCOME

HYMN: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (LSB #461)

**I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives my ever living head.**

**He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.**

**He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears:
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.**

**He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.**

**He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

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INVOCATION

REFLECTION ON GOD'S WORD: (From Ps 124 & 130)

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

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

CONFESSION OF SIN: (Spoken together)

Lord, Your Spirit has drawn us again to hear Your Word and call upon You in prayer and praise. Yet we are not worthy of Your blessings. We have sinned against You and against one another in our thoughts, our words, and our deeds, and cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. So for the sake of Your Son Jesus, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.



ABSOLUTION

HYMN OF PRAISE: (*Sung together, LSB p. 204*)

**To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply!**

FIRST READING: Acts 4:8-12

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, ¹⁰then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹He is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone. ¹²Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

EPISTLE READING: 1 John 1:1-2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ²The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴We write this to make our joy complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. ⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives...¹My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

RESPONSE: (*Sung together, LSB p. 205*)

Alleluia, alleluia alleluia!

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:36-49

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." ⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence. ⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *(The Nicene Creed, spoken together)*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" (LSB #477)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Hearts to heav'n voices raise:

Sing to God a hymn of gladness,

Sing to God a hymn of praise;

He who on the cross a victim

For the world's salvation bled

Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,

Now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Death at last has met defeat:

See the ancient pow'rs of evil

In confusion and retreat;

Once He died, and once was buried:

Now He lives forevermore,

Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,

Whom we worship and adore.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to God on high:

Alleluia to the Savior

Who has gained the victory;

Alleluia to the Spirit,

Fount of love and sanctity!

Alleluia, alleluia

To the triune Majesty!

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SERMON: 1 John 1:1-3 “Who’s Right?” or “Can We Be Sure?”

THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Pastor: Risen Lord Jesus, in Your mercy, strengthen us as Your people.

People: That we may confess You as Lord without fear or doubt, and that we may trust You alone for forgiveness, life and salvation.

Pastor: As we search the Scriptures and make use of it in our daily lives,

People: Open our hearts by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that we might always be led to You.

Pastor: As we receive the comfort of Your word.

People: Help us to bring comfort to those who are sick, those who suffer, and to the dying.

Pastor: This day we lift before You...*(special requests)*...Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer, and grant these requests in accordance with Your good and gracious will.

Pastor: As the risen King, bring peace to the nations.

People: Let there be justice and freedom for all.

Pastor: Empower us to reach out to those whose faith has grown weak,

People: To bring them back into the fellowship of Your family.

Pastor: Open our eyes to the opportunities You provide for us,

People: To share the good news of the Gospel with those who do not yet trust in Your name.

Pastor: Giving thanks to You Lord Jesus, for all You are and do as our Savior and Lord,

People: We commend all for whom we pray into Your caring hands, trusting in Your mercy as God. 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.

CALL TO THANKS AND PRAISE

HYMN OF ADORATION: *(Sung together, LSB p. 208)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;

Heav’n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HYMN OF ASSURANCE: *(Sung together, LSB p. 210)*

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

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

HYMN OF THANKS: *(Sung together, LSB p. 211)*

**O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace;
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

BENEDICTION:

SONG: "In Christ Alone" *(Keith Getty & Stuart Townend)*

**In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, When strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ, I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

**End...No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

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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 you personal use please contact Randy Marko or Anna VanVleet. All items that remain will be recycled in mid-April. Thank you.

WE REACHED OUR GOAL!

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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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1. What battle do we face living in a pluralistic society?
2. What message do we proclaim as Christians?
3. Why do children ask about the certainty of our beliefs?
4. How is a jury made certain of their verdict?
5. What separates Christianity from every other world religion?
6. Why is Christian faith not a blind faith?
7. Why does the apostle John share with us what he heard and saw and touched?
8. Why do we believe Jesus is true God?
9. Why do we believe Jesus’ words are reliable and true?
10. What makes for reliable evidence?
11. How did the great number of witnesses to Jesus resurrection help the early Christians?
12. What changed Thomas’s unbelief to certain belief?
13. What are we given in the pages of Scripture?
14. What does the evidence God provides do for us?