



**Welcome to ReFresh at Emmanuel
(Restoring Energy, Faith, and Relevance to Every Soul's Heart)
April 5, 2026**

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Welcome Visitors! We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Thank you for worshiping with us. We strive to live as a Safe and Healing Spiritual Community for all who come, regardless of socio-economic status, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or spiritual path. All are welcome in this holy space.

We invite you to worship with us on Sundays at our 9:00 am Calvary/Emmanuel Traditional Worship Service in the chapel or our ReFresh 10:30 am Service either in person or on ZOOM. The Recorded Service is available on Facebook after the service.

To gather online by computer, tablet, or smartphone, use the following link.
<http://us02web.zoom.us/j/82726742888?pwd=WFEwOVBXZGd3OHFzSXQ1WXIVTHppZz09>

Don't forget to sign the greeting cards for our Emmanuel Family Members.
The cards are on the table in front of the Celebration Room.

Assisting in Worship Today

Presider: Pastor Frank Langholf

Crucifer: Luchito Aldana

Acolyte: Magdalena Aldana

Lector: Nickee Aldana

Communion Assistant: Bobbie Walter

Special Music: Emmanuel Choir

Trumpet: Jim Green

Coordinator of Adult Music Ministry: Tim Fenelon

Accompanist: Clea Arbogast

Dancers: Meghan and Caitlyn Baylor

Altar Guild: Brenden Noble

Consultant: Bill Houtkamp

Sound: Andrew Ehrhardt

Greeting Cards: Taj Guzzardo

**April 5, 2026
Easter
Resurrection**

Prelude: Clea Arbogast

Welcome: Pastor Frank Langholz

Easter Dialogue:

P: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed.

P: We run to see the tomb for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed.

P: We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Processional Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today (ELW365)

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!

Meditation:

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.—Martin Luther

Easter Dance by Meghan and Caitlyn Baylor

First Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-9

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Second Reading: Psalm 118 from Nan Merrill's Psalms for Praying

We give thanks to You, O Beloved,
for you are kind;
your steadfast Love endures forever!

You are my strength and my song:
You are my Counselor and my Friend.
Harken to songs of victory, to the music of my soul:
"You, O Loving Presence, have been my strength,
You have stood beside me in the darkness,
You have walked with me into the light!"

I shall not give in to fear,
but I shall live in peace and give witness to your
saving grace.

Your steadfast Love endures forever!

You turned your face from my weaknesses, and
You opened the door leading to new life.
Yes, You opened to me the gates of truth and justice
that I might enter through them.
Praise be to You, O Merciful One!

Your steadfast Love endures forever!

This is the Door to Life;
those who know Love shall enter through It.
I give thanks to You, O Beloved, who answer our prayers
and invite us to new Life.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the foundation of our lives.

Your steadfast Love endures forever!

This, O Eternal Listener, is your Work;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day which You have made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Gospel /Meditation Song: Celtic Alleluia (WOV 613)

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Celtic Alleluia (WOV 613). Both staves are in the treble clef and the key of D major (indicated by two sharps: F# and C#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The first staff has a key signature change from D major to A major (three sharps: F#, C#, G#) after the first measure. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The second staff follows the same melody and key signature change, with the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing beamed eighth notes and dotted rhythms.

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

28 After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Presider: This is the witness of an early Christian Community.

All: May we find wisdom for our living.

Sermon Pastor Frank Langholf

Offering We take this time now to offer our gifts and intentions.

Special Music: We Believe by John Purifoy
Emmanuel Choir

Time of Gratitude We Are an Offering (ELW 692)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'We Are an Offering' (ELW 692). It consists of six staves of music in a 7/8 time signature, written on a single treble clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score includes several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) and various note values including eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: 'We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.'

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an

of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,

all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:

we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord's Prayer

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

Communion Music One Bread, One Body (John B. Foley; Choral Setting by Jack
Emmanuel Choir Schrader)

Prayer Song: The Lord is My Song (ELW 751)

**The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise;
All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise;
God, the wellspring of Life.**

Prayers of the People

Allison, Julaine, Ray, Wanie, Norm, Jennie,
Deborah, Jerry, Miguel, Steve,
Andrea, Ruth Ann.

Sending Song: Thine Is the Glory (ELW 376)

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Benediction

Sharing of the Peace

Happenings at Emmanuel

Yoga With Claudette Pirrello, Mondays at 5:00 pm & Thursdays at 1:00 pm

Cardio Drumming, Mondays at 4:00 pm, Call Beth, (815) 742-0548, to join

Spiritual Journey's on Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 am on Zoom

Bible Study on Wednesdays at Noon on zoom.

Dial 312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 893 5688 8344 Passcode: 11999

To join by a land line or cell phone, dial the number above and then enter the meeting ID and passcode when prompted. **Bible Study will resume Wednesday, 4/8.**

Soul Garden Hikes

Wednesday, April 8th 10:00am

Cedar Cliff

7901 Kishwaukee Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084

Saturday, April 25th 10:00am

Deer Run

5691 River Road, Cherry Valley, IL 61016



Please call or text Holly, 815-543-1191, if you are planning on coming to hike, so the group will know you are coming.

Breathe-In-Between in April

Breathe-In-Between is a continuation of Emmanuel's Breathe Meditation. Christyn Rittenhouse is the leader. Come and make a space for yourself and your spirit. 5:00 pm, Saturday, April 11th at Emmanuel.

Breathe and Breathe-In-Between will be on hiatus after April and during the summer. We will resume in September.

Arts @ Emmanuel Workshop
Ancient Egyptian Coptic Journal



Join us to learn how to make your own journal using the ancient technique of bookbinding, the Coptic Stitch, employed by early Christians in Egypt 2nd Century A.D.

2-Session Workshop

Sunday, April 12 12:00 3:00

Collage covers & create signatures (book block)

Wednesday, April 15 6:00 - 8:30

Create sewing holes & Coptic stitch journal together

\$45 includes both sessions and all supplies needed
held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church
920 3rd Ave. Rockford, IL 61104

Register by contacting Holly Blair-Cascio
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