

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Prescott Valley, AZ**  
**“to serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ”**  
**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 19, 2020, Contemporary Worship Service**

**Prelude**

Bell Trio & Piano

*“The Prayer”* Sager/Foster/Fettke

**GATHERING**

**Gathering Song**

*“Rock of Ages”*

There is no rock  
There is no god like our God  
No other name worthy of all our praise  
The Rock of salvation that cannot be moved  
He's proven Himself to be faithful and true  
There is no rock there is no god like ours

Rock of Ages Jesus is the Rock  
Rock of Ages Jesus is the Rock  
Rock of Ages Jesus is the Rock  
There is no rock there is no god like ours

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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

*“Lord, Reign in Me”*

Over all the earth You reign on high  
Every mountain stream every sunset sky  
But my one request Lord my only aim  
Is that You'd reign in me again

Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r  
Over all my dreams in my darkest hour  
You are the Lord of all I am  
So won't You reign in me again

Over every thought over every word  
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord  
'Cause You mean more to me  
Than any earthly thing  
So won't You reign in me again

Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r  
Over all my dreams in my darkest hour  
You are the Lord of all I am  
So won't You reign in me again

## 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: Faithful God, most merciful judge,

**C:** You care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us  
who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Children's Message

## Special Music

Tom Pendergast, Guitar/Vocal

*“Bird with Broken Wing”* by Don Francisco

## A Scripture Reading

Isaiah 4:6-8

## First Reading Introduction

*There are no other gods besides God: the word of the Lord does not fail to come to pass. We  
can trust in God, through whom Israel-and we-are redeemed.*

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,  
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?<sup>[a]</sup>

Let them tell us<sup>[b]</sup> what is yet to be.

<sup>8</sup>Do not fear, or be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?

You are my witnesses!  
Is there any god besides me?  
There is no other rock; I know not one.

**L:** Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **A Scripture Reading**

Romans 8:12-25

### **Second Reading Introduction**

*For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.*

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—  
<sup>13</sup> for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.  
<sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**L:** Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

<sup>24</sup> He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup> but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup> And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ <sup>28</sup> He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup> But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I

will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup> He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup> the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup> and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Message

Pastor Tricia Lowe

### “When the answer is ‘Not Yet’”

## Discipleship

## *“Refiner’s Fire”*

Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold  
And precious silver  
Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold  
Pure gold

Refiner's fire  
My heart's one desire  
Is to be holy  
Set apart for You Lord  
I choose to be holy  
Set apart for You my  
Master  
Ready to do Your will

Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from within  
And make me holy  
Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from my sin  
Deep within

## 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	as we forgive those
hallowed be thy name,	who trespass against us;
thy kingdom come,	and lead us not into temptation
thy will be done,	but deliver us from evil.
on earth as it is in heaven.	For thine is the kingdom,
Give us this day our daily bread;	and the power, and the glory,
and forgive us our trespasses,	forever and ever. Amen.

## **Offering:**

P: At this time I would like to offer thanks for the offerings that we have received both in the mail, online and in person. These donations make it possible for us to continue to be the church in the world even when we can't meet face to face. If you are worshiping with us today and would like to make a donation, please go to our website homepage and click the online giving link.

Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: 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**

You are good You are good  
When there's nothing good in me  
You are love You are love  
On display for all to see  
You are light You are light  
When the darkness closes in  
You are hope You are hope  
You have covered all my sin

You are peace You are peace  
When my fear is crippling  
You are true You are true  
Even in my wandering  
You are joy You are joy  
You're the reason that I sing  
You are life You are life  
In You death has lost its sting

### ***"Forever Reign"***

(Oh) I'm running to Your arms  
I'm running to Your arms  
The riches of Your love will always be  
enough  
Nothing compares to Your embrace  
Light of the world forever reign

You are more You are more  
Than my words will ever say  
You are Lord You are Lord  
All creation will proclaim  
You are here You are here  
In Your presence I'm made whole  
You are God You are God  
Of all else I'm letting go

My heart will sing no other Name  
Jesus Jesus  
(REPEAT 4X)

### **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**

<i>Alis Seim</i>	<i>Deanna McDaniel</i>	<i>Linda Walkoff</i>
<i>Arlene Meder</i>	<i>Geri Cottrell</i>	<i>Marilyn &amp; Leo Murphy</i>
<i>Barbara Carroll</i>	<i>Gwen Savage</i>	<i>Marty Watkins</i>
<i>Barbara Stockbridge</i>	<i>Helen Morton</i>	<i>Mary Austin</i>
<i>Ben Stricker</i>	<i>Jeanne Currie Tomlinson</i>	<i>Nancy Nimocks</i>
<i>Carol Hotten</i>	<i>John Clark</i>	<i>Ramona Walker</i>
<i>Chuck Lynch</i>	<i>Julie Schifferli</i>	<i>Ron Kovara</i>
<i>Clara Farmer</i>	<i>Karen Roush</i>	<i>Ruth Martindale</i>
<i>Cris Spahr</i>	<i>Kyle Smith</i>	<i>Wayne Theobald</i>
<i>David Ramirez</i>	<i>Len Warne</i>	

### **Our Family Members in Military and Deployed**

*Meg Northrup*      *Jim VanScoy*

### **Family Members and Friends**

<i>Adam &amp; Liz Crowley – daughter &amp; son-in-law of Barbie Harlib</i>	<i>Kelly Smith – daughter of Bobbe Serena Wayman</i>
<i>Anita Vasser – daughter of Mida Jordan</i>	<i>Kenneth Lindsay deployed Kuwait – friend of Carl Schulze</i>
<i>Baby Aurora &amp; Baby Dale – Worthington's foster children</i>	<i>Kevin Marsh – son of Becky McIntyre</i>
<i>Becky Bodnarczuk – niece of Nancy Clark</i>	<i>Kim Schifferli – sister-in-law of Julie Schifferli</i>
<i>Bill Deffenbaugh – stepfather of Kimberly Goats</i>	<i>Kris Franklin- friend of Wendy Woolley</i>
<i>Bob Hermann – cousin of Willie &amp; Betty Hermann</i>	<i>Leroy Goats – father-in-law of Kimberly Goats</i>
<i>Buel McCoy – father of Wendy Woolley</i>	<i>Linda Vallner – sister of Ron Kovara</i>
<i>Cheryle – friend of Kathy &amp; Bert Austin</i>	<i>Marie – Clara Farmer's son's mother-in-law</i>
<i>Cheryl Midel – aunt of Wendy Woolley</i>	<i>Marilyn Bostin – cousin of Tom Smith</i>
<i>Chris Vettore – daughter of Ron Kovara</i>	<i>Mark Kovara – son of Ron Kovara</i>
<i>Connie Miller &amp; son Trevor – friends of Carl Schulze</i>	<i>Merle MacCleary – father of Pam MacCleary</i>
<i>Cris &amp; Susie – brother &amp; sister of Clara Farmer</i>	<i>Miranda &amp; Brad Rebholz – granddaughter and Grandson of Jim &amp; Carole Rebholz</i>
<i>Debra Jones – mother-in-law of Kimberly Goats</i>	<i>Kaitlin Colmenero – grand daughter of Inge Scholl</i>
<i>Don Jones – friend of Jim &amp; Carole Rebholz</i>	<i>Rev. Paul Meier – former pastor of Larry &amp; Sonya Mahler</i>
<i>Donald Wayman – husband of Bobbe Serena Wayman</i>	<i>Rich, Carol, daughter Rachel &amp; grand daughter Audrey, friends of Larry &amp; Sonya Mahler</i>
<i>Doug Bayle – nephew of Phyllis Pohlman</i>	<i>Rosemary – neighbor of Mary Wakimoto</i>
<i>Doug Becker – friend of Jim McIntyre</i>	<i>Sam Crifasi – friend of Larry Mahler</i>
<i>Edie Hales – mother of Cheryl Miller</i>	<i>Sarah Mulligan – daughter of Carol Wade</i>
<i>Edward Kelly – friend of Mark &amp; Mary Austin</i>	<i>Star Campbell – friend of Bob Saul</i>
<i>Grant – grandson of Dan &amp; Carol Cwach</i>	<i>Stefanie O'Donnell – daughter of Shelby &amp; Carol Tate</i>
<i>Jack Gregory – friend of Ellen Rosfeld</i>	<i>Susie Soto – sister of Clara Farmer</i>
<i>Joann Harlib – mother of Scott Harlib</i>	<i>Wayne Wallingford – brother of Sheila Smilgis</i>
<i>Joshua Diebel – stepbrother of Tawnya Worthington</i>	<i>Wendy Spencer – daughter of Kat Harley Mays</i>
<i>Julie – daughter of Chuck &amp; Kathy Guenther</i>	
<i>Julie Ward – daughter of Keith &amp; Cathy Namock</i>	

**Mary's Vacation Time** - Mary continues to take vacation time on Mondays. If you would like to volunteer to be in the office and answer the phone from 9:00am to 1:00 pm, the staff would be very appreciative! There is very little traffic on Mondays and very few phone messages.

**Someone is in the church office weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., but the church doors are locked. Please call first or knock loudly 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 church doors. Pr. Tricia has a few books left that can be bought for \$13.00. Author is Rev. Lenny Duncan.

**MISSION OUTREACH** for the month of **July is Project Aware**. Project Aware provides an opportunity for the homeless to improve their lives and progress to self-sufficiency and independent living. They provide temporary shelter, affordable housing, and services to help the homeless achieve and maintain residential stability. They increase public awareness and understanding of the problem of homelessness and advocate for the homeless, many of whom have little or no voice in the decisions that affect their lives.

**BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES Sunday is July 26** – This year, as in the past, Emmanuel will be collecting backpacks and school supplies for the Family Resource Center of Humboldt Unified School District. School may look a little different next month, but backpacks and supplies are still needed, maybe even more so than in past years. Please have any items that you purchase to the church by **Friday, July 24**.

**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, later.

**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 24, 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 Meeting, 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 visit 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. You can leave your offering, at any time, in our secure lockbox next to the front door of the church building. 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!