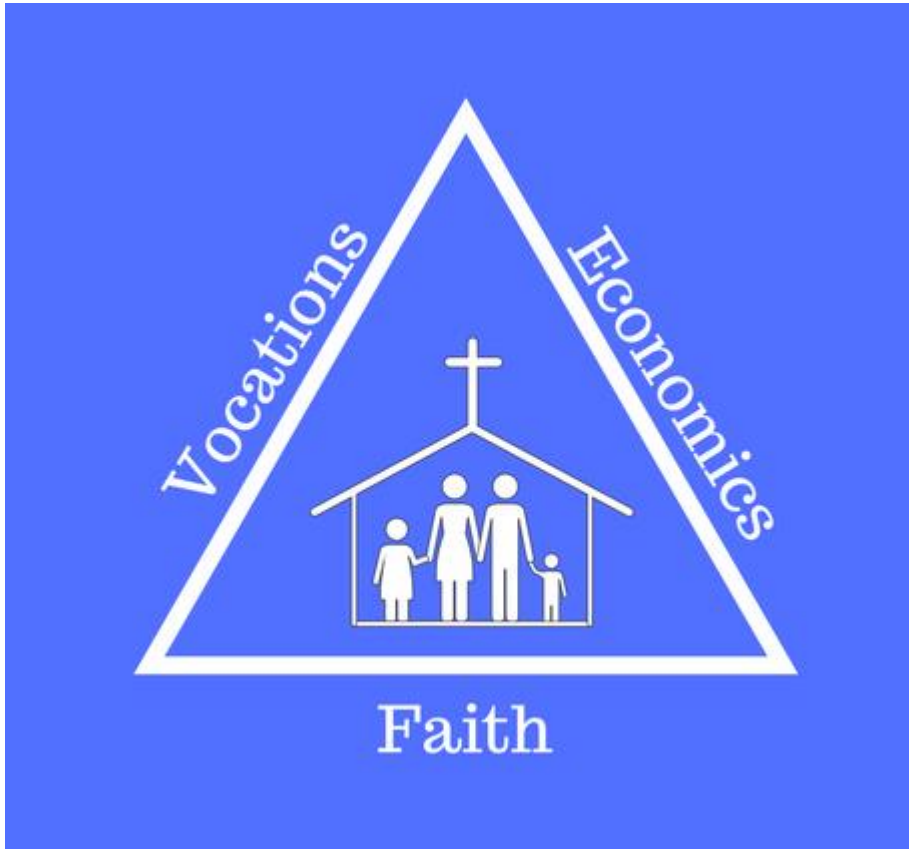


Emmanuel Lutheran Church



Sunday, February 11, 2018

Stewardship Focus

Week 3: Economics: Commitment Sunday



Commitment Sunday
February 11, 2018
Holy Communion

February 11, 2018 • 7:45, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Service

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

*Today we continue with our third reflection on “**Faith, Vocations, and Economics**” at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. This is our special COMMITMENT SUNDAY wherein we have opportunity to offer our gifts for the ongoing ministry of our congregation. We are stretching our parameters with new horizons to serve others throughout the community. We are growing through engagement with God’s Word, and as a welcoming community to all people. We celebrate what the Apostle Paul writes: “**God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.**” Thank you for your faithful dedication.*

PRELUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA: arr. Piet Post

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who stretches out the heavens,
who sends light to the nations,
who gives breath to us all.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly may kneel or stand. Silence is kept for reflection.

Loving God,
**we confess that we have turned from your way
to follow our own ways.**
Forgive us for the times

we have spoken or acted too quickly;
we have not spoken or acted at all;
we have hurt those closest to us;
we have hurt those we have yet to know;
we have thought more about ourselves than others;
we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.
Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,
so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.
Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.
God's love never runs out.
God never tires of calling us beloved children.
Hear God say to you now:
Your sins are forgiven,
for the sake of ✠ Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG:

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

Tune: I Sing the Mighty Power of God

- 1 Come, join the dance of Trinity,
before all worlds begun—
the interweaving of the Three,
the Father, Spirit, Son.
The universe of space and time
did not arise by chance,
but as the Three, in love and hope,
made room within their dance.
- 2 Come, see the face of Trinity,
newborn in Bethlehem;
then bloodied by a crown of thorns
outside Jerusalem.
The dance of Trinity is meant
for human flesh and bone;
when fear confines the dance in death,
God rolls away the stone.

3 Come, speak aloud of Trinity,
as wind and tongues of flame
set people free at Pentecost
to tell the Savior's name.
We know the yoke of sin and death,
our necks have worn it smooth;
go tell the world of weight and woe
that we are free to move!

4 Within the dance of Trinity,
before all worlds begun,
we sing the praises of the Three,
the Father, Spirit, Son.
Let voices rise and interweave,
by love and hope set free,
to shape in song this joy, this life:
the dance of Trinity.

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GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ,
the mercy of the Holy One,
and the Spirit of the living God
be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the vine and we are the branches. You are the strength of all who hope in you, because apart from you we can do nothing. As we commit our lives to you, help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through you, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Genesis 18: 1-5; 9-15; 17-19

(Please turn to page 15 in the Old Testament of your pew Bible).

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(7:45)

If with All Your Hearts

Mendelssohn

Lynne Miller and Doug Denisen, duettists

If with all your heart ye truly seek Me, Ye shall ever surely find Me, Thus saith our God.

If with all your heart ye truly seek Me, Ye shall ever surely find Me, Thus saith our God. Thus saith our God.

Oh, that I knew where I might find Him, That I might even come before His presence. Oh, that I knew where I might find Him, That I might even come before His presence, come before His presence. Oh, that I knew where I might find Him. If with all your heart ye truly seek Me, Ye shall ever surely find Me, Thus saith our God. Ye shall ever surely find Me, Thus saith our God.

(9:30)

O Lord, Most Holy

Franck/larr. Denisen

Emmanuel Choir

Bev Ranstrom, violinist

O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty, O loving Father, Thee would we be praising always. Help us to know Thee, Know Thee and love Thee. Father, Father, grant us Thy truth and grace. Father, Father, guide and defend us. Rule thou our wilful hearts, Keep thou our wand'ring thoughts. In all our sorrows let us find our rest in Thee. And in temptation's hour, save through thy mighty pow'r. Thine aid oh send us, hear us in mercy. Show us thy favor, so shall we live and sing praise to Thee.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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GOSPEL: Matthew 28: 16-20

(Please turn to page 34 in the New Testament of your pew Bible).

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Faith, Vocations, and Economics
"God Is in the Numbers"

Rev. Dr. Rick Bliese

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 583

APOSTLES CREED

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

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

**Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. Let us pray, **Have mercy O God.**

Congregational refrain: "Hear Our Prayer"

We bring to you, Christ, members and friends of Emmanuel who need your healing touch.

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

Text and music: Paul Andress, b. 1956
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(Names from our congregation...)

Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Congregational refrain: "Hear Our Prayer"

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set.

On today's Commitment Sunday, the ushers will direct you to join in a procession to the front of the sanctuary where you will find a large container in which to place your gifts, including offerings and pledge cards. (If you are not able to come forward, ask the kind person sitting next to you to bring your gifts forward. Additional cards can be found in the pews.) Please return to your seats by the side aisles.

OFFERTORY

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

(The song will be sung continuously as we bring forward our commitments).

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
Merciful God,
receive the gifts we bring,
our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Through this meal unite us as your body,
shining with the light of your justice and mercy;
for the sake of him who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:

beyond the stars; beneath the sea;

within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

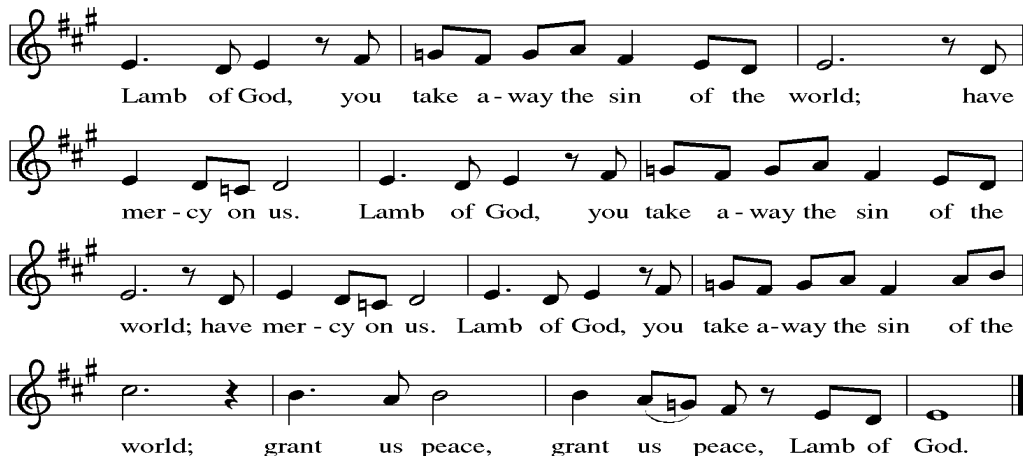
We who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one bread.
Come. Be filled with light and life.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup,
the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.

*Invited to the Lord's Table are all baptized Christians who celebrate with us the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament. The Communion is administered by "intinction," that is, the bread is handed to the communicant and the communicant dips the bread into the wine. **If you are not able to take the wine, simply take the bread.** Children are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you desire Communion, but are not able to come forward, please let an usher know. We'll bring it to you. If you do not wish to partake of the Sacrament, simply remain seated when your row is directed to come forward. **GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS AVAILABLE.** If you need a gluten-free wafer, simply ask a pastor or the person distributing Communion.*

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

(9:30)

If with All Your Hearts

Mendelssohn

Lynne Miller and Doug Denisen, duettists (lyrics on page 5 of bulletin)

ASSEMBLY HYMNS:

*Holy, Holy, Holy
We Give Thee but Thine Own
As Saints of Old*

**ELW 413
ELW 686
ELW 695**

The assembly stands.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O Morning Star, fair and bright,
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.
You are our dearest treasure.

Go with us now—

today, tomorrow, every day—
that we tell the story of your never-ending love
and sing your praise both now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

This Little Light of Mine

ELW 677

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

In Thee Is Gladness

J. S. Bach

7:45 Service

Greeters: *Dick & Joan Spangler*

Assisting Minister: *Jim Klinke*

Lector: *Marilyn Thomack*

Acolyte: *Barry Borman*

Ushers: *Gary & Marcia Piipponen, Keith & Beth McCullen*

Altar Guild: *Joyce O'Neill*

Hospitality: *Jan Donnell and Kerstin Beitzel*



*Worship
Assistants*

9:30 Service

Greeters: *Dave & Kerstin Beitzel*

Assisting Minister: *Carolyn Heier*

Lector: *Donna Conrad*

Acolyte: *Sally Johnson*

Ushers: *Hal & Barbara Linnerud, Bob & Carol Goodin*

Altar Guild: *Bruce & Cheryl Carlson*

Hospitality: *Jan Donnell and Kerstin Beitzel*

11:00 Service

Greeters: *Bruce & Kay Philp*

Assisting Minister: *Nance Rosevear*

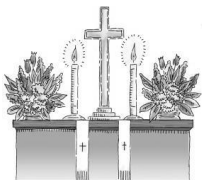
Lector: *Bev Ranstrom*

Acolyte: *Kathy Worley*

Ushers: *Frank Loney, Donna Rhode, Tom & Karen Palmer*

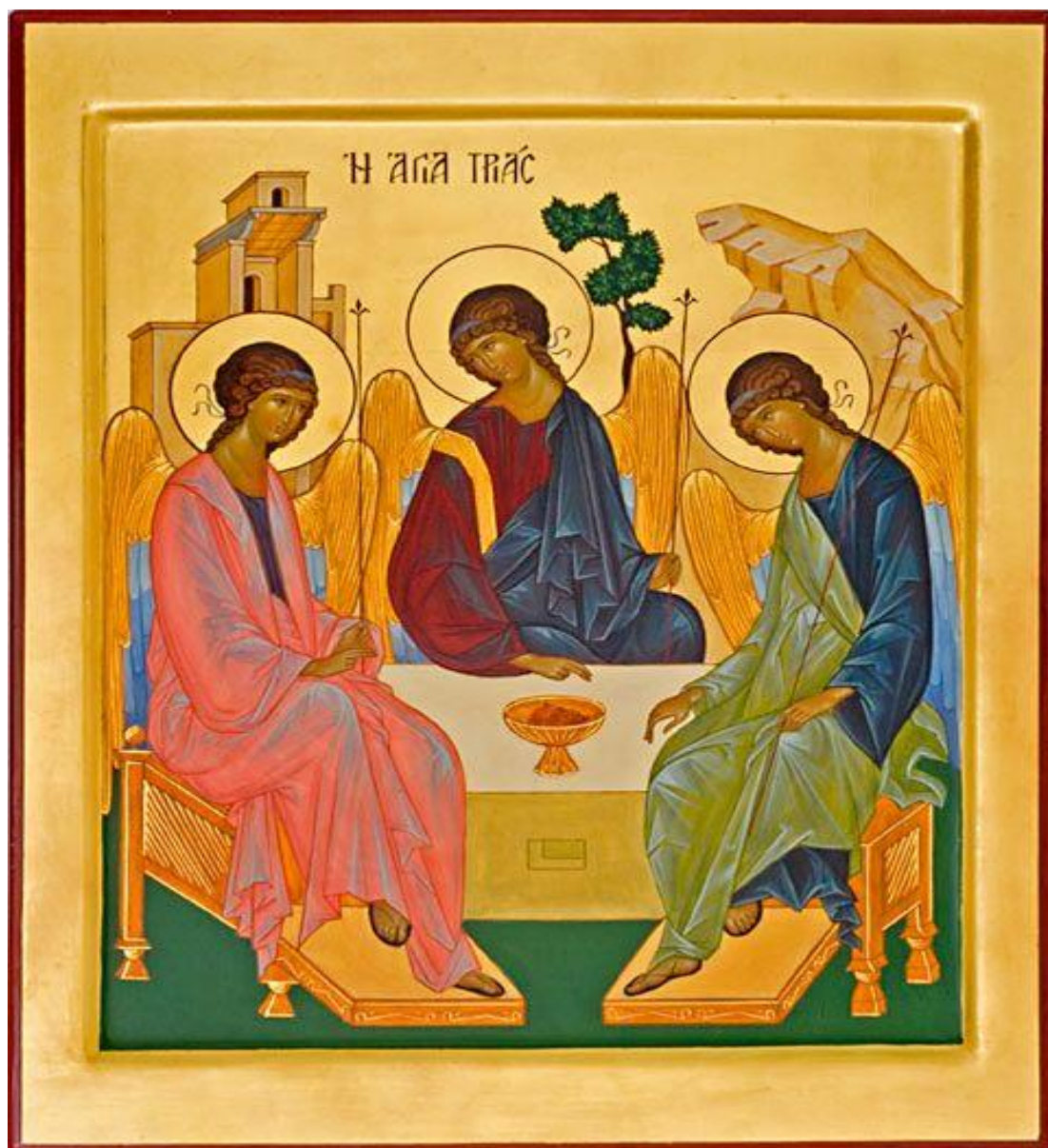
Altar Guild: *Diedre Milligan*

Hospitality: *Jan Donnell and Kerstin Beitzel*



Altar Flowers

*The flowers that beautify our altar today are given
by Carolyn and Richard Faust in honor of their grandson, Zack Faust. And by
Linda and Jerry Knutson in honor of all the special people in their lives.*



RUBLEV'S TRINITY