### Sunday, April 28, 2024 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**WELCOME** to Emanuel's Lutheran Church! It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



#### **PRELUDE**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING** 

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

#### C: 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!

#### C: 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.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

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

Children's Church: Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade gathers in the Chapel.

#### **GATHERING HYMN**

"There in God's Garden"

**ELW 342** 

#### **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.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together.

C: 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.

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

**READING: 1 John 4:7-21** 

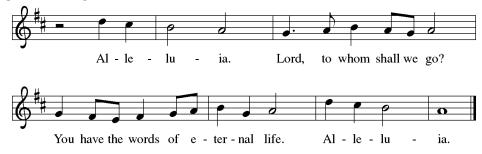
L: A reading from 1 John.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON** Pastor Marcus

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 

"We Know That Christ Is Raised"

**ELW 449** 

#### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Apostle's 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: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always.

Response to each petition: AM: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

AM: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen.

#### **PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

**MEAL** 

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**OFFERING HYMN** 

"Let All Things Now Living"

**ELW 881** 

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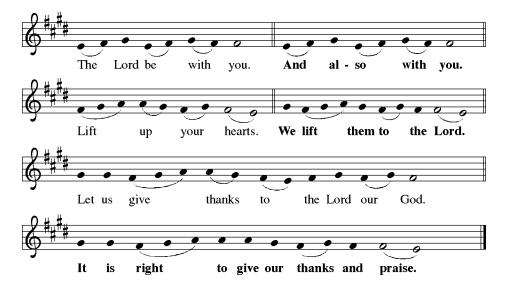
#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

AM: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



#### **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.

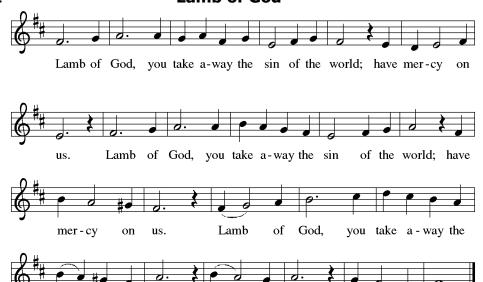
Amen.

#### 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.

#### **AGNUS DEI**

#### "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 welcome to be brought forward to receive a blessing. Participants to the right will be offered a wafer and invited to eat with these words, "the body of Christ given for you." Gluten free wafers are available. Next, 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, simply cross your arms for a blessing.

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#### **COMMUNION HYMN**

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

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**ELW 359** 

#### 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.

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. **C: Amen.** 

#### **SENDING**

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

#### **BLESSING**

- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope
- + bless you now and always. C: Amen.

#### **DISMISSAL**

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

#### **POSTLUDE**

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MUSICIAN TODAY: Edward Workmon, organ

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, April 28, 2024: Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Marcus; Assisting Minister: Lory Alves; Communion Assistants: Charles Jobe, Liz Witten, Darlene Zies, Deb Haug, Fran Vinyard; Acolytes: TBD; Reader: Keith Vinyard; Ushers: Tim Troell, Joe Kane, Deborah Almquist, Bev Seidenschwarz, Barbara McCall; Altar Guild: Cathy Anderson, Elizabeth Jandt, Jimed Darnell, Tonya Darnell; AV/Tech: Allan Bode; Council Greeter: Rissa Springs; Hospitality: Deborah Almquist, Gerry Harrison, Carolyn Blumberg, Sheila English; Safety Attendants: Joe Kane, Brandon May

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, May 5, 2024: Preaching and Presiding: TBD; Assisting Minister: Melissa Barbre; Acolyte: Ellie Hepp; Communion Assistants: Carrie Moseley, Jeannie Hall, Earlene Jarzombek, Jeanne Palmer, Barbara McCall; Reader: Nancy Meier; Ushers: Allan Bode, Bill Meier, Ron Schneider, Keith Vinyard; Altar Guild: Carrie Moseley, Cherryl Baethge, Denise Hufnagl, Pam Grandstaff; A/V Tech: Steve Anderson; Council Greeter: Sheila English; Hospitality: Nancy Meier, Bill Meier, Fran Vinyard, Keith Vinyard; Safety Attendants: Allan Bode, Charles Jobe

#### **EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**CHURCH NURSERY** is available for children 4 and under on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hallway anytime between 9-Noon with Khris Garcia.

#### **WEEKDAY STUDIES:**

- Faith Circle (Women's Ministry Rm):3rd Tuesdays at 2:30
- **Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 2nd Thursday at 9:30. On **May 9**th we meet at the home of Elaine Giesber as we learn about women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus and Tamar's story.
- Ladies Aid (Women's Ministry Rm): 1st Wednesdays at 2:00

#### **SUNDAY MORNING STUDIES:**

- **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.
- WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE LUTHERAN? (Family Life Center): 9:00am. April 7-May 12. Take a dive into the Reformation, the writings that shape our Lutheran witness, the people that wrote them, and the events that changed the world.
- **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 CHURCH** is for PK to 5th grade learners. During worship the Vicars lead students to designated classrooms, just down the hall from the sanctuary, as we begin the "Gathering Hymn" and then guide them back as we "Share the Peace." We hope you will make this a part of your family's weekly worship rhythm!

**Sanctuary Flowers** given today in honor of Kristen Bigott's birthday by Marcus Bigott.

**MISSION TRIP CELEBRATION & STORIES, April 28**, Today we hear the stories and share in the work of our Puerto Rico Mission Team. Their work is featured on our Facebook page and website and today's video will be uploaded to our YouTube channel following worship. Thank you for all your support and prayers during their time away!

**SYNOD ASSEMBLY WEEKEND, May 3-5**. Our voting members, Susan Yeatts, Darlene Zies, Paul Sims, and Pastor Marcus will make their way to Corpus Christi next weekend to undertake the work of our Synod. They will hear reports and updates from staff and ministries, approve budgets and mission plans, and hear from ministry partners near and far. Additionally, this weekend will also play host to the election of the next bishop of our Synod, please hold all of these leaders in your prayers.

**GRADUATE & CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, May 19.** We thank God for our high school, college, and post-graduate graduates and the beginning of their new chapters in life. During this special service, we will pray for and bless each of our graduates. Tables in the Narthex will feature memorabilia sharing a bit of each's story and future. We will also have a special moment to celebrate our 8th grade confirmand as she affirms the promises of her baptism. You won't want to miss this wonderful Sunday!

**WELCOMING SUNDAY, May 26**. If you are interested in joining the mission and ministry of Emanuel's, then this Sunday is for you. For months now, our Council has prayerfully received numerous new and returning faces to our congregation. This unique service will center on the liturgy of welcome and affirmation and will be the time we formally receive all of these new and renewed faces. Please email Pastor Marcus, or fill out a blue card, if you would like to be a part of this "Welcoming Sunday!"

**THE COMPASS COOPERATIVE** gathers weekly at Spirit of Joy for our weekly gathering on **Sundays @6pm** for 6th to 12th grade students, hosted by our four church partners - Emanuel's, St. Andrew's, Spirit of Joy, and Friedens Church- and held on Spirit of Joy's campus. We eat, worship, play games, and enjoy each other's company. Join us!

**JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF** is **today, April 28** from 2-4pm in the Family Life Center. Discussions 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 facilitates this monthly program.

**FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP** gathers **Sunday, May 5** at Noon for lunch and conversation in the Women's Ministry Room. Everyone is to bring a favorite dish to share. This ministry is for widowed, divorced, and separated people. Contact is Donna Simmons.

**SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB** is heading to Fredericksburg on **Thursday, May 9!** We will gather at the church and head to the Hill Country on a chartered bus. Donna has an array of activity options to include shopping, sightseeing, and the National Museum of the Pacific War. Sign up sheets are in the narthex on Sunday mornings or you can give Donna a call at 830-379-5046. Space on the bus is limited, so RSVP ASAP!

**MAKING YOUR GRIEF COUNT** is a three-week grief program for those who have experienced loss of any kind to work though their grief, learn about healthy coping tools, and discover a path to healing in a supportive environment. Pastor Darwin Huartson facilitates this program at Emanuel's in the Family Life Center on **Sundays, May 26, June 2, and June 9** from 2-4pm.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FRIEDENS: "SCUBA: diving into friendship with God"** Emanuel's is partnering again this year with Friedens Church and St. Andrew's where kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about. Get it on your calendar now: **June 17-20**, 5:30pm, Friedens UCC, 2555 Friedens Church Rd, Seguin, TX 78155. Registration info coming soon.

**GOD'S EXPLORERS** is an upcoming, epic adventure for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders! Our exploring takes place **July 15-18** from 8:30 – 3:30 where we will head underground touring four of God's most beautiful cave system creations in Texas. Each day will feature a Bible study, games, activities, food, and, of course, an awesome cave tour! Registration begins Sunday, May 12, and closes Sunday June 30. Stay tuned for links.

#### **EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

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In memoriam, Aaron Jenke

# ALL MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT Wednesday, May 1 at 5:30pm

All of Emanuel's Ministry Teams gather on a single evening each month to share a meal, collaborate, plan, and schedule upcoming events and ministry projects. Join us in the Women's Ministry Room!

#### **EMANUEL'S STAFF**

**Senior Pastor,** The Rev. Marcus Bigott, 830-377-8643 cell, <u>pastormarcus@elcseguin.org</u> **Visitation Pastor- San Antonio,** The Rev. Darwin Huartson, <u>dhuartson@porterloring.com</u> **Day School Director,** Lisa Keeney, <u>lkeeney@elcsequin.org</u>

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

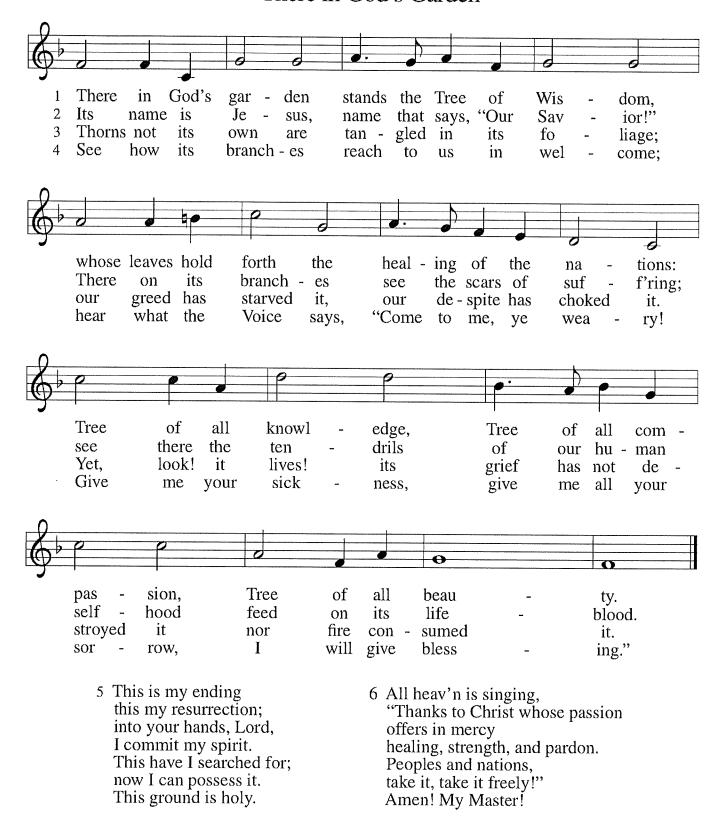
**GIVING AT EMANUEL'S:** Donations and tithes to the church may be given by envelopes in the pews, mailed to the church, online, or scanned with QR Code below.



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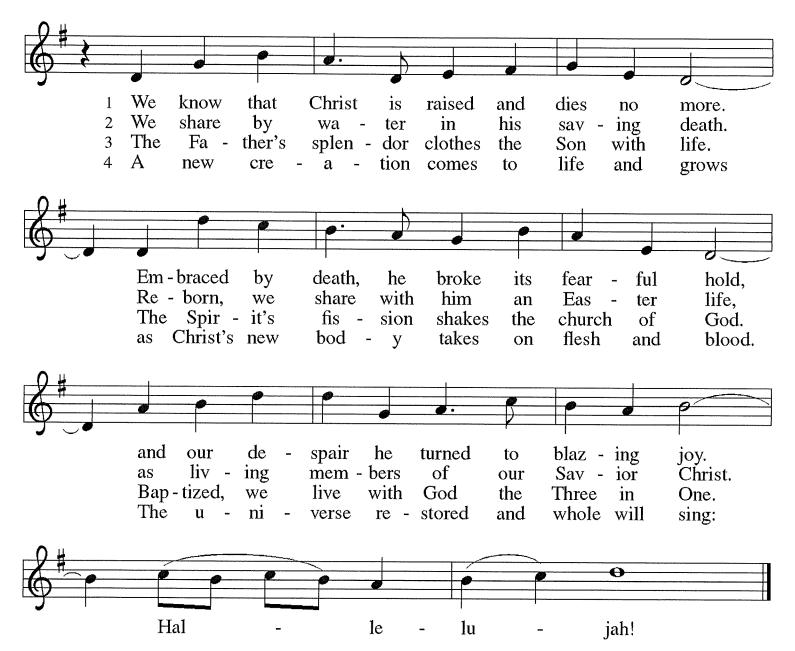
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## We Know That Christ Is Raised



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Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

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### Let All Things Now Living



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# 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.
- 5 Let us for-give each oth-er's faults as we our own con-fess,



by Christ's love, by love we thus are brought here to - geth-er bound. soul now love God in let with heart and mind and us re - turn. of joined, in mem - bers each bod - y him we are made one. as Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly in Chris-tian gen - tle - ness. oth - er that may love each well we

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### Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



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