



Sunday, September 27, 2020
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Emmanuel Lutheran Church

September 27, 2020 • 9:30 A.M. Service

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

PRELUDE

Love Divine, All Love Excelling

**HYFRYDOL/arr. Carl Schalk
Jeanne Card, Guest Organist**

MEDITATIVE MOMENT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITARIAN CHIMES

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: *Dearest Jesus, at Your Word (Verses 1, 2, 4)*

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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.
God of love, giver of life,
you know our frailties and failings.
Give us your grace to overcome them,
keep us from those things that harm us,

and guide us in the way of salvation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1–13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23–32

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-first chapter:

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Resident Pastor Lois Sorensen

A time for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (Verses 1, 3)*

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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.*

Congregational refrain: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Specific prayers are offered, including prayers for members and friends of Emmanuel.

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

Congregational refrain: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

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.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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

You have set before us all the gifts of your good creation.

Prepare us for your heavenly banquet each time we gather around your table,

whether in-person or through technology;

send us from our kitchen tables and forth to mission tables

that nourish a suffering world,

through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

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

SENDING SONG: *O Savior, Precious Savior (Verses 1, 2)*

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Look, Ye Saints

**Thomas Chesterton
arr. William Owen**

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