

Our Mission

“to serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ”
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – Traditional Worship 10:00 a.m.
July 31, 2022

Introduction

Today’s texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the “unhappy business” of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the “things that are above.” To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord’s supper and the encouragement of God’s word.

Prelude

Cathy Namock, organist

“Let There Be Peace On Earth” (by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson)

GATHERING

Welcome

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Invocation

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C: Amen.

God Spottings

Gathering Hymn

ELW # 556

“Morning Has Broken” (all verses)

Moring has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first
dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet
garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the
one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise ev-'ry
morning, God's recreation of a new day!

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

P: Let us pray:

C: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

WORD

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Summer Choir

"Sometimes Our Only Song is Weeping"

(N. American Traditional lyrics by Adam M. L. Tice / ACS1050)

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia. Lord and Savior ..."

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Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Tricia Lowe

“A Thing of Value”

Sermon Hymn

“The Old Rugged Cross” (all verses)

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame; and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, 'til my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me; for the dear Lamb of God left His glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, 'til my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see; for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died to pardon and sanctify me. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, 'til my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear; then He'll call me some day to my home far ways, where His glory forever I'll share. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, 'til my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

A New Creed

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,**

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayers of Intercession

L: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

L: O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, Sunday school teachers, seminary professors, and all who provide instruction for the building up of your church. Bless all students, teachers and staff returning to school this week. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: O God, you are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal, especially protect us from wildfires. Bless farmers, ranchers, distributors, and all who provide our food. Nourish the land and all its habitants. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders, and activists, and for the healing of the nations, especially Ukraine, Nigerian, South Sudan, Syria and Tanzania. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress, especially those affected by the global pandemic. Renew us at your table of mercy. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: O God, you are our treasure. Where scarcity and anxiety pervade your church, bring abundance and vitality. Guide the work of church councils and committees and give them clarity for the work of ministry in this place. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

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

L: O God, you are resurrection. We give you thanks for all your saints. Inspire us by their example of faithful living to set our minds on things above and to be rich in love toward you. Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace *(Remember to ask for consent)*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

P: We give thanks for the offerings that we have received in the mail, online and in person this past week. These gifts make it possible for us to continue to be the church in the world. If you are worshiping with us today online and would like to make a donation, please go to our website homepage and click the online giving link.

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

Offertory

"Praise and Thanksgiving" (vs. 1)

ELW # 689

Praise and thanksgiving, God we would offer for all things living, you have made good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also, with you

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy (*sing*)

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of
power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed...Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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.

Invitation to Communion

P: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn

ELW # 793

"Be Thou My Vision" (all verses)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
Raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Light of my soul, after victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befalls,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

P: The God of peace, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

ELW 677

“This Little Light of Mine” (all verses)

This little light of mine, I’m goin’-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I’m goin’-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I’m goin’-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev-’ry-where I go, I’m goin’-a let it shine;
ev-’ry-where I go, I’m goin’-a let it shine;
ev-’ry-where I go, I’m goin’-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I’m goin’-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I’m goin’-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I’m goin’-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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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

Bonnie Kain
 Carol Hotten
 Compton Reeves
 Deanna McDaniel
 Helen Morton
 Inge Scholl

Isabel Benell
 Kathy Austin
 Kevin Miller
 Kyle Smith
 Lee Warne
 Len Meyers

Melissa Embry
 Ramona Walker
 Sue Smith
 Vince Landau

Our Family Members in Military and Deployed

Meg Northrup

Anne Northrup

Family Members and Friends

Bill Deffenbaugh – stepfather of Kimberly Goats
 Bill & Ruth Garrett – family friends of Kimberly Goats
 Bob Renner – husband of Nancy Renner
 Buel McCoy – father of Wendy Woolley
 Charles Dean – great nephew of Gail Kenny
 Connie – friend of Helen Morton
 Connie Miller & son Trevor – friends of Carl Schulze
 Jeff Knowles – friend of Isabel Benell
 Jerry Oium – friends of Jackie Poling
 Cris & Susie – brother & sister of Clara Farmer
 Dawn Byars – stepsister of Kimberly Goats
 Doug Bayle – nephew of Phyllis Pohlman
 Douglas – son of Inge Scholl
 Edie Hales – mother of Cheryl Miller
 Ern Woolley – father of Scott Woolley
 Grayson – grandson of Mary Wakimoto
 Jack Gregory – friend of Ellen Rosfeld
 Janet Hartney & family – cousins of Kimberly Goats
 John Wade – husband of Carol Wade
 Franklin Camero – uncle of Wendy Woolley
 Harry & Martha Kiser – sister & her husband of Kathy Austin
 Lincoln – young friend of Pastor Tricia
 Lyle Gilson - son of Carol Hotten

Marie – Clara Farmer's son's mother-in-law
 Marilyn Boston – cousin of Sue & Tom Smith
 Miranda Rebholz – granddaughter of Jim & Carole Rebholz
 Nick Labbate -friend of Isabel Benell
 Olivia Smelser – Nancy Renner
 Paul – Kimberly Goats stepdad's brother
 Rev. Paul Meier – former pastor of Larry & Sonya Mahler
 Rich, Carol, daughter of Rachel & Granddaughter of Audrey,
 friend of Larry & Sonya Mahler
 Roger Hersey – father of Leigh Quinn
 Rose Streeter – friend of Hal & Mai Vogelaar
 Rosemary – neighbor of Mary Wakimoto
 Rudy & Lena Juarez – friends of Julie Chisholm
 Ryan Blair – great grandson of Carol Hotten
 Sam Crifasi – friend of Larry Mahler
 Sarah Mulligan – daughter of Carol Wade
 Sheri Capek – friend of Melissa Emery
 Star Campbell – friend of Bob Saul
 Steven Grandy – son of Thelma Clinton
 Wayne Stithem – friend of Emmanuel

SOMEONE IS IN THE CHURCH OFFICE Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. except Wednesdays, which are 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. Please check in at the office when you arrive so we know who is in the building. Please call 772-4135 about the building availability, if you want to use a room for Bible study, meeting, etc.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will be starting back Tuesday, August 16.

WEDNESDAY 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY is taken the rest of the summer off and will be starting again September 7.

OUR NEXT INTERFAITH MEAL is August 12, at 11:00 am. We are serving 180-200 meals. If you are able to help, please let the office know.

CONTRIBUTORS STATEMENTS JANUARY 1 THROUGH JULY 30, 2022 available in your mailboxes. Please help us to save on postage by picking up your statement for your box. Thank you.

MISSION OUTREACH for the month of **July Project Aware**. Mission Statement: Provide an opportunity for the homeless to improve their lives and progress to self-sufficiency and independent living.

- Provide temporary shelter, affordable housing and services to help the homeless achieve and maintain residential stability
- Increase public awareness and understanding of the problem of homelessness
- Advocate for the homeless, many of whom have little or no voice in the decisions that affect their lives

INTERFAITH MEAL NOW SERVING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL –We will require extra help to make this possible. Set up, serving, busing, dishes, and clean up help needed. Please let Mary know if you can be available to assist.

GRIEF GROUP AND CARE GIVERS - Care Givers meets the first Thursday of each month at 11:00 am but are taken the rest of the summer off. Care Givers resume in September. Grief Group meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm. Next meeting is July 28. You are welcome to attend.

THRIVENT ACTION CARDS – Interfaith meal would appreciate any Thrivent Action Cards the congregation is willing to apply for and donate. Action Card and the Grant \$'s received will ensure that we can continue to offer the Interfaith Meal twice a month.

The Inclusivity Team, recently formed by Pastor Adam, is hoping to find someone able to process and coach the team. This active group meets 1 to 2 times monthly and is exploring and implementing ways to be inclusive at Emmanuel and in the community. If you have a passion for inclusion and social justice and some experience in counseling or processing groups, please call Gene at 928-713-0591.

PEOPLE WHO CARE – are looking for volunteers. Their office is located at 580 Plaza Drive West, Prescott. For more information call 928-445-2480.

COVID UPDATE- In keeping with the new CDC guidelines for masking we are recommending that everyone wear a mask inside during this summer spike. Please do wear a mask if you are personally at higher risk or are protecting a high risk loved one. Please stay home if you are feeling unwell. ELC will continue with other pandemic protocols until more specific information becomes available regarding churches.

LIFE LINE SCREENING – August 5 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Life Line will be available at Emmanuel for medical screenings. See your mailbox for additional information.



Save the date 30th anniversary celebration September 18, 10:00 am worship with luncheon to follow.