



**Emmanuel**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

**11 AM Traditional Worship Service, April 14, 2024**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA

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# THE HOLY SPIRIT GATHERS US IN WORSHIP

## Prelude

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing" a 15th Century song French Melody  
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## Welcome

*Good morning and welcome to worship at Emmanuel Lutheran Church!  
You can find bulletins and ways to give online at [elcvienna.org](http://elcvienna.org). We invite newcomers to our welcome table outside the sanctuary after worship.*

## Invocation

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

**All: Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

ELW 377

- 1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

- 2 Walking the way, Christ in the center  
telling the story to open our eyes;  
breaking our bread, giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*
- 3 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. *Refrain*
- 4 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. *Refrain*

- 5 City of God, Easter forever,  
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
river of life, saints and archangels,  
sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926  
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## **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

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

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

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: 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.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: 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.

**All: Amen.**

## **Hymn of Praise**

Christ has Arisen, Alleluia ELW 364 v. 1 and refrain

1. Christ has arisen, alleluia.  
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.  
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,  
even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.  
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Jesus is living, alleluia!

Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922. Onelicense.net 94901.

## **GOD'S WORD CALLS US TO DISCIPLESHIP**

### **Acts 3:12-19**

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter three.

Reader: <sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **Psalm 4**

Reader: A reading from Psalm 4.

Reader: <sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God of my right!  
You gave me room when I was in distress.  
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

**<sup>2</sup>How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?**

**How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?**

<sup>3</sup>But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself;  
the LORD hears when I call to him.

**<sup>4</sup>When you are disturbed, do not sin;**

**ponder it on your beds, and be silent.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer right sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the LORD.

**<sup>6</sup>There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!  
Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart  
more than when their grain and wine abound.

**<sup>8</sup>I will both lie down and sleep in peace;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.**

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **1 John 3:1-7**

Reader: A reading from the letter to the first letter of John, chapter 3.

Reader: <sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Children's Message**

*Children are invited to Bible storytelling time in the chapel following the children's message and will return to the sanctuary after the message.*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds  
ELW 367

- 1 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! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## **Luke 24:36b-48**

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

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

Pastor: <sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord!

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

## **Gospel Response**

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds  
ELW 367

- 3 Oh, 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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## Message

"The Hands and Feet of Jesus" based upon Luke 24 by Pastor Lydia Posselt

## Hymn of the Day

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW 379

- 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,  
thinking that he would never wake again;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
your touch can call us back to life again,  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872-1958  
Onelicense.net 92506.

## The Nicene Creed

Pastor: We confess our faith 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: Renewing God, give church leaders and all the baptized the same excitement as the women at the tomb, and inspire us to share your abundant life. Merciful God,

**All: receive our prayer.**

Leader: Sustaining God, provide fertile soil, ample sunlight, and plentiful rain for the growth of plants and the nourishment of all creation. Merciful God,

**All: receive our prayer.**

Leader: Sheltering God, empower government agencies and international organizations that provide for refugees and migrants forced to leave their homelands. Merciful God,

**All: receive our prayer.**

Leader: Encouraging God, send us as your healing presence to places of hunger, pain, illness, or overwhelming sorrow. We pray for... Merciful God,

**All: receive our prayer.**

Leader: Resurrecting God, you make us alive in Christ. Thank you for blessing us with faithful witnesses who now rest in you. Merciful God,

**All: receive our prayer.**

Leader: We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.

**All: Amen.**



## Peace

Leader: May the peace of the risen Lord be with you always!

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share God's peace.

## Offering

*Offerings in support of our mission and ministry can be made at [www.elcvienna.org/give](http://www.elcvienna.org/give) or mailed to the church. Ushers will take the offering in person. Every gift matters!*

## Offering Music

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" by Michael Wise, 1684  
Onelicense.net 94903.

## THE LORD'S MEAL GIVES US GRACE AND LIFE

### Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Setting 4)

S 152

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.", "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.", "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.", and "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The music is simple and melodic, suitable for a church service.

*The Preface portion of the Great Thanksgiving follows and is chanted by the presiding pastor.*

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,  
 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,  
 al-mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;  
 who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
 and by his glorious resur-rec - tion  
 opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.  
 And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,  
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,  
 we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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## Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Setting 4

S 153

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor: We remember that in the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Pastor: And again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

## 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.**

Pastor: The gifts of God for the children of God—come, all are welcome!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

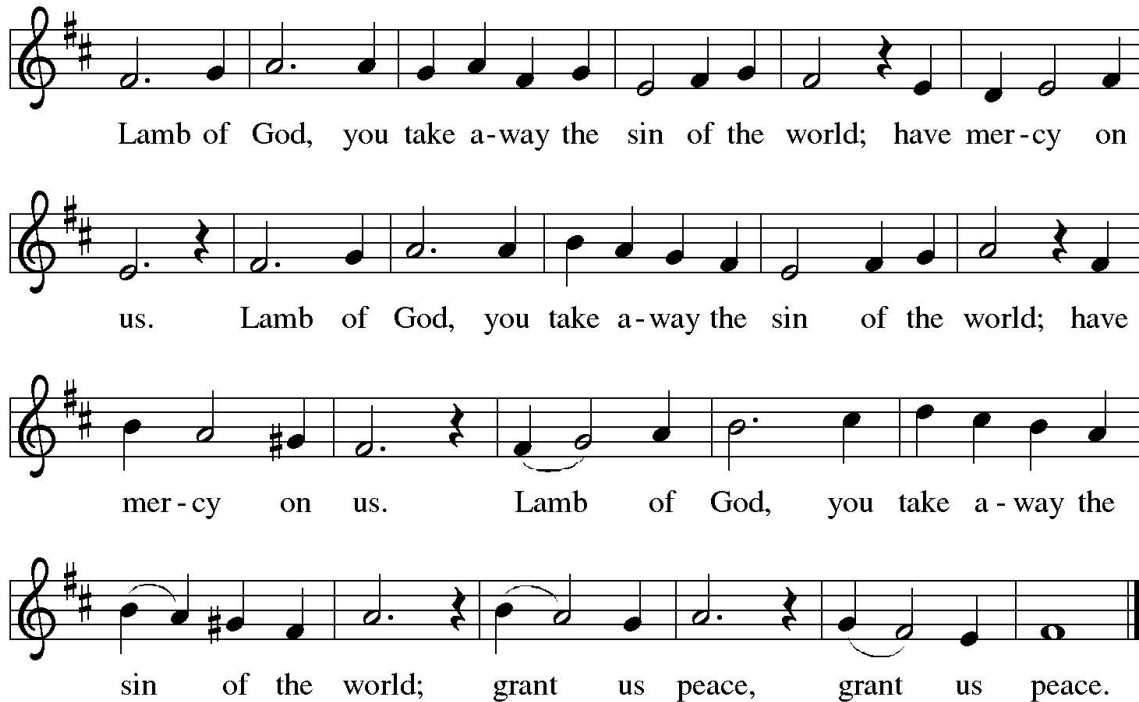
### **Communion Instructions**

*All are invited to come forward to receive communion or a blessing. Wafers will be dipped in wine and handed to you. If you prefer a wafer without wine, please let us know. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. We have goldfish and a blessing for our non-communing children. You are also welcome to pray at the communion rail after you have been communed.*

### **Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)**

Lamb of God, Setting 4

ELW S 154



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

### **Communion Music**

"Jesus, Name All Names Above" by Johann Schopp  
Onelicense.net 338380.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADS US IN MISSION INTO THE WORLD

### Invitation to Ministry

*As the Spirit leads us out into mission in the world, we invite you to join us in our ministries. We invite our newcomers to stop by the welcome table just outside the sanctuary to connect and learn more about the work of our congregation.*

### Blessing

Pastor: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Spirit bless you now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! (Lyrics ELW 383, sung to the tune of Come Thou Font of Every Blessing ELW 807)

- 1 Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!  
Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:  
all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all surrounding,  
see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding  
bring a taste of love unknown.
- 2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits  
from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning.  
See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection.  
Not a servant, but a friend,  
Jesus is our strong companion.  
Joy and peace shall never end.
- 3 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven  
nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation  
where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:  
“Christ is risen! Get you gone!”  
God the first and last is with us.  
Sing hosanna, ev’ryone!

Text: Brian Wren, b. 1936  
Onelicense.net 63073 and 210594.

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## **Dismissal**

Leader: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Postlude**

"Trumpet Tune and Air" by Jacques Aubert, 1689-1753.  
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**Thank you so much for worshipping with us!**

## **Our Mission and Vision**

Our mission is to nurture, grow, and share our Christian faith as Lutherans in a multicultural world. We envision Emmanuel Lutheran Church as a welcoming, vibrant, growing, and faith-filled Christian community whose participants generously share their time, talents, and resources in a changing world.

## **Our Welcome Statement**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church welcomes all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome and affirm full participation by all because God welcomes all, regardless of race, culture, national origin, citizenship status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, relationship or socio-economic status, addictions, physical or mental health, disability, imprisonment, age, or other circumstances. OUR UNITY IS IN CHRIST.

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