

*Sunday, August 23, 2020*  
*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Emmanuel Lutheran Church*

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**August 23, 2020 • 9:30 A.M. Service**

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**WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**INTRODUCTION**

*In Isaiah the people are bid to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world, but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ.*

**PRELUDE**

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

arr. Dew

**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.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**GATHERING SONG:**

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

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

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God from which nothing can separate us,  
and the life-giving Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1–6**

*Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 12:1–8**

*In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

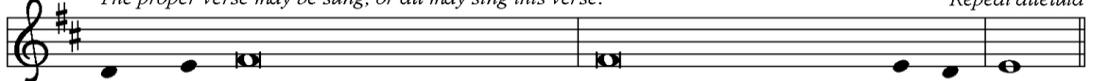
*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**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*



You are the Mes - siah, the Son of the Liv - ing God.  
(Matt. 16:16)

**GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13–20**

*At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Resident Pastor Lois Sorenson**

*A time for reflection follows the sermon.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**                      *Built on a Rock (Verses 1, 2)*                      **ELW 652**

**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,**



## 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

***Jesus, Messiah***

**Jamie Searles, Leader of the Alive Band, soloist**

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth,  
all creation is yours,  
and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Water and word, wine and bread:  
these are signs of your abundant grace.  
Your word has nourished us today through  
the gifts of song, scripture, prayer, and proclamation,  
through Jesus Christ, our strength and our salvation..

**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.**

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Let us pray.  
Life-giving God,  
you have fed us with your word.  
Continue to open us up to your presence,  
and send us forth into mission in your name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.  
God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:**                    *Built on a Rock (Verses 3, 5)*

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### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*The Solid Rock*

**Bradbury/arr. McDonald**

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