

Sunday, August 11, 2019
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

August 11, 2019 • 9:00 & 11:00 Service

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part today in assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

PRELUDE (9:00) *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* arr. Rice
(11:00) *Emmanuel's Youth: Special Music*

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.

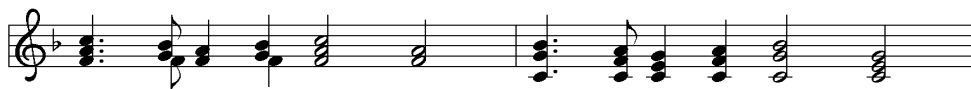
GATHERING SONG: *God Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

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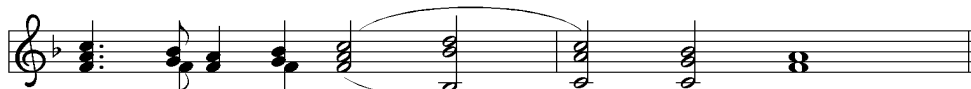
GREETING

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



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 - lei	-	i - son.
Chris - te	e - lei	-	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.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1–6

(Please turn to the Old Testament, page 13, in your pew Bible.)

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

(Please turn to the New Testament, page 242, in your pew Bible.)

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

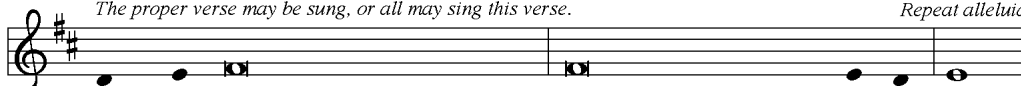
The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.

Repeat alleluia



GOSPEL: Luke 12:32–40

(Please turn to the New Testament, pages 76-77, in your pew Bible.)

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth 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:

Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW 764

THE 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

Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation. *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

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

My Heart, Ever Faithful

J.S. Bach

Jan Gazdic and Denise Larson, duettists

My heart ever faithful, sing praises, be joyful, for Jesus is mine.

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

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC:

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW 779
ELW 759

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 (9:00) *Emmanuel's Youth: Special Music*

The assembly is seated.

(11:00) *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness*

ELW 251

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

O, Praise the Gracious Power

Doran

9:00 Service

Greeters: *Dave & Kerstin Beitzel*

Assisting Minister: *Dee Schleutker*

Lector: *Melissa Schrader*

Acolyte: *Ann Berlam*

Ushers: *Rosy Myers, Jill Weber, Marilyn Thomack, Melissa Schrader*

Altar Guild: *Jean Dumouchel*

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

11:00 Service

Assisting: *Rick Boe*

Lector: *Edie Cole*

Acolyte: *Maridee Boe*

Ushers: *Hal Williams, Frank Loney, Donna Rhode, Ellen Radomski*

Altar Guild: *Diedre Milligan*

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



*Today
in Worship*



The flowers that beautify our altar today are given by Betty Bethem in loving memory of her husband, Edmund Bethem, and in honor of her son, Tom, on his birthday.

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC



At today's Sanctuary services, we welcome duettists Jan Gazdic and Denise Larson, both members of the Emmanuel Choir. They will be singing *My Heart Ever Faithful* (from J.S. Bach's *Cantata 68*) during the offertory. Thank you, Jan and Denise, for sharing your musical gifts with us today.

The Emmanuel Youth will be visiting both Sanctuary services today, with special music they learned from their camp experience at Lutherock, NC. Thanks to all of you for sharing some of the amazing songs you learned!

