



LBW - Lutheran Book of Worship
 WOV - With One Voice
 CH - Celebration Hymnal

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Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 8th, 2022
Mother's Day

Prelude

"Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ has risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! "

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness.....LBW p. 56

Entrance Hymn: *I Know that My Redeemer Lives!*.....**LBW # 352 vv. 1-4**

Greeting & Kyrie.....LBW p. 57

Hymn of Praise: *Glory to God*.....LBW p. 58

SalutationLBW p. 62

Prayer of the Day: **God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Choir Anthem: *"Only God"*

First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43

Response (Psalm 23:1-6).....see **Insert**

Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

Alleluia & Gospel Acclamation.....LBW p. 62

Gospel: John 10:22-30

Children's message & Children's Choir: *"Jesus in the Morning", "Into My Heart", and Somebody's Knockin' At Your Door"*

Sermon *"The Good Shepherd's Task – One Interruption After Another"*

Sermon Hymn: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*.....**LBW # 456 vv.1-4**

Apostle's Creed

The Collection of the Offering

Offertory Response: *Create in Me*.....LBW p. 75

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Choir Anthem: *"A Choral Benediction"*

The Benediction and Amen

Announcements

Closing Hymn: *I Know that My Redeemer Lives!*.....**LBW # 352 vv. 5-8**

(Please wait to leave the sanctuary until after Pastor has reached the back of the church)

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Chimes and Postlude

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Members, friends and visitors: welcome to our Worship today! We are glad you are here and your presence is important to all of us. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for conversation and refreshments.



Happy Mother's Day...to all those who are mothers or mother-like women.

God's richest blessings on each of you as you celebrate your special day.

Please enjoy the carnations given after worship as a gift of appreciation from Emmanuel.

You are invited...to celebrate the Graduation of Zach Badker, son of Jon and Kim Badker, on Sunday, May 15th from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Manly Town Hall, 106 S Broadway St. in Manly. Commencement is at 2 p.m. on May 22nd at the Central Springs High School in Manly.

This Week at Emmanuel May 9 th -May 15 th		
Monday, May 9 th	7:00 pm	Church Council
Wednesday, May	1:00 pm	Connection Group
Sunday, May 15 th	9:30 am	Worship (<i>Noisy Offering</i>)
	10:30 am	Fellowship
	10:40 am	Sunday School

Thank You...to Pastor Schafer for his visits, and prayers! We are doing better.
-Gene & Betty Rosenberg

Wanted...special music for May -

August. Let Pastor Schafer or the office know if you are willing to share your musical talent with Emmanuel. **And...** Patio furniture for the parsonage- Table and chairs would be most appreciated. Contact the office if you have any items.

Sunday, May 1 st	Attendance: 99
General: \$2,174	Building: \$20
Campership: \$50	Food Bank Fund: \$40
Sunday School: \$8	Special Designated Fund:\$14



Read responsively:

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

L: He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

C: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

L: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



Our deepest condolences... to the family of Pastor David Steffenson, and to the members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Rochester, a NALC congregation we helped to support when it was first established. Our choir has performed there and always been most warmly received by Pastor and members. His funeral was held yesterday. May God comfort all who mourn.



A final message from Pastor Dave Steffenson: 4:31 – Prayer Time (April 29, 2022)

First Word: II Timothy 4:1-8 – *“I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. As for me, I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, & I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.”*

Today: This will be **my final 4:31**. As the LORD allows, you will be in my heavenly prayers. The time of my departure has arrived. **I lived for this day.** The LORD has called me home. The LORD is my eternal home (Psalm 90). Julie is sending this out to you. Jesus promised to prepare a place for me. The place is ready. *Bios* (the temporal) has been swallowed up by the

eternal (*Zoe*). St. Paul passed the baton on to his beloved Timothy. I pass the baton on to you. The world has lots of people with itching ears. Some people only want preachers who tell them only what they want to hear. I have tried to listen to God's Word and to proclaim it faithfully and confidently. I trust the promises of God and I know that you do too. Jesus would not have said, “I'm preparing an abiding place for you,” if it were not so. Jesus would not have said, “I know my own and my own know me and no one can snatch one of my lambs out of my hands,” unless it were true. He who began a good work in us will surely bring it to completion at the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus! I am sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. “O love that will not let me go!” Death has been swallowed up in victory. “Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” The promising Word of God—the forever love of Jesus—holds us tight!

“As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.” As for me... the time of my departure has come. Departure means arrival. Throughout my journey with cancer, God gave me the grace to cling to Christ like a burr on a velvet dress. I have shed plenty of tears (liquid prayers), but I never lost my confidence in Christ and His promising love for me. Julie and I didn't focus on what was being taken away, but instead we celebrated what has been given. God is so good. “Grateful” became our word for each day. When I think of Paul's words to Timothy, I am mindful that the fight is really a fought. The victory was won when Jesus died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. The race is

finished only when Jesus carries us across the finish line. And the saving faith we have is the work of God, not the effort or decision making of a fallen sinner. It's all grace; abundant and overflowing; 100%. The Righteous Judge has a crown of righteousness which He chooses to mercifully place on our heads. “My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; No merit of my own I claim, But wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.” No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that ROCK I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth. How can I keep from singing! I'm spending eternity with Jesus. “The Lord was there to hear my Morning Cry. He rejoiced the day I was baptized. When the evening gently closes in, and we shut our weary eyes, the LORD is present with just one more surprise. Not really a surprise, because Jesus is the guarantee of the promised THIRD DAY! If you're spending eternity with Jesus, then guess what? I'll see you again.

Final Word: “But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.” My times are in your hand”—Psalm 31:14-15a. “Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.” – Psalm 31:5

I Am Prayerfully Yours, Pastor Dave