

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 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

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### APRIL 28, 2024

**PRELUDE** 

WELCOME Pastor Lyn Crase

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

**OPENING HYMN** Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds Page 16

#### 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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# THIS IS THE FEAST (continued)



#### 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 God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

# FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

#### **PSALM:** Psalm 22:25-31

- <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- <sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!
- <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- <sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.
- <sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.
- <sup>30</sup>Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
- <sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

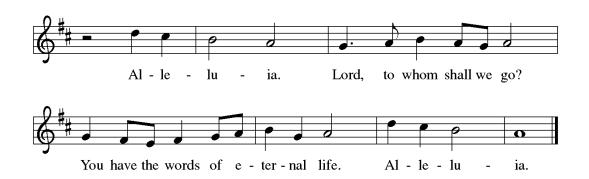
#### SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

**P:** The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



P: The Gospel according to John, Chapter 15.

Glory to you, O Lord.

**GOSPEL:** John 15:1-8

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED) Please be seated.

SERMON Pastor Lyn

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 

There in God's Garden

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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

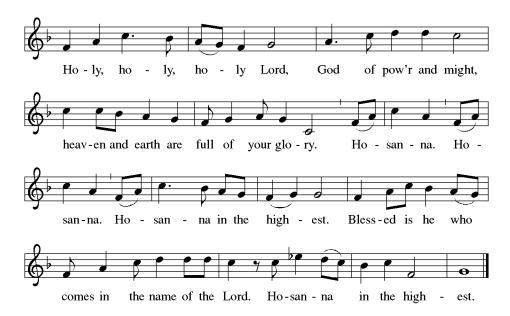
**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P: 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

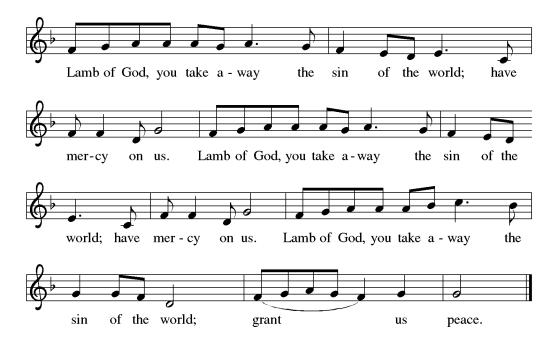
#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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**

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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

#### **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

Let All Things Now Living

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#### **DISMISSAL**

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

### **POSTLUDE**

# Bible Readings for May 5 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

Psalm: Psalm 98

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

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# Announcements: Week of April 28, 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!* 

The Property Team has scheduled a yard work day on May 4th from 9 am to 11 am. We will focus on trimming bushes on the College and Stoddard sides of the church, raking under the redwoods, edging the ground cover in the parking lot and weeding. So bring your tools including a hedge trimmer if you have one!

MAY 12 DEADLINE IS APPROACHING. Have you signed up for the "Next Steps" workshop? This time together is designed to help us explore what questions we, as women, need to research and think about as we plan for our future in a positive and proactive way AND how to go about moving toward pulling this information together as an action plan. Every "Plan A" needs a "Plan B". What are your plans for your health, housing, social network, resources, caring team, and spiritual growth? Registration is limited to 20 participants and closes Sunday, May 12. Cost for the day is \$40 and helps cover the costs for speaker, meals and supplies. Questions? Please see Donna V. For a registration form see Sue.

#### **₹ TODAY**

### 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 — on break until September.

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**

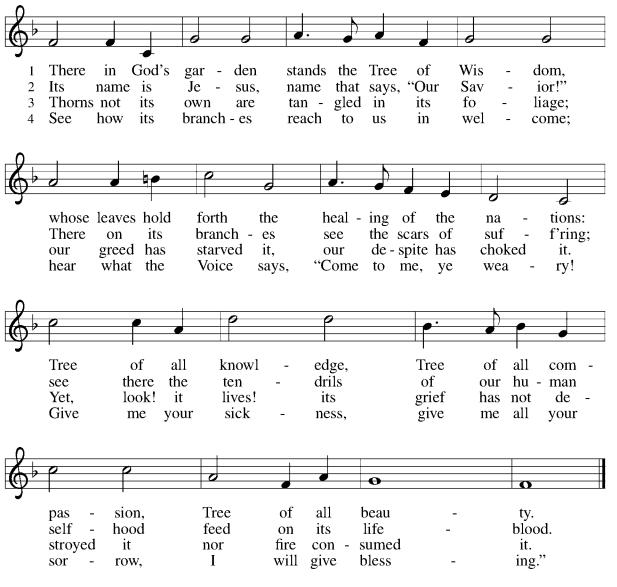
# Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



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# **Hymn of the Day**

### There in God's Garden



- 5 This is my ending this my resurrection; into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit. This have I searched for; now I can possess it. This ground is holy.
- 6 All heav'n is singing,
  "Thanks to Christ whose passion
  offers in mercy
  healing, strength, and pardon.
  Peoples and nations,
  take it, take it freely!"
  Amen! My Master!

Text: Király Imre von Pécselyi, c. 1590-c. 1641; tr. Erik Routley, 1917-1982

Music: Shades Mountain, K. Lee Scott, b. 1950

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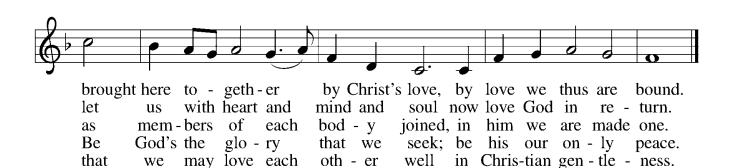
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# **Communion Hymn**

# Where Charity and Love Prevail



- 1 Where char i ty and love pre vail, there God is ev er found;
- 2 With grate-ful joy and ho ly fear, God's char i ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re-call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho ly Son; 4 Let strife a-mong us be un-known; let all con-ten-tions cease
- 4 Let strife a mong us be un known; let all con ten tions cease. 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



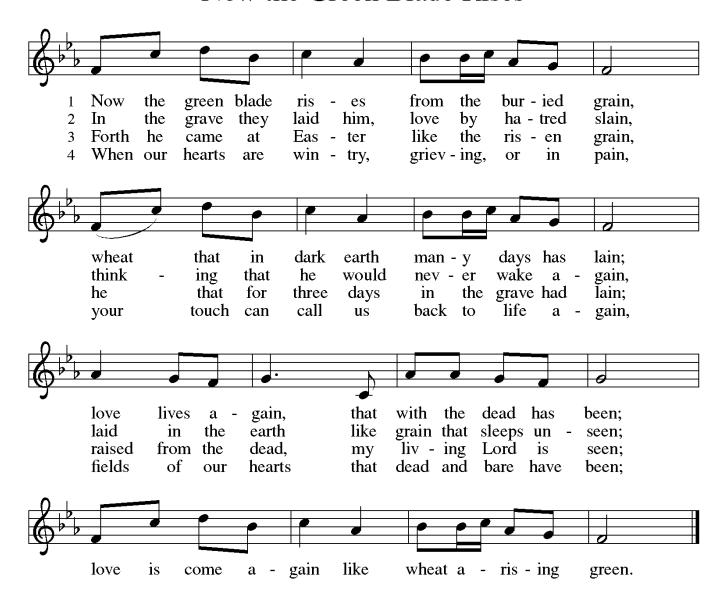
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Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760-1842

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# **Communion Hymn**

# Now the Green Blade Rises



Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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# **Sending Hymn**

# Let All Things Now Living



Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt. Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune Text © 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Company.

# Prayer Requests: April 21, 2024

- Prayers of comfort and strength for Jack Smith and family for the loss of his wife, Pat, who passed away on April 21st
- 🕆 Prayers for health & well-being for Sam Gierhan Sr. , family member of Connie Petersen

# **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)
- 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
- 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)
- 19. Patti V.—healing & well-being/lung cancer treatment (Maylen)
- 20. Laurie Spinuzzi—healing & well-being (Silva)

- Marian Schmidt McKenzie—slowing the progression of Parkinson's disease (Schmidt)
- 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
- 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
- 35. Jennifer Turner—health & well-being (Dieterich)
- 36. Darcy Moreno—physical recovery (Ashlock)

# CALENDAR | APRIL 29 - MAY 5

Monday, April 29

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 30

12 pm Text Study: Luther Hall

2 pm Organ Practice: Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 1

6 am Radiant Men's Breakfast: Luther Hall and Kitchen

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

Restaurant, 2401 E. Orangeburg Ave. in Modesto

Thursday, May 2

10 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary

6 pm Radiant—Youth Meeting

Friday, May 3

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Saturday, May 4

(No events are scheduled)

Sunday, May 5

FOOD FOR FAITH

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

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.



