

Sunday, July 21, 2019
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

July 21, 2019 • 9:00 & 11:00 Service

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." Almighty God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word from above. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, with Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the words of life.

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in F Major

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,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

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

God of mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
against one another,
and against the earth entrusted to our care.
We are worried and distracted by many things,
and we fail to love you above all else.
We store up treasures for ourselves
and turn away from our neighbors in need.

**Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

When we were laid low by sin and guilt,
God made us alive together with Christ,
forgiving us † all our trespasses
by taking our sins to the cross.
For freedom Christ has set us free:
Rejoice in this good news!
Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *For All the Faithful Women*

(Tune: The Church's One Foundation)

1 For all the faithful women
who served in days of old,
to you shall thanks be given;
to all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness
in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness,
proclaimed your pow'r to save.

2-- We sing of busy Martha,
who toiled with pot and pan
while Mary sat in silence
to hear the word again.
Christ, keep our hearts attentive
to truth that you declare,
and strengthen us for service
when work becomes our prayer.

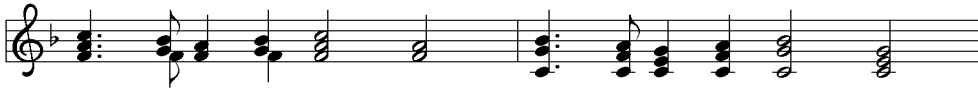
3-- All praise to God the Father!
All praise to Christ the Son!
All praise to God the Spirit,
who binds the church as one!
With saints who went before us,
with saints who witness still,
we sing glad alleluias
and strive to do your will.



GREETING

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.

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.



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives,
make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1–10a
(Please turn to the Old Testament, page 15, in your pew Bible.)

The Lord visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long—awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15



LORD, who may a - bide up - on your ho - ly hill?

Psalm 15:1

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¹LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,
who speak the truth | from their heart; R**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who | fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- | gainst the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown. R

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15–28

(Please turn to the New Testament, page 213, in your pew Bible.)

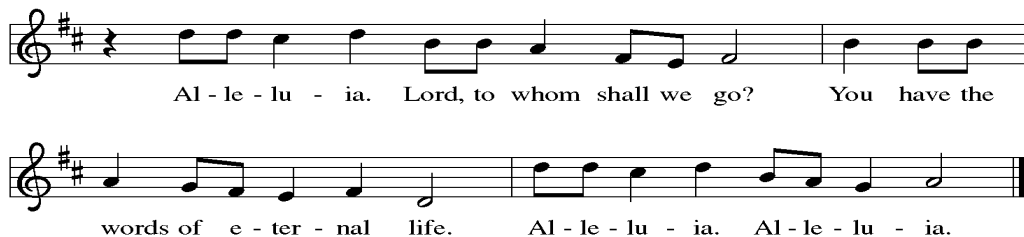
Sometimes Paul preaches with great attention to theological concepts. Here, however, Paul offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 10:38–42

(Please turn to the New Testament, page 73 , in your pew Bible.)

Jesus uses his visit to two sisters as an occasion to remind disciples that an important aspect of obedience is single-minded devotion to Jesus and his word.

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth 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.

HYMNS OF THE DAY:

I. When Jesus Was in Bethany

TUNE: I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1--When Jesus was in Bethany
he was a welcome guest
within the home of Lazarus,
and there he stayed to rest.
Good Martha hurried off to cook
some food for him to eat;
but Mary, searching, found a stool
and sat down at his feet.

3--"Now, Martha, Martha," Jesus said,
"when I come here to dine,
don't waste your time on special food.
A simple meal is fine.
Come, sit with Mary at my side
and feed upon my words,
that you may fill your mind and heart
with all that you have heard."

2--While Mary listened to the words
that Jesus had to say,
her sister, busy at her work,

4--Sometimes, like Martha, we may be
too zealous in a chore,
like Mary, leave a task undone
for needs we can't ignore.
We long to find a balance, God,
in living out each day.
Help us be faithful in our work,

sent angry looks her way.
Said Martha, "Jesus, don't you care
that I must work alone?
Why do you let her sit and talk,
her idleness condone?"

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The assembly is seated for verses 1-3 of this song.

II. *Martha Labored in the Kitchen*

TUNE: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

1--Martha labored in the kitchen; there was much yet to be done!
There was cooking, cleaning, baking — too much work for anyone.
For the Lord had come to visit; Jesus sat there as her guest.
So much work! She longed to share it, so the meal would be its best.

2--Mary sat and humbly listened to their guest — her Friend and Lord.
She just thought of Jesus' teaching — not the need for bread and board.
So when Martha came complaining, seeking Mary's help that day.
Jesus turned to her explaining, "Mary chose the better way."

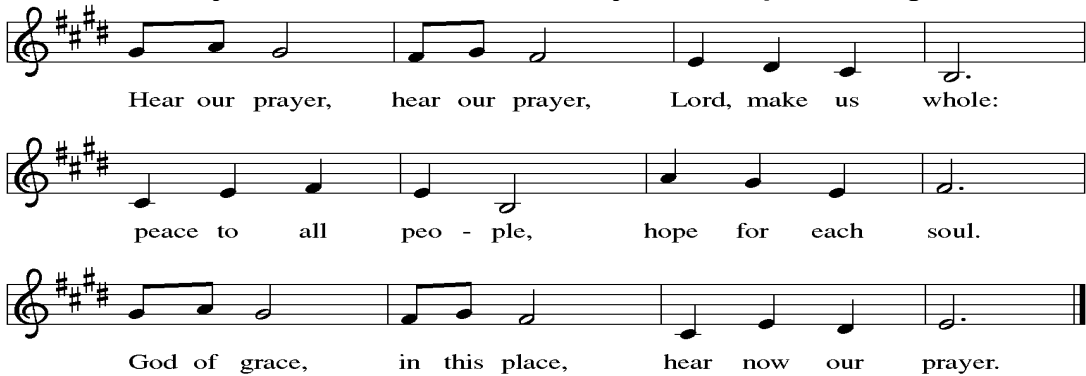
3--God, we see in her distraction — Martha lost sight of her goal;
In her grumbling and complaining, She forgot food for the soul.
For there's always something pressing — something urgent we must do,
Yet for us there's also blessing in the time we spend with you.

The assembly stands for the final verse.

4--Were there days when Mary labored, helping others, serving well?
Were there times when Martha savored stories Jesus loved to tell?
May we worship, pray and study; may we serve you well today!
All are needed on the journey as we travel Jesus' way.

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(Please vote on your favorite of these two hymns and place the green ballot in



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.

the offering plate).

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Joining our voices with God's people around the world, let us offer our prayers for those 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.

(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

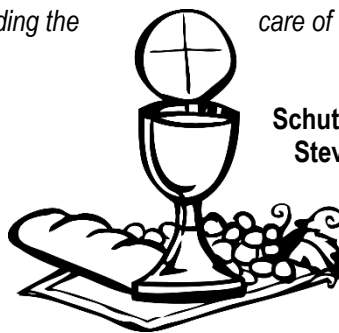
An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the

care of those in need.

During this time, the table is set.

OFFERTORY

Blessed Be the Lord



Schutte

Steve Esala, soloist

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God,
for the greening earth given for all,
for the talents we are given to share,
and for this bread and wine.

Transform us to be the body of Christ,
that, feasting on this food and drink,
our lives may reflect your generosity;
through 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.

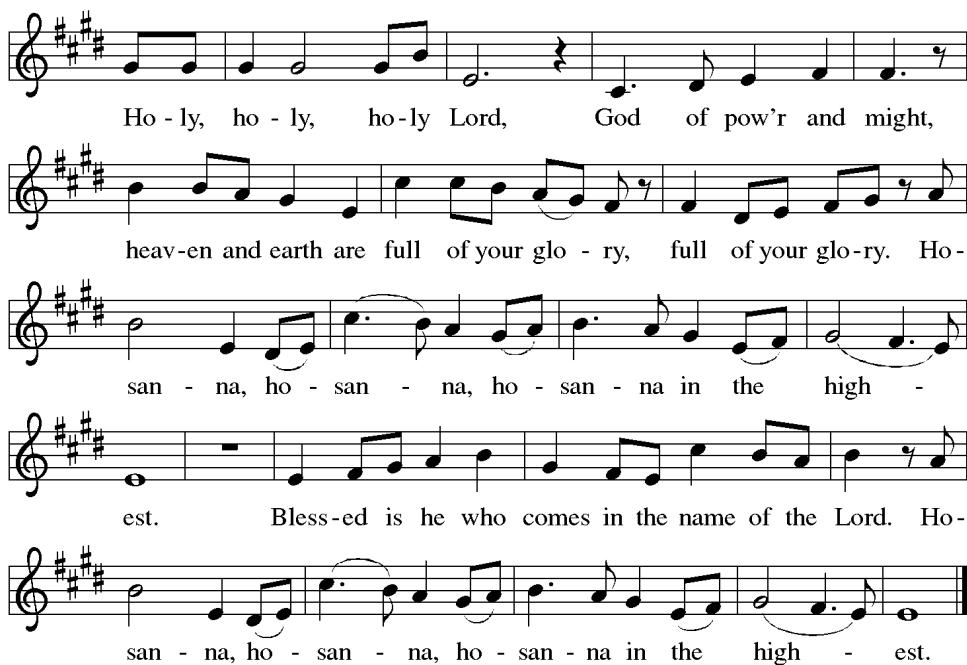
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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;
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



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

God invites you to this table of bounty.
Come, the banquet is ready.

The assembly is seated.

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

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to come forward. Gluten-free
wafers are available; simply ask
the server.*

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, 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:

*Take My Life, that I May Be
Be Thou My Vision
O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*

ELW 685
ELW 793
ELW 658

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 God, in this holy communion
you have welcomed us into your presence,
nourished us with words of mercy,
and fed us at your table.

Amid the cares of this life,
strengthen us to love you with all our heart,
serve our neighbors with a willing spirit,
and honor the earth you have made;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him,
and abound in thanksgiving;
and the blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God,
be upon you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

God, Whose Almighty Word

ELW 673



*Today
in Worship*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Earth and All Stars

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9:00 Service

Assisting Minister: *Dee Schleutker*

Lector: *Joyce O'Neill*

Acolyte: *Ann Berlam*

Ushers: *Keith & Beth McCullen, Robert & Karen Driste*

Altar Guild: *Joyce O'Neill*

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

11:00 Service

Assisting: *Kathy Worley*

Lector: *David Cole*

Acolyte: *Ann Jones*

Ushers: *Hal & Barbara Williams, Jerry Kimble, Karen Carlson*

Altar Guild: *Diedre Milligan*

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

The flowers that beautify our altar today are given by Nancy Thompson in honor of the birthday of her son, Bill.

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