

*Sunday, August 30, 2020*  
*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Emmanuel Lutheran Church*

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

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**WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**INTRODUCTION**

*The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering, yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship, we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.*

**PRELUDE**

*All Glory Be to God on High*

**J.S. Bach**

**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:**

*Let Streams of Living Justice*

**ELW 710**

**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, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15–21**

*Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words: "I am with you."*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 12:9–21**

*Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.*

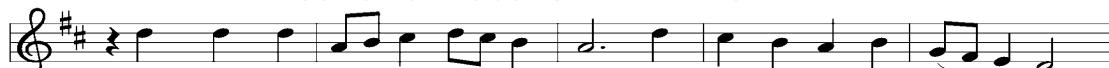
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**GOD'S WORD IS OUR GREAT HERITAGE**



God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;



to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.



Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while



time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925, alt.  
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21–28**

*After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**Pastor Steven Wigdahl**

*A time for reflection follows the sermon.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**                    *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

**ELW 808**

## **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.



## OFFERING

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

## OFFERTORY

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus / I Will Follow*

**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.

Nourish us through these gifts,  
that we might proclaim your steadfast love  
in our communities and in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

**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:**                    *O Jesus, I Have Promised (Verses 1, 2, 4)*

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*I Love Your Kingdom, Lord*

**arr. Karen**

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