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## Liturgy of the Resurrection

Celebrating the Life of

# Emma L. Kaefer

† May 20, 1930 – June 7, 2021 †



Memorial Service at Immanuel, 12:30 p.m., June 27, 2021  
The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**W**arm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Ann Siemer and Marie Kohl were probably the senior members of our church in terms of years as members. But Emma Kaefer was a longtime member of our church too. She was a steady and joyful blessing for our congregation. She was clear-minded and witty to the end, and we are going to miss her a lot.

Maybe you can get a hint of Emma's striking blue eyes in the photo on the front of this worship folder.

Emma liked lots of hymns, but she requested only one in particular for this memorial service, and we mean to sing it: *Beautiful Savior*. Oh, and she had one other request: No incense! And, of course, we will honor that too.

Let us sing! We have a Cantor, but let us also sing. If you are fully vaccinated, you need not wear your mask. You can, but you need not. If you are not vaccinated, then please wear your mask. If you do not have one, we can give you one. Thanks!

May the Lord accept Emma into his kingdom with great joy!

In Christ,  
Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

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## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Please stand.*

## PASTORAL GREETING

**P** The blessed and holy Trinity, one God, who gives life, salvation, and resurrection, be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

**P** The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.(Deuteronomy 33:27a)

As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities them that fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.(Psalm 103:13-14)

[Jesus said] My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.(John 10:27-28)

## REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

**P** When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism, our sister Emma was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed with glory.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Emma. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

FIRST LESSON .....Isaiah 40:28-31, RSV

<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary,  
his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

<sup>30</sup>Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;

<sup>31</sup>but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 (*to be read responsively, beginning with the minister*)

**P** The Lord is my shepherd.

**C** **I shall not want.**

**P** He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.

**C** **He leadeth me beside the still waters;**

**P** He restoreth my soul.

**C** **He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.**

**P** Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

**C** **For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

**P** Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.

**C** **Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.**

**P** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

**C** **And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

EPISTLE READING ..... Romans 8:31-35, 37-39, NRSV

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will

hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**P** The word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand for the Doxology, the Holy Gospel, and the Hymn.*

DOXOLOGY LBW 564 (*sung*)

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all ye creatures here below,  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

HOLY GOSPEL ..... Luke 12:22-32, RSV

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Twelfth Chapter

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**A**nd he said to his disciples...<sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

<sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass which is alive in the field today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O men of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be of anxious mind. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek these things; and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things shall be yours as well. <sup>32</sup>Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

*After the reading:*

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN LBW 518

*Beautiful Savior*

SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

- 1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

## SERMON

*Please stand for the Creed and the Prayers*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**☩ I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

# The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

## THE PEACE

**☩** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**☩ And also with you.** *Let us offer a sign of peace to our neighbors: "Peace be with you."*

*Sit*

## THE OFFERING *(of the Eucharistic Bread and Wine)*

*The Eucharistic Bread and Wine are moved from the credence table to the altar.*

*Stand.*

**A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**☩ we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Spoken*)

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

### *Preface for Funerals*

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise, O Lord, almighty and ever-living God. In Christ who rose from the dead our hope of resurrection dawned. The sting of death has been removed by the glorious promise of his risen life. And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### *Sanctus:*

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### *A Eucharistic Prayer for Funerals*

**P** You are indeed holy, O God. With all your saints we give you thanks and praise: For your creative goodness that brings forth life, for your sustaining goodness that surrounds us in every day, and for your redemptive goodness that brings forth love which never fails.

You called as your own the descendants of Abraham and Sarah, embracing them with your faithfulness. You have called us as your own through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, in the life-giving waters of Baptism.

We praise you for his life and his proclamation of the Kingdom, and for his faithfulness as he stretched out His arms on the cross to open wide the gates of His heavenly reign.

As we gather at this table, we ask you: Send your life-giving Spirit upon this bread and wine, that they may be for us the sustaining food of heaven, the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**☩ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**☩** Gracious Father, we rejoice in our Lord's promise of preparing a place for us. We await the fulfillment of that promise: When death shall be swallowed up in victory and every tear shall be wiped away.

**☩ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**☩** We now rejoice as we remember before you that wondrous cloud of witnesses and ancestors who relied on your faithfulness, and who now abide in the peace of Christ – especially your servant, Emma. As you nourish us with this Bread of Life and this Cup of Salvation, turn our mourning into dancing and our sorrow into joy as we anticipate that final and great reunion with all whom we have loved.

**☩ Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen**

*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**

*Agnus Dei*

**☩ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*The Fraction (The host is broken)*

*Sit*

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**✠** Holy Communion is offered to all baptized Christians who continue in the faith of the Church. If you would like to receive the Eucharistic Wine, please receive the small glass by the top edge, trying not to touch the minister's fingers. After communing, place the small glass on the tray, upright if possible.



- ✦ If you should desire to pray quietly before or while receiving the Holy Sacrament, as many Christians do, here is one of Luther's prayers for that purpose:

*Lord, it is true that I am not worthy that you should come under my roof. Yet I am in need and desire your help and grace. So I come with no other plea except that I have heard the gracious invitation to come to your altar. I am unworthy, but you have assured me I shall have forgiveness of all sins through your body and blood which I eat and drink in this sacrament. Amen, dear Lord; your Word is true. I do not doubt it. Let happen to me whatever you say. Amen.*

- ✦ If you should desire to pray quietly after receiving the Holy Communion, here is a possible such prayer. It is based on a prayer of St. Basil the Great (329-379):

*O Master, Christ our God: I thank you for all the good things which you have bestowed upon me, and for this partaking of your life-giving Sacrament. And I pray: keep me, my loved ones, and this congregation under your protection, and in the shadow of your wings. For you are the Bread of Life, the Fountain of holiness, the Giver of good things, and unto you we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

HYMN LBW 230

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word*

ERHALT UNS, HERR

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;  
curb those who by deceit or sword  
would wrest the kingdom from your Son  
and bring to naught all he has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,  
for you are Lord of lords alone;  
defend your holy church, that we  
may sing your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
send peace and unity on earth;  
support us in our final strife  
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

HYMN LBW 212

*Let Us break Bread Together*

BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

- 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*
- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

#### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**C Amen**

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction and a pledge of our inheritance of life eternal where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C Amen.**

#### COMMENDATION

- P** Since almighty God has called our sister Emma from this life to himself, we commend her to the Lord. Christ was the first to rise from the dead, and we know that he will raise up our mortal bodies to be like his in glory. May the Lord receive Emma into his peace and raise her up on the last day.

*Silence for prayer.*

- P** Peace be with those who have left us and have gone to God.  
**A** May Emma be at peace.  
**C** **May she be with the living God.**  
**May she be with the immortal God.**  
**May she be in the hands of the triune God!**  
**A** May she sleep in peace.  
**C** **May she live in peace.**  
**A** May she be where the name of God is great.  
**C** **May she be with the living God now and on the day of judgment.**  
**May she live with God.**  
**May she live in eternal light.**

☐ May she live in the peace of the Lord.

☑ **May she live forever in peace.**

**With God in peace.**

## The Sending

BENEDICTION

HYMN LBW 272

*Abide With Me*

EVENTIDE

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.
- 2 I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.
- 3 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.
- 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me!
- 5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847

DISMISSAL

☐ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

## Some notes

- ✦ TODAY'S PARAMENTS AND VESTMENTS: The many Sundays after Pentecost mark a calm period of growth and maturing. The focus is on day-by-day inner faithfulness, in contrast to the festivals and observances that characterize the first half of the church year. The green paraments used during the 26 weeks following Pentecost Sunday bid us onwards toward spiritual growth.
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