



*Sunday, September 6, 2020*  
*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Holy Communion*

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**September 6, 2020 • 9:30 A.M. Service**

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**WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**INTRODUCTION**

*Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.*

**PRELUDE**

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

*Friedell / arr. Hughes*

**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.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**GATHERING SONG:**

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven (Verses 1, 3, 4)*

**ELW 864**

**GREETING**

Grace and peace from our God and Father,  
hope in our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the consolation of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Matthew 18: 10-14**

*Jesus' parable of the lost sheep makes the point that the Father's will is that not one of the "little ones" be lost to the kingdom.*

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

**SECOND READING: Matthew 18: 15-20**

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

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

**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*

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there a- mong them.  
*(Matt. 18:20)*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-22**

*Jesus makes the point directly that the exercise of forgiveness in the disciple community is to be extravagant and without limits.*

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

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

**SERMON**

**Pastor Rick Bliese**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* (Verses 1, 3, 5) **ELW 779**

## 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

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

### **Congregation refrain: "Hear Our Prayer"**

We bring to you, Christ, members and friends of Emmanuel who need your healing touch.



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.

Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

### **Congregation 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.*

## 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

**Speak, O Lord**

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

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.

Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,

nourish us with this rich food and drink,

and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,  
through the bread of life, 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;  
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



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**

Come to the banquet table  
where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

### **COMMUNION**

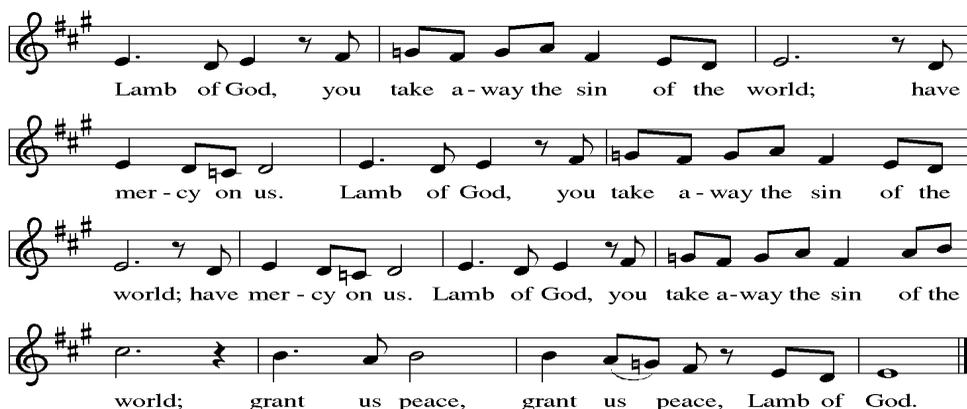
*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers in the sanctuary and at home will say*

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond Amen.*

*Jesus Christ is the host of this Holy Communion, in which we celebrate the Real Presence of Our Lord among us. Jesus' presence is in the sanctuary. Jesus' presence is also real in your home. Please have bread and wine available and ready (or juice). All the baptized are welcome to participate this morning in their homes during the livestream worship. Follow the presiding pastor for instructions.*



## 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.

*(Parents are encouraged to bless their children at this time. Follow the instructions from the Presiding Minister).*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,  
the body and blood of Christ.

Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,  
into your beloved vineyard  
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,  
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ  
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

Mothering God,  
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

***Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace*** (tune: *Jesus Shall Reign*)

1---Lord of all nations, grant me grace  
to love all people, ev'ry race,  
And in each person may I see  
my kindred, loved, redeemed by thee.

2--Break down the wall that would divide  
thy children, Lord, on ev'ry side.  
My neighbor's good let me pursue;  
let Christian love bind warm and true.

3--Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred  
by loveless act and thoughtless word.  
Make me to see the wrong I do  
will crucify my Lord anew.

4--With thine own love may I be filled  
and by thy Holy Spirit willed,  
That all I touch, where'er I be,  
may be divinely touched by thee.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

***Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee***

***arr. Behnke***

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