

Sunday, September 22, 2019
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

September 22, 2019 • 9:00 & 11:00 Service

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recall that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

PRELUDE

Benedictions 1. Matinal

G.F. McKay

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

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, ☩ one God,
the strength of our ancestors,
the host of this meal,
the builder of the city that is to come.

Amen.

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.
Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

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

God our helper,
we confess the many ways
we have failed to live as your disciples.
We have not finished what we began.
We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.

**We have been captivated by our possessions.
Lift our burdens, gracious God.
Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.
Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.
Put your trust in these promises:
God will never leave you or forsake you.
You who were lost have been found.
For the sake of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice with the angels at this good news.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

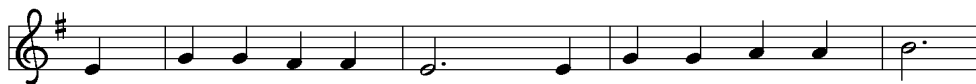
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GREETING

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 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.

2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.

3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.

Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

2 Glo-ry be to Christ for-ev-er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a-lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre-a-tion, Fa-ther of sur-pass-ing worth:

Son of God and gra-cious Sav-ior, you have come from heav'n a-bove;

Ho-ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex-alt you, we a-dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir-it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an-gels bow be-fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Hear our prayer; re-store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.

For the peace that we in-her-it, glo-ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
God among us,
we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another.
Keep our feet from evil paths.
Turn our minds to your wisdom
and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son,
Jesu Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4–7

(Please turn to the Old Testament, page 954, in your pew Bible.)

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1–7

(Please turn to the New Testament, page 224, in your pew Bible.)

The Pastoral Epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 16:1–13

(Please turn to the New Testament, page 81, in your pew Bible.)

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest man who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Resident Pastor Lois Sorensen

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

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Let Justice Flow like Streams*

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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

Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is in the Treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the Bass staff. The lyrics are written below the Treble staff.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

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

Have Thine Own Way
Jan Gazdic and Denise Larson, duettists

Stebbins

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
God our provider,
we bring nothing into this world
and we can take nothing out of it.
Accept the gifts you have first given us,
which we bring to your table,
and with them the offering of our lives.
Nourish us now with the life that really is life,
revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

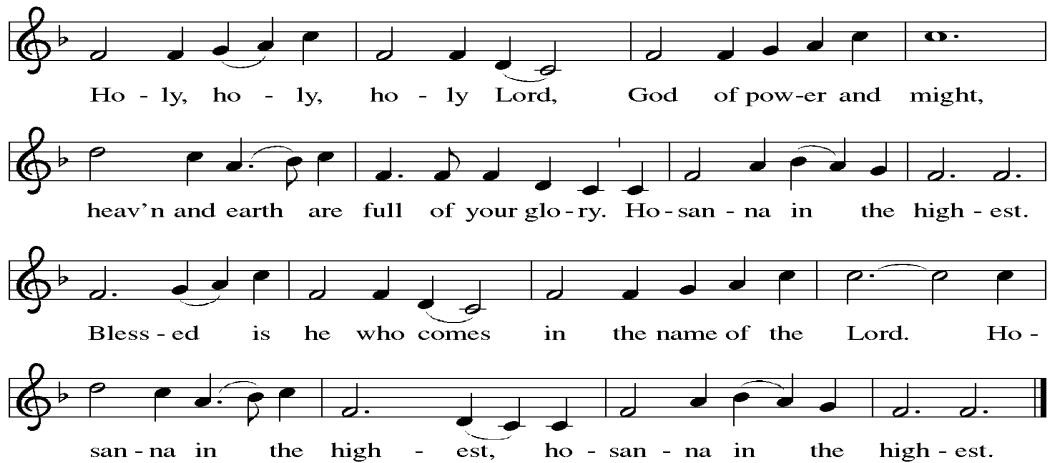
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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 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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.
Come, take your place at the feast.

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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

ASSEMBLY HYMNS:

*Let Us Break Bread Together
Take My Life, That I May Be
We Give Thee but Thine Own*

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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.
God of blessing,
at this table we have seen you face to face,
and in the gift of Christ's body and blood,
our hearts have been refreshed.
Send us now to shine with your goodness
and bear witness to the one we have received:
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

Guard the good treasure entrusted to you,
with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.
Almighty God ✠ bless you with grace, mercy, and peace,
now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG:

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Praeludium

J.S. Bach

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC



We thank duettists Jan Gazdic and Denise Larson, who will be singing "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" today at the 9:00 service. This beloved hymn was written in 1902 by Adelaide Pollard. She was trying to raise funds to make a missionary trip to Africa. Her unsuccessful attempt to do this left her experiencing a "distress of soul." This dilemma and the simple prayer of an elderly lady ("It really doesn't matter what you do with us, Lord -- just have your way with our lives") provided a setting for personal reflection on the will of God for her life. After the prayer meeting, Adelaide returned home and wrote the hymn as we sing it today. (Source: www.discipleship.com)

9:00 Service

Greeters/Ushers: *David & Janet Pedersen, John & Marit Granskog*

Assisting Minister: *Tom Jackson*

Lector: *Joyce O'Neill*

Acolyte: *Ray Schrader*

Altar Guild: *Joyce O'Neill*

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



*Today
in Worship*

11:00 Service

Greeters: *Rick Boe*

Assisting: *Kathy Worley*

Lector: *Marianne Zarek*

Acolyte: *Maridee Boe*

Ushers: *Bud & Nancy Umback, Ellen Radomski, Karen Carlson*

Altar Guild: *Diedre Milligan*

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



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