

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Contemporary Worship

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Love ...
in truth
and action.

1 JOHN 3:18, NRSV

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Mission Statement:

Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others

Praise Band

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Praise Chorus

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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?

Special Music

"Daniel Wasn't Lion"

Children's Choir

Welcome

Opening Reading

2024 Watchword

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."

Gathering

"Eye of the Storm"

In the eye of the storm You remain in control.

And in the middle of the war You guard my soul.

You alone are the Anchor when my sails are torn.
Your love surrounds me in the eye of the storm.
When the solid ground is falling out from underneath my feet,
Between the black skies, and my red eyes, I can barely see.
When I realize I've been sold out by my friends and my family,
I can feel the rain reminding me.
In the eye of the storm, You remain in control.
In the middle of the war, You guard my soul.
You alone are the Anchor when my sails are torn.
Your love surrounds me in the eye of the storm.
When my hopes and dreams are far from me
And I'm running out of faith,
I see the future I picture slowly fade away.
And when the tears of pain and heartache
Are pouring down my face, I find my peace in Jesus' Name.
In the eye of the storm You remain in control.
In the middle of the war You guard my soul.
You alone are the Anchor when my sails are torn.
Your love surrounds me in the eye of the storm.
And when the test comes in and the doctor says
I've only got a few months left, it's like a bitter pill I'm swallowing.
I can barely take a breath.
And when addiction steals my baby girl, and there's nothing I can do,
My only hope is to trust You. I trust You, Lord.
In the eye of the storm You remain in control.
In the middle of the war You guard my soul.
You alone are the Anchor when my sails are torn.
Your love surrounds me in the eye of the storm You remain in control.
In the middle of the war You guard my soul.
You alone are the Anchor when my sails are torn.
Your love surrounds me, in the eye of the storm.

Call to Worship

Psalm 23

L: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

L: You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C: **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C: **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Song

"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;

In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine, do Thou befriend us, be the Guardian of our way;

Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray;

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray;

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;

Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Early let us turn to Thee;

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Early let us turn to Thee;

Early let us seek Thy favor; early let us do Thy will,

Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill:

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still;

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Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

L: Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life: for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

C: **We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.**

L: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: for water from the tap, for rain and snow, for local water sources.

C: **We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.**

L: We give you thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

C: **We give you thanks for your salvation through water.**

L: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here; for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen, but to whom we are bound.

C: **We give you thanks for the life of the baptized.**

L: We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

C: **We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

L: 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.

C: **Amen.**

Song

"Stronger"

Musical Introduction

There is Love That came for us, humbled to a sinner's cross.
You broke my shame and sinfulness; You rose again, victorious!
Faithfulness none can deny; Through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free: Jesus Christ who lives in me.
You are stronger, You are stronger. Sin is broken, You have saved me!
It is written, "Christ is risen!" Jesus, You are Lord of all.
No beginning and no end; You're my hope and my defense.
You came to seek and save the lost; You paid it all upon the cross.
You are stronger, You are stronger. Sin is broken, You have saved me!
It is written, "Christ is risen!" Jesus, You are Lord of all.

Interlude

So let Your name be lifted higher, be lifted higher, be lifted higher.
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You are stronger, You are stronger. Sin is broken, You have saved me!
It is written, "Christ is risen!" Jesus, You are Lord of all.
You are stronger, You are stronger. Sin is broken, You have saved me!
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Passing of the Peace & Offering
Offertory & Special Music

First Reading
Second Reading

Acts 4:5-12
John 10:11-18

Pew Bible pg. 773
Pew Bible pg. 759

Song of the Day *"Mighty Is the Power of the Cross"*

What can take a dying man and raise him up to life again?
What can heal a wounded soul, what can make us white as snow?
What can fill the emptiness, what can mend our brokenness,
Brokenness?
Mighty, awesome, wonderful is the holy cross
Where the Lamb laid down His life to lift us from the fall.
Mighty is the power of the cross.
What restores our faith in God, what reveals the Father's love?
What can lead the wayward home, what can melt a heart of stone?
What can free the guilty ones, what can save and overcome,
Overcome?
Mighty, awesome, wonderful is the holy cross
Where the Lamb laid down His life to lift us from the fall.
Mighty is the power of the cross.
It's a miracle to me, It's a miracle to me,
And it's still a mystery, And it's still a mystery.
It's a miracle to me; The power of God for those who believe.
Mighty, awesome, wonderful is the holy cross
Where the Lamb laid down His life to lift us from the fall.
Mighty is the power of, Mighty is the power of,
Mighty is the power of the cross.
Thank You for the cross. Thank You for the cross.

Sermon Reading

1 John 3:16-24

Pew Bible pg. 863

Sermon

"Lay Down Your Life"
1 John 3:16-24

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.

Prayers of the Church

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.

Blessing

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

"Death was Arrested"

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin,
Lost without hope with no place to begin,
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began.
Ash was redeemed only beauty remains.
My orphan heart was given a name.
My mourning grew quiet, my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began.
Oh, Your grace, so free, Washes over me.
You have made me new, Now life begins with You.
It's your endless love pouring down on us.
You have made us new, Now life begins with You.
Released from my chains, I'm a prisoner no more.
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore.
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend,
When death was arrested and my life began.
Oh, Your grace, so free, Washes over me.
You have made me new, Now life begins with You.
It's your endless love pouring down on us.
You have made us new, Now life begins with You.
Our savior displayed on a criminal's cross.
Darkness rejoiced as though heaven had lost.
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand;

That's when death was arrested and my life began.
Oh, Your grace, so free, Washes over me.
You have made me new, Now life begins with You.
It's your endless love pouring down on us.
You have made us new, Now life begins with You.
Oh, we're free, free. Forever we're free.
Come join the song of all the redeemed.
Yes, we're free free forever, Amen.
When death was arrested and my life began.
Oh, we're free, free forever we're free.
Come join the song of all the redeemed.
Yes, we're free free forever, Amen
When death was arrested and my life began,
When death was arrested and my life began.
Yes, when death was arrested and my life began.

Dismissal

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

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