



*Sunday, July 4, 2021*  
*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Holy Communion*

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July 4, 2021 • 9:00 a.m. Service

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**WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**INTRODUCTION**

*Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the “between”: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.*

**PRELUDE**

*America the Beautiful Medley*      Katherine L. Bates/Samuel A. Ward  
Sung at Emmanuel’s worship on June 30, 2019      Jan Parmelee, soloist

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TRINITARIAN CHIMES**

*The assembly stands.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**GATHERING SONG:**

*This Is My Song*

ELW 887

**GREETING**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.  
God of the covenant,  
in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom.

Give us the courage you gave the apostles,  
that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace  
in every circumstance of life,  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1–5**

*In 597 B.C., the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2–10**

*Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (SUNG)**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL: Mark 6:1–13**

*At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.*

The holy gospel according to Mark, the sixth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Rick Bliese**

*A moment of silent meditation follows the sermon.*

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***Lord, You Give the Great Commission (Verses 1 & 5)***

**ELW 579**

**THE 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** (*You may take your preferred posture of prayer*).

Let us come before the triune God in prayer. *Lord, in your mercy, 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.*

*The assembly is seated.*

**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**

***Eternal Father, Strong to Save***  
**Steve Esala, soloist**

**William Whiting/Henry Dykes**

*The assembly stands.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.

Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.

Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.

**Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**DIALOGUE (SUNG)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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 (SUNG)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## **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.

*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.*

## **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**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!

#### **COMMUNION**

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion assistants 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.

*The assembly stands.*

#### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.  
Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.  
**Amen.**



## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

***Before You, Lord, We Bow (Verses 1-3)***

**ELW 893**

*(Text is written by Francis Scott Key, composer of the National Anthem)*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

***Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory***

**Howe/arr. Dew**

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