

Sunday, June 2, 2019
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion

June 2, 2019 • 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Service

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

Today's text is based upon Paul and Silas's travels in Philippi. We see how their good character (Paul and Silas do not leave the jail even when they might make an escape) is a witness to others concerning the power of their God. Lavish hospitality is shown by Lydia, and the jailer, who invite them into fellowship at their homes.

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace
Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
Rachael and Alex Lyberg, alto saxophonists

arr. Doug Denisen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly stands.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One,
for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly.
Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.
The Gulf of Mexico blesses you.

All life is sustained by you, our Source.
We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.
Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life,
bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God.
Here, death is washed away forever.
Here, we are grafted into the tree of life,
with leaves for the healing of the world.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly,
into this community, and throughout all creation.
Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions.
Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Thine the Amen (verses 1-3)

ELW 826

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!


The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.





M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,
 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.



m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.
 Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.



A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.



m - si - fu - ni sa - sa - yu ha - i.
 e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 and in its con - quest his might did show.
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

Refrain



Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.
 Je - sus is - liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 16:11-15

(Please open to page 142 in the New Testament of your pew Bible).

Paul and others visit Philippi, a colony of Rome, where they meet Lydia. God brings her to faith, and a small gathering of believers takes shape in her house. Notice: all the readings this morning end up with Paul and Silas in Lydia's home.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Acts 16:16-34

(Please open to page 142 in the New Testament of your pew Bible).

The owners of a slave-girl who used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for "healing" her and, consequently, ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

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: Acts: 16: 35-40

(Please open to page 142 in the New Testament of your pew Bible).

Paul and Silas are released from prison and now have come full circle, returning to stay in Lydia's home before their departure.

The holy gospel according to Acts, the sixteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Rick Bliese

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Sing of Loyal Lydia

Hymn Tune: KINGSFOLD

1--We sing of loyal Lydia
who dealt in purple dye,
a woman Paul and Silas found
at prayer in Philippi.
Her heart was warmed when she heard Paul
relate God's love for all.
She and her household were baptized.
They answered God's clear call.

2--This widow tested culture's rules
by opening her home
to Paul and those who came to hear
how they such faith could own.
When Paul and Silas were in jail,
she suffered deep despair.
Yet when the jailer was transformed,
she knew God answered prayer.

3--When her friends moved from Philippi,
they left believers blessed.
And Lydia helped the church to grow
as they their faith confessed.
May we today our witness share
That other hearts be stirred.
Let us take courage as we dare
To daily live God's Word.

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NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Hear Our Prayer *Prayer Response*



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

(9:00)
(11:00)

Aria
By Grace Alone
Emmanuel Ensemble

Samuel Wesley
Scott Wesley Brown

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith, every difference we will make is only by His grace. Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine, every blessing left behind is only by His grace. Grace alone which God supplies. Strength unknown He will provide. Christ in us our Cornerstone, we will go forth in grace alone. Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach, everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace. Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away, every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. Grace alone which God supplies. Strength unknown He will provide. Christ in us our Cornerstone, we will go forth in grace alone.

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The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

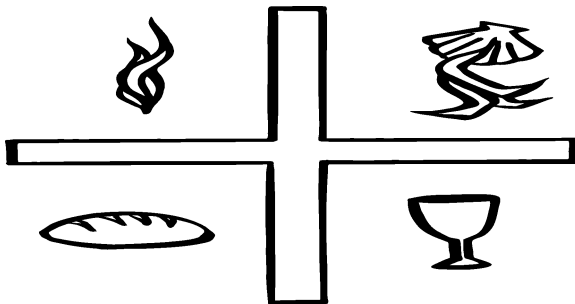
Let us pray.

Risen One,

as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore,
meet us now in this meal.

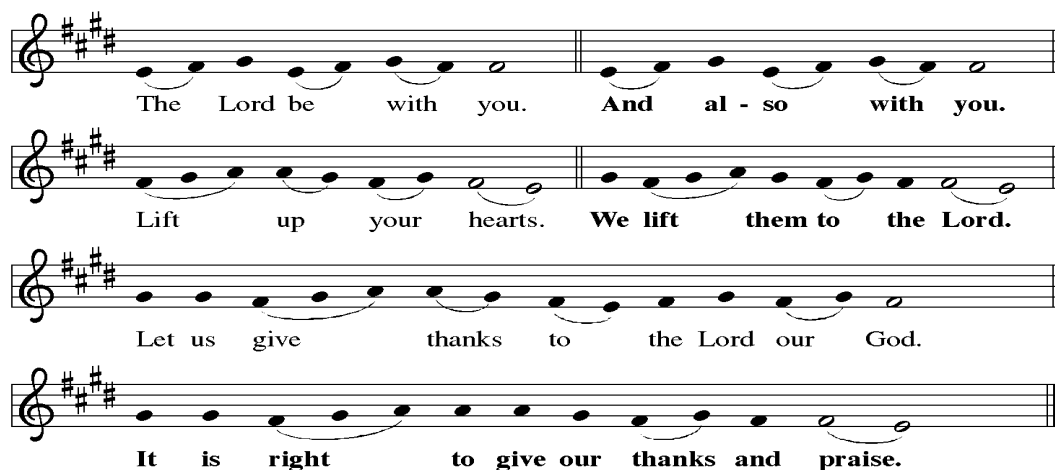
Nourish us to follow you,
using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary,
and all for your love's sake.

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.

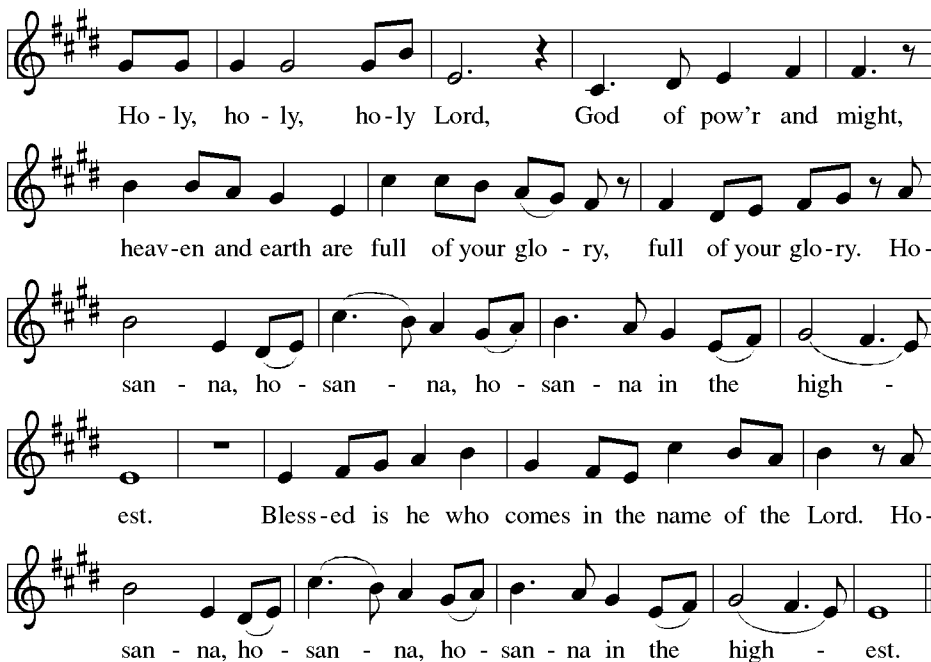
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has two measures: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has two measures: 'It is right' and 'to give our thanks and praise.'. The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with slurs connecting phrases.

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,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

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.

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

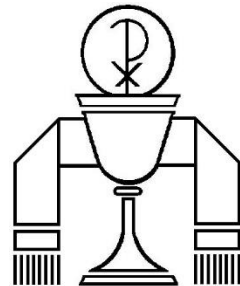
Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,
gives everyone a place at the welcome table.
Alleluia! Come to the feast.

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.

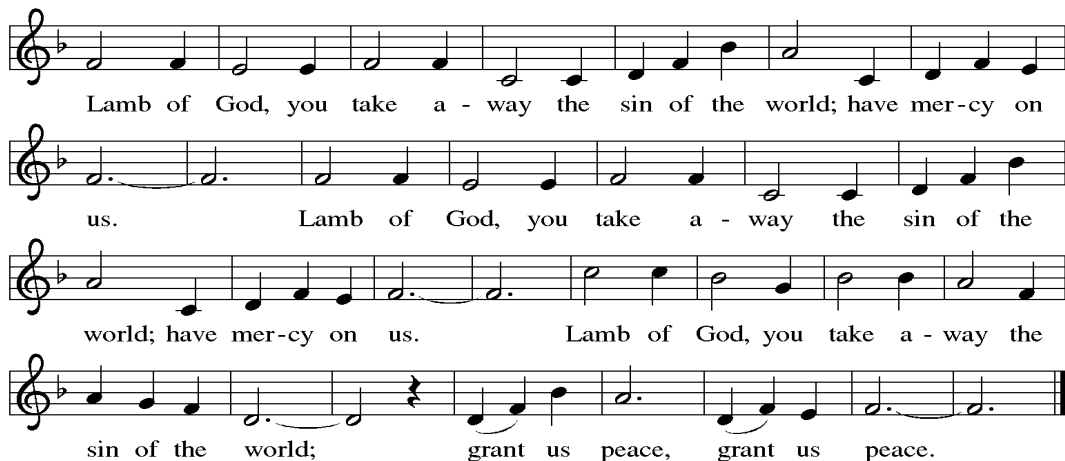
COMMUNION

*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.*

*Jesus Christ is the host of this Holy Communion, in which we celebrate the Real Presence of our Lord. All are welcome! 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.*



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.

ASSEMBLY HYMNS:

Thine the Amen (verses 4, 5)
Healer of Our Every Ill
Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW 826
ELW 612
ELW 474

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.
Living God,
you have greeted us in our brokenness
and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.
Risen to new life with you,
send us now to bear your healing love
into the wounded world,
in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of the living God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
surround and sustain you,
keep you from harm,
and fill you with courage.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Let All Things Now Living

ELW 881

DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Allegro

Kasen

9:00 Service

Assisting Minister: *Sharon Thoemke*

Lector: *Melissa Schrader*

Acolyte: *Ray Schrader*

Ushers: *John & Marit Granskog; David & Janet Pedersen*

Altar Guild: *Jean Dumouchel*

AV: *Alex Lyberg, Zack Faust, Colleen Ziegelmaier, Jayden Wampler (helper)*

Hospitality: *Marie Wigdahl and Jan Donnell*



11:00 Service

Assisting Minister: *Rick Boe*

Lector: *Mitch Gemmer*

Acolyte: *Maridee Boe*

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

Altar Guild: *Diedre Milligan*

AV: *Alex Lyberg, Zack Faust, Colleen Ziegelmaier, Jayden Wampler (helper)*

Hospitality: *Marie Wigdahl and Jan Donnell*



The flowers that beautify our altar today are given by the Reicherts in honor of God. And in loving memory of Eva Macknick by her daughter and son-in-law, Sandra & Peter Spilotro.

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Emmanuel is pleased to welcome back Alex and Rachael Lyberg, who will be playing two hymn arrangements as the Prelude for the 9:00 and 11:00 services. Both Alex and Rachael have grown up in this church (they both received Youth Scholarships last week) and will be heading to the University of Florida relatively soon. Rachael will be a Senior this year and Alex will be beginning his Freshman year. Alex has also been helping with the A/V projection during the sanctuary services...he will be missed!



The hymns were arranged by Doug Denisen, an Emmanuel member and our former Choir Director.

At the 11:00 service, the Emmanuel Ensemble will sing a beautiful song, *Grace Alone*, which references Ephesians 2:8-9: "For it is by **grace** you have been saved, through faith-and this is not from yourselves, it is **the** gift of God- ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast."

Many thanks to all who shared their musical gifts today.