

Sunday, July 15, 2018 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion

July 15, 2018 • 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Service

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

When Amos told what he saw when God held up the plumb line of justice next to Israel—that the poor were being trampled—he was a threat to the power of priests and king. John the Baptist also spoke truth to power, and Herod had him beheaded. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: that all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them.

PRELUDE	(9:00)	Hymn and Spiritual Medley	Melanie Chadwick, pianist
	(11:00)	Sarabande (from English Suite No. 2)	J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly stands. CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love. **Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination. The assembly may stand or kneel.

Eternal God our creator, in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God + forgives you all your sins. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG:

Let Justice Flow like Streams

ELW 717

GREETING

The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace be with you all. **And also with you.**



CANTICLE OF PRAISE

GRACIOUS SPIRIT, HEED OUR PLEADING



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God,

from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works.

Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give,

that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments;

and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies,

may live in peace and quietness,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Amos 7:7–15 (Please open to page 953 in the Old Testament of your pew Bibles).

Amos was not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he was an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicted with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encountered at Bethel.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3–14 (Please open to page 204 in the New Testament of your pew Bibles).

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel. **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



GOSPEL: Mark 6:14–29 (Please open to page 52 in the New Testament of your pew Bibles).

The holy gospel according to Mark, the sixth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated. **SERMON**

Pastor Steven Wigdahl

The assembly stands. HYMN OF THE DAY:

O Christ the Same

(see following page)

O Christ the Same



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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

Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God's merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. Lord, your mercy, 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.

OFFERTORY To God Be the Glory William Howard Doane Emmanuel Quartet: Jan Gazdic, Denise Larson, David Cole, Steve Esala

To God be the glory, great things He has done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, who yielded His life and atonement for sin and opened the life gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He has done! Great things He has taught us; great things He has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus, the Son. But purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He has done!

The assembly stands. OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING





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;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

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.**



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

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

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.

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

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ASSEMBLY HYMNS:

Now We Remain

(The cantor will sing the verses; the Assembly will join on the refrain):



- 1 Once we were people afraid, lost in the night. Then by your cross we were saved; dead became living, life from your giving. **Refrain**
- 2 Something that we have known, something we've touched, what we have seen with our eyes, this we have heard: life-giving Word. Refrain
- 3 He chose to give of himself, became our bread; broken, that we might live; love beyond love, pain for our pain. **Refrain**
- 4 We are the presence of God; this is our call; now to become bread and wine, food for the hungry, life for the weary; for to live with the Lord, we must die with the Lord. **Refrain**

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Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 715

The assembly stands. **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen BLESSING May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen. Lead On, O King Eternal! SENDING SONG: **ELW 805** DISMISSAL Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. Thanks be to God. POSTLUDE Gaudeamus (Let Us Rejoice) arr. Hughes

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

9:00 Service

Greeters: Marilyn Thomack, Lynn Reese Assisting Minister: Clayton Blomseth Lector: Joyce O'Neill Acolyte: Alex Lyberg Ushers: Keith & Beth McCullen, Rosy Myers, Marilyn Thomack Altar Guild: Diedre Milligan Hospitality: America Marble and Sandy Cole

11:00 Service Greeters: Ann Jones & Beth Supensky Assisting Minister: Rick Boe Lector: Marianne Zarek Acolyte: Maridee Boe Ushers: Hal Williams, Tom & Karen Palmer Altar Guild: Diedre Milligan Hospitality: America Marble and Sandy Cole

Resident Pastor: Will Kittinger





Altar Flowers

The flowers that beautify our altar today are given by Emmanuel Lutheran Church in honor of our congregation for all your generous gifts and support to those who attended the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas.