



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Making Christ Known
Through Worship, Nurture, Service, and Outreach



Welcome to Emmanuel !

April 11, 2021

Second Sunday in Easter

"It is wonderful to worship with you today!"

Today is a Praise Emmanuel Sunday!

All are welcome here at Emmanuel regardless of your faith affiliation.

All parts of today's worship service are printed in this bulletin, including words for the songs.

To keep everyone safe, please be mindful of the following protocols, and note differences if we are gathering indoors or outdoors.

- 1. Masking is mandatory during all times you are in the church building.**
- 2. Restroom use is limited to one person at a time per restroom. Please follow posted instructions.**
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- 4. We are not permitting congregational singing at this time. To engage with the music, please hum underneath your mask, and pray the lyrics.**
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- 6. Windows and doors must remain open to ensure appropriate ventilation.**

This is a service of Holy Communion. Procedures for the safe distribution of the Lord's Supper may be found on page 8.

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If you need to contact Pastor John, please call or text his mobile phone at 914-275-3106 or email him at jheidgerd@gmail.com.

Introduction to the Day

Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self and peace-giving presence.

From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

Alleluia!

"Jesus is raised. He is not here!"

Mark (16:6)

THE SERVICE

PRELUDES:

“I Come to the Cross” – Somma and Batstone

**I come to the cross, seeking mercy and grace,
I come to the cross where You died in my place.
Out of my weakness and into Your strength,
Humbly, I come to the cross.**

**Your arms are open,
You call me by name,
You welcome the child that was lost.
You paid the price
for my guilt and my shame,**

**Jesus, I come, Jesus I come,
Jesus, I come to the cross
(Repeat)**

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“Hear Our Praises” – R. Morgan

**May our homes be filled with dancing
May our streets be filled with joy
May injustice bow to Jesus
As the people turn and pray**

Chorus

**From the mountain to the valley
Hear our praises rise to You
From the heavens to the nations
Hear our singing fill the air**

**May our light shine in the darkness
As we walk before the cross
May Your glory fill the whole earth
As the water over the seas**

Chorus

**Hallelujah hallelujah Hallelujah hallelujah
Repeat 2x**

Chorus

**From the mountain to the valley
Hear our praises rise to You**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life,
from tears to joy.**

We bless you, risen Christ,
that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

**Breathe your peace on your church
when we hide in fear.
Clothe us
with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey
as we share your life.
Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.**

To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.

Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

(The acclamation is done three times)

Alleluia! The Lord is Risen!

The Lord is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

There is a Redeemer – M. Green

**There is a redeemer
Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Holy One**

Chorus

**Thank you, oh my father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit 'Til
the work on Earth is done**

**Jesus my redeemer
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Oh, for sinners slain**

Chorus

**When I stand in Glory
I will see His face
And there I'll serve my King forever
In that Holy Place**

Chorus

**And leaving Your Spirit 'Til
the work on Earth is done**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray,

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 4: 32-35

A reading from Acts:

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 133 (*Read Responsively*)

How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like fine oil upon the head,
flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron,
flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

It is like the dew of Hermon
flowing down upon the hills of Zion.

**For there the Lord has commanded the
blessing: life forevermore.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1--2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed. We have seen and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(please sing twice)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (172)

**Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

GOSPEL: John 20: 19-31

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL RESPONSE

(please sing twice)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (172)

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

SERMON

The Rev. John Heidgerd

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"In Christ Alone" - Getty and Townsend

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*At the end of each petition, the minister will say
"Lord, In Your Mercy*

The congregation responds:

"Hear our prayer."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also, with you.

Let us now share a sign of God's peace with each other.

OFFERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offerings will not be collected. Please place your offering in the plate on the table at the entrance the parking lot. Offerings may be submitted electronically using the link on Emmanuel's website, by US Mail, or by delivery to the office During E-Meal distribution hours.

OFFERING PRAYER

Together, 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.**

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection
of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb
who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels,
cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Spoken*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*“Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

*“This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”*

LORD’S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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

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

Thanks be to God.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All God's people are invited by our Lord,
Jesus Christ to receive Holy Communion.*

*We receive these gifts of Christ's body and blood in faith,
trusting that in this meal our Lord comes to us, forgives
our sins, renews us in faith and leads us into new life.*

*Today, the Lord's Supper will be offered "in one kind",
that is with bread alone. Lutherans have always held that
a communion "in one kind" is the same as if both bread
and wine are offered.*

*You will not be asked to come to the altar to receive
communion. Instead, the Pastor and Assisting
Minister will walk around to each person and offer the
sacrament. The Pastor and Assisting Minister will be
masked for our protection and will remove a wafer from
the chalice using tongs.*

*If you wish to receive communion, please form a cup with
your hands and the wafer will be dropped inside your
hands, after which you may consume the wafer.*

*If you wish to receive gluten-free bread, please signal to
the Pastor as he approaches. If you do not wish to
receive Holy Communion, you may receive a brief
blessing. As the Pastor approaches, please place your
hands across your chest in the form of the St. Andrew's
cross. (X)*

(when all have been communed, please rise as you are able)

COMMUNION SONGS

"Draw Me Close" - K. Carpenter

**Draw me close to you
Never let me go
I lay it all down again
To hear you say that I'm your friend**

**You are my desire. No one else will do
'Cause nothing else can take your place
To feel the warmth of your embrace**

**Help me find the way
Bring me back to you**

**You're all I want.
You're all I've ever needed
You're all I want
Help me know you are near**

(Repeat)

Help me know you are here.

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"How Great Is Our God"

C. Tomlin, E. Cash, J.Reeves

**The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice.
All the earth rejoice.**

**He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice**

Chorus

**How great is our God.
Sing with me
How great is our God.
And all will see
How great.
How great is our God**

**And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End**

**The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb**

Chorus

**Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God**

Chorus

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TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

Amen.

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

He Reigns – P. Furler, S. Taylor

**It's the song of the redeemed
Rising from the African plain
It's the song of the forgiven
Drowning out the Amazon rain
The song of Asian believers
Filled with God's holy fire
It's every tribe every tongue every nation
A love song born of a grateful choir**

Chorus

**It's all God's children singing
Glory glory hallelujah
He reigns He reigns
It's all God's children singing
Glory glory hallelujah
He reigns (He reigns)**

**Let it rise above the four winds
Caught up in the heavenly sound
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals
To the faithful gathered underground
Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation
Some were meant to persist
Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples
None rings truer than this**

Chorus

**And all the powers of darkness
Tremble at what they've just heard
'Cause all the powers of darkness
Can't drown out a single word**

Chorus

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE (*sung*)

Repeat Chorus Above

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Emmanuel Worships



An Update from Pastor John

*Remembering
Dietrich Bonhoeffer,
Pastor, Theologian
and Martyr*

The Lord is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!

That Easter proclamation is made using only a few words - that when spoken - say so much about who we are as people of the risen Lord. The church of Jesus Christ.

Two millennia after his resurrection from the dead, the church of Jesus Christ remains a mystery - a largely misunderstood mystery - too often defined by what we are not than who or whose we are, marked more by borders that reveal exclusion and division, than professing what binds us together and welcoming others to join us and so often holding on desperately to the past as if it is ours to possess - turning inward in self-pity. Instead of boldly proclaiming the gospel to the world that God loves.

This past Friday, April 9, 2021 was the commemoration of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, pastor, theologian, revolutionary thinker, and martyr for the church of Jesus Christ.

As a pastor whose ministry is so influenced by Bonhoeffer's theology, especially his understanding what marks the church of Jesus Christ in the world today I'm proud that I share my birthday with his day of martyrdom.

Bonhoeffer was many things. Today I would like to remember him as a visionary for the church - with a vision that places the church in the world existentially, as a living - breathing - loving and serving organism.

To answer the question - "What is the church?", Bonhoeffer gave this very succinct answer:

"The church **IS** Jesus Christ in the world today, existing as Christian Community."

Of the many things Bonhoeffer gave us during his just 39 years among us, his greatest gift was helping to redefine what it means to be the church - to bring it down from its academic - and schismatic past - and set her on a course for present and future mission in the world.

His ground-breaking book - "Life Together" is really a must-read for any Christian, especially one who seeks to understand the nature of the church of Jesus Christ.

I'm going to provide a little excerpt from the very beginning of the book, where Bonhoeffer describes some of the basic elements of Christian Community. I hope you enjoy Pastor Bonhoeffer as much as I do. As you read forward, and perhaps if you read his book - I invite you to imagine - not just a church that acts as Bonhoeffer describes - but to imagine yourself living inside this great mystery of God's divine grace.

The church of Jesus Christ. The very existence of Christ in the world today - as Christian Community.

The Christian cannot simply take for granted the privilege of living among other Christians. Jesus Christ lived amidst his enemies. In the end all his disciples abandoned him. On the cross he was all alone, surrounded by criminals and the jeering crowds. He had come for the express purpose of bringing peace to the enemies of God. So Christians, too, belong not in the seclusion of a cloistered life but in the midst of enemies. And whoever will not suffer this does not want to be part of the rule of Christ; such a person wants to be among friends and sit among the roses and lilies, not with the bad people but the religious people.

It is by God's grace that a congregation is permitted to gather visibly around God's word and sacrament in this world. Not all Christians partake of this grace. The imprisoned, the sick, the lonely who live in the diaspora, the proclaimers of the gospel in heathen lands stand alone.

The physical presence of other Christians is a source of incomparable joy and strength to the believer. They receive and meet each other as one meets the Lord, in reverence, humility, and joy. They receive each other's blessings as the blessing of the Lord Jesus Christ. But if there is so much happiness and joy even in a single encounter of one Christian with another, what inexhaustible riches must invariably open up for those who by God's will are privileged to live in daily community life with other Christians! Of course, what is an inexpressible blessing from God for the lonely individual is easily disregarded and trampled under foot by those who receive the gift every day. It is easily forgotten that the community of Christians is a gift of grace from the kingdom of God, a gift that can be taken from us any day—that the time still separating us from the most profound loneliness may be brief indeed. Therefore, let those who until now have had the privilege of living a Christian life together with other Christians praise God's grace from the bottom of their hearts. Let them thank God on their knees and realize: it is grace, nothing but grace, that we are still permitted to live in the community of Christians today.

+ Pastor John +



Emmanuel Worships



Easter Flower Sponsorships – 2021

In memory of my wife, Glo Buschmann
 In honor of all my family
 In memory of our son, Steven
 In thankfulness to God
 In memory of Craig Freed
 In memory of Dorothy Willson
 In memory of Rev. Theodore Wittrock
 In honor of our grandchildren, Eden
 Wyatt and Riley
 In memory of Meleny Miller
 In honor of Eric & Joel Miller
 In memory of Allen and Marion Nace
 In memory of Art Bodman
 In memory of grandparents, parents
 and friends
 In memory of Kathleen Adams
 In memory of Shawn Robert Pierce
 In thankfulness to God for our children
 And grandchildren
 In memory of loved ones
 In memory of Matthew Vogel

Werner Buschmann
 Werner Buschmann
 Bette and Merrill Christman
 Cindy and Fred Crouthamel
 Julie and Evan Freed
 Heidgerd family
 Heidgerd family
 Debbie and Pat Mc Elwee

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 Pastor Richard Miller
 Brenda Nace
 Brenda Nace

 The Natali family
 The Pierce family
 The Pierce family

 Ann and Bob Renner
 Pat and Mike Shoemaker
 Jame Vogel

Honduras Hurricane Relief – 2021

In thankfulness to God for loved ones
 health and safety
 In memory of Joseph Sykes
 In honor of our sons, Tyler and Davin
 In honor of my grandchildren, Lindsey,
 Will and Katie
 In memory of Allen and Marion Nace
 In memory of Nancy Opdyke
 In thankfulness to God for
 his everlasting love
 In memory of Lorraine & Samuel Moyer

Gerry and Dave Blaich
 Chris and Peter Harubin
 Ann Marie and PJ Heidgerd

 Ruth E. Miller
 Brenda Nace
 James Opkyke

 Deb and Harry Seeley
 Jane Vogel

(Hurricane Relief list to be updated at end of campaign.)



Emmanuel Nurtures



Hi Friends!

The Lord is Risen!

The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Sunday's KIDS returns to the classroom this week as we take a look how the disciples reacted to the news that Jesus is Alive!

And we meet one disciple, Thomas, who had some doubts that Jesus could be raised from the dead.

You all did such a wonderful job singing on Easter. We're going to sing it one more time in Class so we can let Thomas know...

Alive, Alive – My Jesus is Alive.

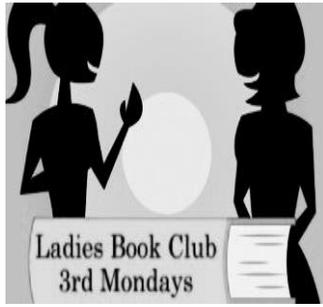
Of course, if you can't make it, we'll have an online Sunday's KIDS message at 9:30 AM

Ms. Ann Marie, Ms. Debbie, Ms. Taylor



On Facebook
Mon-Sat 8AM
"Stay Connected to God's Word"

Upcoming Group Activities at Emmanuel



Next Meeting
April 19 @ 7PM
The Perfume Collector
by Kathleen Tessaro

Join the ladies of Emmanuel for fun conversation and fellowship – and always a good read!

**Meet in the 2nd floor choir room.
Please wear your masks
and use socially-distanced seating.**

For information, e-mail Mary Anne Morral
morral@verizon.net

Knitters and Crocheters !

"Come and gather to make shawls for those in need of comfort."



Next Meeting:
TODAY – 1PM*
(2nd Sunday because of Easter)

And every first Sunday of the month.

**In Emmanuel's Parlor –
safe social distancing**

Please wear your mask !

Instruction available for all who are interested.



Emmanuel Nurtures!



Special Prayer Concerns

- + For our Bishop, Rev. Patricia Davenport and her staff. For Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the ELCA Churchwide staff.
- + For our nation to overcome its divisions and work together so all may have life and life in abundance.
- + For hurricane victims in Honduras and other Central American countries.
- + For President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris and the new administration.
- + For victims of the Covid-19 pandemic, and for all front-line workers who are caring for those suffering from the Covid-19 virus.
- + For the victims of hatred and racism-inspired violence, especially the victims of the shootings in Atlanta and Boulder
- + For victims of extreme winter weather in Texas and parts of the American South. For Rev. Rodwell Thom and our partners in ministry at Peace Lutheran Church, Pasadena TX.
- + For Covid-19 vaccines to be produced and deployed rapidly across Pennsylvania, the United States and around the globe.
- + In thanksgiving for God's guiding spirit and providence as we celebrate the one-year anniversary of the E-Meal Ministry.

For our Homebound Members

Doris Alderfer	Betty Frese
Jacqui Bond	Rita Fritz
Dominick De Salvo	Louella Gehringer
William De Turk	Kathryn Stover
Helen De Turk	Faye Wetzel
Norma Detweiler	Dorothy Wohlgemuth

For Health and Healing Members of Emmanuel

Roy Becker	Faye Landis
Anthony Campolei	Rhys Shelmire
Elaine Cash	Harry Thompson
Marilyn Detwiler	Floyd Yothers
Pat Harpel	Ruth Yothers

For Friends of Emmanuel

- Karen Bauer (friend of Deb & Pat McElwee)
- Cathy Busser (friend of Pastor John)
- Donna Clemens (friend of Janel and Barry Gibson)
- Dennis Beer (friend of the Kulp)
- Jim Clark (friend of Caren and Doug Landis)
- Luca Condo (friend of Ruth Miller)
- Alicia and Mike Daniels (friends of Julie Freed)
- Helen Freed (Evan Freed's Grandmother)
- Sabrina Haap (Ruth Miller's Niece)
- Hildegard Lamparter (Wife of former Pastor Robert Lamparter)
- Kalidass Family (friends of Jen and Lou Casta)
- Marvin Krupp (Friend of Roy Becker)
- Ed Natali (David's Brother)
- Neal Maiers (Friend of Deb & Patrick McElwee)
- Richard Plinke (friend of Gerry and Dave Blauch)
- Alicia Ranberg (Friend of the Crouthamels)
- Ari Richter (Friend of Caren and Doug Landis)
- Stewart Schrauger (Julie Freed's Brother)
- Michael Smith (friend of Cheryl Starke)
- Eric Sykes (Anita & Joe's Son)
- Family of Larry Stout (Friend of the McElwee's)
- Pam Valenti (Lou Gehringer's Sister)
- Alexander & Sylvia Wagwicz (Friends of DeSalvos)
- Suzanne Willauer (Ed Cash's Sister)
- Chase Ziegler (Christman's Great-Grandson)

For Those Away at School Samantha Plinke

In order to keep our Prayer List up to date, names will remain for four weeks unless otherwise notified



Emmanuel Serves !



95,000 meals handed up

New opportunities to serve opening up all the time.

Thanks Be To God!

Thanks Be to God! Sometimes those are the only words to describe how blessed we have been by our experience with the E-Meal Ministry. Within the next 1 or 2 weeks, we should cross the 100,000-meal milestone. Thanks Be to God!

Of course the obvious blessings come from knowing that we have provided those 95,000+ meals to people who worry about where their meals will come from, or worry about having to choose between food, medicines and sheltering their families.

But the blessings showered upon us have been much richer and deeper than that. Our outreach – at a time when so many churches stepped back from public mission – has opened doors for us. We have met so many people and those connections have a way of revealing new ways in which to bring the E-Meal ministry forward in exciting ways.

One of the members of our community, Pat McElwee connected us with the Quakertown Food Pantry. They had an excess of donated food and needed an outlet to get it distributed before it went to waste. As a result, last Thursday and Friday we received an SUV full of food each day. We set up a “roadside stand” with fresh and frozen meals for our neighbors to take home and eat that night. Those meals included rotisserie chickens, heat-and-eat meals, hoagies, soups and many other items. They were a hit with everyone.



Here’s a picture of the roadside stand from the April 9th E-Meal distribution with super-volunteers Linda Curtis and Ann Marie Heidgerd.

We are so blessed to add the Quakertown Food Pantry as our newest partner in ministry, giving us a way to diversify our offerings to our neighbors. Because we are a daily feeding ministry, we are in a great position to take food from sources that other organizations cannot handle. This week, we have received extra food from Keystone Opportunity Center, Philabundance, The Shepherd’s Shelf and the Garden of Health Food Bank in addition to the Quakertown Food Pantry.

As we move forward, our biggest need remains getting volunteers to fill existing slots. We are doing well, but we can always use more helpers, more leaders, more compassionate people to offer food.

Volunteers Are Needed!

Please take time today and sign up to volunteer. Signing up is easy, and volunteering is safe, with many COVID prevention protocols in place. Please invite a friend to join you!

Click the following link to sign up.

<https://rb.gy/47vkgg>

And, if you are able to support the E-Meal ministry financially, please click here for a link to do so easily and securely:

[Online Giving to Emmanuel](https://bit.ly/3iRyXn2)
(bit.ly/3iRyXn2)

Blessed Easter to all!

+ Pastor John +



Emmanuel Reaches Out !

Emmanuel's Lent and Easter 2021 Campaign Support Hurricane Relief - Honduras



The relief effort is underway at Emmanuel. We are providing space for the local relief efforts to store and package supplies while they accumulate enough to send via a shipping container. We are

offering our stage as a place where the relief operations can be coordinated. The first large delivery of supplies arrived on Sunday, Feb 14 – a large truckload unloaded by Jimmy Trochez and his team of hard working friends.

Jimmy and his wife Jessmy, who spoke to us back in December, are leading the local collection efforts. They are so passionate and committed to helping people in their former homeland of Honduras

The damage from last summer's hurricanes was so widespread that it is estimated that \$1.9 billion was lost in Honduras alone. We are helping stage what would be the fourth shipping container to be sent to Honduras from our area.

In addition to donating relief supplies from the list in the next column, we have an exciting new way to maximize our monetary contributions to Honduras Hurricane Relief. Working in partnership with a local organization known as Common Good, we can sponsor warehouse pallets, filled with new items such as medicine, personal items, bedding and clothing for a small administrative fee of \$150 per pallet.

Because of this opportunity changing the focus of our fundraising for Honduras Relief to an "adopt a pallet" program seeking individual donations of \$150 (or a collection of smaller donations) to sponsor at least 10 pallets. This will help fill the shipping container sooner and get more high quality items in the hands of those who need them. If you want to learn a little more about Common Good and the work they do, please visit their website at: <https://www.hisinc.org>

Please help by donating today and adopting a pallet. The form is in the column to the right.

List of Items Which May Be Donated for Relief Efforts

(Second-hand items are welcomed as long as they are clean, undamaged, and have unexpired dates.)

<u>Personal Care</u>	<u>Clothing</u>
Personal Hygiene Items	Socks
Over-the Counter Meds.	Underwear (all sizes, genders)
First Aid items	Rain boots (all sizes, genders)
Diapers and Wipes	Umbrellas
Feminine Hygiene Items	<u>Medical Supplies</u>
Hairbrushes, combs, ties	Walkers, Canes, Crutches
<u>Bed and Bath</u>	Slings, Surgical Gloves
Towels	Face Masks
Portable Toilets	Compression Wear
Mattresses (full, twin)	Cam Walker Boots
Bedding (full, twin, crib)	<u>House and Home</u>
<u>Children's Items*</u>	Kitchen Utensils (prefer plastic)
Baby Food	Pots and Pans
Pedialyte	Cleaning Supplies
School Supplies	Candles
<u>Food Items*</u>	Flashlights
Powdered Milk	Buckets
Rice	Hoses
Dried Beans/Lentils	
Canned Food	
<i>*(Need food products with long expiration dates)</i>	

Hurricane Relief Donation Form

*Please return to church office no later than
May 15, 2021*

“Adopt a Pallet” Donation - \$150
Other Donation - \$ _____
(Enclose check or cash donation)

**Please check 1 or more, and write neatly for
bulletin acknowledgement**

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

In Thankfulness to God for _____

Given By: _____



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John 20:19-29



Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Current Sunday Schedule

Online Sunday's KIDS – 9:30 AM
Online and In-Person Worship – 10:00 AM
Sunday's KIDS In Person – 10:00 AM

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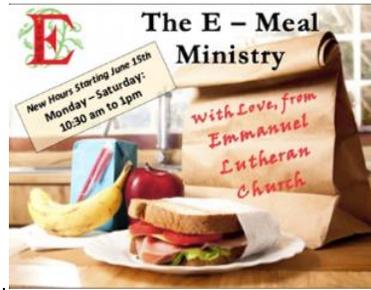
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*Bulletin sponsorships are available
for most weeks of 2021*



**E-Meal
Volunteers
Please sign up
online**

<https://rb.gy/47vkgh>



What's Happening @ Emmanuel

4/11/2021 – 4/18/2021

		Second Sunday in Easter
Sun 4/11	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday's KIDS (Online) Worship Service (In-Person and Online) Sunday's KIDS (In-Person)
Mon 4/12	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution Bushii Karate Church Council Meeting AA Meeting
Tue 4/13	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution Bushii Karate
Wed 4/14	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution Bushii Karate
Thu 4/15	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution Bushii Karate
Fri 4/16	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution
Sat 4/17	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution
Sun 4/18	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Third Sunday in Easter Sunday's KIDS (Online) Worship Service (In-Person and Online) Sunday's KIDS (In-Person)

Bible Quiz

Complete this proverb: "Like snow
in _____ or rain in harvest, so honor
is not fitting for a fool."

- A. springtime
- B. summer
- C. seedtime
- D. autumn



Answer: B (See Proverbs 26:1, ESV)

