



Our mission is to know Christ, and to **boldly** make Him known.

HOLY COMMUNION

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026, 5:00pm, May 2, 2026, 8:30am



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are glad you are here! Whether you have walked with God for many years or are just beginning to explore faith, you are welcome at Emmanuel. Worship is the heartbeat of our Christian life together—where God gathers us, speaks to us, feeds us, and sends us out in service. Rooted in the Lutheran tradition, our liturgy—with its patterns, prayers, and sacred actions—shapes us as God’s people and draws us more deeply into the life of Christ. May this time of worship strengthen your faith and uplift your spirit.

THINGS TO KNOW

Connect with Us: Guests and visitors are invited to fill out a *Connect Card* in the pew and place it in the offering plate. Members, please sign in for worship using the *red book* outside the main entrance.

During Worship: If standing is uncomfortable, please remain seated as needed.

Hearing Assistance: Our sanctuary is equipped with a *hearing loop* for Bluetooth hearing aids. Assisted listening devices are also available at the usher stands.

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Nursery: The nursery is located *behind the Welcome Center* in the blue-painted room.

Children: *Children’s worship folders* are available at the usher stands.

INTRODUCTION

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today’s gospel includes Jesus’ promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father’s house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus’ mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

WELCOME

The Rev. Dan Weichart

The versicle, the spoken parts of the presiding minister, are indicated with a “V”.

*The assembly’s response is in **bold** and marked with a “R”.*

PRELUDE

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30am

Andemte con moto (Sonata no 5)
Bless This House by May Hannah Brake

F. Mendelssohn
Maiya Stevenson

GATHERING HYMN

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

ELW 645



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

GREETING

The presiding minister and the assembly greet one another.

∞ Alleluia! Christ is risen.

℞ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

∞ This is the day that the Lord has made!

℞ **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

COLLECT

The Prayer of the Day is appointed to "collect" the attributes of God as revealed in today's scriptures.

✠ Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

✠ **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

LESSON

This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.

L A reading from Proverbs.

Proverbs 4:10-18

- ¹⁰ Hear, my child, and accept my words,
that the years of your life may be many.
¹¹ I have taught you the way of wisdom;
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.
¹² When you walk, your step will not be hampered,
and if you run, you will not stumble.
¹³ Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;
guard her, for she is your life.
¹⁴ Do not enter the path of the wicked,
and do not walk in the way of evildoers.
¹⁵ Avoid it; do not go on it;
turn away from it and pass on.
¹⁶ For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong;
they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble.
¹⁷ For they eat the bread of wickedness
and drink the wine of violence.
¹⁸ But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

L The word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands for the Gospel Acclamation.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a double bar line after the first measure. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values and rests, with the lyrics 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' written below. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

HOLY GOSPEL

This reading is taken from one of the four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depicts the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

∞ The Holy Gospel according to John.
✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 14:1-14

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

∞ The gospel of the Lord.
✠ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE & SERMON

The Rev. William A. Kittinger Jr.

The children of the assembly are invited forward by the preacher to learn about the scripture readings.

HYMN OF THE DAY

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

ELW 620

Unique to Lutheran liturgy, the Hymn of the Day is the “sermon of song” that the assembly sings in response to the sermon.



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my
4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing
though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.
trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.
me in vain, and I am owned a child.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The prayers are prepared locally for each gathering. We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the

Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are a part of a larger fellowship, the Church – the Body of Christ.

✠ Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

After each intercession,

✠ Merciful God,

✠ **Receive our prayer.**

The presiding minister concludes,

✠ God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

✠ **Amen.**

PEACE

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. The assembly is then seated.

✠ The peace of Christ be with you always.

✠ **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY

At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in bread and wine, and tangibly in our resources for the mission of the God and the care of the needy. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, by scanning the QR code, or on our website at emmanuel-elca.org then click "Donate." Thank you for your generosity.



ANTHEM

Andemte con moto Sonata no. 5

F. Mendelssohn

The assembly stands. .

PRESENTATION HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW 367, v. 4

4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring
and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

OFFERING PRAYER

✠ Merciful God,

✠ **accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

HOLY EUCHARIST

In the Holy Eucharist, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Eucharistic Prayer is a long prayer with four parts. Each of the four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin with the Dialogue, the "Sursum corda," meaning "Lift up your hearts."

DIALOGUE

✠ 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.**

✠ It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We recall God's act of salvation history. The presider says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper. At the Memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection and promise to return at the end of the age. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.

✠ **IN** the night 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 BLOOD, SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL PEOPLE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN. DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

REMEMBERING, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

✠ **AMEN.**

LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30am

The Lord's Prayer arr. Albert Malotte

Spoken

Maiya Stevenson

✠ **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

☩ COME to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

The assembly is seated. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please move at the direction of the ushers. You may receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and dip it slightly into the wine, responding to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the communion minister. Receiving communion in "one kind" (bread or wine only) is full participation in the sacrament. If you prefer a blessing instead of receiving Communion, indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. If you prefer communion served at your seat, please inform an usher.

Private Prayer before Holy Communion

Direct and control us, O Lord, always and everywhere with heavenly light; that we may both discern with clear vision and share with worthy effect that mystery of which you have willed us to partake, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Private Prayer during Holy Communion

O Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed. Amen.

Private Prayer after Holy Communion

I give thanks to you, Almighty God, that you have refreshed me with this Sacrament of your love, and have granted to me the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and I beseech you to strengthen my faith and increase my love toward my neighbor, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

By Christ's own words "give and shed for you," in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; God offers, gives, and seals for us forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

☩ The body of Christ, given for you.

☩ **Amen.**

☩ The blood of Christ, shed for you.

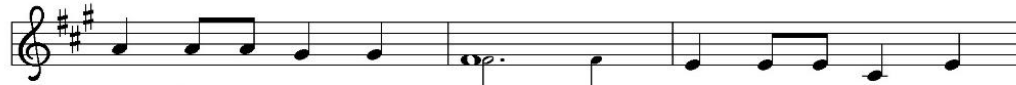
☩ **Amen.**



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .
 I . . . am the life. . . If you be -
 you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat . . . of this bread, and you shall . . . live for -
 drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
 lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you
 Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to . . . the . . . world. . .

Refrain
 All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."

COMMUNION HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

✠ Holy One,

✠ **through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

BLESSING

The presiding minister blesses the assembly, and the assembly responds.

✠ GOD ALMIGHTY, who is the beginning and the end,
 Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
 and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
 † bless you now and forever.

✠ **Amen.**



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we



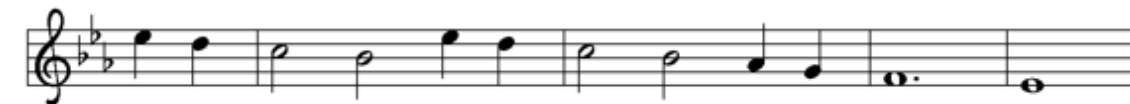
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

☩ Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

☩ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Thank you for joining us in worship. Please know that your participation with us today has been a blessing.

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso Sonata no 4

F. Mendelssohn

Please stay to listen to the Postlude.

The Arts at Emmanuel Presents
“America 250”
Brass Concert
Thursday, May 21st
6:00pm
Tickets \$20.00

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Or order online on the church website

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Lori Maxwell, *Sanctuary Choir Director*
Ann Ferraro, Kurt Wiskow, Braden Brown

Soprano

Maiya Stevenson

SERVING THIS WEEK

Saturday, 5:00pm

Communion Ministers Vicki Erickson*
Karen Story, Kathy Anderson

Lector Mike Anderson

Altar Guild Susan Racca, Pat Brown

Greeters Scott & Jae Cristian

Ushers Jeanne and Dennis Dodge
Bruce Camardo, Chuck Koons

Sunday, 8:30am

Gail Authier*
Jerry Authier, Fran Ferguson

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