

The Second Sunday of Easter

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Paul Niccum (8:00, 10:30)
Ushers: Group S1 (Dale Loshe) (5:00)
Group 3 (Mark Schuller) (8:00)
Group 4 (Bill Bremer) (10:30)

Emanuel Lutheran Church is a united and growing family of Christians joyfully dedicated to furthering God's Kingdom.

† The Second Sunday of Easter †
The Order of Vespers ~ Page 229 (5:00)
The Order of Matins ~ Page 219 (8:00, 10:30)

WELCOME to those visiting us this Lord's Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY ~ Everyone, please sign in!

AS WE GATHER ~ "Seeking dedicated worker. Suffering not optional." If we were to read that simple line in a job posting, it certainly would give us pause. People generally want to avoid suffering at any cost. Scripture reminds us that there may be a dynamic of discomfort to faith-filled living that follows the call of the risen Savior. In his hymn text "Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake" from the 1600s, Johann Scheffler concludes, "Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, and take the cross appointed and, firmly clinging to His Word, in suffering be undaunted. For those who bear the battle's strain the crown of heavenly life obtain" (*LSB* 688:5). The challenges of the twenty-first century may differ from those of the seventeenth, but they are just as real. Our Lord promises that He is always with us on our life's journey. With Easter joy, we travel onward together toward His glorious heavenly kingdom!

PRELUDE *This Joyful Eastertide* (W. Held)

WELCOME AND RINGING OF THE BELLS

♪ **OPENING HYMN** ↑ *This Joyful Eastertide* *LSB* 482

This joyful Eastertide away with sin and sorrow!

My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow:

Refrain: **Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain; but now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now has Christ arisen!**

Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river;

Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver: *Refrain*

My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber

Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number: *Refrain*

♪ **OPENING VERSICLES** – page 219 ↑²

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips;

People: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

(Psalm 51:15)

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: make haste to help me, O Lord.

(Psalm 70:1)

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ, Alleluia.**

♪ **ANTIPHON** – page 220 ↑ (8:00, 10:30)

Pastor: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: O come, let us worship Him.

♪ **VENITE** ~ *O Come, Let Us Sing* – page 220 ↑ (8:00, 10:30)

People: O come, let us sing to the Lord,

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,

Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.

The deep places of the earth are in His hand;

The strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it, and His hand formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down,

Let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of His pasture

And the sheep of His hand.

(Psalm 95:1-7)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

♪ **ANTIPHON** – page 221 ↑ (8:00, 10:30)

Pastor: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: O come, let us worship Him.

♪ **PSALM 148** ↑ *The congregation chants the verses in bold.*

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the | heavens;*

praise him | in the heights!

Praise him, all his | angels;*

praise him, | all his hosts!

Praise him, | sun and moon,*

praise him, all you | shining stars!

Praise him, you highest | heavens,*

and you waters above the | heavens!

Let them praise the name | of the Lord!*

For he commanded and they were cre- | ated.

And he established them forever and | ever;*

he gave a decree, and it shall not | pass away.

Praise the Lord | from the earth,*

you great sea creatures and | all deeps,

fire and hail, | snow and mist,*

stormy wind fulfill- | ing his word!

Mountains and | all hills,*

fruit trees and all | cedars!

Beasts and all | livestock,*

creeping things and | flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all | peoples,*

princes and all rulers | of the earth!

Young men and maidens to- | gether,*

old men and | children!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is ex- | alted;*

his majesty is above earth and | heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for | all his saints,*

for the people of Israel who are near to him. | Praise the Lord!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

FIRST READING ↓

Acts 5:29-42 (ESV)

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him

at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING ↓

1 Peter 1:3-9 (ESV)

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING ↑**John 20:19-31 (ESV)**

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

♪ RESPONSORY – page 231 ↑ (5:00)

(Psalm 86:11; 119:105)

Pastor: Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.

People: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Pastor: Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.

People: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

People: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

♪ RESPONSORY – page 222 ↑ (8:00, 10:30)

(Psalm 96:2; 29:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:20)

Pastor: Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.

**People: Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

Pastor: Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that sleep.

**People: Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**People: Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

♪ HYMN OF THE DAY ↓*O Sons and Daughters of the King**LSB 470*

**O sons and daughters of the King, whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave hath lost its sting! Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**

**That Easter morn, at break of day, the faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**

**An angel clad in white they see, who sits and speaks unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee." Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**

**That night the Apostles met in fear; among them came their master dear
And said: "My peace be with you here." Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**

**When Thomas first the tidings heard that they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**

**"My pierced side, O Thomas, see, and look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**

**No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**

**How blest are they that have not seen and yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**

**On this most holy day of days be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**

SERMON ↓**♪ CANTICLE ↓***Te Deum**LSB page 223*

We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.

All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting.

To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.

To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
 Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.
 The glorious company of the apostles praise You.
 The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.

The noble army of martyrs praise You.
 The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You:
 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and only Son;
 Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

You are the king of glory, O Christ;
 You are the everlasting Son of the Father.

When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,
 You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.
 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You sit at the right hand of God
 In the glory of the Father.
 We believe that You will come
 To be our judge.

We therefore pray You to help Your servants,
 Whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.
 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
 In glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage.
 Govern them and lift them up forever.
 Day by day we magnify You.
 And we worship Your name forever and ever.

Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.
 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

♪ KYRIE – page 227 ↑

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord have mercy.

(Mark 10:47)

LORD'S PRAYER – page 227 ↑

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.

(Matthew 6:9-13)

COLLECTS – page 227 ↑

Pastor: O Lord, hear my prayer.

People: And let my cry come to You.

(Psalm 102:1)

COLLECT OF THE DAY ↑

Pastor: Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ↑

COLLECT FOR PEACE – page 233 ↑ (5:00)

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

COLLECT FOR GRACE – page 228 ↑ (8:00, 10:30)

Pastor: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

♪ **BENEDICAMUS** ↑

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

♪ **BENEDICTION** ↑

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

♪ **CLOSING HYMN** ↑ *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven* *LSB 477*

**Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and 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.**

POSTLUDE *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven (Hopson)*



*Please remember to place your offering for the work of the Lord at Emanuel
in the offering plate as you leave.*