

# Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Easter Sunday

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Interim Pastor: Pastor Paul Weeg

Lay Reader: Darren Marsh

Organist: Marena Henkle

Acolyte: Kenzie Sorenson

**We continue our worship which began on Maundy Thursday and led us to Good Friday.**

*(The Paschal Candle is lit)*

P: May the light of Christ who rises this day in glory shatter the darkness of our hearts and minds. Almighty God, pour out your abundant blessing on this lighted candle, so that all who share in your holy mysteries may be filled with your grace and spiritual blessings. Once we were in darkness, but since we have become the Lord's people, we are in the light. Gracious God, help us to live as people who belong to the light, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Call to Worship (Psalm 118)*

P: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!  
Let Israel say,   **C: "His steadfast love endures forever."**

P: The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

**C: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."**

P: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

**C: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

P: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

**C: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

P: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**C: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: Christ is Risen!   **C: He is Risen indeed!**

Hymn: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!* .....**LBW # 128**

Prayer of the Day: **Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened for us the gate of everlasting life. Give us your continual help; put good desires into our minds and bring them to full effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118: 1-2,14-24 (*read responsively*).....**LBW p. 272-273**

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Verse – *Alleluia...* and Gospel Acclamation .....**LBW p. 83**

Gospel: John 20:1-18 [*not printed*]

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn: *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done*.....**LBW # 135 vv. 1, 3, & 5**

The Nicene Creed .....**LBW p. 84**

The Prayer of the Church

The Sharing of the Peace

The Collection of the Offering

Offertory: *Let the Vineyards*.....**LBW p. 86**

Offertory Prayer: *Blessed Are You*... .....**LBW p. 88**

The Great Thanksgiving.....**LBW p. 88**

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) .....**LBW p. 89**

P: You know that you were ransomed from the useless way of life not with perishable things, silver and gold, but with the costly blood of Christ – as a lamb without blot or blemish. Christ having been known before the foundation of the world was made visible at the end of time for your sake, through him the faithful are in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

**C: All praise and honor and glory is yours, O God!**

P: You rescue us from the power of death and give us life eternal.

**C: All the angels in heaven sing your praises!**

P: For you have accomplished the salvation of all people   **C: The earth claps its hands!**

P: The seas shout the news!   **C: The stars and planets dance for joy!**

P: For the Lord is risen! C: Christ is risen indeed!

The Words of Institution.....LBW p. 89

The Lord's Prayer.....LBW p. 91

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) .....LBW p. 92

The Distribution:

*We shall commune via the method of Intinction this morning. You may form a single line in the middle aisle. Receive the host from the Pastor, dip the wafer into the cup of wine, and return to your seat via the side aisle. (We have gluten free wafers and individual cups for those who need it, please ask for those when you come forward to take communion.)*

*Note to our guests: As your church's tradition and your conscience may allow, we welcome all who are baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and who believe in the real presence of Christ in, with and under the bread and wine, to participate in the celebration of Holy Communion.*

Hymns during Distribution:

*Christ Arose* .....CH # 357

*Because He Lives*.....CH # 358

The Post-Communion Canticle: *Thank the Lord*.....LBW p. 92

The Post-Communion Prayer .....LBW p. 94

The Benediction and Amen .....LBW p. 95

Closing Hymn: *Thine is the Glory*.....LBW # 145

Chimes and Postlude

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**Welcome and a very blessed Easter to all.** May the cry "He is not here" bring peace into our hearts and hope into our days. Christ is Risen. He is Risen, indeed!

**Offering: Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> :** General:\$ 1,109; Benevolence: \$110, SS: \$9

**Attendance: 60**

This Week at Emmanuel April 1 <sup>st</sup> - April 7 <sup>th</sup>		
Wednesday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1:00 pm	Connection Group
	4:30 pm	Confirmation
Sunday, April 7 <sup>th</sup> (Second Sunday of Easter)	5:30-7:00 pm	AWANA Club
	9:30 am	Worship Service w/ HC
	10:40 am	Fellowship
	10:40 am	Sunday School

**I want to thank...**

my family and friends for your prayers and thoughts during my hospital and nursing

home stay, and since returning home. The visits, cards, and gifts were so uplifting. It is amazing what the love and kindness of others can do for us in our lives. Thank you, Pastor Weeg, for your visits and prayers. *May God bless you all! -Laurie Nack-Bublitz*

**Queen of Peace Spring Dinner...Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** from 4-7p.m. at the Catholic church in *Lyle, Mn.* Serving turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, stuffing, dinner roll, and dessert. **Free Will Offering.** Dine-in or Carryout. Country store and raffle tickets available.

**Updated address for John Bork...** Staybridge Suites Iowa City-Coralville Valerie Bork, Room 401 801 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Coralville, IA 52241. He will remain here while recovering from double lung transplant, their goal is to be home by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Given in Memory of Loved ones, From....**

Clarice Bartz

Nancy Walk

Albert & Doris Ralph

Earl & Judy Trenhaile

Phil & Gloria Hackbart

Randy & Sharon Hulshizer

Charlotte Cole & Family

**Given to the Glory of God, From...**

Rod & Emi Kuntz

**Given From, in Memory of, ...**

Ardis Hanson, In Memory of Allan Hanson

Curt Bartz family, In Memory of Caren Bartz

Dean & Mardine Meyer, In Memory of Family & Friends

From their family, In Memory of Armond & Marcella Braun

Mark Fredrickson, In Memory of Ken & LaVerne Fredrickson

W. Peder Weeg, In Memory of William Peder Johnson

Pastor & Peggy Weeg, In Memory of Jim & Beverly Erickson and

Rev. Warren & Rebecca Weeg

Laurie Nack Bublitz Family, In Memory of Loved Ones and

Kuper Dean Malmin. Love you!

Connie Rosenberg Family, In Memory of Harper Putz, Don Anderson, and

Elmer & Pearl Rosenberg

Chris & Teresa Braun Family, In Memory of Allan Hanson and Everett & Chrystal Braun

Merlin & Lisa Bartz, In Memory of Jane Buechele, Orland Bartz, and Jim & Phyllis Davis

Shal, Greg, Aiden, and Serenity Zillgitt, In Memory of Zillgitt, Wytaske, and Fehr family

members

**Thank you to all who shared lilies. You may take your lily after service today.**

