

Sunday, April 25, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter
WELCOME to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

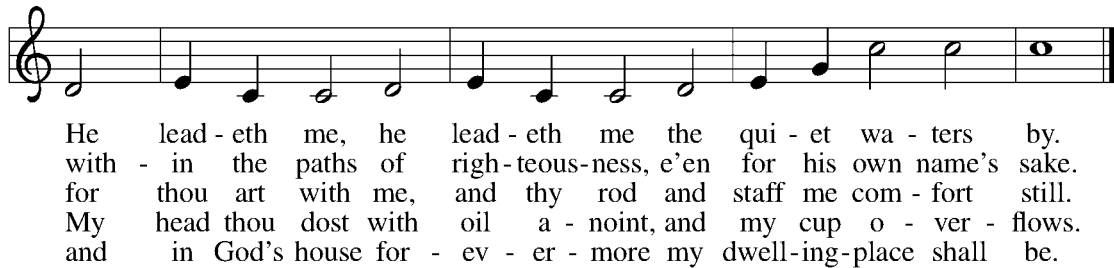
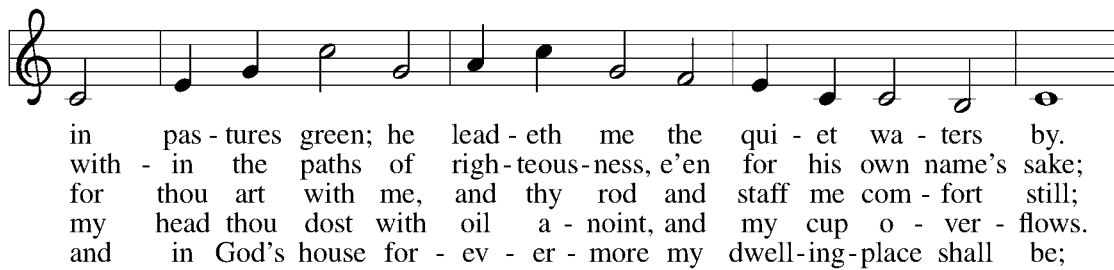
GATHERING HYMN

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

ELW 778



1	The	Lord's	my	shep-herd;	I'll	not	want.	He	makes	me	down	to	lie
2	My	soul	he	doth	re -	store	a -	gain, and	me	to	walk	doth	make
3	Yea,	though	I	walk	in	death's	dark	vale, yet	will	I	fear	no	ill;
4	My	ta -	ble	thou	hast	rich -	ly	spread in	pres-ence	of	my	foes;	
5	Good-ness	and	mer -	cy	all	my	life	shall	sure -	ly	fol -	low	me,



Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650
 Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain

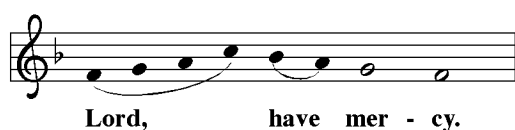
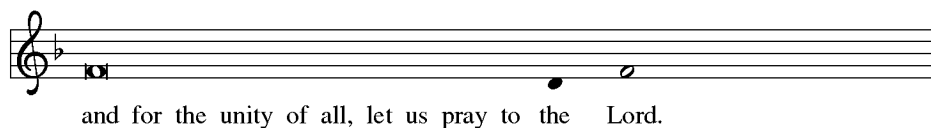
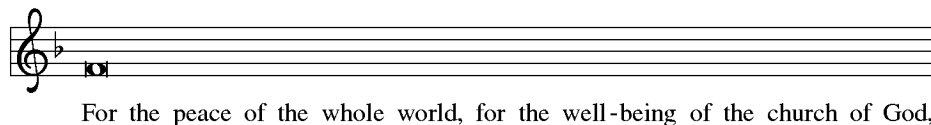
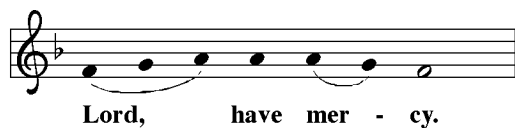
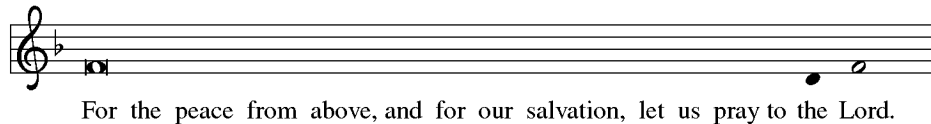
GREETING

ELW p. 138

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.**

KYRIE

ELW p. 138



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW p. 139

Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

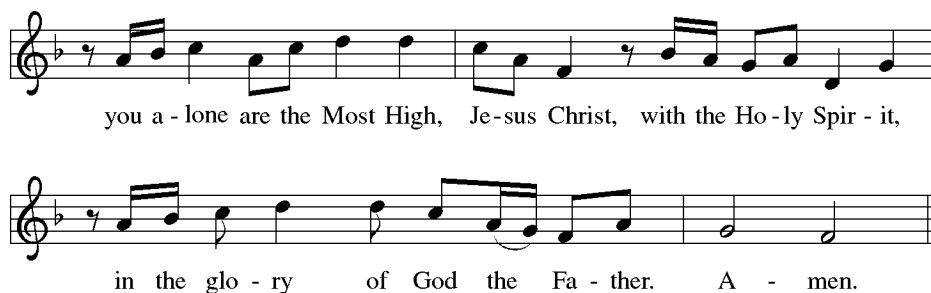
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

ELW p. 142

AM: Let us pray together.

C: 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. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

L: A reading from Acts.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23

Congregation reads bold text.

¹The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

³You restore my | soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴**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. R

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.
⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
 and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. R**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

L: A reading from 1 John.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay

it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

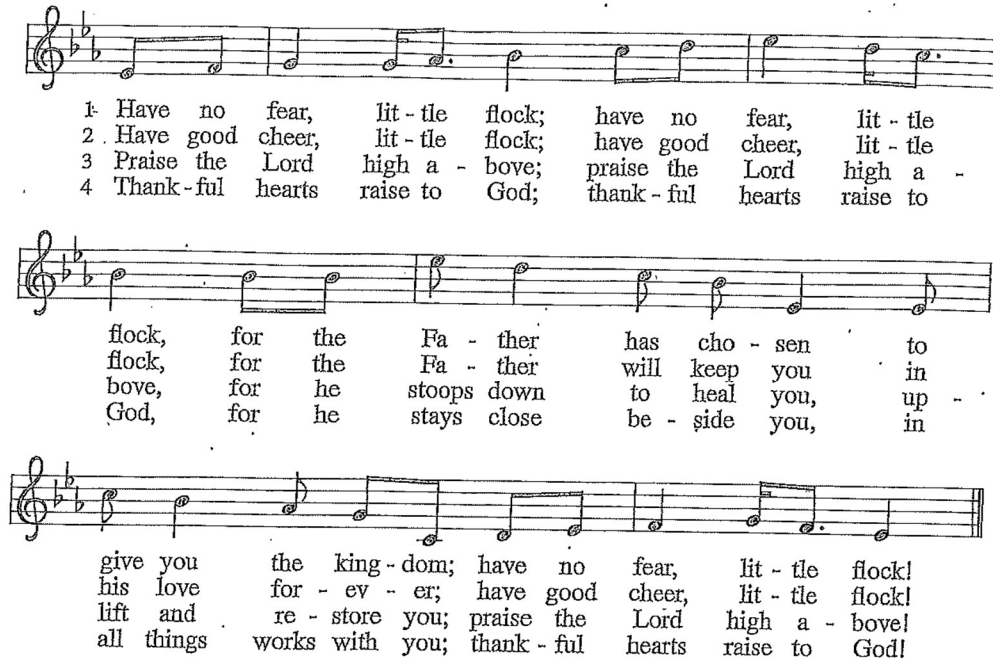
SERMON

Pastor Kelsie

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

ELW 764



1. Have no fear, lit-tle flock; have no fear, lit-tle
2. Have good cheer, lit-tle flock; have good cheer, lit-tle
3. Praise the Lord high a-bove; praise the Lord high a-
4. Thank-ful hearts raise to God; thank-ful hearts raise to

flock, for the Fa-ther has cho-sen to
flock, for the Fa-ther will keep you in
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up
God, for he stays close be-side you, in

give you the king-dom; have no fear, lit-tle flock!
his love for-ev-er; have good cheer, lit-tle flock!
lift and re-store you; praise the Lord high a-bove!
all things works with you; thank-ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
Music: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930

LITTLE FLOCK
68226

APOSTLE'S CREED

ELW p. 105

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

ELW p. 143

AM: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love. Loving Shepherd, you know

your own and your own know you. Your voice calls us to your loving embrace. Strengthen your church throughout the world that we bear witness to your expansive love.

Response to each petition: AM: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

AM: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

ELW p.143

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

OFFERING HYMN

"Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"

ACS 938

to tune of ELW 276

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|---|---|
| 1 Christ has risen while earth slumbers,
Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised,
as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing;
let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumor:
Christ is risen, God is here! | 2 Christ has risen for the people
whom he died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women
bringing flow'rs to grace his grave.
Christ has risen for disciples,
huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation
can't be silenced by the tomb. |
| 3 Christ has risen to companion
former friends who fear the night,
sensing loss and limitation
where their faith had once burned
bright.
They bemoan what is no longer,
they expect no hopeful sign
till Christ ends their conversation,
breaking bread and sharing wine. | 4 Christ has risen and forever
lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled,
all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present
making us what he has been:
evidence of transformation
in which God is known and seen. |

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

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MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING INFORMATION

For online giving: <https://tinyurl.com/emanuelsgiving>

Mailing Address: Emanuel's Lutheran Church, 206 N. Travis Street Seguin, TX 78155

OFFERING PRAYER

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AM: Let us pray.

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW p. 144

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

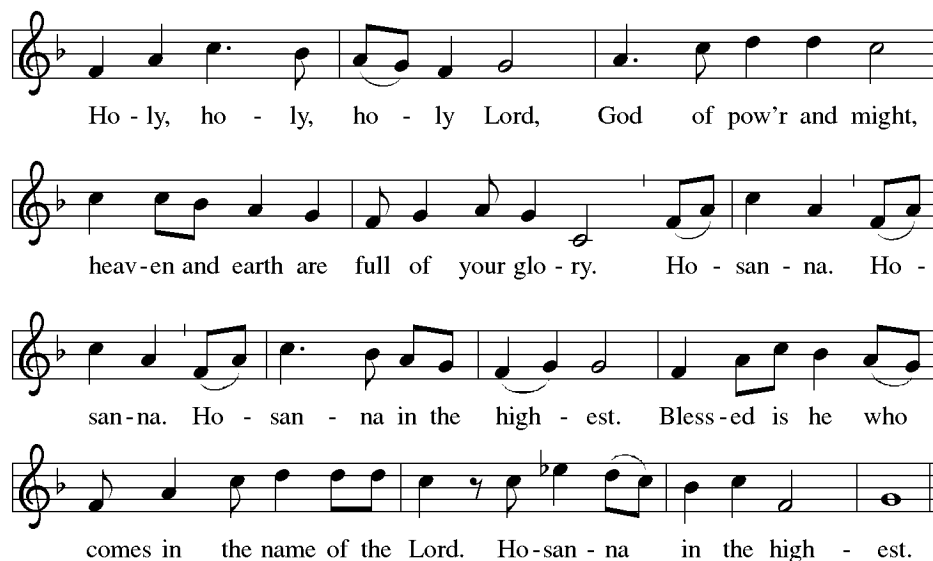
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW p. 144



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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LORD'S PRAYER

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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

ELW p. 146

P: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat, and be satisfied.

COMMUNION

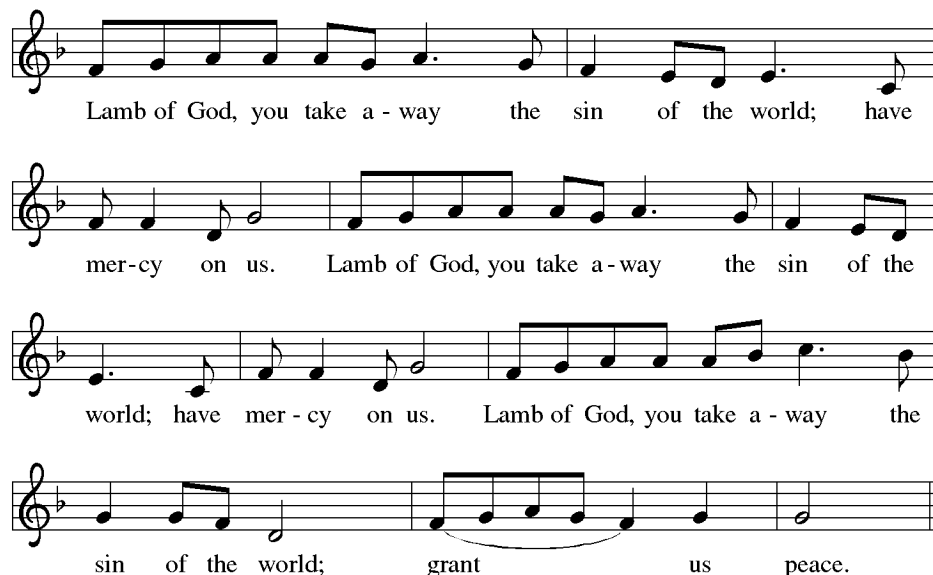
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When giving the bread and sharing the cup, you may use say:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

COMMUNION SONG

ELW p. 146



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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

ELW p. 146

AM: Let us pray.

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

ELW p. 146


P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

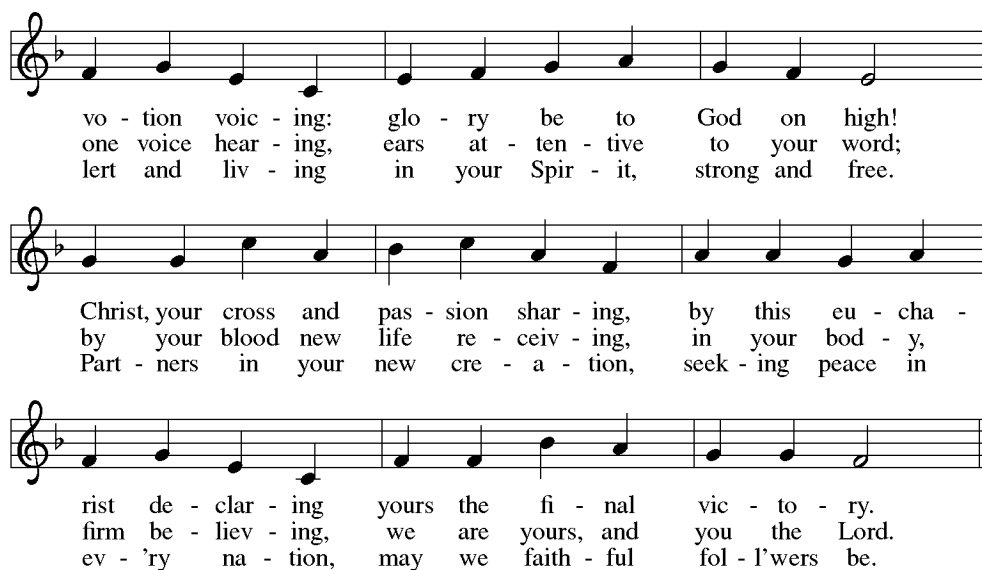
SENDING HYMN

"Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"

ELW 544



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
 lert and liv - ing, in your Spir - it, strong and free.

Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
 by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in

rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
 ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902–1983, alt.
 Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.

DISMISSAL

ELW p. 146

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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MUSICIANS TODAY: Jubilation Singers; Chris Teague, guitar; Evelyn Dittmar, organist

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, APRIL 25, 2021: **Preaching:** Pastor Kelsie; **Presiding:** Pastor Kelsie; **Assisting Minister:** Melissa Barbre; **Acolyte:** TBD; **Reader:** Emily Prochnow; **Ushers:** Tim Troell, Joe Kane, Deborah Almquist, and Bev Seidenschwarz; **Radio Announcer:** John Van Deusen; **Greeter:** Linda Salt.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, MAY 2, 2021: **Preaching:** Pastor Marcus; **Presiding:** Pastor Kelsie; **Assisting Minister:** Carolyn Blumberg; **Acolyte:** TBD; **Reader:** Nancy Meier; **Ushers:** Allan Bode, Bill Meier, Ron Schneider, Rissa Springs, Jacqueline Springs; **Radio Announcer:** Walter Seidenschwarz; **Greeter:** Keith Vinyard.

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP is now in-person in the Sanctuary as well as streamed on Facebook, YouTube, and KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m. Covid-19 safety protocols will still apply. To best love and protect all our neighbors, **masks and social distancing are required** while in the church building. The congregation is invited to sing while masked. As small groups resume gathering it is best to call to confirm meeting places and times. The church office is open M-Th from 8-5.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Programs are in development for both Sunday mornings at 9:15 and midweek studies. Please stay tuned while we roll out classes for children and adults. It is a challenge as we return from our lengthy time apart to coordinate volunteers, physical space, and curriculum. Please let Pastor Marcus or Pastor Kelsie know if you are interested in leading a group or sharing a special skill.

SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES at 9:15 a.m.

- **The Heritage Class** (307): Augsburg Fortress Quarterly Adult Bible Study led by Steve Richardson and Walter Seidenschwarz. Current study is of the Old Testament, *Faithful to God's Covenant*.
- **A Look at the Gospels** (Family Life Center): Beginning **May 2** with Pastor Marcus. We have four Gospels, among many other books and letters, that give us a window into the life, ministry, and legacy of Jesus Christ. But, there are differences, some small, others much more troublesome. So, what do we make of them? Join Pastor Marcus in the Family Life Center each Sunday starting May 2nd for a deeper look at each Gospel, their authors, their faith community, and their differences.

WEEKDAY STUDIES

- **Faith Circle** (Women's Ministry Room): Third Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.
- **Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Room): Second Thursday at 9:30 a.m. May meeting at the home of Elaine Geisber.
- **Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Room): to begin on **August 4th** at 2:00 p.m.

WE NEED YOU: Area nursing homes and care facilities are slowly welcoming back visitors. We can also begin home communion again with safety protocols. This is exciting news for our Home and Care Facility Ministry! Pastor John is eager to resume monthly worship services and communion for these communities. We are planning and scheduling now. Training and supplies are available. If you are interested in starting or continuing either of these important ministries, please contact the church office, or Visitation Pastor John Van Deusen at 830-305-5656. Call or Text.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME: If you, or you and your family, are interested in joining us in the mission and ministry here at Emanuel's, you are invited to reach out to Pastor Marcus for a conversation of welcome. Our next Sunday to receive new members is **Sunday, May 30th**. This special service will include a welcoming liturgy, a time to be recognized and prayed for by the congregation, and, tentatively, a time for potluck following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Marcus can be reached at: pastormarcus@elcsequin.org or 830-377-8643.

MINISTRY TEAMS: Following the incredible work done with the redevelopment of the strategic plan, Council has lifted up four areas of focus for the next two years to help us achieve the vision of our plan. These teams are, **Outreach & Service, Education, Congregation Care, and Stewardship.** Over the next few weeks, as assigned Council members better define and plan the scope of each team for the next year, you will be invited to join the work of these teams at their monthly meetings. Be on the lookout for meeting times, location, and scope of work for each team!

COUPLE'S NIGHT OUT: Our next Couple's Night Out will take place on **Saturday, May 22nd** at 6:30pm and we are headed to Stumpy's Hatchet House, 758 Isom Road, San Antonio, Texas 78216. If you would like to carpool, a group will be leaving from the Mountain Street parking lot at 5:30pm. Food options are pretty limited, and you are allowed to bring your own drinks (but NOT your own hatchet!), so we will plan on grabbing a bite afterwards for anyone who wishes to join us. That location will be decided at Stumpy's.

HYMNAL REPAIR: What do double-stitch binder tape, adhesive, weights, and rubber bands have in common? They're all used in book repair! We've got 169 hymnals in need of some TLC. If you are interested in this hands on project, let Pastor Kelsie know. A date to begin repairs will be set when supplies arrive and happy, book-binding volunteers are available.

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER: You are invited to lift in prayer our church, community, and the world every **Thursday morning at 10am.** Join us in the chapel each week for this *Sweet Hour of Prayer*. Please enter through the main sanctuary doors. Call Donna at 830-556-3542 for more information.

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY GOLF TOURNAMENT is **Saturday, May 15.** Participants do not have to be church members, so gather a team of friends and support Campus Ministry in San Antonio. **Registration deadline is May 8.** Pastor Marcus can answer your questions about this annual event.

TURKEY DINNER at St John Marion is **Sunday, May 2** from 11:30am to 4pm. All plates are \$10/ea. Stick around for the silent auction at 2pm, bake sale, and kid's games.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS and **RADIO BROADCASTS** are sponsored by Emanuel's members. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one in this way, please call the church office or sign up on the calendar in the office. Thanks to all who participate in this memorable ministry.

SUMMER CAMP 2021: Cross Trails Ministry summer camp registration at Camp Chrysalis and Ebert Ranch Camp is now open for Emanuel's Youth. **June and July** sessions are available. Contact Pastor Kelsie for more information.

VBS and DAY CAMP 2021 is on the calendar! We are partnering with Cross Trails Ministry again this year. Keep your fingers crossed that all are well and we can welcome children to our campus **July 19-23.** We want you, too! Let Pastor Marcos know if you are available to join the fun.

LWR HEALTH KITS: Items for Lutheran World Relief Health Kits are urgently needed. The following items may be put in collection baskets at the church entrances or the office. Thank you for loving our neighbors across the globe! Two bath size bars of **soap** in original wrapping; one adult size **toothbrush** in original packaging; one sturdy **comb**; one metal **nail clippers**; **money** for one towel that we will purchase.

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

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