

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*September 22, 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..... Maureen Leyes
- Reader..... Elizabeth Kieschnick
- Communion Preparers..... Chet and Glenna Brodnicki
- Director of Music ..... Jonathan Reuning-Scherer

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**AV TECHNICIANS**

Paul Christianson, David Counterman, Baker Wainscoat

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Given for the glory of God

*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

*Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.*

## PRELUDE

‘Laudamus Te’  
from *Gloria* in D Major, RV 589  
Sarah Asmar and Ayako Ota, sopranos

Antonio Vivaldi  
(1678-1741)

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,**

**and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

L: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C: **Amen.**

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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**\*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**



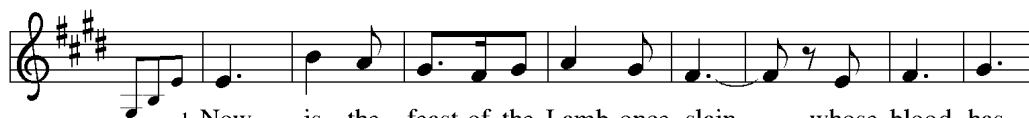
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



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.

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**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: O God,

C: **our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*The children are now dismissed for Sunday School.*

**FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 11:18-20**

*Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering*

<sup>18</sup>It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

<sup>20</sup>But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING: JAMES 3:13—4:3, 7-8A

*The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.*

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

<sup>4:1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### \*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 two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The first staff has a final note with a fermata, and the second staff has a final double bar line. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes.

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**\*GOSPEL: MARK 9:30-37**

*Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.*

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

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

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."


P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

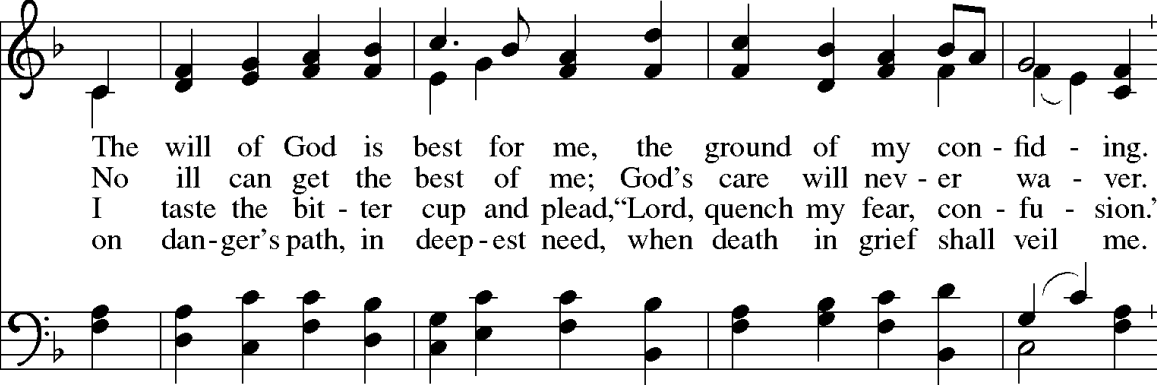
**SERMON**

**Pastor Mark Olsen**





1 What God or-dains is good in-deed, for all life well pro-vid-ing.  
 2 What God or-dains is good in-deed: my light, my life, my Sav-ior!  
 3 What God or-dains is good in-deed. When hope seems like de-lu-sion,  
 4 What God or-dains is good in-deed. My Lord will nev-er fail me



The will of God is best for me, the ground of my con-fid-ing.  
 No ill can get the best of me; God's care will nev-er wa-ver.  
 I taste the bit-ter cup and plead, "Lord, quench my fear, con-fu-sion."  
 on dan-ger's path, in deep-est need, when death in grief shall veil me.



My faith-ful God, on ev-'ry road you know the way un-  
 Through joy and pain I shall at-tain the dawn dis-clos-ing  
 God ends the night, re-stores de-light; by faith I face to-  
 My God so dear will draw me near, in lov-ing arms will



fold-ing and my hand you are hold-ing.  
 clear-ly that God has loved me dear-ly.  
 mor-row and yield to God all sor-row.  
 hold me, at last in light en-fold me.

## \*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: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

## \*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

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Jeffrey Rickard

Emanuel Choir

## 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 the code using your  
phone's camera or QR scanner app.*

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

A: Blessed are you, O God,  
C: **source of every gift of your creation.**  
**By these gifts and with our lives,**  
**help us to serve one another and all in need,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**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

### The Swan

from *The Carnival of the Animals*

Camille Saint-Saëns

Invention No. 13 in A minor

J.S. Bach

Honoka Masuyama and Jonathan Reuning-Scherer, marimba

## \*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: Holy God,

C: you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table.

Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## \*BLESSING

P: God all mighty,

God most merciful

✠ bless you, keep you,

and give you peace.

C: Amen.

**\*SENDING HYMN**

**The Lord of Light**

Refrain

The Lord of light is my sal - va - tion.  
Whom shall I fear? He's the source of life.

Verses 1 & 2

Though wars may rage and pain sur - rounds you, your  
Wait, be still. God's strong arms keep you.  
heart will hope. He's the source of life.  
Wait, be strong. He's the source of life.

Verse 3

For in the day of trou - ble He will keep me safe.  
Though en-e-mies sur - round me, I will sing to the Lord.

**\*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



**The Emanuel Food Pantry** serves 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. This month, we begin our collection for Thanksgiving. For September, we are asking for cake mix and cornbread mix.

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### BE PART OF EMANUEL'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

There are many ways to serve in worship and all are welcome to volunteer! Please use the corresponding QR codes to sign up for a service. For assistance signing up, please contact Morgan in the church office. 860-525-0894 | [adminassist@emanuelhartford.org](mailto:adminassist@emanuelhartford.org)



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Scan QR for more information

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Parishoners of all ages are welcome!

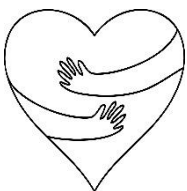
### FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



**Host Coffee Hour**  
Individuals, ministry teams, or other organizations are invited to sponsor our after-service coffee hour. Contact Monique Jennings at [moniquegray400@gmail.com](mailto:moniquegray400@gmail.com).



**Sponsor Altar Flowers** in memory or honor of someone. Your donation of \$75 will cover the cost of the flowers.



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

*Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.*

Michele Brennan † 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

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