



*Sunday, November 17, 2019*  
*Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Holy Communion*

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**November 17, 2019 • 9:30, 11:00 AM Service**

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**WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**INTRODUCTION**

*The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the "meantimes." The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right."*

**PRELUDE**

**Chanson Maestoso**

**Callahan**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
healer of our every ill,  
source of unending mercy.

**Amen.**

Embraced in enduring grace and good hope,  
let us turn again to God,  
confessing the truth about ourselves.

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

Merciful God,

**we come before you, beloved but broken.**

**We have not always treated others**

**as we would want them to treat us.**

**We have not always called out injustice and abuse.**

**We have not always been kind to ourselves.**

**We have not always taken care of the world**

**we share with other living creatures.**

**Remind us of who we are,**

**beloved children bathed in your love.**

**Renew us by your Spirit to live as your holy people,**

**bringing healing to the brokenness around us.**

**Amen.**

At every moment  
you are held in existence by the love of God,  
renewed by the Spirit within and among you,  
and made alive again in Christ.

Receive this assurance in Jesus' name:

you are ✠ forgiven and freed  
to live for the healing of the world.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG:**        *Canticle of the Turning*    (Verses 1, 2)

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### **GREETING**

From the one who is and who was and who is to come,  
and from Jesus Christ, the first fruits of the resurrection,  
grace and peace be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### **FIRST READING: ISAIAH 65: 17-25**

**(Please turn in the Old Testament to page 772 your pew Bible).**

*Addressing the exiles who had returned to Jerusalem from Babylon, the prophet proclaims a vision of a future time of peace and prosperity. Though the returned exiles are experiencing hard times, God is about to do a new thing.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13**

**(Please turn in the New Testament to page 222 in your pew Bible).**

*Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. Paul warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

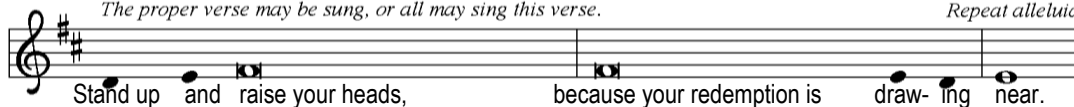
*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

## Gospel Acclamation



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

*Repeat alleluia*



(Luke 21:28)

**GOSPEL: Luke 21:5–19**

**(Please turn in the New Testament to page 87 in your pew Bible).**

*As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and shall be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.*

The holy gospel according to Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Rick Bliese**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***O God, You Tell Us Of A Day***

**Tune: *Blessed Be the God of Israel***

1--O God, you tell us of a day when all will be made new —  
When former things will fade away from memory and view.  
Then all the earth will shout for joy at what you bring to birth,  
For by your grace, you'll bring about new heavens and new earth.

2--No more shall weeping fill the streets or people know distress;  
Then infants will grow well and strong, and elders will be blessed.  
Then those who work to build their homes will live in them in peace,  
And all will eat the food they've grown and harvests will increase.

3--When people labor hard each day, they will not work in vain;  
Their children won't be left to live in hopelessness and pain.  
Then wolf and lamb, now enemies, will meet and rest and graze;  
God's mountain will be one of peace, and joy will fill those days.

4--O God when will this vision come — this world Isaiah saw  
When earth and heav'n will be as one, and love will be your law?  
May we see glimpses of your grace, and may we seek to be  
A church that gladly works to bring your new community.

Permission, Carolyn Winfrey Gillette Hymns

**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.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

United with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

**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.

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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 ANTHEM

***Inscription of Hope***  
**Emmanuel Choir**

**Stroope**  
**Marianne Zarek, narrator**

*I believe in the sun even when it is not shining, and I believe in love even when there's no one there. I believe in God even when he is silent; I believe through any trial there is always a way. But sometimes in this suffering and hopeless despair, my heart cries for shelter to know someone's there. But a voice rises within me saying hold on my child I'll give you strength I'll give you hope just stay a little while. I believe in the sun even when it is not shining, and I believe in love even when there's no one there. But I believe in God, even when he is silent; I believe through any trial there is always a way. May there someday be sunshine, may there some day be happiness. May there someday be love, may there someday be peace.*

*The assembly stands.*

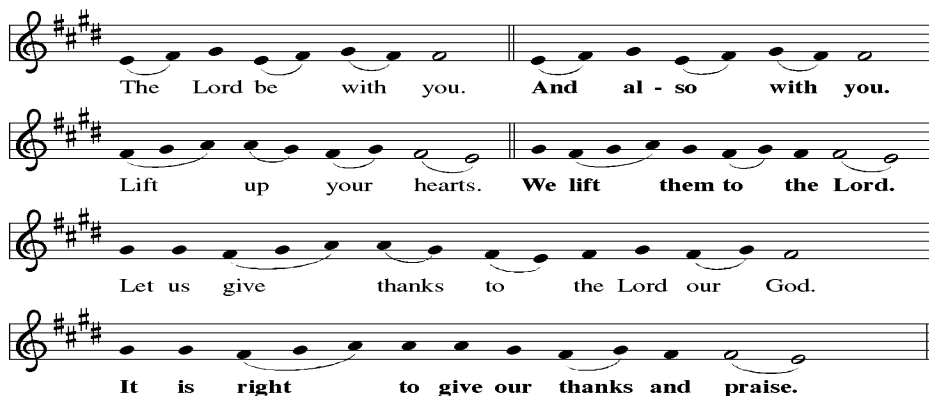
### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.  
God our creator,  
you give us all we are, all we have,  
all we bring, and all we need.  
Draw us together around your table with all your saints  
on earth and in your eternal home.  
Let us eat and drink your promise of new life,  
that we might be your promise to the world,  
spoken in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

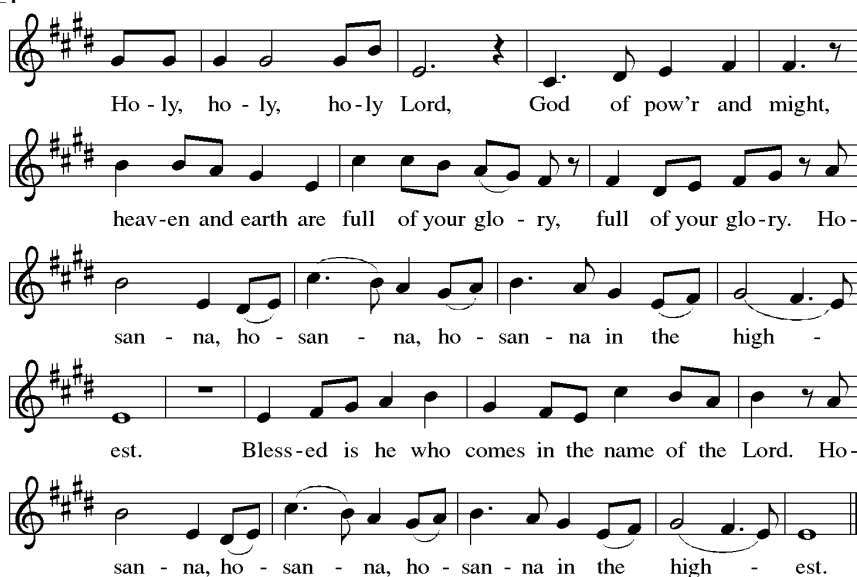


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### 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

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 keeps adding places to the table.  
Come to the banquet that has no end!

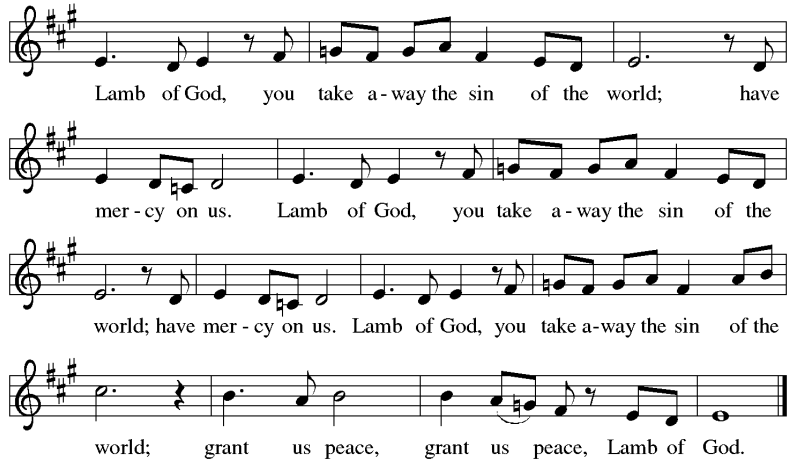
*Jesus Christ is the host of this Holy Communion, in which we celebrate the Real Presence of our Lord. All are welcome! The Communion is administered by "intinction," that is, the bread is handed to the communicant and the communicant dips the bread into the wine. **If you are not able to take the wine, 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

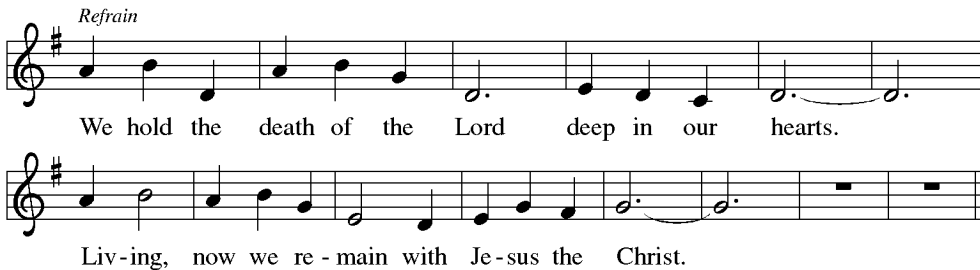


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

### 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***

### **Bread of Life from Heaven**

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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.

We thank you, God our host,  
for inviting us here to taste the future  
when you will feed all the hungry at your table.  
Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities,  
so that we might bring hope to a suffering world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

#### **BLESSING**

Signed and sealed by the Holy Spirit,  
you are Christ's message of love for this troubled world,  
written by the same Sender.  
May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father,  
who loved us and through grace gave us  
eternal comfort and good hope,  
✠ comfort your hearts and strengthen them  
in every good work and word.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

***Canticle of the Turning (Verses 3,4)***

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

***Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow***

**arr. Douglas**

**9:30 Service**

Greeters: *Dave & Kerstin Beitzel*

Assisting Minister: *Theresa Shaw*

Lector: *Sharon Thoemke*

Acolyte: *Ann Berlam*

Ushers: *Janet Haughn, Hal Williams, Bruce & Cheryl Carlson*

Altar Guild: *Bruce & Cheryl Carlson*

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



*Today  
in Worship*

**11:00 Service**

Greeters: *Bruce & Kay Philp*

Assisting Minister: *Kathy Worley*

Lector: *Kathy Worley*

Acolyte: *Jola Boe*

Ushers: *Tom & Karen Palmer, Bruce & Kay Philp*

Altar Guild: *Diedre Milligan*

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



*The flowers that beautify our altar today are given by Glen and Shirley Gronlund to the Glory of God with gratitude for our Pastoral Interns.*



## **“HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS” CONCERT**

*PRESENTED BY THE VOICES OF NAPLES*

Tuesday, December 3, 2019, in the Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.  
No admission fee; free-will offering will be taken.