



**Emmanuel**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

**9:00 AM Sunday Worship, May 17, 2020**

**The Holy Season of Easter**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA

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## Introduction

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

## Gathering: The Holy Spirit Gathers Us in Worship

### Welcome

### A Prayer of Healing for the Nations

Pastor: In this time of pandemic, let us pray...

*A moment of silence for reflection.*

Pastor: From a world-wide pandemic of the coronavirus disease,

**All: heal us, O Lord.**

Pastor: From fevers and difficulty breathing, from sickness and dying,

**All: heal us, O Lord.**

Pastor: From fear and worry, from stress and weariness

**All: heal us, O Lord.**

Pastor: From isolation and loneliness, from uncertainty and loss

**All: heal us, O Lord.**

Pastor: We are all ages and all colors, all genders and all creeds

**All: heal us, O Lord.**

Pastor: For our families and friends, all communities and all nations,

**All: heal us, O Lord.**

Pastor: In Jesus' name we pray

**All: heal us, O Lord. Amen.**



## Prelude

Lord I Need You

(Text for Reflection)

### Verse 1

Lord I come I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

### Chorus 1

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

### Verse 2

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me  
Where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

### Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay

### Chorus 2

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You



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## Invocation

Pastor: In this holy season of Easter we are gathered in the name of the Father, † the Son and the Holy Spirit—the Creator of life, the Savior of life, and the Giver of life.

**All: Amen.**

## Opening Song

## Great Are You Lord

### Great Are You Lord

Words and Music by  
Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan  
and David Leonard

**INTRO**  
♩ = 144  
C Em<sup>7</sup> D<sup>sus</sup> 1. 2.

You give

**VERSE**  
6 C Em<sup>7</sup> D<sup>sus</sup> C  
life. You are love. You bring light to the dark - ness. You give hope. You re -

11 Em<sup>7</sup> D<sup>sus</sup> C Em<sup>7</sup>  
-store ev - 'ry heart that is bro - ken. And great are You, -

**CHORUS**  
16 D<sup>sus</sup> C Em<sup>7</sup>  
Lord. It's Your breath in our lungs, so we

20 D<sup>sus</sup> C Em<sup>7</sup>  
pour out our praise, we pour out our praise. It's Your breath in our lungs, so we

**INSTRUMENTAL 1**  
24 1. D<sup>sus</sup> C Em<sup>7</sup> D<sup>sus</sup>  
pour out our praise to You on - ly.

Last time to Coda

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Great Are You Lord - 2

29

2, 4.  
D<sup>sus</sup>

D.S.

3.  
D<sup>sus</sup>

You give pour out our praise to You on - ly. It's Your pour out our praise to You

INSTRUMENTAL 2

33

G G<sup>sus</sup> C<sup>2</sup>

on - ly.

BRIDGE

40

G G G<sup>sus</sup>

And all the earth will shout Your praise. Our hearts will cry, these

45

C<sup>2</sup>

bones will sing, — "Great are You, —

48

1, 2.  
G

3.  
G

D.S. al Coda

Lord!" — And Lord!" — It's Your

Coda

52

D<sup>sus</sup> C Em<sup>7</sup>

ENDING

pour out our praise to You on - ly.

56

D<sup>sus</sup> C Em<sup>7</sup> D<sup>sus</sup>

pour out our praise to You on - ly.



## **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Pastor: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life.

**All: Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.**

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the well your Son promised a spring of water gushing up to eternal life, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: We praise you for your salvation through water and your Word, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. We are washed in your forgiveness, grace, and love. You satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: To you, O God, be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**All: Amen!**

## **Hymn of Praise**

This Is The Feast

ELW 3 with organ



*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

Pastor: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## Word: God Speaks to Us in Scriptures and Prayer

### First Reading Acts 17:22-31

*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

Reader:<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on



which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm**                      Psalm 66:8-20

Reader: <sup>8</sup>Bless our God, you peoples;  
let the sound of praise be heard.

**All: <sup>9</sup>Our God has kept us among the living  
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

Reader: <sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

**All: <sup>11</sup>You brought us into the net;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

Reader: <sup>12</sup>You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and  
water,  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

**All: <sup>13</sup>I will enter your house with burnt offerings  
and will pay you my vows—**

Reader: <sup>14</sup>those that I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

**All: <sup>15</sup>I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.**

Reader: <sup>16</sup>Come and listen, all you who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has done for me.

**All: <sup>17</sup>I called out to God with my mouth,  
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

Reader: <sup>18</sup>If I had cherished evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me;

**All: <sup>19</sup>but in truth God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

Reader: <sup>20</sup>Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing love from me.



## Second Reading

*The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.*

Reader: <sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Children's Message

**The Gospel Acclamation**

ELW 3 (Revelation led)



## Gospel

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

Pastor: The good news of Jesus Christ according to the gospel of Saint John, the fourteenth chapter.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord!**

Pastor: [Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord!

**All: Praise to you, O Christ!**

## A Word

"To Be with You Forever" based upon John 14:15-21 by Pastor Tony Prinsen

**Hymn of the Day** Come Down, O Love Divine

ELW #804



## Come Down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine  
2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn  
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,  
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—  
shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear  
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,  
no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.  
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833–1890  
Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958  
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## **Nicene Creed**

Leader: We proclaim our faith together in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**All: We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



## Prayers of Intercession

Leader: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Leader: Abiding God, you have revealed yourself to us in the form of your Son, Jesus Christ. Embolden your church, as your followers, to reveal your love to everyone in our speaking and in our living. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: You are the creator of heaven and earth. Revitalize the health of oceans, rivers, lakes, springs, glaciers, and other bodies of water that give life to your creatures (*local bodies of water may be named*). Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to the oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: You come near to us when we are lost, and you hear our distress. We pray for those who suffer in any way (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Your commands are good and merciful. Give us courage to take hold of our baptismal promises to work for justice, advocate for the voiceless, and free the oppressed and imprisoned in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: You remain with us always, O God, and your kingdom has no end. We remember the saints who have gone before us (*especially*). Unite us forever in your final victory over death. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**



Leader: You give healing and comfort. Bless the life-giving efforts of all medical professionals during this coronavirus pandemic. Protect them and give them wisdom, strength, and endurance. Lord, in your mercy

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **Offering**

Offerings can be made online at <http://www.elcvienna.org/give> or mailed to the church.

**Offertory** Jesus Christus unser Heiland (BWV 666) J.S. Bach  
("Jesus Christ Our Savior")

## **Peace**

Pastor: Family of God in Christ, the peace of the Risen Lord be with you always!

**All: And also with you.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**All: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,**



and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

## Sending: The Holy Spirit Leads Us in Mission to the World

### Announcements

### Blessing

Pastor: May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
(See next page)

ELW # 631



## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788  
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887



## **Sending**

Pastor: Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news.  
Alleluia!

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **Postlude**

“Toccata” from *Suite Gothique*, Op.25 No. 4

Léon Boëllmann

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God bless you!