

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Emanuel

WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please help us to know you by introducing yourself to those you encounter and please be sure to sign our guest book (located on the stand in the Narthex).

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday - 8 am to 3 pm Friday - 8 am to 2 pm

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME Pastor Lyn Crase

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!

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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

→ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Amen

P: Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!.

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!.

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

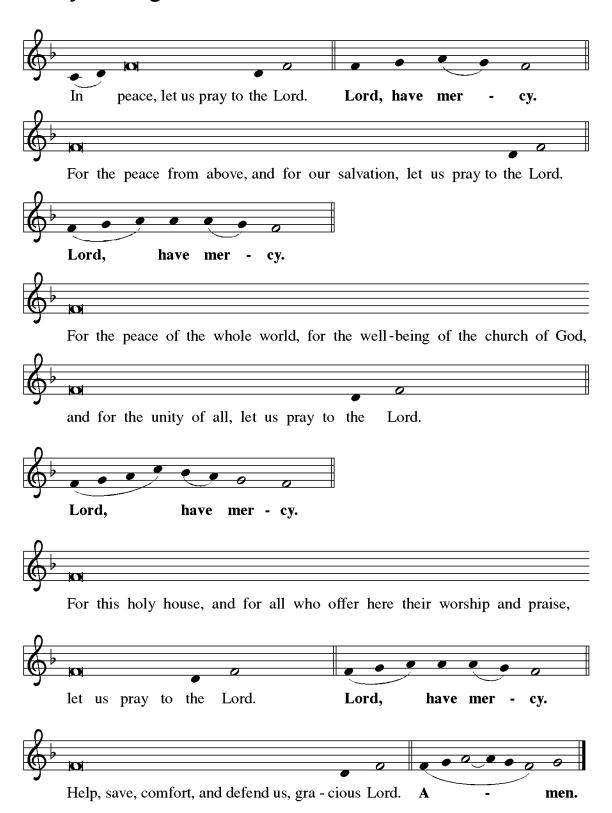
We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

P: Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

KYRIE—everyone sings



THIS IS THE FEAST



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GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together....

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:1-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

PSALM: Psalm 23

- ¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- ²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- ³He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- ⁴Yea, 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.
- ⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

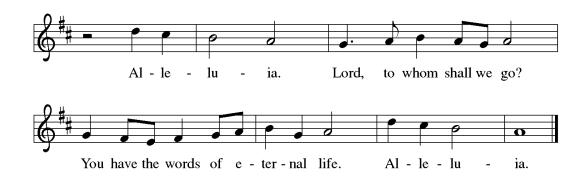
SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

P: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Gospel according to John, Chapter 10.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED) Please be seated.

SERMON Pastor Lyn

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Lord's My Shepherd

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APOSTLE'S CREED

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION......congregation responds with "hear our prayer."

A: Please sit or kneel as comfortable.

SHARING THE PEACE

The sharing of peace is an individual and communal act of forgiveness.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

The offering is our response to God's grace and mercy.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here

be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

A: In recognition of God's forgiveness, mercy and grace let us continue with the Great Thanksgiving.

P: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

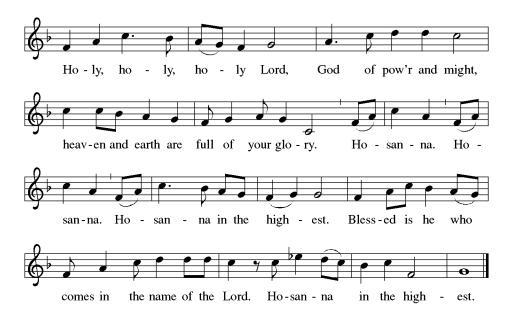
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

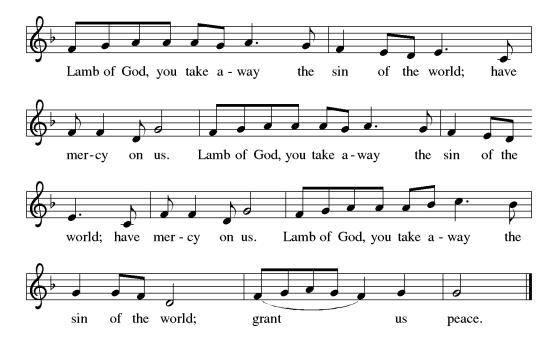
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table.

We practice continuous communion at the rail. All are welcome. White grape juice is available for those who prefer that instead of wine. Gluten free wafers available.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMNS

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

Amen

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

P: Let us pray:

God of all creation, we offer you grateful praise for the Gift of Life, and especially the gift of the lives of our sisters and brothers who stand before us this day and who recall this month the day of their birth. They rejoice in your gifts of life and love, family and friends.

Bless them with your presence and surround them with your love that they may enjoy many happy years, all of them pleasing to you. We ask this grace and blessing for each one of them through Christ our Lord. Amen

BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope

+ bless you now and always.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

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DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Bible Readings for April 28 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40
Psalm: Psalm 22:25-31
Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21
Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

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Announcements: Week of April 21, 2024

If you have church keys that you are no longer using, please turn them in to the office. *Thank you!*

Prayer Team: Interested in being part of ELC's Prayer Team? Please ask Pr. Lyn or Yvonne Troedson to add your name to the prayer chain.

Needed: Pictures over the years. If you have old photos from the early years at ELC, please let Suzanne Wilke borrow them to scan for an Anniversary project. *Thank you!*

Mark your calendar! Love Modesto is April 27th. Any questions or suggestions, contact Jeff Pishney, CEO & Founder 209-409-8135. Website: LoveModesto.com

Next Steps registration is OPEN. Every Plan A needs a Plan B. The workshop date is May 25 (Saturday). from 8 till 3. Breakfast, lunch, SWAG and fun are included in your \$40 registration fee. Registration is limited to 20 participants - so register early. If you have questions please see Donna. For a registration form please see Sue. You won't want to miss this workshop. You will discover how to fit together the puzzle pieces of health, housing, social network, resources, caring team and spiritual growth.

SAVE THE DATE §

April 28th - Visioning and Wondering Workshop, 11:00 am

This will be the first of a series of workshops designed to take an honest look at who we are and where we want to be as an active congregation in our community. It will be a time to do a little dreaming and assessing what comes next for Emanuel Lutheran. What is our purpose, what does God desire of us - a sample of the questions we'll ponder. As we approach our 90th year, it is appropriate to take a look a some things that may help us move into the future with confidence. We'll define our shared values, discuss our current Mission and Vision Statements, define & discuss our main challenges, discover our primary & secondary resources, and much more.

All members are invited to participate and it's important that you do! This is an opportunity for questions, concerns, ideas, etc. In other words, it's a time when your voice - all voices - will be heard and respected. The first session will be about an hour and a half. It will be interactive and fun! Don't miss out!

In addition, during the summer - June 22nd, July 20th, and August 24th, (Saturdays) join me, Pastor Lyn for Pizza with the Pastor. Build your own pizza, enjoy fellowship with others, and ask those burning questions you've been dying to ask! More information will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.

Ongoing Announcements

Food For Faith (FIGS) now has a location to accept donations of non-perishable food. We will collect food for them every 1st Sunday.

Text Study: Every Tuesday, year-round, in Luther Hall at noon. We discuss the lessons for the next Sunday. Come anytime you are available, leave early if you need to, bring your lunch. Generally, this lasts about an hour and 15 minutes....give or take.

The Men's Bible Study Group meets at 7 am on Wednesday mornings at The Secret Garden Restaurant, 2401 Orangeburg Ave.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study — 1:30 pm in Luther Hall. Join anytime. 4/24 - Hosea.

Hosts are needed for Coffee Hour. Please see the sign-up sheet in Luther Hall.

We are asking for donations to help support the Coffee Hour. A donation container will be available on a table in Luther Hall.

Coin Jar -- Your spare change makes a difference! Proceeds go to Outreach.

Quilting Bee -- meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 10:00 am. All are welcome & all skill levels as well. If you can use scissors and/or tie a knot, there will be a job for you!

Lydia Circle — usually meets the 2nd Monday of each month, at the home of Marsha Waggoner - 916 Kenilworth Ct. at 1:00 pm. Please be sure to check the weekly calendar in the bulletin for any updates! We use the GATHER magazine as our Bible Study. All women of Emanuel are invited to join us.

Leah Circle meets on the third Monday of the month at 1:00 pm at The Park Independent Senior Living Community in Modesto.

Rebecca Circle meets every 3rd Thursday at 1:30 pm in member's homes. All are welcome!

Miriam Circle meets every 4th Monday at member's homes. See Melissa Molina for more information.

The Shower Shuttle and Laundry Shuttle are actively taking care of our homeless communities, and the needs remain the same: personal hygiene items, etc. *Thank you all for your contributions to this Ministry, Marilyn and Chuck Rowland*

Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran World Relief directed donations go directly to the people most in need.

Entrance

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

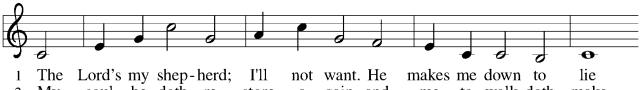


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Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781-1821

Hymn of the Day

The Lord's My Shepherd



- soul he doth re store a - gain, and
- Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet
- ta ble thou hast rich - ly spread in
- Good-ness and mer cy my life shall all

to walk doth make me will Ι fear no ill: pres-ence of my foes; sure - ly fol - low

me,



pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters in by. with - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake; with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still: for thou art my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows. in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall and

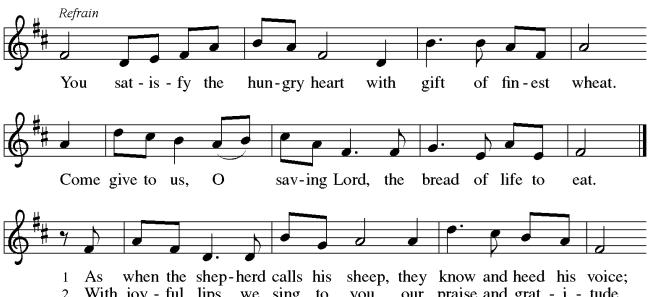


He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters for his own name's sake. with - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort for thou art still. head thou dost with a - noint, and my cup o - ver -My oil flows. in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall and

Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, Edinburgh, 1650 Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain

Communion Hymn

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart Gift of Finest Wheat



- praise and grat i tude 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our
- not the cup we bless and share blood of Christ out-poured? the
- mor tal tongue can tell: your pres-ence, Lord, The mys-t'ry of no
- You give your-self O Lord; then self-less let to us,



Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997

Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996 Text and music © 1977 Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

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Communion Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877 Music: St. Columba, Irish tune

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Sending Hymn

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

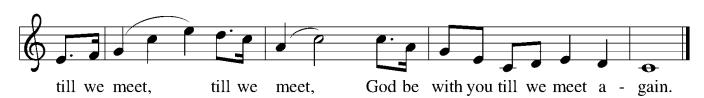


- 1 God be with you till we meet a gain; by good coun-sels guide, up hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a gain; ho ly wings se cure ly hide you,
- 3 God be with you till we meet a gain; when life's per ils thick con-found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you; dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain. put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;





Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833-1896

Prayer Requests: April 21, 2024

† Pat Smith−comfort & peace

On-going Prayers:

- 1. Connie Petersen—health & well-being
- 2. Mary Lou Dieterich—health & healing
- 3. Marilyn—health & well-being
- 4. Pr. Lyn & family—comfort & peace
- 5. Chris Paulsen—strength in adversity
- 6. Deborah Bauer—health & heaiing (Tchmola)
- 7. George—brain cancer (Kim/ELDC)
- 8. Aaron Strait—success in every aspect at his new location
- 9. Kari—healing & well-being (Hoaglund)
- 10. Goldie Harris—comfort & peace (Harris)
- 11. Carl Schmidt—healing (Schmidt)
- 12. Bob Reuter & family—comfort & peace
- 13. Dan Farrell—recovery from a fall (Waggoner)
- 14. Kim Keen—health & well-being (Harris)
- 15. Dick Lippert—healing (D. Norquist)
- Jacqueline—healing & well-being (Hoaglund)
- 17. Logan S., age 10—healing of leukemia (Jeff Hopson)
- 18. Manuel Furtado—healing (Norquist)
- Patti V.—healing & well-being/lung cancer treatment (Maylen)
- 20. Laurie Spinuzzi—healing & well-being (Silva)

- 21. Marian Schmidt McKenzie—slowing the progression of Parkinson's disease (Schmidt)
- 22. Ian McKenzie—acceptance of new temporary Santa Barbara apartment (Schmidt)
- 23. Lisa Poston—healing & well-being
- 24. Laura Marquez—health & well-being
- 25. Rose Epting—healing
- 26. Ray Simon—strength & healing
- 27. Tom & Barbara Norquist—well-being
- 28. Sue Allen—healing & well-being
- 29. Gary Johnson– healing after an injury (Crawford)
- Marge Thomas—Alzheimer's diagnosis (Rowland)
- 31. Richard Clark—recovery & healing (Strand)
- 32. Kyle Ollenborger—health & well-being (Strand)
- 33. John Smith—healing (Smith)
- 34. Salonen family—prayers for the gift of a healthy granddaughter
- Jennifer Turner—health & well-being (Dieterich)
- 36. Darcy Moreno—physical recovery (Ashlock)

CALENDAR | APRIL 22 - 24

Monday, April 22

ECHOES DEADLINE

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

6:30 pm Miriam Circle meets off-site

Tuesday, April 23

12 pm Text Study: Luther Hall

2 pm Organ Practice: Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 24

7 am ELC Men's Bible Study group meets at The Secret Garden

Restaurant, 2401 E. Orangeburg Ave. in Modesto

1:30 pm Bible Study - Hosea: Luther Hall

Thursday, April 25

10 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary

Friday, April 26

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Saturday, April 27

(No events are scheduled0

Sunday, April 28

9:30 am ELC Worship Service 10:45 am ELC Sunday School

11 am ELC Visioning and Wondering Workshop

3 pm Radiant Leadership

5 pm Radiant Worship Service



Our Mission

To share Christ's unconditional love with everyone.

Our Vision

Emanuel's vision is to be loving, supportive, and welcoming, as we reach out in service and in witness to our neighborhood and the city beyond.

We share a passion to nurture people in all stages and circumstances of life.

We, as disciples of Christ, minister to our changing community in challenging cultural times.

God is calling us to joyfully follow the Holy Spirit in ministry to others.



