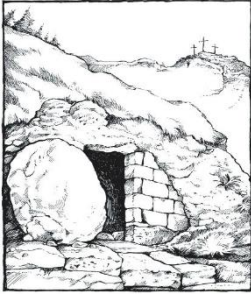




*He is*  
**Risen!**



**Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**5000 Old William Penn Highway, Export, PA 15632**  
**Rev. Dr. Alden W. Towberman, Interim Pastor**

**Easter Sunday**  
**April 12, 2020 - 10:15 AM - Audio Service**

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### **Preparation for Worship**

*Welcome! On this triumphant Easter morning, we're glad you are with us to celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death. Share this joy with one another today and always. May the Lord of Resurrection and Life bless you and your family today and always..*

**PRELUDE**

The King is Coming – William and Gloria Gaither  
*Ernesto Carns, soloist*

### **GATHERING**

### **EASTER ACCLAMATION**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4  
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

## THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

**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.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE


*Ernesto:*  This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

**All:** <sup>All</sup>  1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us


 free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and

 strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*  This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

 2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the

 hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and

 might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

*Final refrain*  This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

 has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and follow you in faithfulness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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### THE LESSON

**Isaiah 25:6-9**

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

<sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.

<sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.  
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## THE EPISTLE

### Colossians 3:1-4

**3** If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. **3** For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## THE ALLELUIA VERSE

*Spoken by Everyone*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Glory to you, O Lord*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

### John 20:1-18

**20** Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. **2** So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." **3** So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. **4** Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. **5** And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. **6** Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, **7** and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. **8** Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also

went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup> And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup> Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord" — and that he had said these things to her.

## THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

### C Praise to you, O Christ



This Easter celebration is not like ones we've known.

We pray in isolation, we sing the hymns alone.

We're distant from our neighbors — from worship leaders, too.

No flowers grace the chancel to set a festive mood.

No gathered choirs are singing; no banners lead the way.

O God of love and promise, where's joy this Easter Day?

With sanctuaries empty, may homes become the place  
we ponder resurrection and celebrate your grace.

Our joy won't come from worship that's in a crowded room  
but from the news of women who saw the empty tomb.

Our joy comes from disciples who ran with haste to see —  
who heard that Christ is risen, and then, by grace, believed.

In all the grief and suffering, may we remember well:

Christ suffered crucifixion and faced the powers of hell.

Each Easter bears the promise: Christ rose that glorious day!

Now nothing in creation can keep your love away.

We thank you that on Easter, your church is blessed to be  
a scattered, faithful body that's doing ministry.

In homes and in the places of help and healing, too,  
we live the Easter message by gladly serving you.



**SERMON** "Encountering the Risen Lord!" Rev. Dr. Alden W. Towberman

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

In This Very Room – Ron and Carol Harris

*Ernesto and Susanne Carns, Soloists*

**THE NICENE CREED**

**C** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**A** Gathered at the empty tomb this Easter Sunday, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

A God of every Easter, invigorate Your Church with the Good News of death to sin and resurrection to new life with Christ. Lord in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

A Continue to bring new life to our church family. Inspire in us greater devotion to you and deeper commitment to your truth. Provide us the will and the resources to serve your people and carry the Gospel to the heart of our community. Lord in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

A God of Easter everywhere, charge and challenge leaders of the nations to be servants and peacemakers. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

A God of Easter joy, surprise, amaze and comfort all who seek new life and new beginnings in their lives this Easter Day (silent prayer) Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

A Bring Easter hope and healing to the sick: the abused and the addicted, the hungry and the homeless, the injured, the ill, the dying. We pray especially for those we name before you Deb, Donna, Marcia, the families of James, Carolyn and Stanley and our shut-ins George, Ingeborg, Lois, Mo and Marian. We ask for blessings on those members we are holding in prayer this week: Joseph Jr., Donna, Casey, Kristin, Aiden, Katie, John, Judy, and Denise. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

### *Intercessions*

P God of Resurrection Life, fill us with the hope and joy of Christ's victory over death. We remember our family members and friends celebrating this Easter in Heaven, (Names may be spoken.). Lord in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P With Mary Magdalene and the Apostles, send us forth, joyfully to tell others what we have seen and heard in this time of Easter Worship. Lord in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's Resurrection this Easter may come to Eternal Life with you. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Recited by Everyone*

**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.**

### EASTER BLESSING

P May the God who shakes heaven and earth, whom death could not contain, who lives to disturb and heal us, strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world. May the Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God bless you and those you love and pray for this day.

C **Amen.**

## THE BENEDICTION

P 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.

C Amen.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN:

### Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds in praise of love that  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with  
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; set heart and will on  
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n-ly



still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
things a - bove that we con - quer through your tri - umph;  
bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"



Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song  
Now still he comes to give us life and by his pres -  
grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives  
Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest,



of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

## DISMISSAL

P The Lord is Risen!

C He is Risen, Indeed! Alleuia!

### PRAYING FOR YOU

**Joseph Jr. & Donna Ugen, Casey, Kristin, Aiden & Katie Bunker,  
John & Judy Sieg, Denise Jones**

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*If you would like to add or remove someone from the Prayer List or Prayer Chain, please feel free to contact the office at [elcna1c@gmail.com](mailto:elcna1c@gmail.com) or 724-327-2190.*

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### MEMBERS OF EMMANUEL:

**Donna Berardinelli, Deb Pritts**

### FRIENDS OF EMMANUEL:

**Marcia Briggs** (Friend of the Woodwards), **The Families of ✠James Buckley** (friend of Gloria Christofano and guitarist for our Taizé services), **✠Stanley Miller** (Uncle of Ron Smith) and **✠Carolyn Voithofer** (Friend of Karen Kuczek)

## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

<b>Monday, April 13</b>	Church Office Closed
<b>Tuesday, April 14</b>	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Office Hours 1:30 PM Counters Jim Lewis & Kyle Lyser
<b>Wednesday, April 15</b>	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Office Hours 10:30 AM Pastor Al's hrs. 11:00 AM eNews Deadline 7:00 PM AA - HH
<b>Thursday, April 16</b>	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Church Office Hours
<b>Friday, April 17</b>	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Church Office Hours
<b>Saturday, April 18</b>	No activities

\*Due to the cancellation of all in-person services at ELC through April 30, we will continue to provide audio services.



*Alleluia!*

CHRIST IS RISEN

*The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.*

*By the LORD has this been done;*

*it is wonderful in our eyes. (Psalm 118)*

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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**Preaching/Presiding**  
**Assisting Minister**  
**Cantors/Soloists**  
**Teleconference Host**

Rev. Dr. Alden W. Towberman  
John Jacoby  
Ernesto and Susanne Carns  
MaryAnn Sinwell

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Easter Worshippers! May the Gift of Resurrection Life strengthen and fill you with new Faith and Joy in believing. If you are a visitor worshipping with us through the audio broadcast. We invite you to worship with us again next week. If you are without a church home, we would like to invite you to become part of God's Family here at Emmanuel Lutheran. Just call our church office at (724)327-2190 and Pastor Towberman will be in touch.

**"We are Easter people, and Alleluia is our song,"** St. Augustine declared. Today, *Alleluia*, the song of heaven that has been absent from our worship since Ash Wednesday, returns. We greet the Word with great rejoicing: it is like meeting and old friend once again after a long absence. We say it and sing it again and again throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter. *Alleluia! The Lord Is Risen!*

During this time of remote worship through April 30, we ask that you please remit your Holy Week offerings by mail to:

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**YouTube Links to the recorded music used for this service:**

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Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds!:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XgX4Fuwg1oY>

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