

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Prescott Valley, AZ
“to serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ”
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2020 Traditional Worship Service

Prelude

Cathy Namock, organist

“How Firm A Foundation”
(by Edward Broughton)

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 25:1-9

L: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

C: You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

L: You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

C: The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

L: You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

C: Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

L: The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

C: Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;

L: behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

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 #654

“The Church’s One Foundation” (vs. 1 & 2)

The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Chris, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav’n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev’ry nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses with ev’ry grace endued.

Prayer of the Day

L: Beloved God,

C: From you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children’s Message

Special Music

Gene Fougner, vibes; Cathy Namock, keyboard
“Holy, Holy, Holy” (Harling, 1948)

WORD

A Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

Reading Introduction

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ’s resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes

from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

“Peach Ice Cream”

Hymn # 595

“Jesus Loves Me” (vs. 1 & 2)

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died heaven’s gates to open wide’
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

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: With confidence in God’s grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

L: Holy God, you call us to work for peace and justice in your vineyard. Renew the church, that we may bear fruit through work and service. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Thank you for the abundant harvest of the earth. Bless and care for those who work to bring the fruits of the earth to the tables of all who hunger. Protect us from wildfires, flood and other natural disasters. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Curb the impulses of greed and pride that lead us to take advantage of others. Grant world leader’s wisdom to work for the good and welfare of all people. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Sustain all who suffer with the promise of new life. Assured of your presence, heal our pain and suffering, and equip us to embrace all bodies aching for wholeness of mind, body, and soul. We call to mind those who are struggling today and those affected by the pandemic. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for all managers in our community and for all who seek employment. Give hope and a future to those who lack meaningful work, those who have been marginalized or abused in the workplace, and those who seek new opportunities. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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

L: Thank you for the saints who teach us to live faithfully. May our chorus join theirs until our work here is complete. Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of 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.**

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 gifts 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, to show the world 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.

Closing Hymn

Hymn #671

"Shine, Jesus, Shine" (vs. 1)

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the
darkness, shining; Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me;

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

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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>Gwen Savage</i>	<i>Marilyn & Leo Murphy</i>
<i>Arlene Meder</i>	<i>Helen Morton</i>	<i>Marty Watkins</i>
<i>Barbara Stockbridge</i>	<i>Jeanne Currie Tomlinson</i>	<i>Mary Austin</i>
<i>Ben Stricker</i>	<i>John Clark</i>	<i>Nancy Nimocks</i>
<i>Bonnie Kain</i>	<i>Judy Nielsen</i>	<i>Pam MacCleary</i>
<i>Carol Hotten</i>	<i>Karen Roush</i>	<i>Ramona Walker</i>
<i>Chuck Lynch</i>	<i>Kat Harley-Mays</i>	<i>Ron Kovara</i>
<i>Cris Spahr</i>	<i>Kyle Smith</i>	<i>Ruth Martindale</i>
<i>David Ramirez</i>	<i>Leigh Quinn</i>	<i>Wayne Theobald</i>
<i>Deanna McDaniel</i>	<i>Len Warne</i>	
<i>Geri Cottrell</i>	<i>Linda Walkoff</i>	

Our Family Members in Military and Deployed

Meg Northrup *Jim VanScoy* *Kenneth Lindsay deployed Kuwait – friend of Carl Schulze*

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
Dan Lowe – brother-in-law of Pastor Tricia
Debra Jones – mother-in-law of Kimberly Goats
Don Jones – friend of Jim & Carole Rebholz
Donald Wayman – husband of Bobbe Serena Wayman
Doug Bayle – nephew of Phyllis Pohlman
Edie Hales – mother of Cheryl Miller
Edward Kelly – friend of Mark & Mary Austin
Grant – grandson of Dan & Carol Cwach
Jack Gregory – friend of Ellen Rosfeld
Jan Zimbelman – friend of Emmanuel
Joann Harlib – mother of Scott Harlib
Joshua Diebel – stepbrother of Tawnya Worthington

Julie Ward – daughter of Keith & Cathy Namock
Kelly Smith – daughter of Bobbe Serena Wayman
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
Miranda & Brad Rebholz – granddaughter and grandson of Jim & Carole Rebholz
Rev. Paul Meier – former pastor of Larry & Sonya Mahler
Rich, Carol, daughter Rachel & grand daughter Audrey, friends of Larry & Sonya Mahler
Rosemary – neighbor of Mary Wakimoto
Sam Crifasi – friend of Larry Mahler
Sarah Mulligan – daughter of Carol Wade
Shelly Damschroder – friend of Kathy Austin and Daughter-in-law of Margaret Damschroder
Star Campbell – friend of Bob Saul
Stefanie O'Donnell – daughter of Shelby & Carol Tate
Trisha Galindo – daughter of Gary & Jean Kiser
Wayne Wallingford – brother of Sheila Smilgis

Someone is in the church office weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., but the church doors will be locked. Please knock upon arriving or call first. Please note that we are now requesting that everyone wear masks when they enter the church building. Don't be surprised when Mary and Pastor Tricia put theirs on when you come in! With the rise in cases of the virus in our community, we want to make sure we use all safety precautions to protect the most vulnerable among us.

MISSION OUTREACH for the month of October is Liberty Traditional School. We will be accepting donations and at the end of October we will be in contact with the school to see what their needs are and then purchase items for them.

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, October 9, at 11:00 a.m.**

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 serving the twice monthly interfaith meals. This is only possible if our members continue to give. There are several ways to give your offering: mail it in, drop it off in the secure locking mailbox next to the front door, drop it off in person during office hours, use Vanco auto-withdraw system or Bill Pay with your bank, which is great because there are no fees to you or the church for this service. We are so blessed to have such a generous and faithful congregation!

The Tuesday Morning 10am Women's Bible Study We are reading Liz Curtis Higgs book, *Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We Can Learn from Them*. If you are interested in participating and are not already on the group email list, please contact Pr. Tricia and she will send you the Zoom link. Copies of the introduction and first chapter are available in the bin outside the front door of the church. The book can be bought on Amazon in either paperback, Kindle or Audiobook, and Pr. Tricia has a few as well.

A new book study will start on Wednesday, October 7 at 1:00pm, to continue the work of understanding racism. We will be reading Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s book, *Letter from the Birmingham Jail*. The group will meet via Zoom for one hour each week; the book is only 60 pages long, so we anticipate a three to four week commitment to finish the book. Pr. Tricia has ordered four books; it is available on Amazon for just \$5.00. The Zoom invite will appear in Monday and Tuesday's daily email.

Job Opening on Church Staff – Audio Visual Technician – as Emmanuel looks to begin livestreaming our worship services, we have created a position for someone to run the audio, video and lighting during the worship service. If you know of someone who has these skills and might be interested, direct them to the church website for a job description. Applications are available in the church office.

Aluminum Cans – Emmanuel is still collecting cans. Please bring to the church and deposit in the container held in the dumpster area.

Emmanuel has volunteered to be a pick-up and drop off location for the Arizona Masks for Medical Workers project. The LDS church is providing the materials for our area. If you are able to sew any masks in the next two weeks, go to www.justserve.org online to sign up and get directions. These are special masks that can be autoclaved for reuse by medical professionals. This ecumenical effort will benefit our local hospitals.