



**Emmanuel**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

**11 am In-Person Traditional Worship, September 18, 2022**

**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA

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## Gathering: The Holy Spirit Gathers Us in Worship

### Prelude

Praise and Thanksgiving (instrumental)

ELW 689

### Welcome & Announcements

### Invocation

Pastor: In this holy season after Pentecost, we are gathered in the name of the Father, ☩ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Pastor: God of mercy and forgiveness,

**All: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ☩ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

### Gathering Hymn

Gather Us In

ELW 532

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Marty Haugen

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,



now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,  
we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away—  
here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## **Word: God Speaks to Us in Scriptures and Prayer**

### **First Reading: Amos 8:4-7**

Reader: Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
saying, "When will the new moon be over



so that we may sell grain;  
and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,  
buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”  
The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Children’s Message**

### **Gospel Acclamation\***

Hallelujah

ELW 171

Onelicense.net #54148. Muscogee (Creek) Indian tune; trans. Charles H. Webb, b. 1933.

Hallelujah, hallelujah; halle, hallelujah.

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### **Gospel: Luke 16:1-13**

*Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.*

Pastor: The good news of Jesus Christ according to the gospel of Luke the sixteenth chapter.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord!**

Pastor: <sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do



so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup>"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord!

**All: Praise to you, O Christ!**

## Message

"Losing to Win" based upon Luke 16:1-13 by Pastor Lydia Posselt

## Hymn of the Day\*

Take My Life that I May Be

ELW 583

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, adap.; Spanish text: Vicente Mendoza, 1875-1955

### *Refrain*

Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

- 1 Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain*
- 2 Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;



take my intellect and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain*

- 3 Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee. *Refrain*
- 4 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne. *Refrain*

### **Apostles' Creed**

Pastor: We confess our common faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and 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**

Pastor: We lift up our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.



Pastor: God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Divine teacher, show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Ruler of the nations, give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. We pray for peace in Ukraine. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Helper of those in need, we pray for... God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Sustainer and giver of life, bless this congregation us in the proper and faithful use of wealth and resources, that we share generously. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of glory, keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us, and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**All: Amen.**

## **Offering**

Offerings in support of our mission and ministry can be made at [www.elcvienna.org/give](http://www.elcvienna.org/give) or mailed into the church. Every gift matters!

## **Offering Music**

Praise and Thanksgiving (instrumental)

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## **Meal: Jesus Gives Us Forgiveness and Life**

### **Holy Communion Words of Institution**

Pastor: We remember that in the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Pastor: And again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray..

**All: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God! Come all are welcome!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **Communion Instructions**

All are invited to come forward to receive communion or a blessing. Wafers will be dipped in wine and handed to you. Pre-sealed communion sets and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. We have goldfish and a blessing for our non-communing children. You are also welcome to pray at the communion rail after you have been communed.

### **Communion Music**

Let Us Break Bread Together  
Text: African American spiritual

ELW 471



- 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*
- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

## **Sending: The Holy Spirit Leads Us in Mission to the World**

### **Blessing**

Pastor: The holy Trinity, ☩ one God, bless you always in faith, hope, and love.

**All: Amen.**

### **Sending Song**

We are Marching in the Light

ELW 866

Text: South African traditional; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984.

We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)  
we are marching in the light of God.

*Additional stanzas ad lib:*

We are dancing ...  
We are praying ...  
We are singing ...



## **Sending**

Leader: Go in peace, sharing signs of peace!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Recessional Music**

We are Marching in the Light (instrumental)

ELW 866

**Thank you so much for worshipping with us! We also thank Michael Schmidt for serving as our substitute organist this morning.**

## **Our Mission and Vision**

Our mission is to nurture, grow, and share our Christian faith as Lutherans in a multi-cultural world. We envision Emmanuel Lutheran Church as a welcoming, vibrant, growing, and faith-filled Christian community whose participants generously share their time, talents, and resources in a changing world.

## **Our Welcome Statement**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church welcomes all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome and affirm full participation by all because God welcomes all, regardless of race, culture, national origin, citizenship status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, relationship or socio-economic status, addictions, physical or mental health, disability, imprisonment, age, or other circumstances. OUR UNITY IS IN CHRIST.

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