# Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost October 13, 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                   |
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| Worship Leader      | Vicar Christine Pelfrey             |
| Guest Preacher      | The Rev. David Shank                |
| Assisting Minister  |                                     |
| Reader              | Glenna Brodnicki                    |
| Communion Preparers | Ellen Anderson and Marjorie Johnson |
| Director of Music   | Jonathan Reuning-Scherer            |

#### **EMANUEL MUSICIANS**

Rebekka Almond, David Altschuler, Sarah Asmar, Ash De Las Casas, Andy Foreman, Trey Hazard, Linda Helmke, Morgan Huntt, Kathryn Lees, Dan Luddy, Honoka Masuyama, Hannah Maynard, Andy Nagle, Kari Olsen, Ayako Ota, 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 to 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.

#### INTRODUCTION

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

**PRELUDE** 

Toccatta on 'In Babilone'

Richard Purvis (1913-1994)

# 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.

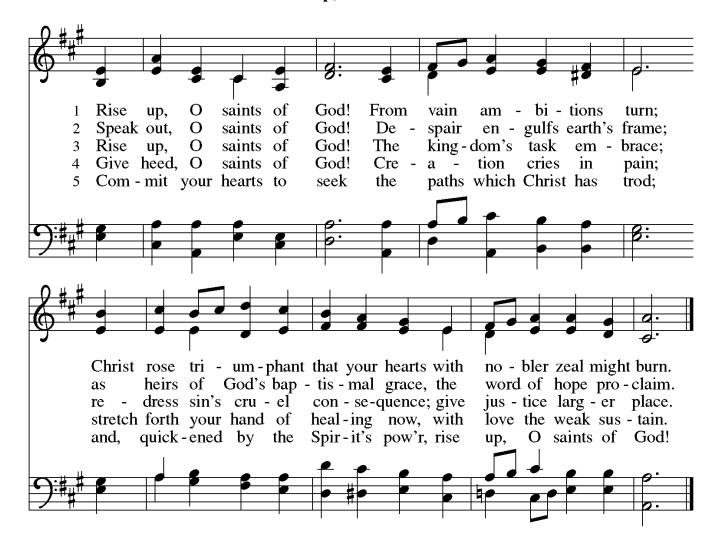
Amen.

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.



Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936 Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893 Text © Norman O. Forness, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

# \*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



#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty and ever-living God,

C: increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The children are now dismissed for Sunday School.

# **FIRST READING: AMOS 5:6-7, 10-15**

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

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<sup>6</sup>Seek the Lord and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
<sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!
<sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
<sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
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<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

but you shall not drink their wine.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

14Seek good and not evil, that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.
15Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

# **SECOND READING: HEBREWS 4:12-16**

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

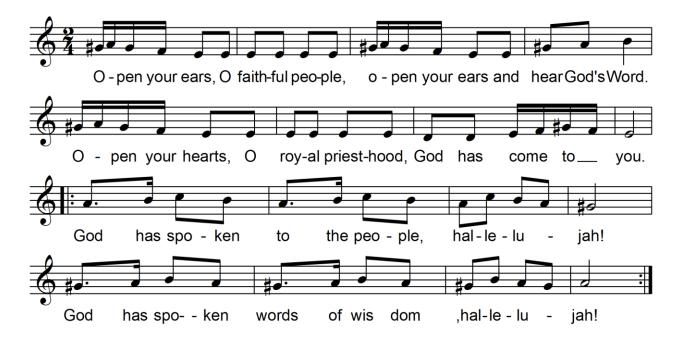
<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



# \*GOSPEL: MARK 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

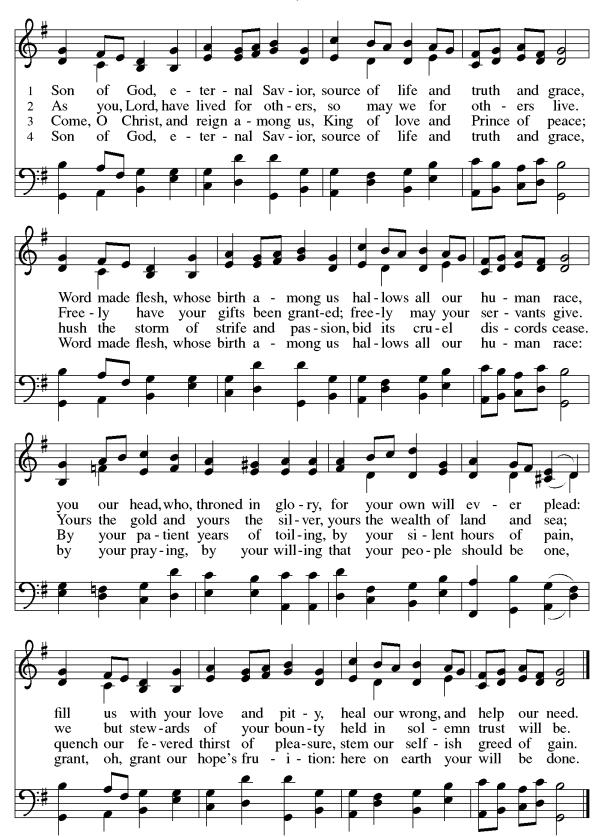
<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON The Rev. David Shank

The Rev. David Shank serves as a Regional Gift Planner for the ELCA Foundation.



Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932 Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

# \*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: God of grace,

C: hear 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** 

Praise His Holy Name Emanuel Choir Keith Hampton

#### 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.

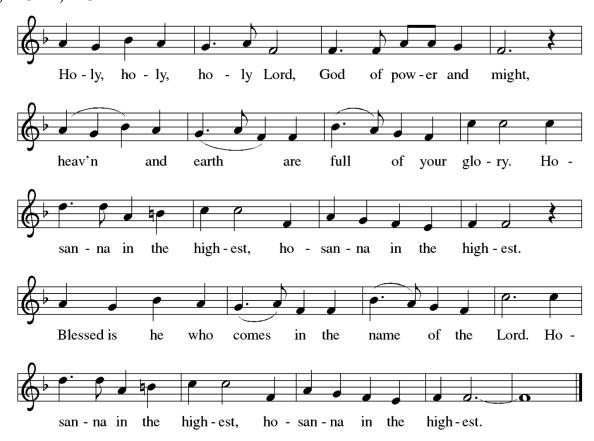
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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



# \*EUCHARISTIC 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!

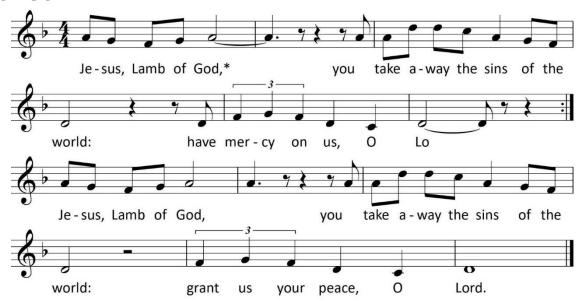
P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

# 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





Pocket Grooves III. Choro Gene Koshinski (b. 1980) Honoka Masuyama, percussion and Morgan Pope, bassoon

# \*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.



# \*DISMISSAL

L: 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 continue our collection for Thanksgiving. For October, we are

This month, we continue our collection for Thanksgiving. For October, we are asking for boxed stuffing and seasoned salt.

#### 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



# **Serve as Assisting Minister**

Coordinator: Maureen Leyes (860) 212-5492



#### **Assist with Communion**

Coordinator: Valerie McDonald valeriexyz@cox.net (860) 965-6936



# Participate in Music

Contact Jonathan Reuning-Scherer Scan QR for more information

#### Read the Lessons

Contact Lynn Sherman lynnsherman 480@gmail.com (860) 550-0518

Parishoners of all ages are welcome!

# FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



#### **Host Coffee Hour**

Individuals, ministry teams, or other organizations are invited to sponsor our afterservice coffee hour. Contact Monique Jennings at moniquegray 400@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.

Connor Mansbach † Michele Brennan † 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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