

Our Mission

“to serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ”
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m.
October 15, 2023

Introduction

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus’ parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

Prelude

Gene Fougner, organist

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” (by Folk Tune/ Carter)

GATHERING

Welcome

P: This is the day that the Lord has made:

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Invocation

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C: Amen.

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin. *Silence for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,

C: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.

We are overwhelmed by the world’s violence and suffering.

We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.

For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.

For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.

For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.

Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;

in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God’s justice stretches beyond all understanding. God’s compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

ELW # 553

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” (vs. 1 & 3)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o’er the shades of night;
Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.

Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thy-self display shining to the perfect day.

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.

Canticle of Praise

“Now the Feast and Celebration”

ELW # 167

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:

C: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children’s Message

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Lorna Paulus & Terri Reid, bell duet

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Second Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God’s peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about

these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the word of eternal life. Alleluia!*

P: The holy gospel according to

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

Pastor Tricia Lowe

“A Grace-filled Invitation”

Hymn of the Day

“Now We Join in Celebration” (vs. 1 & 2)

ELW # 462

Now we join in celebration at our Savior's invitation,
dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us.

Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing
of your loving deed on Cal-v'ry, of your living self, our vic-t'ry,
pledge of your unfailing presence, foretaste here of heav'n-ly gladness.

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.

Prayers of Intercession

L: Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

L: For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land, that all followers of Christ share the mind of Christ and strive to live together in peace, staying firm in the Lord. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: For green pastures and still waters and all the beauty of the natural world, that creation flourishes and humankind lives in right relationship with all you have made. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: For the nations of the world and all who hold positions of authority, that they govern in accordance with God's vision of justice, providing shelter and refuge to all in need, striving toward the goal of peace and prosperity for all. Protect those in war-torn places such as Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine and especially Israel and Palestine. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: For all experiencing valleys of illness and grief, that they be healed and comforted and find rest in the presence of the Good Shepherd who walks beside them. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: For this community of believers, that wherever there is conflict or discord, the love of Christ may keep us united and make us mindful of all that is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, and excellent. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Please take this time to offer any other intercessions, either aloud or in your heart.

L: In thanksgiving for the beloved saints who now rest in your mercy, that their faithful witness guides your church until the day we join them at your heavenly feast. Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, gracious God, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace (*Remember to ask for consent*)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offertory

"As the Grains of Wheat" (all verses)

ELW # 465

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were
gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from
all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love.

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were
gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from
all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when
all creation shares this feast with you.

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were
gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from
all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

Offering Prayer

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving (spoken)

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also, with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy “sing”

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Holy, holy, holy 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.
Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

O God most mighty....

P: Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

C: Amen.

P: Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

C: Amen.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they 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

P: Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

Lamb of God “sing”

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you break the chains of hatred and fear:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love:
gave mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

ELW # 491

"Come, Let Us Eat" (all verses)

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

Our Lord's body let us take to together,
our Lord's body let us take together.

Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.

Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,
in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.

In the presence of our Lord we gather,
in the presence of our Lord we gather.

Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,
rise, then to spread abroad God's mighty word.

Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

P: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

Stewardship

Jim Rebholz

Blessing

P The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. C: Amen.

Sending

ELW # 547

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" (vs.1)

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of Christ's teaching receptive souls
reaching, shall blossom in actions for God and for all.

Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Congregational meeting following worship today. Please sign in, get some refreshments, and return to the sanctuary.

Our prayers and sympathies to the family of Jackie Poling on the death of her grandson on October 6.

SOMEONE IS IN THE CHURCH OFFICE Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. We will be back to regular hours except Wednesdays 9:00 to 1:00 pm. Please check in at the office when you arrive so we know who is in the building.

MISSION OUTREACH – for the month of October is Liberty Traditional School.

Emmanuel has partnered with Liberty School to assist with the needs of the children and teachers for classroom materials.

THRIVENT MEMBER ACTION CARDS ARE NEEDED for the Interfaith Meal. Each member is allocated two \$250.00 cards per year. If you have not used yours this year, please consider supporting the Interfaith Meal or any other of Emmanuel's Ministries.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 10:00 am on Zoom or in person. They are reading Melinda Gates' book, "The Moment of Lift."

CHINO VALLEY BIBLE STUDY – meets Thursdays at 6:30. For more information contact Keith Namock, 1-928-800-1599.

BIBLE STUDY at Lamb's will be the last Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Next meeting is October 31. Call the Lamb's at 928-910-6377 for direction to new address.

WEDNESDAY 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY meets in the Fellowship Hall.

THURSDAY 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY at Rebholz's. Come at 6:30 for dessert.

NEXT INTERFAITH MEAL is October 27. If you would like to help, please give the church office a call. Food Cost are continuing to go up, if you have a Thrivent Action Card you would like to donate, it would be very much appreciated

LUNCH BUNCH – Meets October 31, at 11:30 am. This is a time to meet, a time to get together, a time to share. All are welcome.

GRIEF GROUP – meets October 19 and October 26 at 1:00 p.m.



As a congregation, we pray for God's guidance on our journey of service to our membership, our community, and our world. Pray for Pastor Tricia, the Church Council, and the Ministry Leadership. The church office reviews this list monthly. Please call if your prayer concern is removed earlier than you wish.

Please keep the following in your prayers during this week:

Members

*Ann Theobald
Bob Long
Bruce & Karen Lamb
Carole Rebholz
Cheryl & Kevin Miller*

*Hal Vogelaar
Helen Morton
Inge Scholl
Isabel Benell
Kathy Austin*

*Melissa Embry
Nancy Renner
Ramona Walker
Sally Newcomb
Sue Smith*

*Susan Marker
Susan Mercier
Suzanne Stump
Tracy Hewelt*

Our Family Members in Military and Deployed

Meg Northrup Anne Northrup

Family Members and Friends

*Bill Deffenbaugh – stepfather of Kimberly Goats
Bob Renner – husband of Nancy Renner
Buel McCoy – father of Wendy Woolley
Connie – friend of Helen Morton
Connie Miller & son Trevor – friends of Carl Schulze
Cris & Susie – brother & sister of Clara Farmer
Curt Harris – friend of Kimberly Goats
Doug Bayle – nephew of Phyllis Pohlman
Douglas – son of Inge Scholl
Edie Hales – mother of Cheryl Miller
Ellie – granddaughter of Mary Wakimoto
Franklin Camero – uncle of Wendy Woolley
Glenn – friend of Ann Theobald
Hazel Maldonado – friend of Rosemary Hellene
Hill Barrington – friend of Emmanuel
Jack Gregory – friend of Ellen Rosfeld
Jerry Oium – friends of Jackie Poling
John Wade – husband of Carol Wade*

*Laura Kasper – step daughter of Margaret Damschroder Meyers
Lori St Louis – daughter of Jackie Poling
Marie – Clara Farmer's son's mother-in-law
Marlene Barrington – friend of Emmanuel
Marilyn Boston – cousin of Sue & Tom Smith
Miranda Rebholz – granddaughter of Jim & Carole Rebholz
Olivia Smelser – Nancy Renner
Owen Coffman – friend of JoAnn Hayes
Paul – Kimberly Goats stepdad's brother
Rebecca Myers – friend of Emmanuel
Roger Hersey – father of Leigh Quinn
Rose Streeter – friend of Hal & Mai Vogelaar
Rudy & Lena Juarez – friends of Julie Chisholm
Sam Crifasi – friend of Larry Mahler
Sarah Mulligan – daughter of Carol Wade
Shirley Bowman – wife of Wayne Stithem
Simon – son of Jantell & Darryl Cansler
Wayne Stithem – friend of Emmanuel*

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