

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*August 25, 2024*



WELCOME TO EMANUEL

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please ask an usher.

**ALL ARE WELCOME AT EMANUEL**

Recognizing that we live in a broken world, Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness. As members of Emanuel Lutheran Church and children of a loving and merciful God, we acknowledge that this reconciliation extends to people of any gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, race, culture, physical or mental ability, economic circumstances, relationship status, or any person that has ever experienced pain or oppression. Because members of different communities may have been excluded from the Church in the past, we wish to make explicit our welcome to all. It is for this purpose that we affirm that ALL people are welcome here, just as they are, contributing their individuality to the wholeness of the Body of Christ.



**SERVING TODAY**

- Presider ..... Pastor Mark Olsen
- Worship Leader ..... Vicar Christine Pelfrey
- Assisting Minister.....
- Reader..... Janice Favreau
- Communion Preparers..... Chet and Glenna Brodnicki
- Director of Music ..... Jonathan Reuning-Scherer

**EMANUEL MUSICIANS**

Amar Al Moussawy, Rebekka Almond, David Altschuler, Sarah Asmar, Ash De Las Casas, Hillary Ekwall, Andy Foreman, Trey Hazard, Linda Helmke, Morgan Hunt, Kathryn Lees, Dan Luddy, Honoka Masuyama, Kari Olsen, Morgan Pope, Joel Reuning-Scherer, Jane Roets, Austin Tewksbury, Rachan Vamsi, Anna VanDeBerg, Pastor Nancy Wright

**AV TECHNICIANS**

Paul Christianson, David Counterman, Baker Wainscoat

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Given by John Foote in honor of John and Susan’s anniversary

*Though not expected, when it happens, applause is a spontaneous expression of our thanksgiving to God for the gifts of music and of musicians that enrich our lives and enhance our worship.*

***Soli deo gloria – Glory to God alone***

## INTRODUCTION

*In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.*

## PRELUDE

Invention #14 in B-flat

J.S. Bach

Honoka Masuyama and Jonathan Reuning-Scherer, marimba

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: **Amen.**

L: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: God, our provider,

C: **help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

L: Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: **Amen.**

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;  
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.  
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
 for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;  
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,  
 Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
 but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.  
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917  
 Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

**\*GREETING**

L: 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.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

**ELW 167**

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Holy God,

C: **your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: JOSHUA 24:1-2A, 14-18**

*In the Near East, covenant means “agreement” or “alliance.” It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.*

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2a</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, <sup>14</sup>“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 6:10-20**

*Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.*

<sup>10</sup>Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on

that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

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**\*GOSPEL: JOHN 6:56-69**

*The “hard saying” that offends Jesus’ disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: “To whom shall we go?”*

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>56</sup>“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**Pastor Mark Olsen**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Mark Olsen**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Hope of the World**

**LBW 493**



1 Hope of the world, thou Christ of great com - pas - sion:  
 2 Hope of the world, God’s gift from high - est heav - en,  
 3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,  
 4 Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us  
 5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o’er death vic - to - rious,



speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.  
 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life:  
 show - ing to wan - d’ring souls the path of light:  
 from death and dark de - spair, from sin and guilt:  
 who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain:





Save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,  
 still let thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en  
 walk thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways  
 we ren - der back the love thy mer - cy gave us;  
 we would be faith - ful to thy gos - pel glo - rious;



who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.  
 to heal earth's wounds and end our bit - ter strife.  
 lure us a - way from thee to end - less night.  
 take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.  
 thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign!

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974

Music: DONNE SECOURS, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva 1551

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## \*APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us join together in professing our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: **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

*After each petition*

A: Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

### \*PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*We offer each other a sign of God's peace.*

## OFFERING MUSIC

*Joshua Fit de Battle of Jericho*  
Emanuel Choir

arr. Howard Helvey

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



*We offer our gifts – our time, our talent, and our treasure - to God,  
in thanksgiving for all that God has given us.*

*To make your gift online, scan this code using your  
phone's camera or QR scanner app.*

### \*OFFERING PRAYER

A: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.**

**Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal.**

**Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.**

**Amen.**

### \*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**

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

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### \*LORD'S PRAYER

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

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**

**All Are Welcome at the Table!**

**P:** Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

*This is the Lord's Table and all are welcome to receive the bread & wine of communion.*

*Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available as needed.*

*The ushers will guide you out of your pew down the center aisle to the front of the church. Once you receive communion, please return to your seat by the side aisles. If you would like to receive communion at your seat, please let an usher know. If, for any reason, you choose not to receive the bread and wine, we invite you to come forward for a blessing.*

**\*LAMB OF GOD**

☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

Sonata for Bassoon and Piano  
III. Vivace  
Morgan Pope, bassoon

Andre Previn  
(1929-2019)

**\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C:** Amen.

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

## \*BLESSING

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

## \*SENDING HYMN            Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

*Repeat entire song twice, finish with first half*



O - pen the eyes of my heart, Lord, o - pen the eyes of my heart,



I want to see You, I want to see You. (End)



To see You high and lift - ed up, shin - ing in the light of Your glo -



ry Lord, pour out Your pow'r and love as we sing,



"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly".

Repeat to Beginning

## \*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

## LIVING OUT OUR DISCIPLESHIP – WAYS TO HELP AND SERVE

### Food Pantry

The Food Pantry continues to serve hundreds of meals each month and helps to support our neighbors with basic needs. Thank you to all who have donated to help this cause! Your continued support is needed and appreciated. For August, we are asking for cereal and pancake mix.

### Coffee Hour

If you, your ministry team, or another organization would like to sponsor our after-service coffee hour, please sign-up by scanning this QR code with the camera on your phone.



**Prayer Shawls** are available in a basket in the Narthex for anyone to take for themselves or to give away. Baby blankets along with a larger supply of shawls are available in the lounge of the Parish Building. With questions, please be in touch with a member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry Team (Bobbee Canfield, Lynne Strecker, and Lynn Sherman).

### Be Part of Emanuel's Worship Leadership!

If you are interested in serving as an Assisting Minister, acolyte, usher, communion assistant, greeter, or altar guild member, please contact Maureen Leyes. If you are interested in serving as a musician, please contact Jonathan.

### Readers Needed

Parishioners of all ages are invited to read the weekly Bible lessons. If you are interested, please email Lynn Sherman at [lynnsherman480@gmail.com](mailto:lynnsherman480@gmail.com) or call her cell phone: (860) 550-0518.

### Altar Flowers

Each Sunday we are blessed to have beautiful flowers in the sanctuary. You can sponsor these flowers in memory or honor of someone by accessing the Sign-Up Genius with this QR code or by calling the church office at 860-525-0894. You might want to mark a special birthday or anniversary or even give thanks for one of our ministry teams that is special to you. Your donation of \$75 will cover the cost of the flowers.



*Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.*

Carol Johnson † Karin Gottier † Bert Johnson † Betsyann Carter †  
Anne Louise Swanson † Lee Sherman † Jennings-Marzett Family † Mckenna Jobes †  
Brooklyn King † Elaine Wilson † Vito Vitrano † Monique Jennings †  
Rae Ann Gremel † Harris Kannah

*Homebound:* Elaine Wilson † Joan Johnson  
† Anna-Lisa Johnson † Peggy Zachariasen † Inge Levin

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