

*Sunday, May 24, 2020
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Emmanuel Lutheran Church*

May 24, 2020 • 9:30 A.M. Service

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our work in service to God and to one another. Our readings from Genesis remind us that our callings, our vocation, involves the total orientation of our lives and work in terms of God's ultimate sense of mission.

PRELUDE

O God Beyond All Praising

Holst / arr. Behnke

MEDITATIVE MOMENT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITARIAN CHIMES

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are raised with him to new life.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning you created us in your image
and planted us in a well-watered garden.
In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,
and you gave us water from the rock.
When we did not know the way,
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.
We praise you for your salvation through water,
for the water in this font,
and for all water everywhere.
Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.
Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Crown Him with Many Crowns* *(Verses 1, 4)* **ELW 855**

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:26-28

What were we made for? This reading clarifies why God made humankind. How so? By highlighting the importance of the phrase "so that." These words tell us that when God created us, he created us for a purpose – to do the work of ruling.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Genesis 2:4b-8, 15, 18-19

How are we able to fulfill our vocation? Here we are told that the LORD God breathed into the first human being's nostrils the breath of life. The world and our lives have meaning – everything has a direction and a direction that can be understood, a direction that was implanted in it by God at creation.

The word of the Lord.

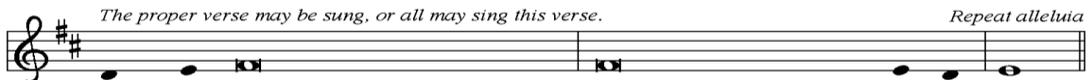
Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



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

Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glo - ri fy you.
(John 17: 1b)

GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor William Kittinger

HYMN OF THE DAY:

O Christ, When You Ascended

(tune: Lead On, O King Eternal)

- 1 - O Christ, when you ascended, you took your rightful throne;
Your time on earth had ended — yet we weren't left alone.
You reign o'er earth and heaven; your Spirit guides our way.
Your prayers uphold your people; you lead your church each day.
- 2 - One day, O Lord, we'll know you, as we are fully known;
One day this world of sinners will bow before your throne.
One day, God's whole creation will sing and praise your name;
On earth as now in heaven, we'll celebrate your reign.

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NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *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 response: "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.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

OFFERTORY

Christ Is Enough

Hillsong / The Alive Band

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration,
but you make of them an abundance,
just as you do with our lives.

Feed us again at this table

for service in your name,

in the strength of the risen Christ.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION (CONTINUING REFLECTION)

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.

CLOSING PRAYER

Life-giving God,
you have fed us with your word,
and our hearts burn within us.
Continue to open us up to your presence,
And send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG:

Blessing, Honor, and Glory

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DISMISSAL

Christ is risen, just as he said.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Soler