

# Emanuel Lutheran Church

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**Sunday, April 5, 2026**

## **EASTER DAY:**

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34): Christ’s resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God’s faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God’s endless love.

## **EASTER GREETING:**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!**

**OPENING HYMN: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**

**LBW 151**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP: (Based on Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24)**

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C: His mercy endures forever.**

P: The Lord is my strength and my song.

**C: He has become my salvation.**

P: There is a sound of exaltation and victory in the tents of the righteous.

**C: The right hand of the Lord has triumphed.**

P: I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

**C: Open for me the gates of righteousness.**

P: I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

**C: This is the gate of the Lord.**



P: The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**C: On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad!**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

P: We have remembered in Holy Week the death and suffering of Jesus for our sake. Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed!**

P: We have remembered that the good in ‘Good Friday’ is that in the worst that humanity could do to Jesus came the best that God has done for us.

Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed!**

P: We confess our sins. If there is any doubt or unbelief in us...

**C: If there is any lack of awe or appreciation...**

P: If there is any reluctance of joy...

**C: If there is any hesitation of commitment to love, serve, and follow Jesus...we ask for forgiveness.**

P: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed!**

P: In the name of the risen one as an ordained pastor of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I declare to you the forgiveness he has won for us...In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY: (Located on the Today’s Readings Insert)**

**GOD’S WORD**

**FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43**

Peter’s sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, “receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**Reader says: The Word of the Lord.**

**Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4**

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

**Reader says: The Word of the Lord.**

**Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.**

**Sing: “Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”**

**P: The Gospel**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 28:1-10**

Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

**P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Bob**

**CHILDREN STORY**

**Pastor Bob**

**HYMN:**

**“Thine Is the Glory”**

**LBW 145**

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**THE PRAYER:**

**P: Risen Lord, in your mercy,**

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**THE PEACE:**

**P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**C: And also with you!**

**The WORDS of INSTITUTION**

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**THE LORD’S PRAYER:**

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When we celebrate Holy Communion, guests and members alike need to know that **All Are Welcome At Our Lord’s Table!** We believe Christ is present in the bread and wine. His body and blood are given in the Eucharist for the forgiveness of sins. The Lord invites you and the decision to receive Holy Communion is yours. (We have gluten-free individually packaged sacraments in one unit.)

**THE COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMNS:**

**“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!” LBW 144**

**“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!” LBW 147**

**COMMUNION BLESSING:**

P: The body of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and His precious blood strengthen and keep you in His grace unto Life Everlasting. AMEN

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**THE BENEDICTION:**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

AMEN

**The CLOSING HYMN: “I Know that My Redeemer Lives!” LBW 352**

**vs. 1-4**

**DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

**Postlude: Roberta Ryskoski**

**OUR GUEST PASTOR THIS MORNING** is Robert Rosenberg. Thank you for leading our Worship, Pastor Bob.

**Attendance:** Last Sunday: 32                      Last Sunday Facebook Lives: 4  
Maundy Service: 13                      Maundy Thursday Facebook Live: N/A  
Good Friday: 19                      Good Friday Facebook Live: 4

**Facebook Plays:**  
Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>: 143                      Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>: 140

**Today, Service Schedule, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 A.M. (Easter Day)**  
Reader: Wayne Hietmann                      Usher: Darrell Rahn

**Next Week's Schedule, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 A.M.**  
Reader: Charlotte Rebelein                      Usher: Annette Raube

**April 2026 Altar Schedule**

Mary Fairbank

**April 2026 Communion Schedule (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)**

Wayne Heitmann

**THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:**

Please consider joining your church council. We are in need of at least one more member.

**Council Meeting** is tomorrow, Monday, April 6, 2026, at 5:15 P.M.

## EASTER LILIES

### ***IN MEMORY OF:***

The Novak Family  
The Grams and The Riviers Family  
Charlie Lawson  
Robert and Vera, Gary and Tom  
Loved Ones  
Milton and Virginia Krohn  
Micki Krohn  
Ginger Ellens

### ***GIVEN BY:***

Mary Fairbank  
Arnie and Pat Grams  
Lois Lawson  
Tammy Briskie  
Janice Ott  
Susie Krohn  
Susie Krohn  
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