



*Sunday, July 18, 2021*  
*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Holy Communion*

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*July 18, 2021 • 9:00 a.m. Service*

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**WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**INTRODUCTION**

*Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.*

**PRELUDE**

*Sheep May Safely Graze*

**J. S. Bach**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TRINITARIAN CHIMES**

*The assembly stands.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**GATHERING SONG:**

*The Church's One Foundation* (Verses 1, 2,5)

**ELW 654**

**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.  
O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

*Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the “flock” of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David’s line to save Israel and Judah.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

*The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God’s chosen people. Through Jesus’ death, however, they are included in God’s household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (SUNG)



### GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

*When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ’s desire to be among those in need.*

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.*

*A moment of silent meditation follows the sermon.*

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***Have No Fear, Little Flock***

**ELW 764**

**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).*

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**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**

***Gentle Shepherd***  
**Jan Gazdic and Denise Larson, duettists**

**Gaither**

*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.

## **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.**

*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.*

## 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.**

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* (Verses 1, 4)

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**



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