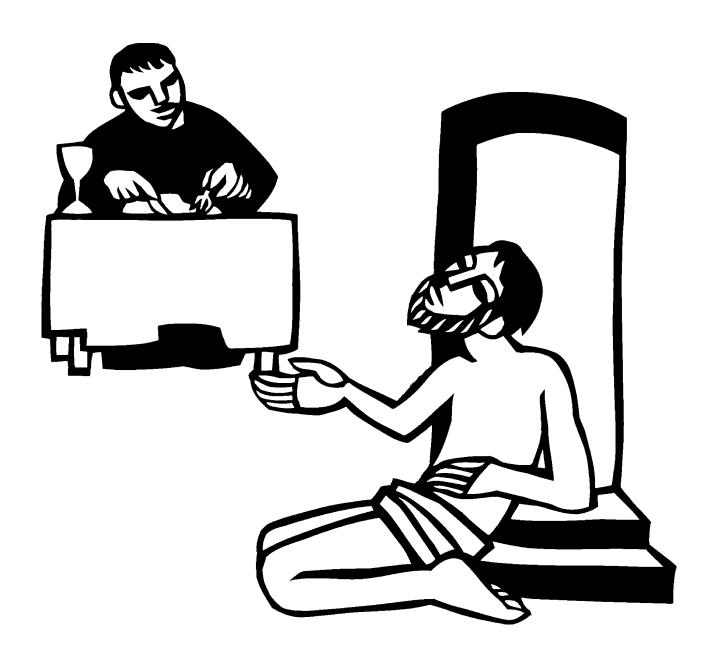
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Worship Service Emmanuel Lutheran Church

> 10:15 AM, Sanctuary September 28, 2025

Visitors & Saints of Emmanuel:

Welcome! You'll find announcements, contact information, and more on the back of this bulletin. If you'd like to speak with Pastor Justin and/or request prayer, let him know and/or fill out a Card and place it in the offering.

The liturgy (our worship service) comes from Scripture. The whole service is ordered and designed to use God's Word to bring praise and thanks and glory to God. The earliest Christian churches gathered to pray, to hear teaching, and to partake in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion.

All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God, believe in the real presence of Jesus in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion, and are repentant of their sins are welcome at the Lord's Table.

A Message on this Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead."

We will hear this morning the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, who both die, but who do not end up in the same place in the life to come. Lazarus, the poor beggar, goes to a place of refreshment. The rich man, who refused to help Lazarus in his lifetime, goes to a place of torment. The rich man, seeing that there is now nothing that he can do to change his fate, turns his attention to his family: "Send Lazarus to my brothers to warn them!" As Father Abraham reveals, this will do no good. They will not listen to Lazarus; they will not even listen *if someone should rise from the dead*.

The message of this parable is shocking, although clear: if we do not listen to God's Word in this life, neither will we listen to someone who comes to us from the next life. But this gives also great comfort; what each of us hears in this life is enough to turn to God. We need only heed the warnings that we are given, and respond in faith to our Lord.

Almighty God, let us take your Word to heart. Bless us with faith, with courage, and with generosity, that we may not withhold that which you have given us from those who have, in the name of our Lord Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, Amen.

+ Pastor Justin Baker

+ Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Two +

Prelude

VIOLIN & ORGAN

Abide With Me

Setting Benjamin Culli, 1975

Invocation & Order of Confession

- In the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence follows for confession.

- P Most merciful God,
- We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen
- P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Processional Hymn | Gather Us In Verses 1-3

WOV 718



- 1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys t'ry,
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter,
- 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con fin ing,

now is the dark - ness we are the old who here we will take the

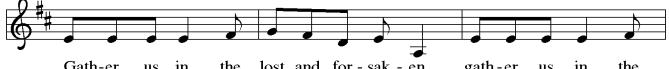
ng, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; yearn for your face; bread of new birth, light years a - waysee in this space our fears and our dream-ings we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters, here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



called be light to the whole hu man race. to the earth. call us a - new to be salt for the king - dom, and the day. now is now is



Gath-er in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er in, the us us Gath-er the rich and the haugh-ty, the us in, gath-er in, us Give us the wine of com-pas-sion, the to drink give us eat to for - ev - er, Gath-er and hold us us in gath-er in and



blind and the lame; proud and the strong; bread that is you; make us your own;

of

love

fire . .

call to us now, and give us a heart, so nour-ish us well, and gath-er us in, all

we shall a - wak - en, meek and so low - ly, teach us to fash - ion peo - ples to - geth - er,

bone.



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Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **C** And also with you.





Salutation & Prayer of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- **P** Let us pray,
- God of love, 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

A reading from Amos, beginning with the sixth chapter.

- ¹"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria.
- ⁴ "Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches,

and eat lambs from the flock

and calves from the midst of the stall,

⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,

⁶ who drink wine in bowls

and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

- ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."
- **A** The Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146 (congregation responds with the bold text)

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

- ²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- ³Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
- ⁴When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.
- ⁵Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,
- ⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;
- who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

- the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
 The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
 the LORD loves the righteous.
- ⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
- ¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

The Second Lesson

1 Timothy 6:6-19

A reading from First Timothy, beginning with the sixth chapter.

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many

pangs. 11 But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴ to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

- **A** The Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

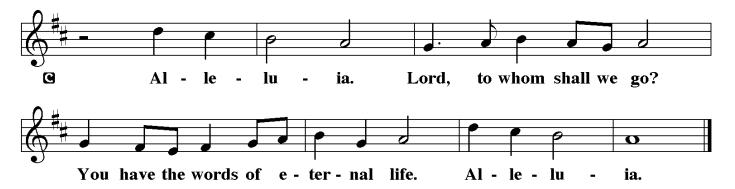
Children's Sermon

P Luke records this about Jesus with the children:

¹⁵ Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶ But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." – Luke 18

All little ones – and any others – are invited forward for a message and for prayer.

When the children's sermon is concluded, the people stand for the Holy Gospel.



The Holy Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

- P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 16th chapter.
- **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. 24 And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' 25 But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' 27 And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— 28 for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' 29 But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' 30 And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will

repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

- **P** The Gospel of our Lord.
- **Q** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon	Pastor Justin Baker	
A large print copy of this sermon is available from the ushers.		

Hymn of the Day | O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

ELW 241



Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676; tr. composite Music: WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGEN, Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

The Apostles' Creed

- People of God, in whom do you believe?
- I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

The Prayers

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous." Lord God, lift us up, as we bow before you in prayer:

A brief silence is kept.

A Thank you for always listening to us. Always give us faith to help us hear you. We thank you for these ways you have heard us and graciously answered us: *A pause is kept that thanksgiving for answered prayers may be offered*.

Lord, in your mercy,

© hear our prayer.

A Give faithfulness to theologians and seminarians. Raise up new pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. Keep watch over all missionaries and evangelists. Pour out your favor upon this congregation. We pray for the North American Lutheran Church, for area congregations, for First Lutheran Church of Washington, PA, and for the Reverend Robert Grewe. Lord, in your mercy,

© hear our prayer.

Me pray for the persecuted church, especially in Nigeria, Pakistan, and North Korea. Bless also those mission workers whom we have come to know together with their families: the Rev. Dan Omar, the Rev. Thomas Thorstad, Dure Negassa, and the Rev. Dagaga Gemachu. Strengthen Christians and make new Christians through their ministries. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Me pray for our country, and for her elected and appointed leaders. Heal the suspicion, division, and hatred that weakens and fractures us. Bless everyone who works to restore integrity, common sense, and justice. Make our leaders good and honest stewards of the power and authority granted to them, for they must give an account of their stewardship to you. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Me lift up before you those whom we know are in need of your healing, your comfort, your presence, and our prayers, especially:

Bob Jordan, Steve Cehovin, Jim Troxell, David Weihe, Linda Casper, Vince Berardinelli, George & Donna Campagna, Gary Kral, Mary Lou McDonald, Gayle Wertz, June Ugen, Debbie Pritts, Dick & Sandy Lester, Lori, Aurelia, Rachael, Adam, Aria, Ray, Jeff, David, Cathy, Leila, Grace, Darin, Alice, Keith, Victoria, Zachary, Kevin, Levi, Mervin, Shawn, Lynn, Ginny, Roger, Betty, Zac, Les, Kenny, Gary, Linda, Michael, Missy, Jim, Bonnie, Tony, Sarah, Denise, Harry, Millicent, Stephanie, and Ruthie.

We also lift up the names of those for whom we now pray, silently or aloud. A pause is kept that other names and supplications may be offered.

Pour out your Spirit upon them, that they may be granted the faith to endure. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Most Blessed and Holy God, we implore you to remember *the family of Rob Greenleaf* and *the family of Don*. Fill all families who mourn with the strength to grieve, the comfort of your presence, and faith unto life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

P Fill this congregation with the faith that endures unto life eternal. Make us one people united in prayer. Send families, children, widows & widowers, the elderly, and any others into our midst, that they may also be filled with faith, encourage this congregation, and bring honor and glory and praise to your name. Lord, in your mercy,

© hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia. (Phil. 2:10–11)

The Peace

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **And also with you.**

The assembly makes peace with one another.

Special Offering In September

Our special offering to support our mission workers (the Omars, Dure Negassa and her partners, and the Thorstads) concluded yesterday. As of Sunday, September 21st, we raised \$6176.50, greatly exceeding our original goal. Thank you for your generous giving!

Offertory

Take My Life and Let It Be

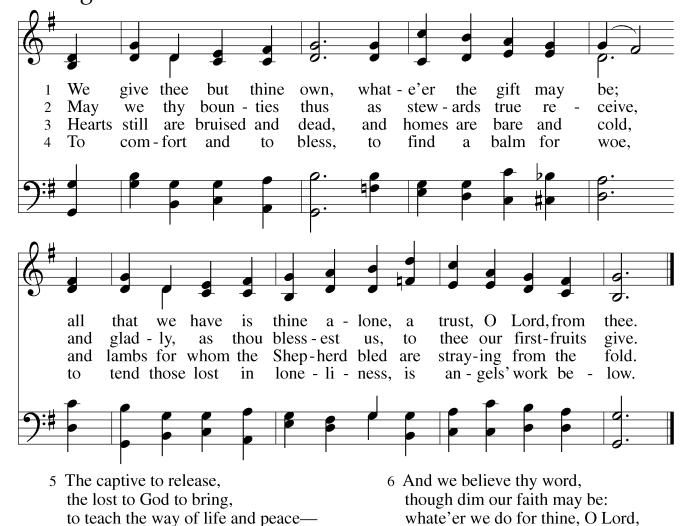
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Prayer for the Laying on of Hands

Anyone who desires healing for the sick through the anointing of oil may request this from Pastor Justin. This may be done during Holy Communion or immediately following the service.

Offering of Praise | We Give Thee But Thine Own

LBW 410



Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, Mason and Webb, Cantica Lauda, 1850

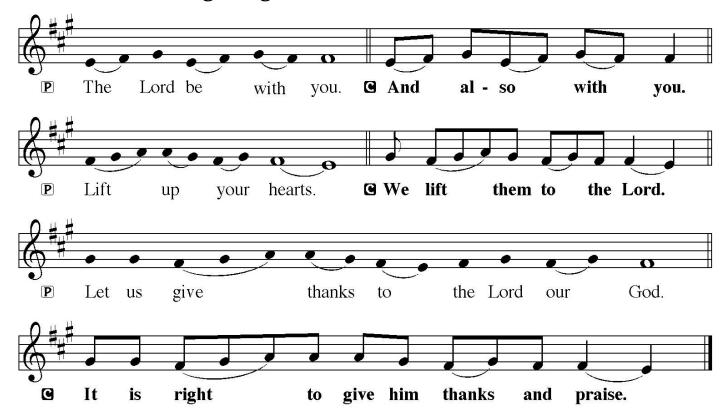
it is a Christlike thing.

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given usourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

we do it unto thee.

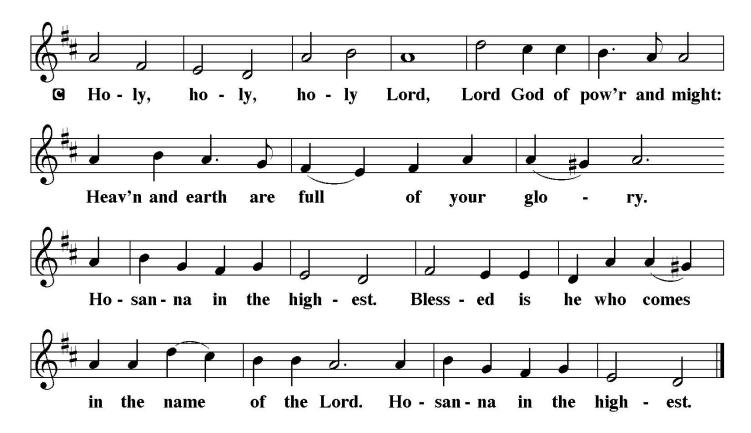
The Great Thanksgiving



Preface for Sundays after Pentecost

- P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord;
 - 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus



Eucharistic Canon

P Wondrous are your deeds, gracious Father, and mighty are your acts.

You fashioned all of life and created mankind in your image.

Though we had fallen into fear and despair, you did not abandon us, but sent your Son, our Lord Jesus, born of woman, to take human tribulation to the cross, thereby redeeming us and claiming us as your own, bringing to us holy comfort and joy.

This same Lord Jesus, on the night of His betrayal, took bread; when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said:

Take and eat, for this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for my remembrance.

When supper had ended, He took the cup; when He had given thanks, He gave it to them and said:

All of you, drink of this, for this cup is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this for my remembrance.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

- **©** Christ has died.
 - Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

- As we now celebrate our Lord's presence, send your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon this Bread of Life and this Cup of Salvation, that we who receive our Lord's true body and blood in this holy communion may be filled with the peace of sins forgiven, and the promise of life and salvation.
- Through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

 Amen
- P As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now boldly pray:
- Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

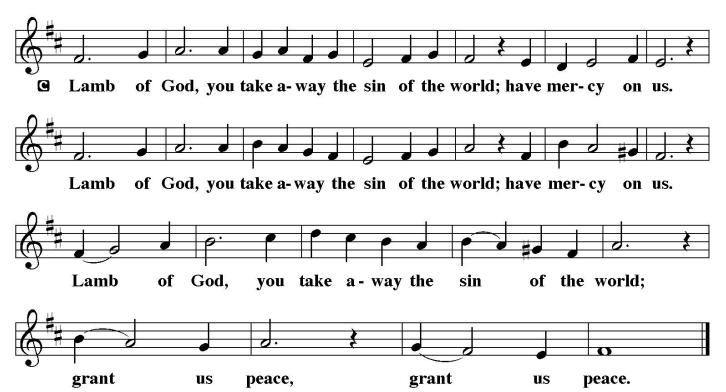
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

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

The Breaking of the Bread & Agnus Dei

- P Our Lord Jesus says, "Whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."
- **G** Lord, give us this bread always.



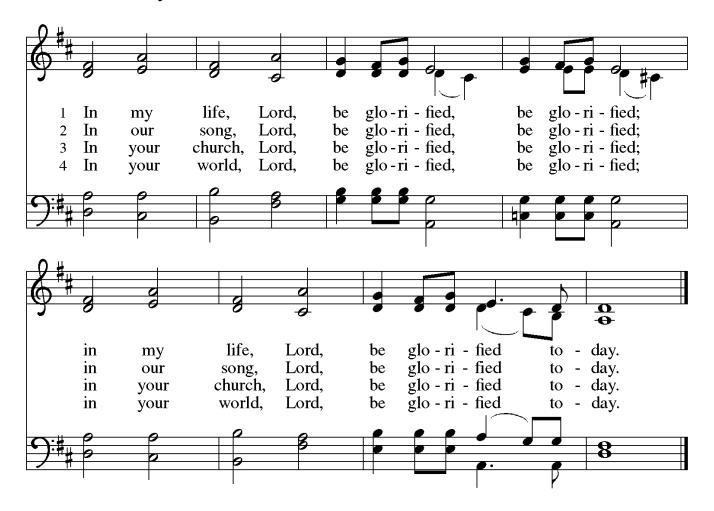
Our Practice of Holy Communion

St. Paul writes: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:27–28, ESV)

Not one of us is worthy *on our own merit* to receive our Lord Jesus. Nevertheless, he bids us to come to him all the same (Matthew 11:28-30). And so, trusting his great mercy, anyone may come to him in faith, having examined oneself according to this confession:

All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God, believe in the real presence of Jesus in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion, and are repentant of their sins are welcome at the Lord's Table.

All others may come forward for a blessing, signaling this by crossing your arms over your chest.



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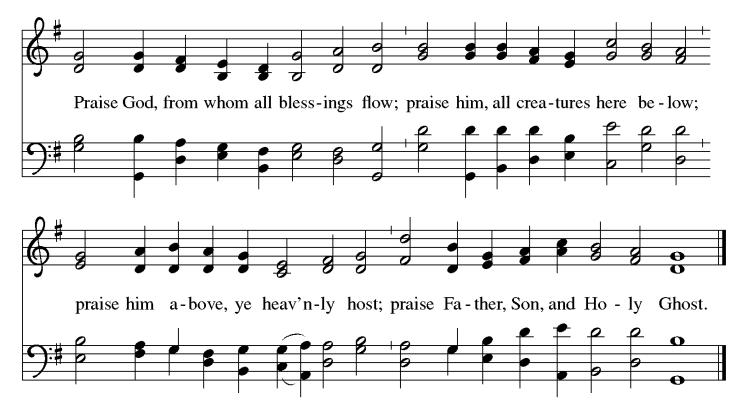
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Post-Communion Blessing & Doxology

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen



Post-Communion Prayer and Benediction

Let us pray. O God of steadfast love, in this meal you have nourished us with your Word and Sacrament. Strengthen us to live in faithful love and joyful service in all our relationships. Renew all homes and households in your grace, that they may reflect the communion we share in Christ our Lord.

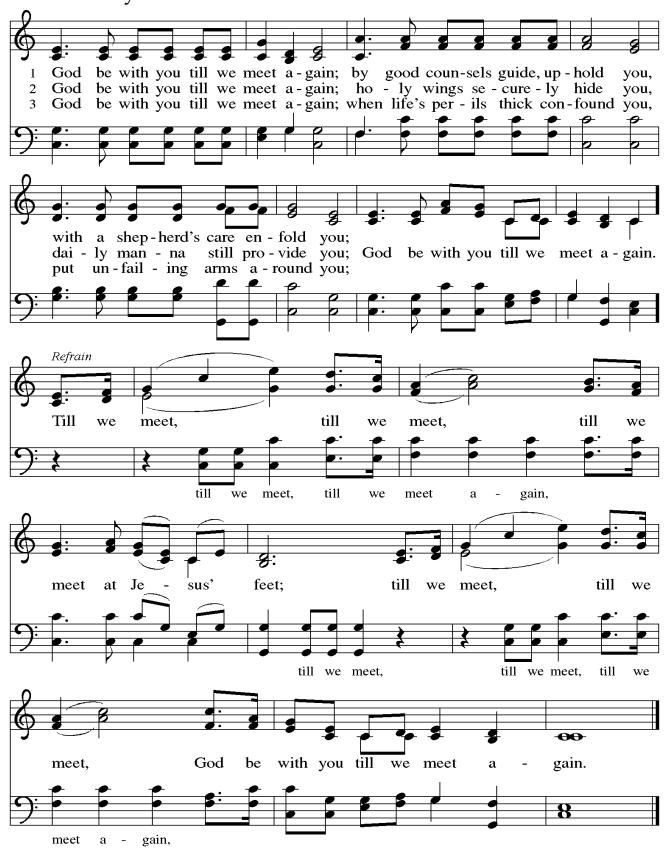
C Amen

P 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, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Recessional Hymn | God Be With You

LBW 145



Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904 Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

Dismissal

- A Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God; rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- **Q** Amen. Let us go forth in this way

Postlude ORGAN

Rondeau Jean-Joseph Mouret 1682-1738

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The Altar Flowers are Given In Honor of my Parents' Wedding Anniversary (Vince & Donna Berardinelli)

~ Dana Sadler

Thank you to John Giansante for the violin music today!

LITURGICAL	The Sixteenth	The Seventeenth	The Eighteenth
DAY	Sunday after	Sunday after	Sunday after
DAI	Pentecost	Pentecost	Pentecost
DATE	9/28/2025	10/5/2025	10/12/2025
	10:15AM	10:15AM	10:15AM
ORGANIST	Homer Adams	Homer Adams	Homer Adams
DACTOD	Pastor Justin	Pastor Justin	Pastor Justin
PASTOR	Baker	Baker	Baker
ASSISTING	Elizabeth &		
MINISTERS	Lisa Yothers		
COUNTER TEAM	Danette Hunter	MaryAnn Sinwell	Mary Ann Sinyyall
	& Lisa Yothers	& Kathy	MaryAnn Sinwell & Scott Gustafson
		Gustafson	& Scott Gustaison
GREETERS	The Bakers	Dave & Mary	James & Janet
		Whipkey	Troxell
	Mack & Karen	Dave and Mary	Dave and Mary
USHERS	Flood &	Whipkey &	Whipkey &
	Serenity Wee	Serenity Wee	Serenity Wee
ACOLYTE	Hannah		
ACOLITE	Yothers		
CRUCIFER	Matthew		
	Yothers		
ALTAR GUILD	Dan & Danette	Dan & Danette	Donna
	Hunter	Hunter	Berardinelli &
	Truffici	Humen	Jeanne Yargar
ALTAR	Dana Sadler	Ross and Lisa	The Weigold
FLOWERS	Daria Jaurei	Nese	Family
COMMUNION	Karla Gustafson	Karla Gustafson	Angela Held
BREAD BAKERS	Karia Gustaisoit	Rana Gustaison	I migera i icia

This Week at Emmanuel

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Announcements:

- Oktoberfeast September 27 11 AM-2 PM: Signup in the Narthex!

- Mission District Convocation October 18 9AM-3PM: Signup in the Narthex!

Sunday, Sept 28	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Sunday School Worship on the Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost	Luther Hall Sanctuary
Monday, Sept 29	1:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Acts Bible Study Acts Bible Study AA Start The Week	Luther Hall Music Room Luther Hall
Tuesday, Sept 30	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Bell Choir Subset Bell Choir Champion Cheerleading	Sanctuary Sanctuary Heritage Hall
Wednesday, Oct 1	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Girl Scouts AA Steps and Stories	Heritage Hall Luther Hall
Thursday, Oct 2	7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Boy Scouts Al-Anon Family	Luther Hall Heritage Hall
Friday, Oct 3 Saturday, Oct 4	6:00 PM	Girl Scouts (2 troops)	Luther and Heritage
Sunday, Oct 5	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Sunday School Worship on the Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost	Luther Hall Sanctuary

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