

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

Prelude

Cathy Namock, organist

“Learning to Walk (Aubrey’s Song)”

Welcome

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

C: Amen

GATHERING

Opening Litany

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

L: Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

C: For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

L: “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

C: ‘I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.’”

L: Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

C: They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.

L: For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

C: Truly, our shield belongs to the Lord; our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Confession & Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: 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.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

L: Gracious God,

C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn

Hymn #453

“Baptized and Set Free” (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

We are people created, chosen by God.
Then we’re washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.

We are nourished by water, all living things,
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.

Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

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.

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

First 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

Second 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.

C: Thanks be to God!

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”

Hymn of the Day

Hymn #779

“*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*” (vs. 1, 2 & 3)

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
now am 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!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I
have already come; ‘tis grace has brought me
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven & 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: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

L: God of companionship, encourage our relationships with our siblings in Christ. Bless our conversations. Shape our shared future and give us hearts eager to join in praise of you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of abundance, you make your creation thrive and grow to provide all that we need. Inspire us to care for our environment and listen to where the earth is crying out for our intervention. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of mercy, your grace is poured out for all. Inspire authorities, judges, and politicians to act with compassion. Teach us to overcome fear with hope, meet hate with love, and welcome one another as we would welcome you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of care, accompany all who are in deepest need. Comfort those who are sick, lonely, or abandoned, especially those affected by the Covid-19 virus. Strengthen those who are in prison or awaiting trial. Renew the spirits of all who call upon you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of community, we give thanks for this congregation. Give us passion to embrace your mission and the vision to recognize where you are leading us. Teach us how to live more faithfully with each other. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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

L: God of love, you gather in your embrace all who have died. Keep us steadfast in our faith and renew our trust in your promise. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

P: Gathered together as God's people, we share the words 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.

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.

Closing Hymn

Hymn #719

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" (vs. 1 & 2)

Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the
cries of race and clan, above the noise of
selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.

In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed
thresholds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.

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
Clara Farmer
Cris Spahr
David Ramirez*

*Deanna McDaniel
Gwen Savage
Helen Morton
John Clark
Julie Schifferli
Karen Roush
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 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
Grant – grandson of Dan & Carol Cwach
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
Kris Franklin – friend of Wendy Woolley
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
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.

Following Events at the church are postponed until we can get a better handle on things: 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