



**Emmanuel**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

**11 AM Traditional Worship, May 10, 2026  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Year of Saint Matthew**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA

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## Gathering: The Holy Spirit Gathers Us in Worship

### Prelude

"Agnus Dei" by G. Bizet. One License 207277.

### Welcome

*Good morning and welcome to worship at Emmanuel Lutheran Church! You can find bulletins and information on giving online at [elcvienna.org](http://elcvienna.org). Here in person, you will find hymnals, Bibles, prayer cards, offering envelopes, and a QR code for offerings in the pew holders. Our liturgy is up on the screens for you. We do have large-print bulletins and hearing-assistance devices available. Inquire about those with our ushers in the back. We invite newcomers to stop by our welcome table just outside the sanctuary after worship.*

### Invocation

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

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

Come, Thou Almighty King  
ELW 408

- 1 Come, thou almighty King,  
help us thy name to sing;  
help us to praise;  
Father all-glorious,  
o'er all victorious,  
come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.
- 2 Come, thou incarnate Word,  
merciful, mighty Lord;  
our prayer attend.  
Come and thy people bless,  
and give thy word success,  
and let thy righteousness  
on us descend.



- 3     Come, holy Comforter,  
      thy sacred witness bear  
      in this glad hour!  
      Thou who almighty art,  
      rule now in ev'ry heart,  
      never from us depart,  
      Spirit of pow'r.
- 4     To thee, great One in Three,  
      eternal praises be  
      hence evermore!  
      Thy sov'reign majesty  
      may we in glory see,  
      and to eternity  
      love and adore.

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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: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse



our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### **Hymn of Praise**

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright (PUER NOBIS)  
ELW 384, v. 3-4

- 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all  
in this our Easter festival,  
for you will be our strength and shield  
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.
- 4 All praise, O risen Lord, we give  
to you, once dead, but now alive!  
To God the Father equal praise,  
and God the Spirit, now we raise!

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

### **Acts 17:22-31**

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

Reader:

<sup>22</sup> Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual 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 peoples 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 fumble about 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 66:8-20

*We will be singing the Psalm. The cantor sings the refrain, and the congregation repeats the refrain. The verses are sung responsively. The refrain is repeated as indicated.*

Refrain:



Bless our God, you peo - ples; let the sound of praise be heard.

Psalm 66:8

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Tone:



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<sup>8</sup> Bless our | God, you peoples;

let the sound of | praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup> **Our God has kept us a- | mong the living  
and has not allowed our | feet to slip. R**

<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have | tested us;  
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

<sup>11</sup> **You brought us in- | to the net;  
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**

<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.

<sup>13</sup> **I will enter your house | with burnt offerings**



**and will pay I you my vows—**

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

<sup>15</sup> **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the I smoke of rams;  
I will give you ox- I en and goats. R**

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

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

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

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

<sup>20</sup> Blessed be God, who has not reject- I ed my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing I love from me. **R**

## **1 Peter 3:13-22**

Reader: A reading from the first letter of Peter, chapter three.

Reader:

<sup>13</sup> Now 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 respect. Maintain a good conscience 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 lives, 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

*Children are invited forward for a message just for them! Following the children's message, Children are invited to Bible storytelling time in the chapel and will return to the sanctuary afterward.*

## Gospel Acclamation

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds  
ELW 367, v. 4

- 4 Adoring praises now we bring  
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
all the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt. One License 05408.

## John 14:15-21

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!**

## Message

"Love, Commandments, & Spirit" based upon John 14 by Pastor Tony Prinsen



## Hymn of the Day

Children of the Heavenly Father  
ELW 781

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father  
safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven  
such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God his own doth tend and nourish,  
in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them,  
in his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever  
from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth,  
and their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4 Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
his the loving purpose solely  
to preserve them pure and holy.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958. One License 03614.

## The Nicene Creed

Leader: 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: 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. God of new life,

**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. God of new life,

**All: receive our prayer.**

Leader: Sheltering God, empower organizations that provide for refugees and migrants forced to leave their homelands. God of new life,

**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... God of new life,

**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. God of new life,

**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 signs of peace.



## Offering

*Offerings in support of our mission and ministry can be made at [elcvienna.org/give](http://elcvienna.org/give) or mailed to the church. Offering envelopes and QR codes are in the pew holders. Ushers will take the offering in person. Every gift matters—thank you!*

## Choir Offertory

"If Ye Love Me"

Text: John 14:15-17. Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585). Public domain.

## Meal: Jesus Gives Us Forgiveness and Life

### Dialogue (spoken)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Preface

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the  
resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW Setting One, p. 108



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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### **Holy Communion Words of Institution**

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 people 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.*

## Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

ELW Setting One, p. 112



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.

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## Communion Music

Largo from the "New World Symphony" by A. Dvorak. One License 92953.



## **Sending: The Holy Spirit Leads Us in Mission to 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: In this holy Easter season, may the God of new life, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit bless you and keep you.

**All: Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

How Great Thou Art  
ELW 856

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!

- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; Refrain
- 3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
he bled and died to take away my sin; Refrain
- 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" Refrain



Text: Carl G. Boberg, 1859-1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899-1989. One License 98134.

## **Sending**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: Go in peace and share the good news!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Recessional**

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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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