Sunday, April 16, 2023 2nd Sunday of Easter WELCOME to Emanuel's Lutheran Church! It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



PRELUDE

"When You Are Near"

J.S. Bach

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: Amen.

- P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew. *Water is poured.*
- P: Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.
- C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.
- P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

ELW 379

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together.

C: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

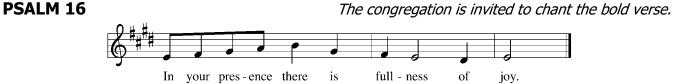
FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

L: A reading from Acts.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' ²⁹ Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The word of the lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



¹Protect me, O God, for I take ref-¹ uge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good a- I bove all other."

²All my delight is in the godly that are ¹ in the land,

upon those who are noble a- ¹ mong the people.

³But those who run after ¹ other gods

shall have their troubles ¹ multiplied.

⁴I will not pour out drink offerings [|] to such gods, never take their names up- [|] on my lips. R ⁵O LORD, you are my portion ¹ and my cup;

it is you who up- ¹ hold my lot.

⁶My boundaries enclose a ¹ pleasant land; indeed, I have a ¹ rich inheritance.

⁷I will bless the LORD who ¹ gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night ¹ after night.

⁸I have set the LORD al- ¹ ways before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall ¹ not be shaken. R

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir-¹ it rejoices; my body also shall ¹ rest in hope.

¹⁰For you will not abandon me [|] to the grave, nor let your holy one [|] see the pit.

¹¹You will show me the ¹ path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for- $^{\rm I}$ evermore. ${\bf R}$

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

P: A reading from 1 Peter.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said

to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" ELW 384

APOSTLES CREED

AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Apostles Creed. C: 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

AM: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. God of rebirth, the good news of your resurrection brings refreshment to a weary world. Following the women at the tomb, empower us to boldly share your radical love through our words and our work.

Response to each petition: AM: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you. C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING HYMN

"Day of Arising"

ELW 374

OFFERING

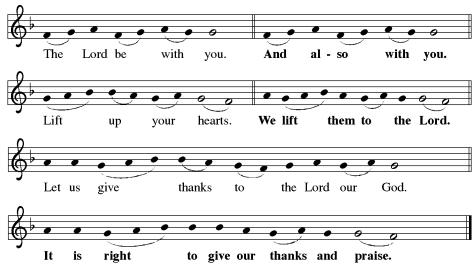
OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray.

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: 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.

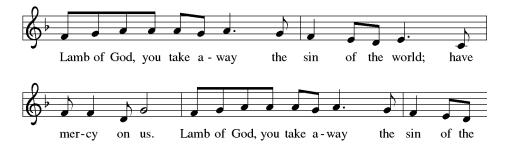
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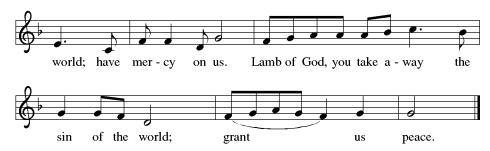
P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.



"Lamb of God"







COMMUNION

Communion will take place via continuous line (right side) and continuous kneeling (left side). We welcome all baptized persons to the Lord's Table who believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. Children are also welcomed to be brought forward to receive a blessing. For those taking communion via continuous line, please make your way up the right-hand side of the main aisle. Participants will be offered a wafer and invited to eat with these words, "the body of Christ given for you." If you would like a gluten free wafer, please ask the pastor or communion assistant for one and they will present you with a plate where you may retrieve the wafer. Each will then step, to the right, to the silver tray that contains glasses of white grape juice at the center and outer empty glasses for wine. Lastly, participants will step to the last assistant who will pour the wine and share these words, "the blood of Christ shed for you." Place your glass in the small silver bowl at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat. If you wish to come forward and not receive either element, please cross your arms for a blessing. For those kneeling for communion, please make your way up the left-hand side of the main aisle. The bread and wine will be presented to you as you kneel, following the outline above. Please place your communion glass in the small tray on the back side of the kneeler after you have drunk the juice or wine before departing from the rail as you are ready and return to your seat.

COMMUNION HYMN

"The Peace of the Lord"

ELW 646

TABLE BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM: Let us pray.

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: The God of all, who raised \pm Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

"We Walk by Faith"

ELW 635

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"St. Anthony's Choral"

Johannes Brahms

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RADIO BROADCAST today is given in honor of our son Vincent in celebration of his birthday by Joe and Sharon Kane.

MUSICIANS TODAY: Cantors: Melissa Barbre, Phyllis Johnson, Wayne Stalsworth, Karen Vogel; Guitar: Chris Teague

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR today, April 16, 2023: Preaching: Vicar Paul Burow; Presiding: Pastor Marcus; Assisting Minister: Jordana Gutierrez; Acolyte: Elle Hepp; Communion Assistants: Liz Witten, Cindy Pique, Bev Seidenschwarz, Elaine Giesber, Emily Prochnow; Reader: Fran Vinyard; Ushers: Jacqueline Springs, Rissa Springs, Ilene Cherry, Darlene Zies; Altar Guild: Marsha Schroeder, Cindy Pique; A/V Tech: Deanna Zitelman; Council Greeter: Susan Yeatts; Hospitality: Gloria Hanna, Susan Yeatt, Doris Jefferies

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EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP is in-person, online, and aired on KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m.

EMANUEL'S MISSION STATEMENT: "To be the church God is calling us to be by declaring God's love, serving others, and embracing all."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES SUNDAY MORNINGS

THE HERITAGE CLASS (307): 9:15am. Participants explore the deeper meaning found in the Bible and seek to unlock its' wisdom through fellowship and robust group discussion. The aim is to make the Bible relevant and applicable to daily life.

EPHESIANS AND THE FAITH 5 (Family Life Center): 9:15 am. From April 16-May 28 our evangelism conversation continues by studying the early church while building real faith sharing practices. Paul Sims and Pastor Marcus will use the lens of *Faith 5,* simple steps for sharing faith not only in a church context, but also with the children and youth in our lives.

JOY CLASS (Women's Ministry Room): Bible stories and songs for adults with intellectual disabilities. Gathering at 9:15 on the First Sundays of the month.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (1st Floor Green Room): Preschool to 5th graders are invited to jointhe Education Team for a rotation style Sunday morning education program starting at 9:15am.Unit 7 Ten Men Healed:Week 1 4/16 - Ten, Ten, Ten, Ten - Bible Skills & GamesWeek 2 4/23 - Stay Away – ScienceWeek 3 4/30 - Week Healed – CookingWeek 4 5/07 - Jesus, Help Us - DramaWeek 5 5/14 Four Friends Care- Drama

CONFIRMATION CLASS gathers today, **April 16** at 1pm at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church. Instruction for the year take place monthly at either Emanuel's or Spirit of Joy.

WEEKDAY STUDIES: Faith Circle (Women's Ministry Rm): 3rd Tuesdays at 2:30; **Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 2nd Thursday at 9:30; **Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Rm): 1st Wednesdays at 2:00 except in July

SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB: The group will meet next on **Thursday, April 20** from 11:30-1:30 in the Women's Ministry Room for a beef and chicken fajita lunch. Please bring fajita fixings, sides, or dessert to share. Judy S., Vicar Paul and Vicar Jordana will lead a rousing post-lunch game you will not want to miss! RSVP to Donna Simmons by Tuesday, April 18 if you can join us.

JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF Sunday, April 23 from 2-4pm in the Family Life Center. Discussions will focus on how our journey through grief affects us, our daily lives, and how we can help ourselves as we grieve. Emanuel's Bereavement Care Coordinator Donna Simmons will facilitate this single session program.

CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CENTER BBQ ANNUAL FUNDRAISER is **Sunday, April 23**. Tickets are \$10 for ¹/₂ Chicken (\$12 at the door). Drive-thru 10am-1pm at Faith Lutheran. See PM for tickets!

COMMUNITY PRESENTATION: "From Darkness to Light: Stories and Conversations about Mental Health" sponsored by Emanuel's Lutheran Church, NAMI Guadalupe County, and the Seguin Public Library. **Sunday, May 7** from 2-4 pm at the Seguin Public Library. This is a free program open to the public. No registration required.

VACATION BIBLE EXPERIENCE 2023! Three unique opportunities for kids and families to live, laugh, and love in Christ this summer with friends from other churches. Marke your calendars now for:

- **JUNE** VBS at Friedens United Church of Christ every Wednesday evening for 4y-6th grade.
- **JULY 22** "Life Through Water" at Emanuel's and the Wave Pool for 4y-6th grade.
- AUGUST 19 Back to School Bash at St. Andrew's Episcopal. More info to come!

2023 SUMMER CAMP at Chrysalis, Ebert Ranch, and Port Aransas. Let PM know if you have a youth who has completed 1st grade through 11th grade, and they are interested in attending.

EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL

President, Rissa Springs, *Worship Ministry* Vice President, Emily Prochnow, *Outreach/Service Ministry* Secretary, Lindsay May, *Outreach & Service Ministry* Treasurer, Susan Yeatts, *Congregational Care Ministry* Melissa Barbre, *Worship Ministry* Bryce Kennedy, *Outreach & Service Ministry* Sarah Kennedy, *Outreach & Service Ministry* Sarah Kennedy, *Outreach & Service Ministry* Aaron Jenke Garry Miller, *Stewardship Ministry* Debby Richardson, *Stewardship Ministry* Gwyneth Tallier, *Education Ministry*

ALL MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT Monday, April 17, 2023

6:30 p.m.

Women's Ministry Room

All of Emanuel's Ministry Teams gathers on a single evening each month to collaborate, plan, and schedule upcoming events and ministry projects. Council Members act as team leaders/coordinators, but Ministry Teams are open to, and run by, everyone in the congregation. Please join us!

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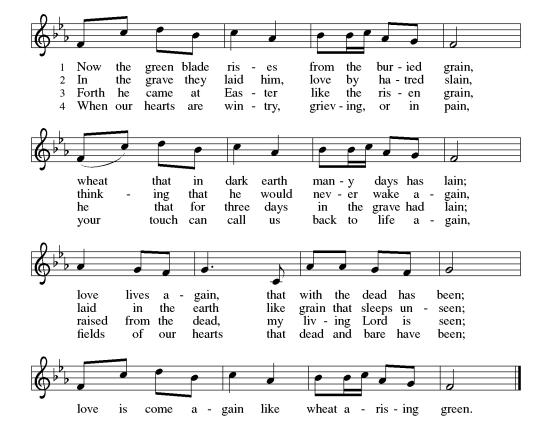
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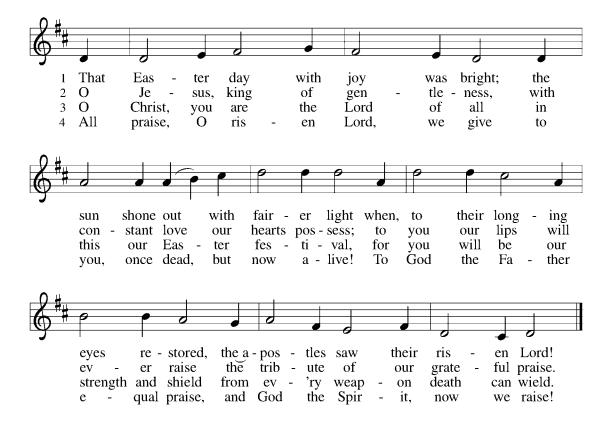
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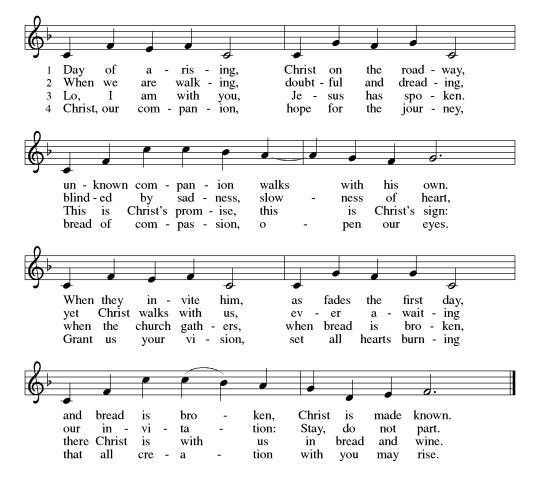
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That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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Day of Arising



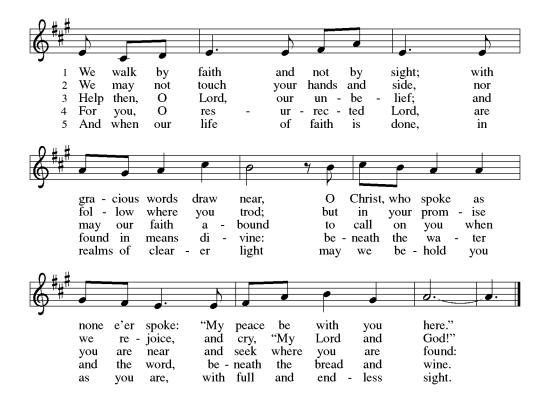
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- la paz del Resucitado: no puede vivir encerrada en sí, apréstate_a compartirla; no puede vivir encerrada_en sí, apréstate_a compartirla.

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We Walk by Faith



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