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Easter Sunday



Welcome!

Thanks for joining us for worship today. Our name, Emmaus, is taken from a place and event near Jerusalem on the afternoon of Easter. Jesus met up with two disciples fleeing the city, dejected. They didn't recognize him, so along the way, he explained the Old Testament to them—how it pointed to him. Then, they invited him into a house in the town of Emmaus. When he broke the bread at table, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Thinking back, they realized their hearts burned within them as he explained the Scriptures to them. That is our hope for each Sunday as we gather for worship—that we would encounter Jesus in Scripture and the breaking of bread.

Please leave your name, phone, and email at the guest register in the entryway or narthex. We will get back to you.

For young children, age three and under, feel free to use the nursery in the rear corner. It's hooked up with sound so a parent can hear what's happening in church.

Children age four and up are welcome in Children's Church during the 10:30 service. They go to C.C. after a children's sermon and return for communion with their family.

We serve Sacred Food and Drink here...please don't bring beverages or snacks into church during worship (kids excepted).

Please turn off your cell phones.

A deacon calls the people to prepare themselves for worship. The people bused and cheeme a time of silvert preven

The people kneel and observe a time of silent prayer.

Preparatory Prayers for Individuals

Be present, be present, o Jesus, our High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

They may be said or sung.

Celebrant	Lord have mercy upon us.
People	Christ have mercy upon us.
Celebrant	Lord have mercy upon us.





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THE ACCLAMATION *for Easter*

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen! People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. MATTHEW 22:37-40

Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain Holy holy is He Sing a new song to Him Who sits on Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus

Holy holy holy Is the Lord God Almighty Who was and is and is to come With all creation I sing Praise to the King of kings You are my ev'rything And I will adore You

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may, by your life-giving Spirit, be delivered from sin and raised from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children are invited forward for a special sermon. Children age three through fourth grade are invited to children's church. They return at the peace to join their families for communion.

"We Must Follow the Lord" (1978, Fiona Watson)

We must follow the Lord in all His ways, Today and every single day; We must show Him that we love Him, Our Saviour and our King.

> He was nailed onto the cross To die for you and me. He rose on Easter Day, Our Saviour and our King

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:9-11

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in days of old, the generations of long ago. Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces, who pierced the dragon? ¹⁰Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep, who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to pass over? ¹¹And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:14-17, 22-24

14 The LORD is my strength and my song,

* and has become my salvation.

¹⁵The voice of joy and deliverance is in the dwellings of the righteous; * the right hand of the LORD brings mighty things to pass.

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted;

* the right hand of the LORD brings mighty things to pass.

17 I shall not die, but live,

 \ast and declare the works of the LORD.

²²The same stone which the builders refused

* has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD's doing,

* and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;* we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Epistle Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

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

Reader: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God





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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ³And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven

and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the

mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

Deason: The Gospel of the Lord. *People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

We'll sing verse 1 and the refrain found on pages 9 and 10.

The Sermon: Fr. Theron Walker

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The deacon says,

Let us pray for the church and for the world.

Reader Almighty and everliving God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word and live in unity and godly love.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: People: Hear our prayer.

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so, guide and direct their leaders, especially (_____), that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness, and vice, and protect true religion and virtue.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: People: Hear our prayer.

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, *and especially to your servant(s)* ______ that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, especially to this Congregation, (_____), those celebrating birthdays (_____), anniversaries (_____), in our diocese (_____) and in our community (_____); that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: People: Hear our prayer.

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world, *especially* _____, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them, and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: People: Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, especially in _____.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: People: Hear our prayer.

For soldiers of this nation deployed to fight for the sake of righteousness and freedom, and for those who bear the wounds of combat: _____.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: People: Hear our prayer.

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially ____].

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: People: Hear our prayer.

We remember before you all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fear, [especially _____,] that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we ask you to give us grace to follow the good examples of [_____, and] all your saints, that we may share with them in your heavenly kingdom.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: People: Hear our prayer.

The Deacon concludes with this or some other appropriate Collect.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Silence

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all:

We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty,

provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.

We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions;

the burden of them is more than we can bear.

Have mercy upon us,

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,

forgive us all that is past;

and grant that we may evermore serve

and please you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop or Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. JOHN 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 JOHN 2:1-2

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY

Ascribe unto the LORD the honor due unto his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts. Psalm 96:8.

The ushers will pass the offertory baskets. The ushers present the bread and wine to the deacon.

Wonderful Merciful Savior

Cheryl Maloney, Denise & Theron Walker trio. Please listen and give praise to God!

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend: Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men? Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

You are the One that we praise. You are the One we adore. You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace; You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way. Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Almighty infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own; Here in our weakness, You find us falling before Your throne. Oh, we're falling before your throne. When the altar is prepared the ushers present the people's offering of money, with the children at 10:30, and we sing...

Priest: All things come from you O Lord. *People:* And of your own, have we given you.

Glory to the Father Glory to the Son Glory to the Holy Ghost World without end World without end

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THE SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

	The Lord be with you.
People	And with your spirit.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them up to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy Holy Holy Lord

Holy holy holy Lord God of pow'r and might Heaven and earth are filled With Your glory

Hosanna hosanna in the highest Hosanna hosanna in the highest

Holy holy holy Lord God of pow'r and might Blessed **†** is He that comes In the name of the Lord

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THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People kneel or stand. The Celebrant continues

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, **†** with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." **†**

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." **†**

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make here before your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, the memorial your Son commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and his promise to come again.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; asking you to grant that, by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his Blood, we and your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to you, † O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Officiant and People

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.

THE FRACTION

If the consecrated Bread was not broken earlier, the Celebrant breaks it now.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant	Alleluia! The disciples knew the Lord Jesus!
People	In the breaking of the bread. Alleluia!

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People together may say

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies.
Apart from your grace, we are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei

Verse

Alleluia alleluia For the Lord God Almighty reigns

Alleluia alleluia

For the Lord God Almighty reigns

Alleluia

Chorus

(You are) Holy holy Are You Lord God Almighty Worthy is the Lamb You are holy holy Are You Lord God Almighty Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb Amen

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THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

Please come forward by row up the center to receive the Sacrament. All baptized Christians are welcome. Take and eat the bread, then take and drink the wine. The cups will be cleaned reverently as they held the blood of Christ.

If you are not baptized, it would be our pleasure to bless in the Lord's Name. Please come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will offer up a special prayer for you. If you need gluten free bread, let the priest know.

THE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those who cannot receive the Sacrament this day.

Hallelujah

Congregation, please join us as we REDEEM this beautiful tune with lyrics about our Redeemer.

Three days went by again they came, To move the stone, to bless the slain, With oil and spice anointing, Hallelujah. But as they went to move the stone, They saw that they were not alone, But JESUS CHRIST HAS RISEN, HALLELUJAH! <u>HALLELUJAH!</u>

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together say the following,

Almighty and everliving God,

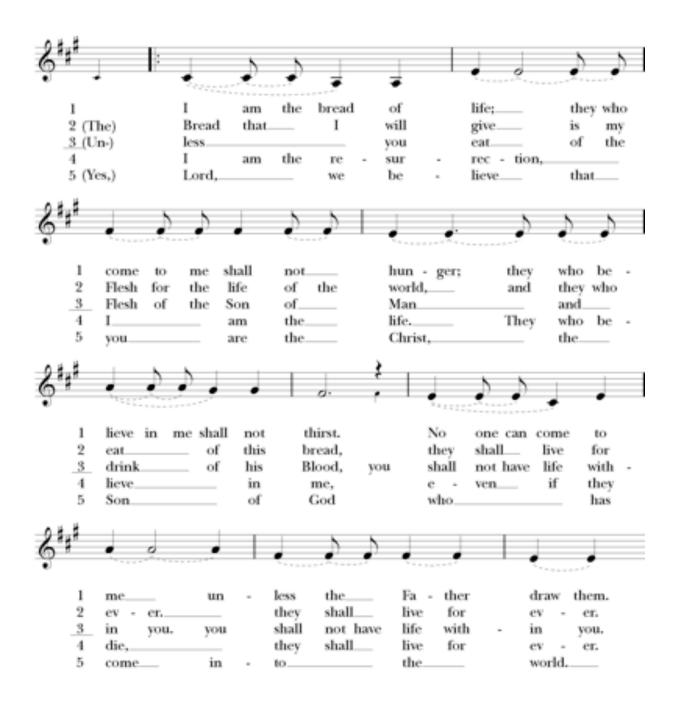
we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, he blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen. People accompany their first three responses with a sweep of the arm towards the cross above the holy table, and their final response with a sweep towards heaven. From the Book of Common Prayer of Kenya.

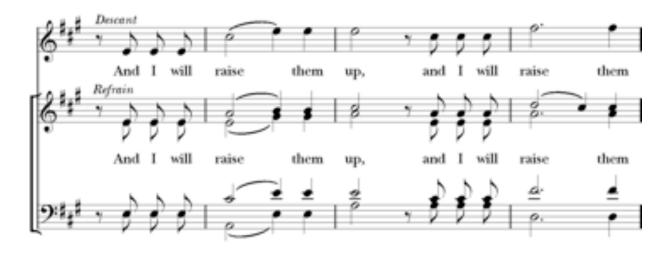
Minister	All our problems,
People	We send to the cross of Christ.
Minister	All our difficulties.
People	We send to the cross of Christ.
Minister	All the devil's works.
People	We send to the cross of Christ.
Minister	All our hopes,
People	We set on the risen Christ!

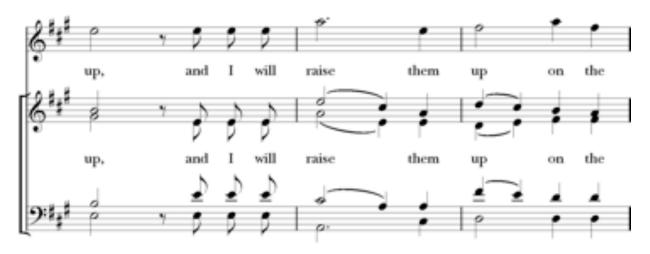
THE BLESSING

The Priest gives the blessing.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**









The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.

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SERVING TODAY

	8:00	10:30		
Lector	Dave	Louise		
Acolyte	Jim H.	Art		
Chalice		Patricia		
Jr Acolyte		Sam/Diego		
Ushers	Harper	Van Keuren		
Children's Church		Emily		
Nursery		Candi		
Prayer team	Cheryl	Ben		
Flowers:	Lilies			
Easter Suradam Th		HIS WEEK		
Easter Sunday: The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord				
6:30 The Great Vigil				
8:0	8:00 Holy Eucharist			
10:30 Holy Eucharist				

Wednesday: 9:00 Eucharist, No class this week.

Thursday: 3:00 Intercessory Prayer at the church

EMMAUS' NEW WEB SITE AND APP

The Website: It's still at Emmausanglican.org. The website has up to date service information, an introduction to the parish and our clergy, past sermons and more. It includes **On-line giving**. If you're happy with your current giving method, no need to change.

The APP: Emmaus Anglican (Colorado) is available at the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store. There is a few "Emmaus Anglicans" out there. You'll recognize ours by "Colorado" and the familiar Jerusalem Cross. You can use the app to watch or listen to past sermons, get the calendar, message between members, and give. On the bottom of the screen will be a Giving Icon; tap that and enter a \$1 donation (you do not have to complete the donation). Next, set up your account with a name, email address and password. You can then back out of the app or go back to the home screen. If you wish to donate or set up a recurring gift, you can do so right away.

EASTER LILY DONATIONS

Candis Matejka Cook	In memory of Matthew Matejka In memory of Deacon Erin's mother &
Covarrubias Curtis and Jeane Rose	brother - (Gale & Martin) Frank Covarrubias & Eppie Baskerville Our parents: John & Jeane; Kenneth & Wilma
Dave & Laure Friesen Ginny Potter	Carl & Janet Olson; John Friesen Jim Potter
Gough Haeflein	In honor of our parents In honor of our parents
Hampton	In thanks for our parents: Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Bartlett, Jr. Mr & Mrs. James D. Harper
Levy	Thanks of our parents
Lindsay & Rick VanKeuren	In memory of our parents
Lord Marti Gordon	In loving memory of Jake
Nakhjovani	Gordon E. Lewis – father, husband, mentor & friend
Renton	In honor of Adam
Suro	Family
Susanne Dorman	In honoring Robert Winters
Willis	Our family

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THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA

In America, there's a deep distrust of institutions—including Christian denominations. Our denomination, The Anglican Church in North America exists because of the failure of the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion to self-correct. The average new church in town might be affiliated with an older denomination or a voluntary association of congregations, or not at all. You won't see any of that in their name. You might see "community church," or a catchy name like "Arise," "Bloom," or "Brave." Churches claim to be Biblical in their worship, teaching, and organizational structure. Is "independent" a Biblical model? Looking at historic institutional churches, like Roman Catholicism or Anglicanism, we find ample examples of failure. Big and old does not a pure church make. Yet we see patterns in Scripture and in ancient tradition that God's people are part of something bigger than a congregation and its leader. In this six-week course, we'll be looking at Scripture, the Christian tradition, and historyincluding recent history. We'll also make the case that these questions aren't mere sociology, but theology-raising issues about God, us, and our obedient response to the gift of salvation in Christ.

April 24 & 27: The Church as **One**—Why belong to something bigger than a congregation? May 1 & 4: The Church as Holy--What happened to the Episcopal Church & the Anglican Communion? May 8 & 11: The Church as Catholic-- What is GAFCON and The Jerusalem Declaration? May 15 & 18: The Church as Apostolic—Why Bishops? May 22 & 25: What is the Anglican Church in North America? May 29 & June 1: What is The International Diocese & Emmaus' Future?

KENYA ALMSGIVING/OUTREACH

One of the great spiritual practices and disciplines of LENT is almsgiving. This is godly generosity that goes beyond our normal tithes. Join in with us as we seek to share our abundance with Anglican believers in western Kenya, supporting their efforts of evangelism and development. Pick up a brochure to learn more. Fill out a pledge card and give with cash, check, or online with our app or website.

ISRAEL PILGRIMAGE 2023

Emmaus is in the beginning stages of planning a pilgrimage to Israel in October of 2023. If you are interested in attending, please send an "I'm/we're interested" email to <u>trwalker@mac.com</u>.

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY!

April 30, 9:00 am – 3:00 (come and go as able) Lunch at Noon! Please bring your rakes, gloves, trimmers, buckets, and we'll have a great day together caring for the holy hill God has given us to steward for Him. Rain Date: May 7.

8TH ANNUAL COWBOY BALL

Saturday May 7, from 6 until 10 pm Douglas County Fair Events Center Dinner, Dancing, cash bar, Unique Auction items \$60 per person includes entertainment, dinner and 1 adult beverage Proceeds go to the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo, 4H and FFA Tickets: <u>http://www.biddingowl.com/DOCOFairFoundation</u>