

# *Emanuel Lutheran Church*

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## *Contemporary Worship*

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**Mission Statement:**

**Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others**

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**2024 Congregational Watchword -**

"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have because God has said never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Hebrew 13:5

**2024 Theme - Where is God calling us to go?**

Temple Talk

*"Celebrating 30 Years..."*

Welcome

Opening Reading

Gathering Song

*"Alive, Forever Amen"*

Let the children sing a song of liberation;

The God of our salvation set us free.

Death, where is thy sting? The curse of sin is broken,

The empty tomb stands open, come and see.

He's alive, alive, alive. Hallelujah! Alive! Praise and glory to the Lamb.

He's alive, alive, alive. Hallelujah! Alive forever, Amen.

Let my heart sing out, for Christ, the One and only,  
 So powerful and holy, rescued me.  
 Death won't hurt me now because He has redeemed me,  
 No grave will ever keep me from my King.  
 He's alive, alive, alive, hallelujah; Alive, praise and glory to the Lamb.  
 He's alive, alive, alive. Hallelujah; Alive forever, Amen.  
 He's alive, alive, alive, hallelujah; Alive, praise and glory to the Lamb.  
 He's alive, alive, alive. Hallelujah; Alive forever, Amen.  
 Worthy is the Lamb, worthy of our praise;  
 Worthy is the One who has overcome the grave.  
 Let the people dance, let the people sing; Worthy is the mighty King!  
 Worthy is the Lamb, worthy of our praise;  
 Worthy is the One who has overcome the grave.  
 Let the people dance, let the people sing;  
 He's alive, alive, alive, hallelujah; Alive, praise and glory to the Lamb.  
 He's alive, alive, alive. Hallelujah; Alive forever, Amen.  
 He's alive forever, amen! He's alive forever, amen!

### Call to Worship

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

- L: Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.
- C: **Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**
- L: The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.
- C: **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**
- L: The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"
- C: **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**
- L: The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

- C: **Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**
- L: "This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."
- C: **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**
- L: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- C: **By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- L: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Song

*"Resurrection Hymn"*

**Musical Introduction**

See what a morning, Gloriously bright,  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem.

Folded, the grave clothes; tomb filled with light, as the angels announce,  
"Christ is risen!"

See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice;  
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

**Musical Interlude**

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"

As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;

Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;

It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!

The voice that spans the years,

Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,

Will sound till He appears, For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

**Musical Interlude**

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,

Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.

Honor and blessing, glory and praise

To the King crowned with pow'r and authority!  
And we are raised with Him,  
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;  
And we shall reign with Him,  
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead! And we are raised with Him,  
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;  
And we shall reign with Him,  
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead! And we shall reign with Him,  
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

L: All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C: **Amen.**

L: Look, here is water!

C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

L: 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!

C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

L: 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.

C: **Amen.**

L: Look, here is water!

C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Watchword

Hebrew 13:5

L: Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have;

C: **For God has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."**

Prayer of the Day

L: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Passing of the Peace & Offering

Offertory & Special Music

Rick Lyon

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

Pew Bible pg. 500

New Testament Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Pew Bible pg. 779

Song of the Day

*"Crown Him"*

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne.

Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for me,

And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.  
Majesty! Lord of all! Let every throne before Him fall!  
The King of kings, O come adore, Our God who reigns forevermore!  
Crown Him, the Lord of life! Who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.  
Majesty! Lord of all! Let every throne before Him fall!  
The King of kings, O come adore, Our God who reigns forevermore!  
Forevermore!  
All hail, redeemer, hail, For He has died for me!  
His praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity!  
All hail, redeemer, hail, For He has died for me!  
His praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity!  
Majesty, Lord of all! Let every throne before Him fall!  
The King of kings, O come adore Our God who reigns forevermore!  
Majesty, Lord of all!  
Let every throne before Him fall! The King of kings, O come adore,  
Our God who reigns forevermore! Praise God who reigns forevermore!  
You're the God who reigns forevermore!

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-18

Pew Bible pg. 768

Sermon

"Hallelujah"  
John 20:1-18

Pastor Mike

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten,**

not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Consecration of the Elements

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Songs

"Glorious Day"

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises  
One day when sin was as black as could be



Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin  
Dwelt among men, my example is He  
Word became flesh and the light shined among us, His glory revealed  
Living, He loved me; Dying, He saved me  
Buried, He carried my sins far away  
Rising, He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming, O glorious day, O glorious day  
One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain  
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree  
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected  
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He  
Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree  
And took the nails for me  
Living, He loved me; Dying, He saved me  
Buried, He carried my sins far away, Rising, He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming, O glorious day, O glorious day  
One day the grave could conceal Him no longer  
One day the stone rolled away from the door  
Then He arose, over death He had conquered  
Now He's ascended, my Lord evermore  
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him from rising again  
Living, He loved me; Dying, He saved me  
Buried, He carried my sins far away, Rising, He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming, O glorious day, O glorious day, glorious day  
One day the trumpet will sound for His coming  
One day the skies with His glories will shine  
Wonderful day, my Beloved One, bringing My Savior, Jesus, is mine  
Living, He loved me; Dying, He saved me  
Buried, He carried my sins far away, Rising, He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming, O glorious day, O glorious day, glorious day,  
O, Glorious day

## "Lamb of God"

Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.  
Your gift of love, they crucified,  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died,  
The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.  
Oh, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.  
O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.  
I was so lost I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.  
Oh, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.  
O, wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.  
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### Post Communion Blessing

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

### Prayers of the Church

#### Benediction

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

C: **Amen.**

#### Sending Song

#### "Celebrate Jesus"

Celebrate Jesus, Celebrate; Celebrate Jesus, Celebrate  
Celebrate Jesus, Celebrate; Celebrate Jesus, Celebrate

He is risen, He is risen and He lives for ever more. He is risen, He is risen  
Come on and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.  
Celebrate Jesus, Celebrate; Celebrate Jesus, Celebrate  
Celebrate Jesus, Celebrate; Celebrate Jesus, Celebrate  
He is risen, He is risen and He lives for ever more. He is risen, He is risen  
Come on and celebrate; Come on and celebrate  
Come on and celebrate; the Resurrection of our Lord.

### Dismissal

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

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

