

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

Prelude

Bell Trio & Piano

“The Prayer” Sager/Foster/Fettke

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 86:11-17

L: Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

C: I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore.

L: For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.

C: The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.

L: But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

C: Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.

L: Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

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 # 596

“My Hope is Built On Nothing Less” (vs. 1 & 3)

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is
sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is
sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

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

WORD

A Scripture Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

First Reading Introduction

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

⁶Thus 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.

⁷ 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?^[a]
Let them tell us^[b] what is yet to be.

⁸ 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.

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—

¹³ 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. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

¹⁵ 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!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ 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. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³ 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. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ 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 1:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ 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?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ 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.’

³⁶ 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.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ 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’”

Hymn of the Day

Hymn # 670

“Build Us Up, Lord”

Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in
us a strong foundation. Lead us to do your
holy will; form and shape y our new creation.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we
guide and teach each other, help us to share y our love with the
world; ev’ry sister, ev’ry brother.

Growing in Christ we plant seeds for the kingdom; we follow in
faith what’s begun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow’r of your
word to spread the news of your Son!

Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our
Lives reflect your glory. Cast away all our
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your story.
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us
Bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vision and keep us sure.
Grant us faith that's steadfast and true.

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faith what's begun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your
word to spread the news of your Son!

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: Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

L: God of the harvest, you sow the good seed of the gospel of Jesus Christ into your field. Help your church throughout the world to be both diligent and patient, full of resolve and gentleness, that our witness may be faithful to your intentions. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of all space and time, your whole creation groans in labor pains, awaiting the gift of new birth. Renew the earth, sky, and sea, so that all your creation experiences freedom from the bondage of decay. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of the nations, teach us your ways, that we may walk in your truth. Mend the fabric of the human family, now torn apart by our fearful and warring ways. Guide us by your mercy, grace, and steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of hope, you accompany those who suffer and are near to the brokenhearted. Open our hearts to your children who are lonely and abandoned, who feel trapped by despair, and all who suffer in any way. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of the seasons, in the midst of summer, give us refreshment, renewal, and new opportunities. We pray for the safety of those who travel. We pray for those who cannot take the rest they need. 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: God of life, those who have died in you shine like the sun in your endless kingdom. We remember with thanksgiving the saints of all times and places and saints close to us. Gather us with them on the day of salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; 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.

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.

Closing Hymn

Hymn #679

“For the Fruit of All Creation” (vs. 1 & 2)

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.

In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

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

*Alis Seim
Arlene Meder
Barbara Carroll
Barbara Stockbridge
Ben Stricker
Carol Hotten
Chuck Lynch
Clara Farmer
Cris Spahr
David Ramirez*

*Deanna McDaniel
Geri Cottrell
Gwen Savage
Helen Morton
Jeanne Currie Tomlinson
John Clark
Julie Schifferli
Karen Roush
Kyle Smith
Len Warne*

*Linda Walkoff
Marilyn & Leo 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
Cheryle – friend of Kathy & Bert Austin
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
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
Doug Becker – friend of Jim McIntyre
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
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*

*Kaitlin Colmenero – granddaughter of Inge Scholl
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
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
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*

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!