



Third Sunday of Pentecost  
June 13, 2021 – 8:00am

## WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thank you for honoring God with your presence this morning. Please be sure to complete the Online Connection Card, located at [www.emmanuelc.org](http://www.emmanuelc.org). **Visitors:** *We are especially delighted that you are here today and we hope that your worship with us will be a blessing to you.* **Quiet and Nursing Rooms:** Both are located at the back of the sanctuary, with dark glass doors and blinds; please use the rooms as needed.

PRELUDE "THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE" ARR. GORDON YOUNG

WELCOME AND GREETING

*Please Stand*

## OPENING HYMN

814 O BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL

*LSB 814 sts. 1, 3–4*



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join  
3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;  
4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.  
'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.  
He that re-deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

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## INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

### INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### EXHORTATION

**L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**L** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**L** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**L** Let us pray.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

### ABSOLUTION

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**L** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a brother in Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## KYRIE



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** Let us pray.

**L** Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus

Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

*Lead-in: The Messiah Jesus, from His lowly origin, to be the King of His Church which extends throughout the world and gathers men from every race and nation.*

## OLD TESTAMENT

*Ezekiel 17:22–24*

**L** A reading from the book of Ezekiel, the seventeenth chapter.

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. <sup>24</sup>And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION VIDEO

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Katelyn Lloyd*

*Please Stand*

### VERSE

*LSB 205*

**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



*Lead-in: Jesus teaches us that our task is to plant the Gospel seed and God makes it grow.*

HOLY GOSPEL:

**Mark 4:26–34**

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup>He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup>And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. <sup>34</sup>He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ**

THE NICENE CREED

**C** **I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,**

**very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS**

### **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.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
Thy head upon My breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
So weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place,  
And He has made me glad.
  
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
Stoop down and drink and live.”  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in Him.
  
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“I am this dark world’s light.  
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise  
And all thy day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In Him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I’ll walk  
Till trav’ling days are done.

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**SERMON**

**“Who is Jesus To You?”**

***Pastor Mark Carlson***

*Parable of the Seed Growing and the Mustard Seed, Mark 4:26-34*

**BENEDICAMUS**

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**[P]** Let us bless the Lord.

**[C]** Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION**

**[P]** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

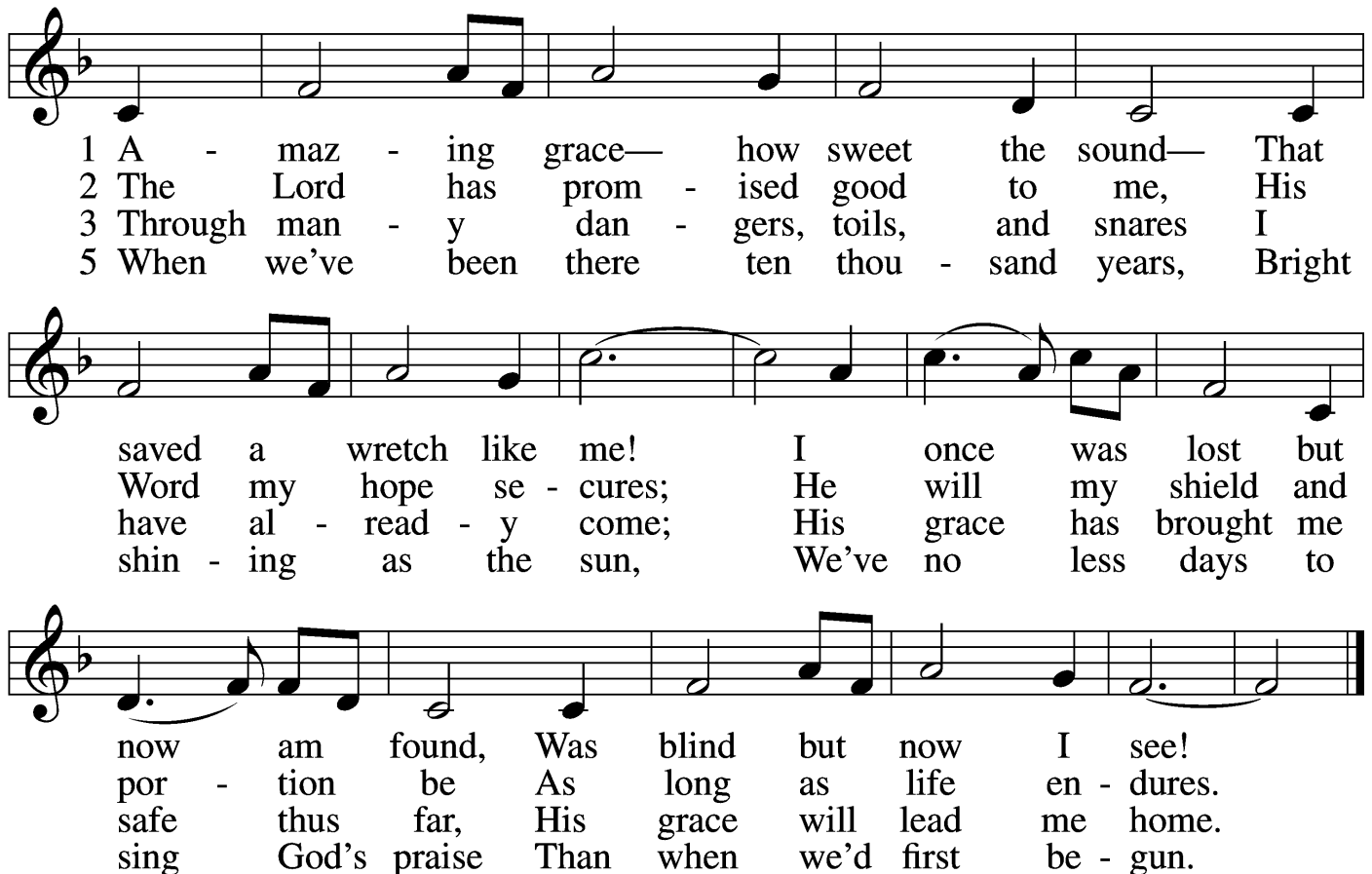
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

744 AMAZING GRACE

*LSB 744 sts. 1–3, 5*



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright  
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to  
now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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## CONNECTING AND CELEBRATING AT ELC

### DISMISSAL

*Matthew 16:15–16*

- L** We hide God's Word in our hearts,  
**C** that we might hold out the Word of Life.

**C** <sup>15</sup>He said to them, **“But who do you say that I am?”** <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

- L** God with us, with one another and with our neighbors



**C to reach all with the Gospel!!**

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God's gift." Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church,

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