

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

O Come to the Altar

**Are you hurting and broken within? Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling.
Have you come to the end of yourself? Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling.**

Chorus: **O come to the altar, the Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.**

**Leave behind your regrets and mistakes. Come today, there's no reason to wait.
Jesus is calling.
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy, from the ashes a new life is born.
Jesus is calling. *Chorus***

Bridge: **Oh, what a Savior. Isn't He wonderful?
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen.
Bow down before Him for He is Lord of all.
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen. *Chorus***

IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT

*Next Sunday, May 29, the Gathering will be held at 9:30 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall at Emanuel.*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. David O. Stecker
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The Gathering

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022



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Vision Statement

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

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FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY (*We ask guests to please include your address, zip code and phone number so that we may acknowledge your visit.*)

AS WE GATHER ~ The disciples thought they knew what Jesus was saying, but it was before Easter, and they could not understand. They would, “in that day,” that is, after Jesus’ victory and the Spirit’s gift of faith. Now we with them know that He has overcome the world, all opposition, and even death itself. John’s vision in Revelation depicts a perfect Jerusalem, clear and beautiful, with the Lamb as its lamp. Anticipating such nearness of God, in this our day we can pray, asking for whatever we need, confident of our Father’s hearing. In the Reading from Acts, Paul has to tell everyone about his Easter joy, and the Lord opens Lydia’s heart. She is baptized and opens her home for Paul and Luke to use to tell others. With the clarity of our Spirit-given Easter joy, we know, pray, and tell!

PRE-SERVICE PRAISE *Glorious Day*

I was buried beneath my shame. Who could carry that kind of weight?

It was my tomb ’till I met You.

I was breathing, but not alive. All my failures I tried to hide.

It was my tomb ’till I met You.

Chorus: **You called my name then I ran out of that grave.
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day.**

Now Your mercy has saved my soul, now Your freedom is all that I know.

The old made new, Jesus, when I met You. *Chorus*

Bridge: **I needed rescue, my sin was heavy,
But chains break at the weight of Your glory.
I needed shelter, I was an orphan,
But You called me a citizen of Heaven.
When I was broken You were my healing,
Now Your love is the air that I’m breathing.
I have a future, my eyes are open.** *Chorus*

WELCOME/SHARING OF THE PEACE

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OPENING SONG

Reckless Love

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me.

You have been so, so good to me.

Before I took a breath You breathed Your life into me.

You have been so, so kind to me.

Chorus: **Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.
Oh, it chases me down, fights till I’m found, leaves the ninety-nine.
Oh I couldn’t earn it, I don’t deserve it, still You give Yourself away.
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.**

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me.

You have been so, so good to me.

When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me.

You have been so, so kind to me. *Chorus*

Bridge: **There’s no shadow You won’t light up,
Mountain You won’t climb up, coming after me.
There’s no wall You won’t kick down,
Lie You won’t tear down, coming after me.** *Chorus*

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

(Psalm 118:24; John 16:23, 33)

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: On another day, the one before He gave His life for us, our Lord said, “In that day you will ask nothing of Me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you.” Today, this side of Easter, we are gathered to hear God’s Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise. But we cannot free ourselves from our sinning and our sinful condition. Let us therefore ask our heavenly Father for forgiveness for Jesus’ sake.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

Pastor: Almighty God,
People: have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Although Jesus foretold about the disciples' scattering that very night, yet He said, "I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.

People: Amen! And may peace also be with you.
 Pastor: Amen.

PSALM 67

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

People: that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Pastor: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Pastor: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

People: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

Pastor: God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

All: 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.

SONG OF PRAISE

Goodness of God

I love You, Lord, for Your mercy never fails me.

All my days, I've been held in Your hands.

From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,

Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus: **And all my life You have been faithful,
 And all my life You have been so, so good.
 With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God.**

**I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire.
 In the darkest night, You are close like no other.**

**I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a friend,
 And I have lived in the goodness of God. *Chorus***

Bridge: **'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
 Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
 With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give You everything.
 'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. *Chorus***

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 16:9-15 (ESV)

⁹A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

EPISTLE READING

Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27 (ESV)

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the

Lamb.”¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God,¹¹ having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.¹² It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed—¹³ on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it,²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

THY WORD

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Repeat

GOSPEL LESSON

John 16:23-33 (ESV)

²³[Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father.

²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

²⁹His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” ³¹Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³²Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

THY WORD

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Repeat
You’re the Light unto my path.

SONG OF THE DAY

Lord, I Need You

Lord I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.

Without You, I fall apart. You’re the one that guides my heart.

Chorus: **Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Every hour, I need You.**
 My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.

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. Chorus

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. Chorus

You’re my one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.

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MESSAGE

Ask Me in My Name

STATEMENT OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LORD’S PRAYER

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.