

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Prescott Valley, AZ
“to serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ”
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 2020 Contemporary Service

Prelude

Cathy Namock, organist

“Learning to Walk (Aubrey’s Song)”

GATHERING

Gathering Song

Sometimes I think

What will people say of me

When I'm only just a memory

When I'm home where my soul belongs

Was I love

When no one else would show up

Was I Jesus to the least of us

Was my worship more than just a song

“Live Like That”

Am I proof

That You are who You say You are

That grace can really change a heart

Do I live like Your love is true

People pass

And even if they don't know my name

Is there evidence that I've been changed

When they see me do they see You

I wanna live like that

And give it all I have

So that everything I say and do

Points to You

If love is who I am

Then this is where I'll stand

Recklessly abandoned

Never holding back

I wanna live like that

I wanna live like that

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And give it all I have

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Welcome

P: This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

C: Amen!

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Opening Litany and Confession

L: The sinners, the saints; the broken, the whole.

C: We all come seeking the One who offers grace and hope.

L: The doubters, the devout; the wonderers, the wanderers.

C: We all seek to follow the One who works for justice and hope for all of God's people.

L: The hesitant, the heroic; the grandparents, the children.
C: We all listen for the songs of joy creation sings to the One who gives life and peace.
L: Lord, as we gather together, we acknowledge we are a forgiven people.
C: May we, like you, be generous in offering forgiveness to others.
L: You forgive us each and every day for the many ways we fall short of your mercy.
C: Teach us to embody your grace, your love, your mercy and your forgiveness to all those we encounter this day.

Absolution

P: Hear this good news. Our God knows our past and knows where we are headed, knows our weaknesses and our doubts; yet loves us beyond all imagining, all the way to the cross. Because of Christ we are free to love and be loved.

C: Amen.

Opening Song

You're the God of this city
You're the King of these people
You're the Lord of this nation
You are
You're the light in this darkness
You're the hope to the hopeless
You're the peace to the restless
You are
There is no one like our God
There is no one like You God
Greater things have yet to come
And greater things have still to be done, in this city
Greater things have yet to come
And greater things have still to be done here
You're the Lord of creation
The Creator of all things

Greeting

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.

Prayer of the Day

L: O God,

C: you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

“God of This City”

You're the King above all kings
You are
You're the strength in the weakness
You're the love to the broken
You're the joy in the sadness
You are
Greater things have yet to come
And greater things have still to be done
In this city
Where glory shines from hearts alive
With praise for You and love for You
In this city

There is no one like our God
There is no one like our God
There is no one like You God
There is no one like You God

Children's Message

Special Music

Terri Reid, Shirley Schobert-Hebda, Gene Fougner, bell trio
"It Is Well" arr. Halvorson

WORD

A Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Reading Introduction

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer.27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv.16-17).

⁵ Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

A Scripture Reading

Romans 6:12-23

First Reading Introduction

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

¹² Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸ and that you,

having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.²¹ So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death.²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life.²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:40-42

[Jesus said to the twelve:]⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous;⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Pastor Tricia Lowe

“The Holiness of Strangers”

Discipleship Song

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, who has created all things and continues to create new life within us.
I believe in Jesus, son of God, son of man, the Savior of the world.
By His life, His death and resurrection, I can know the true depth of human possibility, and experience the true joy of an abundant life.
I believe that the Holy Spirit is present, now and always, calling us to faith, giving us gifts and empowering us for service.
I believe that the community of believers called the church can experience the fullness of life through the Word, the sacraments, and all that we do, even when we can't meet face to face, for our God makes all things possible.

Bidding Prayers

L: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *[pause]*
L: For the church of Christ in all places, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel. For the well-being of creation. *[pause]*
L: For peace and justice in the world, the nations, and those in authority, and our community, especially in this unsettled time. *[pause]*
L: For the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, and lonely, and all affected by the viral pandemic. *[pause]*
L: For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. *[pause]*
L: For our congregation, and for our special concerns that we name now either silently or aloud. *[pause]*
L: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Joining together as God's people, we share the words that Jesus taught us:

The 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.

SENDING

The Benediction

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C: Amen.

Sending Song

I keep fighting voices in my mind
That say I'm not enough
Ev'ry single lie that tells me
I will never measure up

Am I more than just the sum of
Ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Remind me once again just who I am
Because I need to know oo oh

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak
You say I am held when I am falling short
And when I don't belong oh You say I am Yours

“You Say”

And I believe oh I believe
What You say of me I believe

The only thing that matters now
Is ev'rything You think of me
In You I find my worth
In You I find my identity
Taking all I have and now
I'm laying it at Your feet
You'll have ev'ry failure God
You'll have ev'ry victory

Oh I believe yes I believe
What You say of me I believe

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, Christ is with you.
C: Thanks be to God!



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

Alis Seim
Arlene Meder
Barbara Carroll
Barbara Stockbridge
Carol Hotten
Chuck Lynch
Cris Spahr
David Ramirez
Deanna McDaniel

Gwen Savage
Helen Morton
John Clark
Julie Schifferli
Karen Roush
Knox family
Kyle Smith
Len Warne
Linda Walkoff

Marilyn Murphy
Marty Watkins
Mary Austin
Nancy Nimocks
Ramona Walker
Ron Kovara
Ruth Martindale
Wayne Theobald

Our Family Members in Military and Deployed

Meg Northrup Jim VanScoy

Family Members and Friends

Adam & Liz Crowley - daughter & son-in-law of Barbie Harlib
Anita - family friend of Tom Pendergast
Anita Vasser - daughter of Mida Jordan
Baby Aurora & Baby Dale - Worthington's foster children
Becky Bodnarczuk - niece of Nancy Clark
Bill Deffenbaugh - stepfather of Kimberly Goats
Bob Hermann - cousin of Willie & Betty Hermann
Buel McCoy - father of Wendy Woolley
Cheryl Midel - aunt of Wendy Woolley
Chris Vettore - daughter of Ron Kovara
Connie Miller & son Trevor - friends of Carl Schulze
Cris & Susie - brother & sister of Clara Farmer
Don Jones - friend of Jim & Carole Rebholz
Donald Wayman- husband of Bobbe Serena Wayman
Doug Bayle - nephew of Phyllis Pohlman
Doug Becker - friend of Jim McIntyre
Edie Hales - mother of Cheryl Miller
Edward Kelly - friend of Mark & Mary Austin
Erika Hidley - daughter of Jim & Carole Rebholz
Gavin Goats - nephew of Kimberly Goats
Grant - grandson of Dan & Carol Cwach
Jeff Koelsch - brother of Nancy McIntyre
Joann Harlib - mother of Scott Harlib
Joshua Diebel - stepbrother of Tawnya Worthington
Julie - daughter of Chuck & Kathy Guenther

Julie Ward - daughter of Keith & Cathy Namock
Kelly Smith - daughter of Bobbe Serena Wayman
Kenneth Lindsay deployed Kuwait - friend of Carl Schulze
Kevin Marsh - son of Becky McIntyre
Kim Schifferli - sister-in-law of Julie Schifferli
Leroy Goats - father-in-law of Kimberly Goats
Linda Vallner - sister of Ron Kovara
Marie - Clara Farmer's son's mother-in-law
Marilyn Bostin - cousin of Tom Smith
Mark Kovara - son of Ron Kovara
Merle MacCleary - father of Pam MacCleary
Pat Cavanagh - friend of Jim & Carole Rebholz
Rebecca Richardson - friend of Emmanuel & Habitat for Humanity
Rev. Paul Meier - former pastor of Larry & Sonya Mahler
Rich, Carol, daughter Rachel & grand daughter Audrey - friends of Larry & Sonya Mahler
Roointon Pavri - husband of Julie Pavri
Sam Crifasi - friend of Larry Mahler
Sarah Mulligan - daughter of Carol Wade
Star Campbell - friend of Bob Saul
Stefanie O'Donnell - daughter of Shelby & Carol Tate
Susie Soto - sister of Clara Farmer
Wayne Wallingford - brother of Sheila Smilgis
Wendy Spencer - daughter of Kat Harley Mays

Former member Marylss Tracey passed away on Monday, June 22. For all who remember Marylss: if you would like to send a card the address is 2163 Rebild Drive, Solvang, CA 93463. Our prayers and sympathies to Dick Tracey and family.

Mary's Vacation Time – This week (June 29 – July 6) and for the next few Mondays, Mary will be taking vacation time. If you would like to volunteer to be in the office and answer the phone from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm the staff would be very appreciative. There is very little traffic on Mondays and very few phone messages. **The church office will be closed Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day.**

Someone will be in the church office weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., but the church doors will be locked. Please call first or knock upon arriving.

“Dear Church” Book Study has started. If you are interested you can still join the class. If you do not have the book yet, copies of the introduction and first two chapters are available in the plastic container in front of the main doors to the church. Book can be purchased at Amazon for about \$13.00. Author is Rev. Lenny Duncan.

MISSION OUTREACH for the month of **June** is *Yavapai CASA for Kids*: a non-profit organization that is set up to serve the unmet needs of children who are in the foster care system and to support the work of the CASA volunteers. Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers act as the “eyes and ears” of the Juvenile Court and help determine whether abused, neglected or abandoned children can be reunited with their families, be placed in adoptive homes, or assisted into independent living.

Food Pantry – At this time, the food pantry prefers monetary donations so they can purchase the needed items. Donations can be mailed to the church and we will make sure the Food Pantry receives them in a timely manner. We will have a food bag drive with a drop off at church at a later date.

Tools for Father's Day – Tool Sunday is Today. Your donation of \$5.00 toward the purchase of a tool in “memory of” or “in honor of” or “to the Glory of God” will be a tremendous blessing to someone in need. These tools will be used for farming, gardening and home building by families in third-world countries.

Interfaith Meal: Did you know that our church feeds about 120 community members each month during our Interfaith Meal? Even if you aren’t available on a Thursday (during prep) or Friday (during the meal), check with Outreach to see how you can help! With meals discontinued at Trinity and postponed at St. Germaine’s during this social distancing time, Emmanuel is hosting a second meal each month. Our next **take-out only meal** is **Friday, July 10, at 11:00 a.m.** Community members who have attended in the past will be notified.

The Following Events at the church are postponed until further notice: Worship Services, Sunday School, Youth Nite, Cottage Meetings, Clothing Exchange, Grief Group, Wellness Group, Quilters, Ministry Meetings, Young @ Heart, Bells, Jubilate, Chancel Choir, Bible Studies, Saturday Worship, Craft Show and all outside events. Our worship services are pre-recorded and can be found on YouTube, many of our Bible Studies and Youth meetings are happening via Zoom. Contact the office or check our website for more information.

Offerings – Even though we are not meeting face to face, our church keeps the lights on! We are paying our staff, our bills and our benevolence commitment to the synod, and that is only possible if our members continue to give. There are several ways to give your offering; the simplest of course is to mail it. We have installed a secure lockbox next to the front door of the church building where you can leave your offering at any time. It might be a nice way to get out of the house for a little drive if you have cabin fever! You can also use Vanco or even better, Bill Pay online through your bank: there is no cost to you to use Bill Pay and no cost to the church. (Vanco does take a small percentage in fees). While you are here, pick up the latest **Christ In Our Home** devotional in the bin right by the front door!

FATHER'S DAY – TOOL SUNDAY

July 28, 2020

Tools have been purchased “IN MEMORY OF”

Our fathers, Adolph Hermann & Frank Goeres, from Willie & Betty Hermann
Our fathers, Buray Kiser & Charles Wilson, from Gary & Jean Kiser
Our fathers, Jitti Tate and J. E. Ohlfest, from Shelby & Carol Tate
Our fathers, Douglas Morgan & Jesse Ford, from A.E. & Donna Morgan
RLD1, from RLD2
Our fathers, Jim White & Charlie Bennett, from Jim & Marjie White

Tools have been purchased “IN HONOR OF”

Four generations of fathers in our family, from Frank & Sandie Allen
Robert, Bob & Horace, from Mark & Mary Austin
Our fathers and sons, from Leonard & Margaret Meyers
Our fathers: Chris Robinson and Leroy Goats, and stepfather Bill Deffenbaugh, from Kimberly, Steven & Ethan Goats

Tools have been purchased “TO THE GLORY OF GOD”

Ted & Sally Becker
Kat Harley Mays

Janet Santiago
Carol Wade