

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

Prelude

Cathy Namock, organist

“How Firm A Foundation”
(by Edward Broughton)

GATHERING

Gathering Song

“Brother”

Ramblers in the wilderness
Yeah we can't find what we need
We get a little restless from the searching
Get a little worn down in-between
Like a bull chasing the matador
Is a man left to his own schemes
Well ev'rybody needs someone beside them
Shining like a lighthouse from the sea

Brother let me be your shelter
Never leave you all alone
I can be the one you call when you're low
Brother let me be your fortress

When the night winds are driving on
Be the one to light the way bring you home

Face down in the desert now
There's a cage locked around my heart
I found a way to drop the keys
Where my failures were
Now my hands can't reach that far
I ain't made for a rivalry
I could never take the world alone
I know that in my weakness I am strong
It's Your love that brings me home

Brother let me be your shelter
Brother let me be your shelter

Welcome

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

“Enough”

All of You is more than enough for all of me
For ev'ry thirst and ev'ry need
You satisfy me with Your love
And all I have in You is more than enough

You're my supply my breath of life
Still more awesome than I know
You're my reward worth living for
Still more awesome than I know
And all of You is more than enough

For all of me for ev'ry and ev'ry need.

You're my sacrifice of greatest price
Still more awesome than I know
You're my coming King You are ev'rything
Still more awesome than I know

More than all I want more than all I need
You are more than enough for me
More than all I know more than all I can say
You are more than enough

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: 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 and Cathy Namock on keyboard
“Holy, Holy, Holy” Harling 1948
Augsburg Fortress 2004 (our hymnal)

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: ⁵ circumcised 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; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More 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 ⁹ and 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.

Message

Pastor Tricia Lowe

"Peach Ice Cream"

Discipleship Song

"Your Love"

I felt it first when I was younger
A strange connection to the light
I tried to satisfy the hunger
I never got it right I never got it right

So I climbed a mountain and built an altar
Looked out as far as I could see
And every day I'm getting older
I'm runnin' out of dreams
I'm runnin' out of dreams

But Your love Your love
The only thing that matters is
Your love Your love it's all I have to give
Your love is enough to light up the darkness
It's Your love Your love
All ever needed is Your love

You know the effort I have given
And You know exactly what it cost
And though my innocence was taken
Not everything is lost not everything is lost

You're the hope in the mornin'
You're the light when the night is fallin'
You're the song when my heart is singin'
It's Your love
You're the eyes to the blind man
You're the feet to the lame man walkin'
You're the sound of the people singin'
It's Your love

Your love (all I needed all I ever needed)
(Your love is all it's all I ever needed)
(REPEAT)

(Your love is all that I needed)
All I ever needed is
Your love (Your love) Your love (Your love)
All I ever needed is
Your love (Your love is all that I needed)
All I ever needed is
Your love (Your love is all that I needed)
It's all I ever needed

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 and for whatever things we name now either silently or aloud. *[pause]*

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.**

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.

Sending Song

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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 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

<i>Adam & Liz Crowley – daughter & son-in-law of Barbie Harlib</i>	<i>Julie Ward – daughter of Keith & Cathy Namock</i>
<i>Anita Vasser – daughter of Mida Jordan</i>	<i>Kelly Smith – daughter of Bobbe Serena Wayman</i>
<i>Baby Aurora & Baby Dale – Worthington's foster children</i>	<i>Mary Schifferli – sister of Thomas Schifferli</i>
<i>Becky Bodnarczuk – niece of Nancy Clark</i>	<i>Kris Franklin- friend of Wendy Woolley</i>
<i>Bill Deffenbaugh – stepfather of Kimberly Goats</i>	<i>Leroy Goats – father-in-law of Kimberly Goats</i>
<i>Bob Hermann – cousin of Willie & Betty Hermann</i>	<i>Linda Vallner – sister of Ron Kovara</i>
<i>Buel McCoy – father of Wendy Woolley</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 & son Trevor – friends of Carl Schulze</i>	<i>Merle MacCleary – father of Pam MacCleary</i>
<i>Cris & Susie – brother & sister of Clara Farmer</i>	<i>Miranda & Brad Rebholz – granddaughter and grandson of Jim & Carole Rebholz</i>
<i>Dan Lowe – brother-in-law of Pastor Tricia</i>	<i>Rev. Paul Meier – former pastor of Larry & Sonya Mahler</i>
<i>Debra Jones – mother-in-law of Kimberly Goats</i>	<i>Rich, Carol, daughter Rachel & grand daughter Audrey, friends of Larry & Sonya Mahler</i>
<i>Don Jones – friend of Jim & Carole Rebholz</i>	<i>Rosemary – neighbor of Mary Wakimoto</i>
<i>Donald Wayman – husband of Bobbe Serena Wayman</i>	<i>Sam Crifasi – friend of Larry Mahler</i>
<i>Doug Bayle – nephew of Phyllis Pohlman</i>	<i>Sara Mantooth – sister-in-law of Adam Bissell</i>
<i>Edie Hales – mother of Cheryl Miller</i>	<i>Sarah Mulligan – daughter of Carol Wade</i>
<i>Edward Kelly – friend of Mark & Mary Austin</i>	<i>Shelly Damschroder – friend of Kathy Austin and Daughter-in-law of Margaret Damschroder</i>
<i>Grant – grandson of Dan & Carol Cwach</i>	<i>Star Campbell – friend of Bob Saul</i>
<i>Jack Gregory – friend of Ellen Rosfeld</i>	<i>Stefanie O'Donnell – daughter of Shelby & Carol Tate</i>
<i>Jan Zimbelman – friend of Emmanuel</i>	<i>Trisha Galindo – daughter of Gary & Jean Kiser</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>	

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.