



*Sunday, September 23, 2018*  
*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Holy Communion*

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**September 23, 2018 • 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Service**

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**WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**INTRODUCTION**

*Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them an actual flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the particular children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.*

**PRELUDE**

***Oh, Lord, You Are My God and King***

**JERUSALEM/arr. Hughes**

**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,  
the one who fashions us,  
the one who heals us,  
the one who reforms us again and again.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Source of all life,  
**we confess that we have not allowed  
your grace to set us free.  
We fear that we are not good enough.  
We hear your word of love freely given to us,  
yet we expect others to earn it.  
We turn the church inward,  
rather than moving it outward.  
Forgive us. Stir us.  
Reform us to be a church powered by love,  
willing to speak for what is right,  
act for what is just,  
and seek the healing of your whole creation.  
Amen.**

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us  
and to empower our lives in the world.  
Our sins are forgiven,  
✠ God's love is unconditional,  
and we are raised up as God's people  
who will always be made new,  
in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

***God Is Here! (Verses, 1, 2, 4)***

**ELW 526**

**GREETING**

God of hosts most gracious,  
God the Son who saves us,  
God the Spirit placed upon us,  
be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

(Verse 1—Kyrie eleison; Verse 2—Christe eleison; Verse 3—Kyrie eleison)



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.  
 1, 3 Lord, . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
 2 Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
 Chris - te e - le - i - son.  
 Lord, . . . have mer - cy.  
 Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

**GRACIOUS SPIRIT, HEED OUR PLEADING**



*Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.*  
 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.  
 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.  
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



*Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.*  
 It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.  
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.  
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

*Refrain*



*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18–20

**(Please turn to page 793 in the Old Testament of your pew Bible).**

*Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING: James 3:13 - 4:3, 7 - 8a

**(Please turn to page 248 in the New Testament of your pew Bible).**

*The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL: Mark 9:30–37**

**(Please turn to page 46 in the New Testament of your pew Bible).**

The holy gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.*

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:**

***I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light***

**ELW 815**

**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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### **Congregational refrain: Hear Our Prayer**



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

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

*(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 risen 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.*

OFFERTORY

*O Had I Jacob's Lyre*  
Jan Gazdic, soloist

G.F. Handel

*The assembly stands.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.  
God of life,  
you give us these gifts of the earth,  
these resources of our life and our labor.  
Take them, offered in great thanksgiving,  
and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.  
**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.**

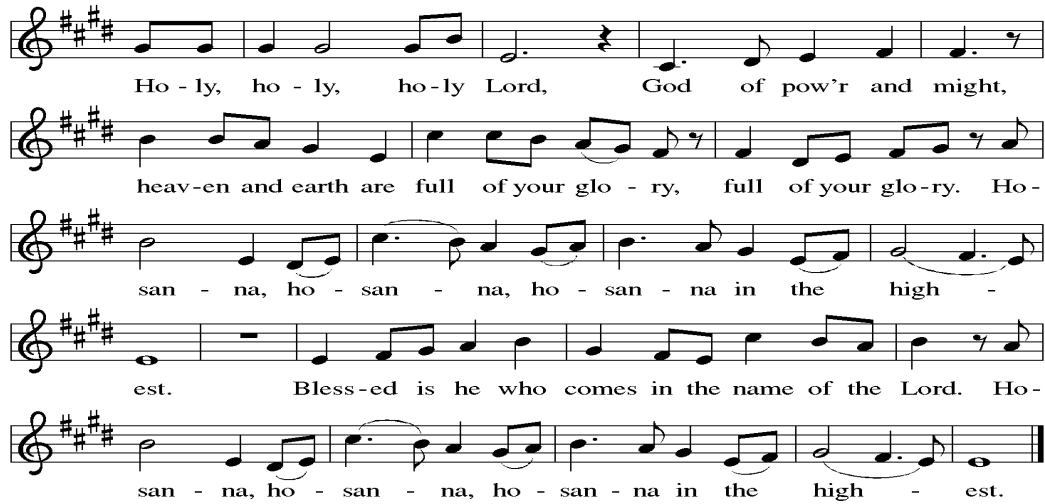
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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;  
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



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

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.  
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

Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,  
and make us one with you.

#### COMMUNION

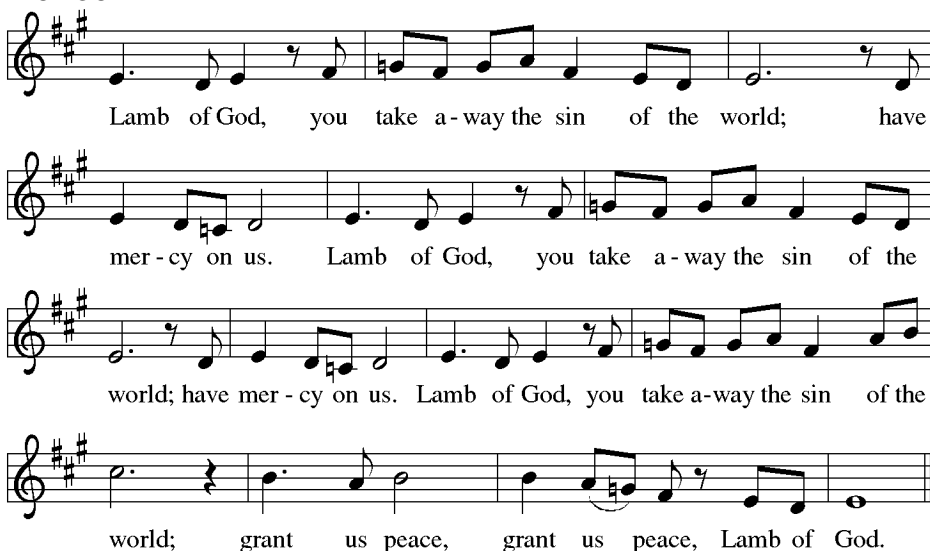
*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say  
The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
and each person may respond **Amen.***

*The ministers commune either after or before others commune.*

*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 are available—simply ask the server.*



## LAMB OF GOD



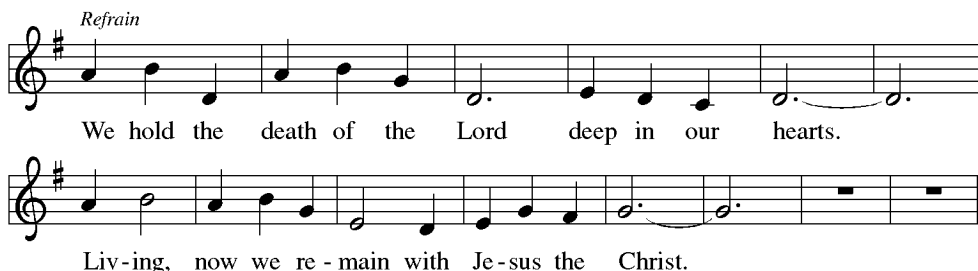
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

### *Now We Remain*

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

*Refrain*



We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts.  
Liv-ing, now we re-main with Je-sus the Christ.

- 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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**COMMUNION MUSIC:**

***Children of the Heavenly Father  
Jesus Loves Me!***

**ELW 781  
ELW 595**

*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.

Holy and compassionate God,  
in bread and wine you give us gifts  
that form us to be humble and courageous.  
May your words come to life  
in our serving and in our witness,  
that we might speak a living voice  
of healing and justice to all the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

**Amen.**

**BLESSING**

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;  
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;  
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:  
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:**

***Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness***

**ELW 843**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Sound the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

***Jesus Shall Reign***

**arr. McCloskey**

## 9:00 Service

Greeters: *Marilyn Thomack, Lynn Reese*

Assisting Minister: *Sharon Thoemke*

Lector: *Tom Jackson*

Acolyte: *Ray Schrader*

Ushers: *David & Janet Pedersen, Marilyn Thomack, Rosy Myers*

Altar Guild: *Diedre Milligan*

Hospitality: *Pat Goodyear*



## 11:00 Service

Greeters: *Ann Jones & Beth Supensky*

Assisting Minister: *Rick Boe*

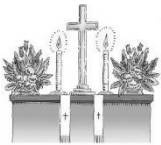
Lector: *Marianne Zarek*

Acolyte: *Maridee Boe*

Ushers: *Liv Herman, Karen Carlson, Hal Williams*

Altar Guild: *Diedre Milligan*

Hospitality: *Pat Goodyear*



Altar Flowers

*The flowers that beautify our altar today are given by Alf Larson in memory of Carole Saunders.*