



*Sunday, February 16, 2020  
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
Holy Communion*

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**February 16, 2020 • 9:30 & 11:00 A.M. Service**

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**WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**INTRODUCTION**

*In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We, too, are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.*

**PRELUDE**

*Prelude and Fugue in G Minor*

**J. S. Bach**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TEMPLE TALK    9:30 JACK DICK                    11:00 RICK BOE**

**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,  
the eternal voice from heaven,  
the anointed and beloved one,  
the Spirit moving over the waters.

**Amen.**

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession,  
trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

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

God who searches us and knows us,  
**you have shown us what is good,**  
**but we have looked to other lights to find our way.**  
**We have not been just in our dealings with others.**  
**We have chosen revenge over mercy.**

**We have promoted ourselves  
instead of walking humbly with you.  
With what shall we come before you?  
Forgive us our sin,  
and show us your salvation  
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved of God,  
you have not received the spirit of the world,  
but the Spirit that is from God,  
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.  
Receive the promise of baptism:  
You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven.  
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG:**

***Sing to the Lord of Harvest***

**ELW 694**

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.  
O God, the strength of all who hope in you,  
because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you.  
Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do,  
and give us grace and power to do them,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**AMEN.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15–20**

**(Please turn in the Old Testament to page 206 in your pew Bible).**

*The Lord sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.*

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1–9**

**(Please turn in the New Testament to page 174 in your pew Bible).**

*Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are fellow workers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21–26**

**(Please turn in the New Testament to page 4 in your pew Bible).**

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.*

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

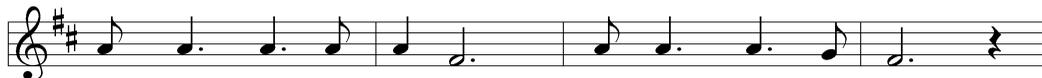
*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Rick Bliese**

*The assembly stands.*

*Sing verses 1-3 (the first four lines); then sing verse 4 (the last 2 lines)*



1 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to share?  
 2 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to bring?  
 3 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to give?



Coins from the cof - fer, hearts filled with care.  
 Love, ripe with laugh - ter; hope that we can sing;  
 Eyes that are wide o - pen; lies that we won't live;



God will not fal - ter; so let us dare  
 dreams of what we're af - ter; prom - is - es of when.  
 truth that must be spo - ken; jus - tice some - how.



lay it at the al - tar there.  
 Lay it at the al - tar then.  
 Lay it at the al - tar now.



4 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to



give?      Lives we will live.

Text: Ray Makeever

Music: LET US ENTER IN: OFFERTORY, Ray Makeever

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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

Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. *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.

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.*

**(9:30)**

**For the Beauty of the Earth  
The Emmanuel Choir**

**John Rutter**

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies. For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies, over and around us lies. Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of the hour, of the day and of the night. Hill and vale, and tree and flower; sun and moon and stars of light, sun and moon and stars of light. Lord of all to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise. For the joy of human love: brother, sister, parent, child. Friends on earth, and friends above. For all gentle thoughts and mild, for all gentle thoughts and mild. Lord of all to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise. For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven, flowers of earth and buds of heaven. Lord of all to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.*

**(11:00)**

**Count Your Blessings  
Steve Esala, soloist**

**Ken Bible**

*When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, when you are discouraged, thinking all is lost. Count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done. Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your blessings, see what God hath done. Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your many blessings, see what God hath done. Are you ever*

*burdened with a load of care? Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear? Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly, and you will be singing as the days go by. Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your blessings, see what God hath done. Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your many blessings, see what God hath done. So amid the conflict whether great or small, do not be discouraged, God is over all. Count your many blessings, angels will attend, help and comfort give you to your journey's end. Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your blessings, see what God hath done. Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.*

*The assembly stands.*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of all creation,  
all you have made is good,  
and your love endures forever.

You bring forth bread from the earth  
and fruit from the vine.

Nourish us with these gifts,  
that we might be for the world  
signs of your gracious presence  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

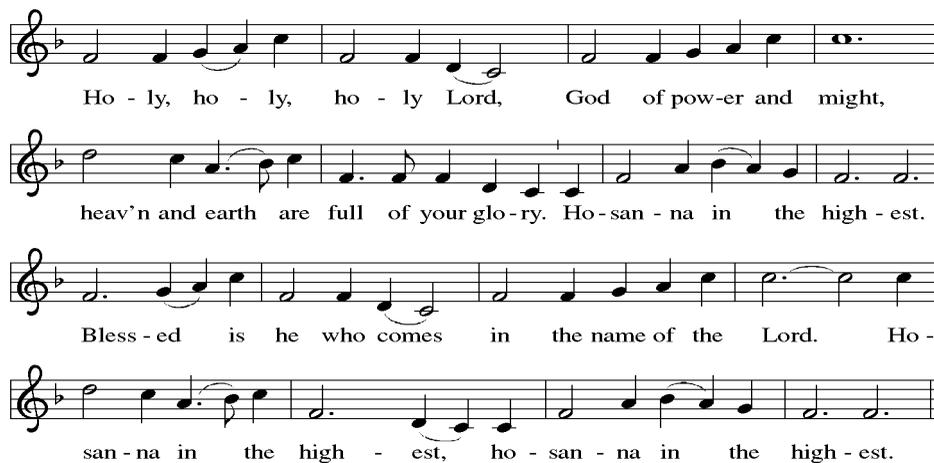
#### **PREFACE**

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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;

in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
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-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 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.**

*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.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world! Blessed are all who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

*The assembly may be seated.*

## COMMUNION

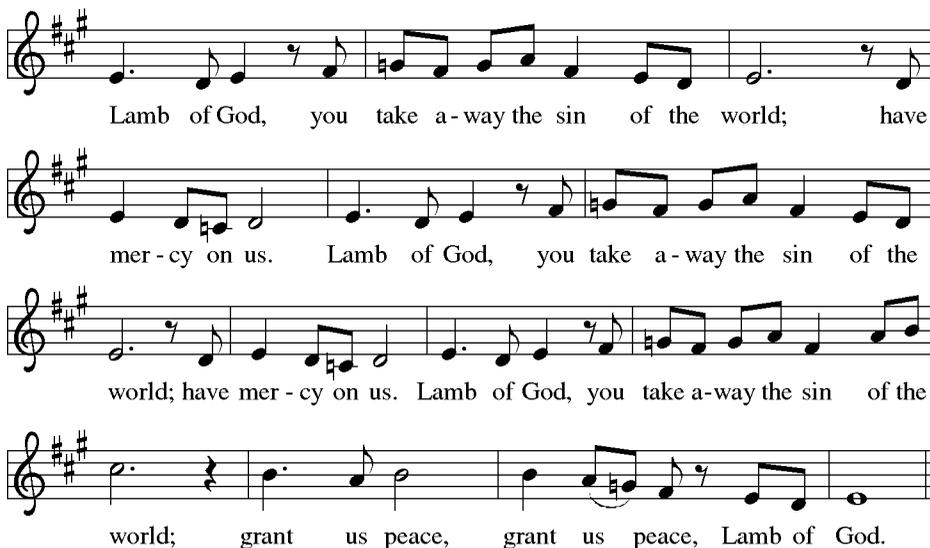
***When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say***

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.

## ASSEMBLY HYMNS:

<i>One Bread, One Body</i>	ELW 496
<i>Day by Day</i>	ELW 790
<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	ELW 638

*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.

Lord, it is good for us to be here,  
for we have tasted your glory in this holy meal.  
Continue your goodness as we go out from here.  
Open our eyes to see your face shining in every person,  
and send us to be your servants in every place,  
for you are the life and light of all,  
both now and forever.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

May the God of glory dwell in you richly,  
name you beloved,  
and shine brightly on your path;  
and the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*We All Are One in Mission (tune: The Church's One Foundation)*

- 1 We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission  
compels us from above  
to plan and work together  
that all may know Christ's love.
- 2 We all are called to service,  
to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different;  
our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others  
with God's surprising grace,  
so ev'ry folk and nation  
may feel God's warm embrace.
- 3 Now let us be united,  
and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel  
for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is your light.  
Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*Gaudeamus (Let Us Rejoice)*

Romberg



### ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

The Emmanuel Choir will be singing the beloved John Rutter anthem, *For the Beauty of the Earth*, at the 9:30 worship service today. This song has the same lyrics as our hymn in the ELW, but with a very ethereal melody.

Steve Esala will be singing at the 11:00 service today. Steve sings in the Everglades Barbershop Chorus, and also is a member of the Emmanuel Church Council. He serves as Regional Director for Thrivent Financial Services as well.

Many thanks to the Emmanuel Choir and to Steve for sharing their musical talents with us today!

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

### 9:30 Service

Greeters: *Dan & Amy Lyberg*

Assisting Minister: *Cheryl Carlson*

Lector: *Sharon Thoemke*

Acolyte: *Gussie Paulson*

Ushers: *Hal & Barbara Linnerud, Peter & Pat Shaulis*

Altar Guild: *Bruce & Cheryl Carlson*

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

### 11:00 Service

Greeters: *Bruce & Kay Philp*

Assisting Minister: *Rick Boe*

Lector: *Carol Hartman*

Acolyte: *Maridee Boe*

Ushers: *Donna Rhode, Tom & Karen Palmer, Hal Williams*

Altar Guild: *Jamie Hickman*

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



*Today  
in Worship*



*The flowers that beautify our altar today are given by Carolyn and Richard Faust in honor of Zack Faust. And, Linda Knutson, who thanks God for the blessing of Family.*