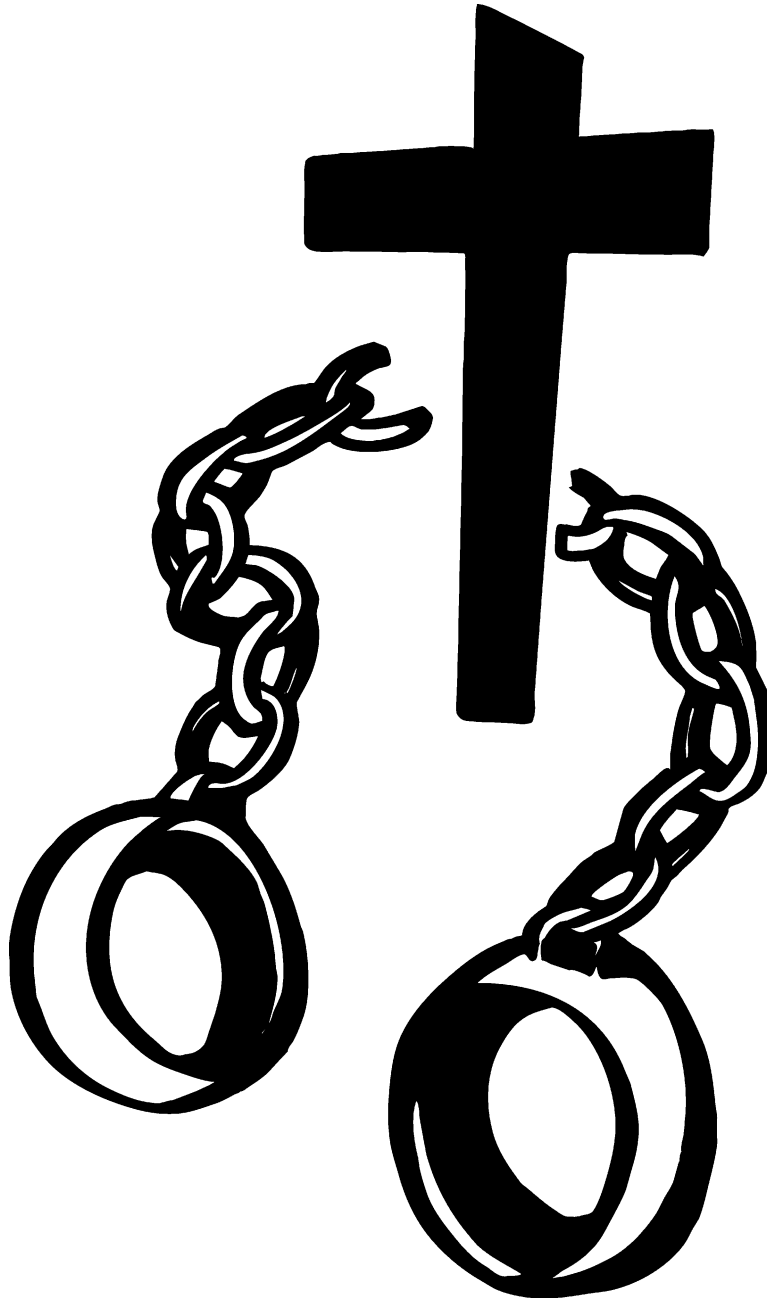


*Reformation Sunday*

*October 27, 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..... Monica Swanson  
Reader..... Bob Vojtek  
Communion Preparers.....Melanie Sinche  
Director of Music ..... Jonathan Reuning-Scherer

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Rebekka Almond, David Altschuler, Sarah Asmar, Ash De Las Casas, Andy Foreman, Trey Hazard, Linda Helmke, Morgan Hunt, 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.*

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

## INTRODUCTION

*Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.*

## PRELUDE

Tocatta and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565

J.S. Bach

## 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 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther  
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**\*GREETING**

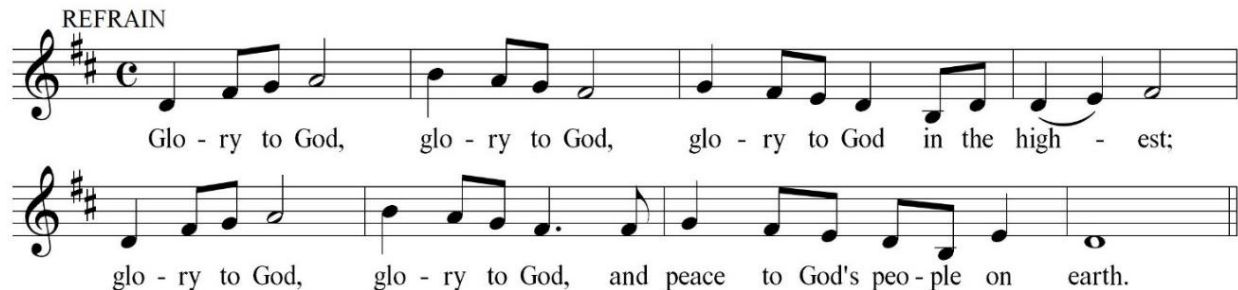
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

**ELW 167**

REFRAIN



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

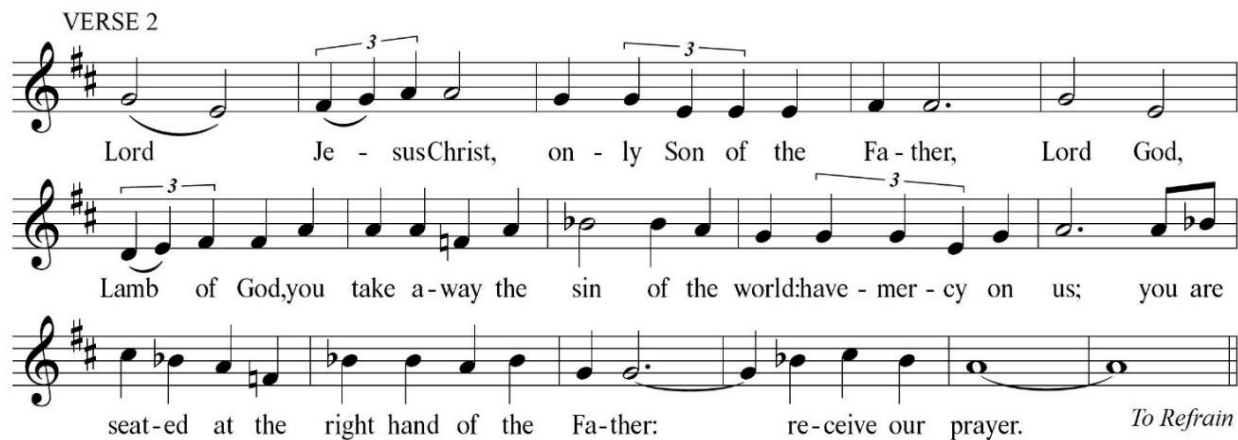
*After Last Refrain : And Peace to God's People on Earth*

VERSE 1



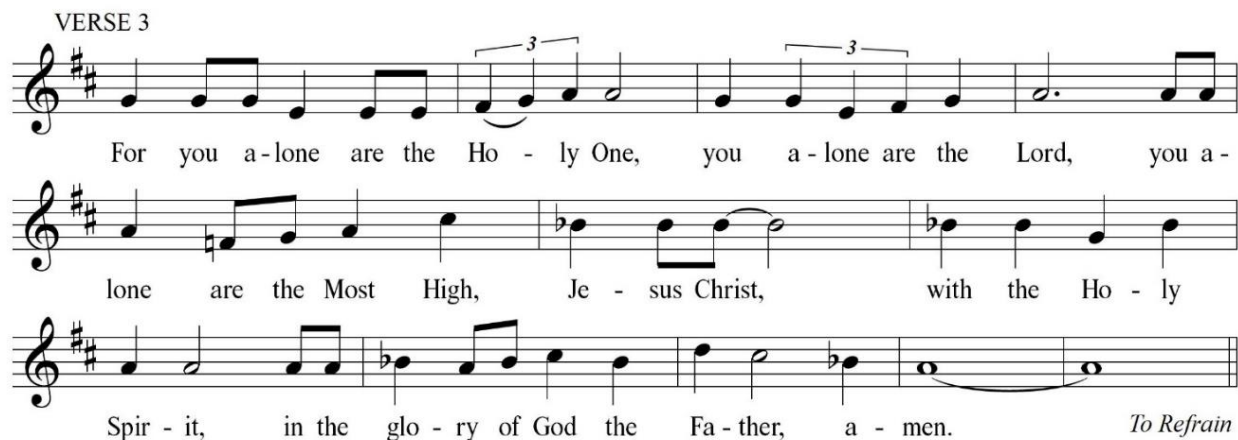
Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we  
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. *To Refrain*

VERSE 2



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have - mer - cy on us; you are  
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. *To Refrain*

VERSE 3



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -  
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, a - men. *To Refrain*

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

L: Almighty God, gracious Lord,

**C: we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*The children are now dismissed for Sunday School.*

## **FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34**

*The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.*

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: ROMANS 3:19-28**

*Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.*

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

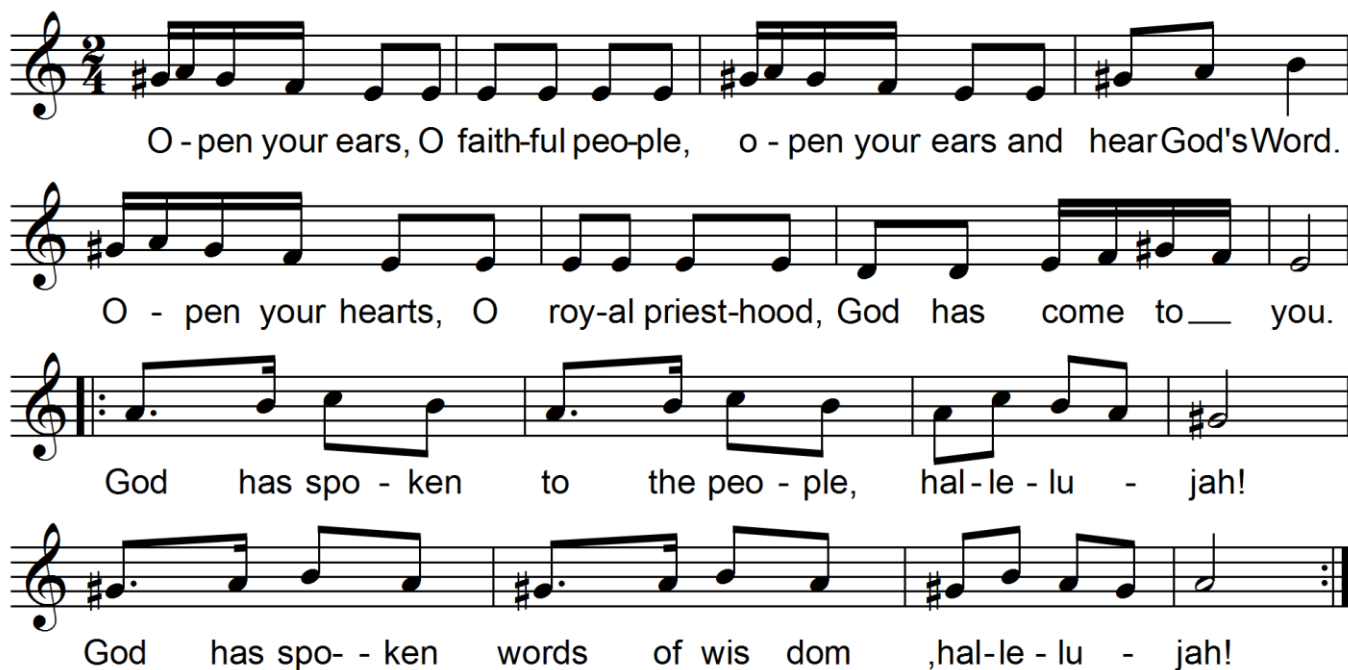
<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's Word.

O - pen your hearts, O roy-al priest-hood, God has come to\_\_ you.

God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal-le - lu - jah!

God has spo- - ken words of wis dom ,hal-le - lu - jah!

**\*GOSPEL: JOHN 8:31-36**

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

P: The holy gospel according to John.

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

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

**Pastor Mark Olsen**

**“OUR COMMON LIFE” MINISTRY PARTNER**

**SINA**

***Logan Singerman, Director of Community Partnerships and Policy Analyst***

The Southside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance (SINA) is a partnership between Connecticut Children’s Medical Center, Hartford Hospital and Trinity College. SINA’s mission is to work cooperatively with community stakeholders, like our congregation, to restore economic vitality and improve the quality of life for the benefit of the people who live, work, visit, study, and play in the neighborhoods of South Central Hartford. This year, through Emanuel’s Sandberg Mission Fund, we gave a gift of \$5,000 to SINA in support of a micro-grant program they are administering for community projects to be accomplished by graduates of the Hartford Leadership Academy (HLA). The HLA is a 10-week program that invests in leaders, to help them grow as people and to be better able to invest back in our community.

As SINA’s Director of Community Partnerships and Policy Analyst, Logan is responsible for implementing SINA’s community strengthening strategic goals and overseeing communications. Before working full time at SINA, Logan worked as the Director of Outreach Ministries at Center Church where he assisted 900 community members a year in navigating resources and oversaw the distribution of over \$600,000 worth of assistance. Prior, Logan served for three years as an AmeriCorps VISTA at Hands on Hartford and Hartford City Hall with the North Hartford Promise Zone.



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not  
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -  
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is

fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are  
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly  
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us  
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our

chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the  
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their  
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with

souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

- 5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,  
 grant that, when church bells are ringing,  
 many may come to hear your Word,  
 who here this promise is bringing:  
 "I know my own, my own know me;  
 you, not the world, my face shall see;  
 my peace I leave with you. Amen."

## **\*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**

### **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.*

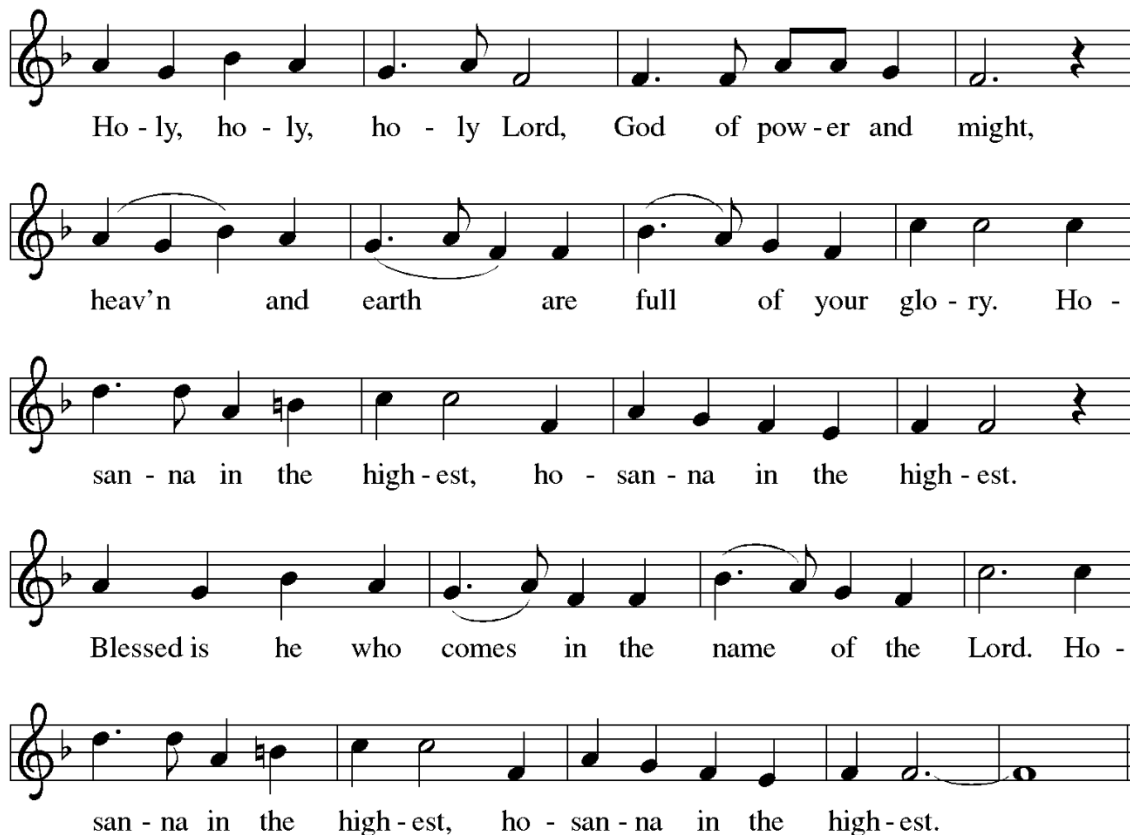
## \*OFFERING PRAYER

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'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*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**

Je-sus, Lamb of God,\* you take a-way the sins of the  
world: have mer-cy on us, O Lo  
Je-sus, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the  
world: grant us your peace, O Lord.

COMMUNION MUSIC

In Christ Alone



In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my  
 In Christ a - lone, Who took on flesh, Full-ness of  
 There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the  
 No guilt in life, no fear in death— This is the



light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner - stone, this so - lid  
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right-eous-  
 world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious  
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



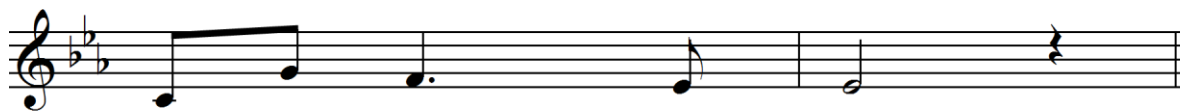
ground, Firm through the fier - cest drought and storm. What heights of  
 ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that  
 day, Up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when stri - vings  
 cross as Je - sus died, The wrath of God was sat - is -  
 stands in vic - to - ry, Sin's curse has lost its grip on  
 hell, no scheme of man, Can e - ver pluck me from His



cease! My com - for - ter, my all in all— Here in the  
 fied; For ev' - ry sin on Him was laid— Here in the  
 me; For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the  
 hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home— Here in the



love of Christ I stand.  
 death of Christ I live.  
 pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

**\*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**

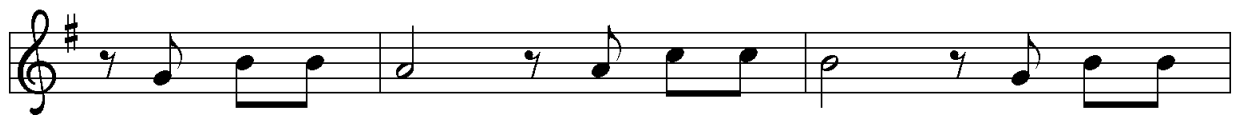
P: God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

**SENDING HYMN**

**That Priceless Grace**

**ELW 591**



1 That price-less grace, that price-less grace, that price-less  
2 That price-less blood, that price-less blood, that price-less  
3 That pain-ful death, that pain-ful death, that pain-ful  
4 That pre-cious word, that pre-cious word, that pre-cious



grace, which gave me life: Je - sus' life is price-less grace.  
blood was shed for me: Je - sus' blood is price-less grace.  
death took sins a - way: Je - sus' death is price-less grace.  
word, which brought me light: Je - sus' word is price-less grace.



That price - less grace is life for me.

Text: Emmanuel F. Y. Grantson, b. 1949  
Music: THAT PRICELESS GRACE, Ghanaian traditional  
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**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

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 asking for boxed stuffing and seasoned salt.

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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)



#### Serve as Assisting Minister

Coordinator: Maureen Leyes  
(860) 212-5492



#### Assist with Communion

Coordinator: Valerie McDonald  
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(860) 965-6936



#### Participate in Music

Contact Jonathan Reuning-Scherer  
Scan QR for more information

#### Read the Lessons

Contact Lynn Sherman  
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Parishoners of all ages are welcome!

### FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

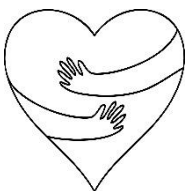


#### Host Coffee Hour

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.*

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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