

P: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION LITURGY (2nd service) - p 21 in CW (#310 distribution hymn)

THE PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

P: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may thus hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that by patience and comfort of your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - - men.

THE BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace, Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon on you with favor and give you (+) peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

#341 – “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (3-4)

**“Blessed are those who have not seen,
and yet have believed”**



**Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church
April 8, 2018**

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE BEFORE HIM

OPENING HYMN "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won" (CW #145)

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, pleading with Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: **And you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

All: **O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You, and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am truly sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You, of Your boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy innocent, bitter sufferings and death, of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the place and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: **Sings "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word" CW #162**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Heavenly Father, God of grace, with joy this festival day we give thanks to hear the angel say: "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen just as He said."

C: **Christ is risen!**

P: For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive. He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

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

P: We marvel at the love You showed by Your willingness to sacrifice Your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power, which raised Him from the dead.

C: **We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.**

P: Lord Jesus, God of grace, You won the victory over sin, death, and the grave.

C: **You conquered the darkness and give us comfort and hope.**

P: With the Church of every age, we offer You unending praise, for You have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

C: **You are risen!**

P: Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to You for rest, knowing that because of Your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us. Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

C: **You are risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Holy Spirit, God of grace, You have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in Christ.

C: **We glorify You for opening our eyes to see the light of life.**

P: Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

C: **He is risen!**

P: As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when You will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

C: **He is risen indeed!**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

**HYMN
SERMON**

**#165 “O Sons and Daughters of the King”
John 20:19-31**

“Jesus helps us live our Easter faith”

- 1. He takes away our fears**
- 2. He gives us spiritual peace and certainty**

RESPONSE

#341 – “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (vs. 1-2)

Please be seated

OFFERING

**He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav’n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die, and Satan’s arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell’s fiercest weapon.
Oh hear! What cheer! Christ victorious, rising glorious, life is giving.
He was dead, but now is living!**

P: The LORD be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O risen Lord, You came to Your disciples and took away their fears with Your Word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of Your abiding presence, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - - men.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6

After these events, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision. He said, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.” 2 Abram said, “LORD God what can you give me, since I remain childless, and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” 3 Abram also said, “Look, you have given me no offspring, so a servant born in my house will be my heir.” 4 Just then, the word of the LORD came to him. God said, “This man will not be your heir, but instead one who will come out of your own body will be your heir.” 5 The LORD then brought him outside and said, “Now look toward the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” He said to Abram, “This is what your descendants will be like.” 6 Abram believed in the LORD, and the LORD credited it to

him as righteousness. (EHV)

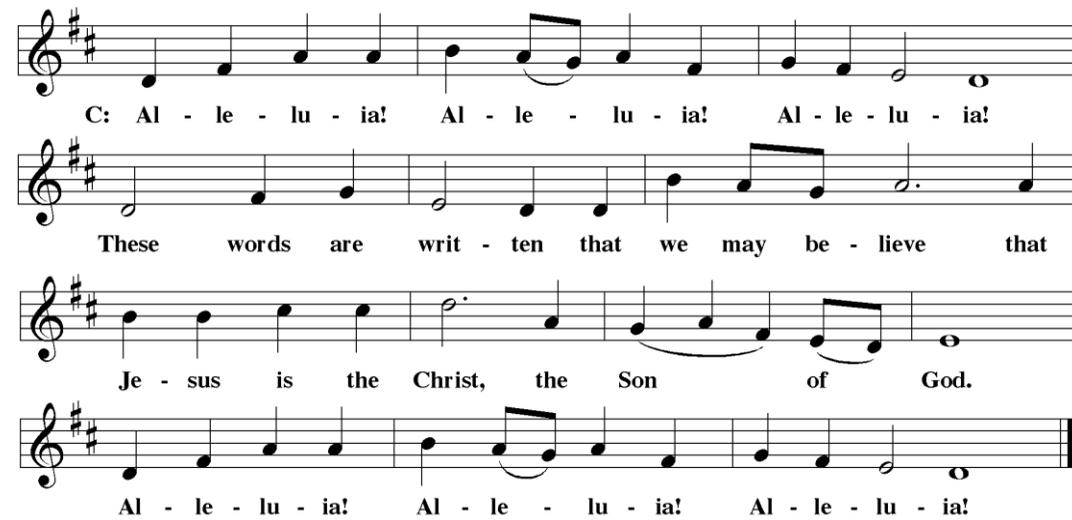
PSALM 116 (p.107 in front section of hymnal)

SECOND LESSON

1 John 5:4-10

4...because everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith. 5 Who is the one who overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. 6 This is the one who came by water and blood: Jesus Christ. He did not come by the water alone but by the water and by the blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 In fact, there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and these three are one. 9 If we accept the testimony of people, God's testimony is even greater, because it is the testimony that God gave about his Son. 10 The one who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in him, but the one who does not believe has made God out to be a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God gave about his Son. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

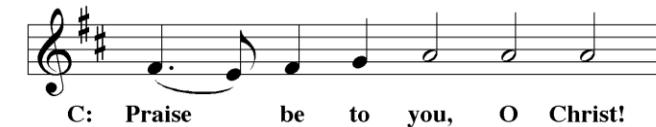
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Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you!" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you." 22 After saying this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 Whenever you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." 24 But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples kept telling him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe." 26 After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30 Jesus, in the presence of his disciples, did many other miraculous signs that are not written in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (EHV)



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.