



**Emmanuel**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

**9 AM Contemporary Worship Service, April 28, 2024**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Welcome Sunday!**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA

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## THE HOLY SPIRIT GATHERS US IN WORSHIP

### 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.*

Pastor: Thanks for joining us on this Welcome Church Sunday! Today we will learn a little about each part as we worship together. During the service, we will sit, stand, sing, and respond with "Amen." Please do so as you are able and feel comfortable. Everything you need to follow along will be projected on the screen.

We call upon God as we begin our worship together. The invocation is an invitation, and today reminds us that we are in the season of Easter. Please rise....

### 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.**

Pastor: We will sing songs or listen to music at different times, relating to the theme of the Bible readings to help us reflect on God's words to us. Our opening song is....

### Gathering Song

Hymn Of The Ages

Verse 1

Our eyes have seen the wondrous cross  
That towers over time  
Vast as the ocean grace and love amazing so divine  
Oh this is our story and this our hymn of praise  
Through all generations the song remains the same

Chorus

To the One who has loved us  
Loved us and freed us  
To You belongs the praise  
Through everlasting days we'll sing  
To the One who is worthy  
Of honour and glory

To You belongs the praise  
To You belongs the hymn of the ages

#### Verse 2

The King of love our Shepherd is  
Our shelter from the storm  
A mighty fortress is His Name and our eternal home  
To God be the glory how great the things He's done  
And with all generations we join the joyful song

#### Bridge

A thousand tongues are not enough  
But we don't sing alone  
Oh how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but it's own  
(REPEAT)

#### Ending

(Exploding through the ages)  
The hymn of the ages  
(Ev'ry generation singing)  
Is singing the hymn of the ages

Graham Kendrick, Matt Redman  
CCLI Song #660635

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Pastor: The gathering part of worship includes either a time of confession and forgiveness or giving thanks for the gift of baptism, often used during seasons like Easter. Today, we celebrate the gift of 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.**

Pastor: We continue our worship with "Special Music," a musical offering that allows us to pause, reflect, and listen to God's message to us. You may be seated...

## **Special Music**

Magnify

Verse 1

This is the reason I was made  
My one ambition  
I came to praise I'm making You  
My whole existence  
Less of me more of You  
Lord be the center  
Everyday I'm living to

Chorus

Magnify  
Jesus I  
Lift You high high high  
I magnify I magnify

Verse 2

Compared to anything I face  
You're so much bigger  
Compared to every other way  
You're so much better  
Less of me more of You  
Lord be the center  
Everyday I'm living to

Bridge

Oh yes I will with all of me  
Oh yes I will give You all the glory

Jeff Pardo, Kristian Stanfill, Mack Brock, Mia Fieldes  
CCLI Song #7188432

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

### **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.*

Pastor: This is a special time in the service when we remember that Jesus loved and taught children. We are all children of God and are encouraged to be curious about our faith!

Jesus Loves Me!  
ELW 595

- 1 Jesus loves me! this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
the Bible tells me so.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Pastor: We stand for the Gospel reading out of respect for Jesus's words and actions. We sing to express our joy and readiness to listen. Sometimes, a sung response is added after the Gospel so that we will remain standing after it is read. Together, we sing...

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!

Augsburg Fortress SAS000364. Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.

## **John 15:1-8**

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

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

Pastor:

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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**

"Connected to Jesus" based upon John 15 by Pastor Lydia Posselt

## Song of the Day

Pastor: The Hymn of the day is the congregation's response to the themes of the sermon and the scripture text. Together we sing...

All Are Welcome  
ELW 641

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

### Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain*

3 Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain*

5 Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain*

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

## **The Nicene Creed**

Pastor: The creeds, written in the church's early years, are said together as a community to reflect who we are and what we believe as Christians.

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: We pray together for all needs: church concerns, care of creation, national and global conflicts, those who are vulnerable or sick, those who serve us, and loved ones who have died and joined with God. Our communal



prayers end with the Passing of the Peace when we are encouraged to emulate the peace of Jesus with one another before offering and communion. Let us pray....

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**

Leader: Our gifts of money symbolize our giving of ourselves to Christ and the ministries of the church. We offer ourselves in grateful response, and this giving includes our property, praise, talents, and time.

*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**

### The Blessing

#### Verse

The Lord bless you  
And keep you  
Make his face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn his  
Face toward you  
And give you peace

#### Chorus

Amen  
Amen  
Amen

#### Bridge

May his favor  
Be upon you  
And a thousand generations  
And your family  
And your children  
And their children  
And their children

#### Bridge

May his presence  
Go before you  
And behind you  
And beside you  
All around you  
And within you  
He is with you  
He is with you

#### Bridge

In the morning  
In the evening  
In your coming  
And your going  
In your weeping  
And rejoicing  
He is for you

He is for you

Tag

He is for you

He is for you

Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe, Steven Furtick  
CCLI Song #7147007

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

### **Holy Communion**

Pastor: Early on, the Christian community devoted themselves to breaking bread together. In Communion, Lutherans celebrate Christ's actual and mysterious presence in bread and wine. Our communion liturgy includes hearing the words Jesus at the Last Supper and praying together the prayer Jesus taught his disciples.

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.*

### **Communion Music**

Come As You Are

Verse 1

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been  
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin  
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Chorus

(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame  
All who are broken lift up your face  
O wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart  
Come as you are

Verse 2

There's hope for the hopeless  
And all those who've strayed  
Come sit at the table come taste the grace  
There's rest for the weary  
Rest that endures  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

Bridge

Come as you are  
Fall in His arms  
Come as you are

Verse 3

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Ending

Come as you are  
Come as you are  
Come as you are

Ben Glover, David Crowder, Matt Maher  
CCLI Song #7017790

## **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.*

Pastor: Now that we have been fed with God's word and with the body and blood of Jesus, we are sent out into the world by the Holy Spirit, strengthened to be bearers of this good news, encouraged with the blessing, sending hymn, and final dismissal. Please rise...

### **Blessing**

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

**All: Amen.**

### **Sending Song**

River Of Life

Chorus 1

Brothers sisters come on down to that river  
Guaranteed you'll never be the same  
There's a fountain flowing  
From the heart of the Savior

Bring your sins and all your guilty stains  
Let that river of life wash it all away

#### Verse

If you've been searching  
Carrying burdens  
If you've been lost and looking for a home  
If you've been drifting  
And something is missing  
You should know that you are not alone

#### Interlude

(Oh) Come on down to the river  
(Oh)

#### Bridge

Come as you are  
No time to waste  
Open your heart  
Don't be afraid  
Jump on in  
The water is fine  
There's healing in  
The river of life

#### Chorus 2

Brothers sisters come on down to that river  
Guaranteed you'll never be the same  
(REPEAT)

There's a fountain flowing  
From the heart of the Savior  
Bring your sins and all your guilty stains  
By the blood of Jesus everything will change  
Let that river of life wash it all away

#### Ending

(Oh) Come on down to the river  
(Oh) Come on down to the river  
(Oh) Come on down to the river

(Oh) Let that river of life wash it all away

Ethan Hulse, Jonathan Smith, Mac Powell  
CCLI Song #7177102

## **Dismissal**

Leader: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Postlude**

River of Life  
Ethan Hulse, Jonathan Smith, Mac Powell  
CCLI Song #7177102

**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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