

The Gathering

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021



Please remember to place your offering for the work of the Lord at Emanuel in the offering plate as you leave.

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Vision Statement

Emanuel Lutheran Church is a united and growing family of Christians joyfully dedicated to furthering God's Kingdom.

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FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY (*We ask guests to please include your address, zip code and phone number so that we may acknowledge your visit.*)

AS WE GATHER ~ God's people are called to live each hour of the day following the example set by Jesus. Many Christian people find opportunity for personal devotion at the beginning of the day or as the day draws to its close. Yet all day long there are occasions for praying, praising, and giving thanks. In the formal worship sequence observed in structured Christian communities such as monasteries, a noontime service called Sext, named for noon—the sixth hour of the day, provided a midpoint for a day filled with devotion. The psalmist affirms that every hour is a good hour to bless the Lord, writing: “My tongue shall tell of Your righteousness and of Your praise all the day long” (Psalm 35:28).

PRE-SERVICE PRAISE *Seek Ye First*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.**

**Man shall not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, Alleluia.**

WELCOME/SHARING OF THE PEACE

OPENING SONG *Take My Life*

**Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee;
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love,
At the impulse of Thy love.**

**Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King,
Always, only for my King.**

**Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee;
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold,
Not a mite would I withhold.**

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**Take my love, my God, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

(Psalm 123:1, 3a; 124:8; 126:3)

Pastor: To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens!

People: **Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: **The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.**

Pastor: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.

People: **We now confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have been careless in our devotion and have not always honored those in authority over us. We have done violence to others in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We have taken what is not ours and have spoken that which is not helpful or true. We have wished for that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. We pray God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

INTROIT

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments!

(Psalm 112:1)

Pastor: Wealth and riches are in his house,
People: and his righteousness endures forever.

Pastor: Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
People: he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

Pastor: It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;
People: who conducts his affairs with justice.

Pastor: For the righteous will never be moved;
People: he will be remembered forever. (Psalm 112:3-6)

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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SONG OF PRAISE*Find Us Faithful*

**We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road
 And those who've gone before us line the way,
 Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary,
 Their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace.**

**Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
 Let us run the race not only for the prize
 But as those who've gone before us, let us leave to those behind us
 The heritage of faithfulness passed on through godly lives.**

Chorus: **Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful.
 May the fire of our devotion light their way.
 May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe,
 And the lives we live inspire them to obey.
 Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful.**

**After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone,
 And our children sift through all we've left behind,
 May the clues that they discover and the memories they uncover
 Become the light that leads them to the road we each must find.**

*Chorus***SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
 Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING**Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 (ESV)**

⁶Seek the Lord and live,
 lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph,
 and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel,
⁷O you who turn justice to wormwood
 and cast down righteousness to the earth! . . .

¹⁰They hate him who reproves in the gate,
 and they abhor him who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
 and you exact taxes of grain from him,
 you have built houses of hewn stone,
 but you shall not dwell in them;
 you have planted pleasant vineyards,
 but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions
 and how great are your sins—
 you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
 and turn aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time,
 for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good, and not evil,
 that you may live;
 and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
 as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil, and love good,
 and establish justice in the gate;
 it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
 will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

EPISTLE READING**Hebrews 3:12-19 (ESV)**

¹²Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

¹⁶For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

ANCIENT WORDS

**God’s ancient words ever true changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts oh, let His ancient words impart.**

GOSPEL LESSON**Mark 10:17-22 (ESV)**

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” ²¹And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²²Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

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SONG OF THE DAY***Make Me a Servant***

**Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today. Repeat**

MESSAGE***The Chase*****STATEMENT OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY**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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG***Let the River Flow***

**Let the poor man say, "I am rich in Him,"
Let the lost man say, "I am found in Him," and let the river flow;
Let the blind man say, "I can see again,"
Let the dead man say, "I am born again," and let the river flow, let the river flow.**

Chorus: **Let the river flow, let the river flow;
 Holy Spirit, come, move in power.
 Let the river flow, let the river flow;
 Holy Spirit, come move in power.
 Let the river flow, let the river flow, let the river flow.**