# **Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Etna**

125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebratory Worship Second Sunday after Epiphany

> Sunday, January 19, 2025 9:15 a.m.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Dear Emmanuel,

Today is a day for multitudes of celebration. We have the opportunity to worship God our creator and redeemer with shouts of joy! We have the opportunity to celebrate the gift of baptism and celebrate as Mckensie receives the glorious gift of baptism! We have the opportunity to celebrate the past one and a quarter century of the gathering for worship and praise of God by God's beloved at Emmanuel! We have the opportunity to look forward to the work of ministry ahead of us as Emmanuel; giving thanks for those who have gone before while taking up the task of preparing for those who come next. We have the opportunity to affirm our calling as Christians to pattern our lives after Christ's in service to others. We have the opportunity for feast and fellowship! This is the day the Lord has made; may we rejoice and be glad in it.

Peace Pastor JJ

# We praise God for the Gift of Holy Baptism & Give thanks for the baptism today of,

Mckensie Anne Wehner
Born August 27, 2024
Child of Shauni and Greg Wehner
Stephanie Wehner and Nicholas Waldron, Baptismal Sponsors

**Today's choir anthem**, We Are the Church was written by our guest musician, Joyce Moon Strobel. The history of the anthem includes a long history of congregational life and celebration.

Joyce writes,

We Are the Church came into being (1980) at the request of a musician/pastor friend. His congregation was being a bit fractious; did I have anything that dealt with what it means to be the Church? Current Stanzas 1, 2, 3, 4 came in an afternoon. The first adaptable, inserted stanza three was written for a service devoted to lifting up music and the arts in worship. Since then anniversary stanzas for St. John's/Perrysville, and St. Stephen/Scott Twp. were written; St. John's was used for both 125th and 150th—the latter with parts for brass quartet, and the organ prelude, added. Stanzas for Hope Lutheran/Dayton, Ohio, and Passavant Community/Zelienople joined the list. Emmanuel's stanza, with advice and help from Judy Erlen, is the latest. It is as honor to find a place in this celebration! Thank you very much.

## **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.

#### **PRELUDE**

We Are the Chuch—J.M. Strobel

## **ACCLAMATION & CALL TO WORSHIP\***

The presiding minister calls the assembly to worship.

Alleluia! The Spirit is here.

## The Spirit is here indeed. Alleluia!

Since Abraham and Sarah, since Mary and Paul, since Luther and Muhlenberg, We gather to you, O God.

## We gather to you, O God.

Here is the word of life, here is the water of rebirth, here is the meal of mercy, here is the grateful assembly. Gather us to you, O God.

## Gather us to you, O God.

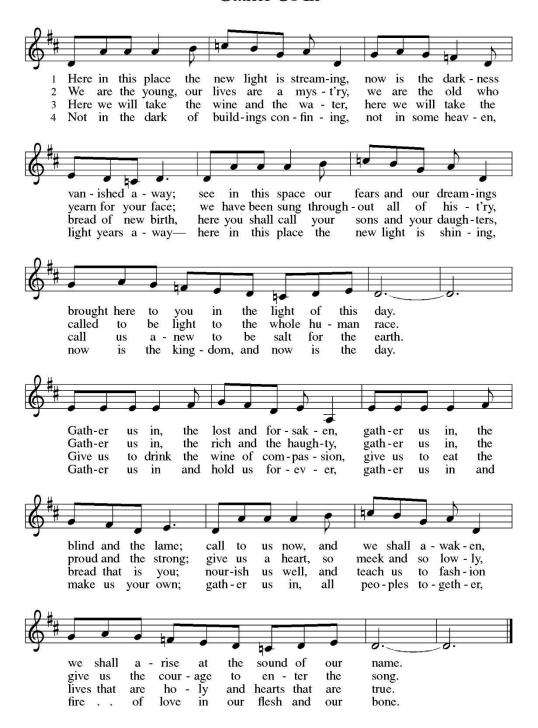
We gather, washed in the water, we gather, listening to the word, we gather, already the body of Christ. Come, Holy Spirit, and gather us in love.

Come, Holy Spirit, and gather us in love.

## **GATHERING SONG Gather Us In (ELW 532)**

The time of gathering song may be brief or extended, and may include one or more of the following: hymns, psalms; a Kyrie; a canticle of praise.

## Gather Us In



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## **GREETING**

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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

## And also with you.

## KYRIE ELW Setting Four Kyrie



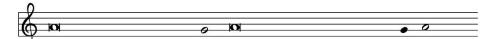
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,





Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# **HYMN OF PRAISE Shine, Jesus, Shine (ELW 671)**

# Shine, Jesus, Shine



## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in this congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

The assembly is seated.

#### WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

Children are invited to the Chancel area for a brief story and lesson

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup>You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,

and your land Married;

for the LORD delights in you,

and your land shall be married.

<sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you,

and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,

so shall your God rejoice over you.

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* 

## Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM: Psalm 36:5-10**

The psalm for the day is read in unison.

- <sup>5</sup> Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- <sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;

you save humankind and animals, O LORD.

<sup>7</sup>How priceless is your love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

<sup>8</sup> They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.

<sup>9</sup> For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

<sup>10</sup> Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.

#### **ANTHEM**

We Are One, Lord—Pethel

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

The reading may be announced:

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. *The reading may be concluded:* 

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* 

Thanks be to God.

## **ANTHEM**

We Are the Church—J.M. Strobel

The assembly is invited to rise and join in singing with the choir for the fifth verse.

## vs. 1 We are the church:

Community of saints bought by the Lamb and sealed with his own sign.
Branch of the Vine and Christ's own body here.
God's witness to creation of his love.

## vs. 2 We are the church:

And here God's love and grace have been proclaimed in service to the world. It is through grace, God's gift so full and free, That we receive the strength to rise and grow.

## vs. 3 We are the church:

We praise our God who sent and guided shepherds to reveal the Word. To celebrate God's presence in our midst. And teach us to be steadfast to our faith.

## vs. 4 We are Christ's church:

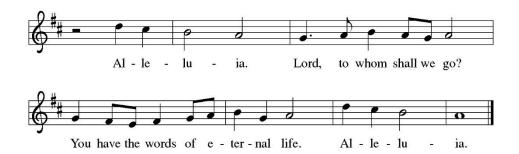
We bear the name "Emmanuel,"
"Forward with Christ" our constant call.
We pray for grace to live our daily lives
In witness to the faith we hold so dear.

## vs. 5 We are your church:

O God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit mighty One in Three.
Accept our praise, our worship and our songs. The gifts we bring to melody your Name.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



# GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to John.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ³Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. *The gospel concludes:* 

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

## **SERMON**

The assembly is seated.

## HYMN OF THE DAY The Church's One Foundation (ELW 654)

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

# The Church's One Foundation



Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

## **PRESENTATION**

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.

The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words:

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors present the candidate:

I present <u>Mckensie Anne Wehner</u> for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *Mckensie* baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring Mckensie to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *her* among God's faithful people, bring *her* to the word of God and the holy supper, teach *her* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in *her* hands the holy scriptures, and nurture *her* in faith and prayer, so that *Mckensie* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made,

Do you promise to help *Mckensie* grow in the Christian faith and life? *Response:* I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

and work for justice and peace.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *Mckensie* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support <u>Mckensie</u> and pray for *her* in *her* new life in Christ?

We do.

The assembly stands.

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

## Response:

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

<sup>\*</sup>Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT\*

Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

## And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

## It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, O God of plenteous grace,

for the waters you provide for the earth:

for snow and dew, for oceans and wells,

for the rain that nourishes plants and trees,

for the streams that enliven the animals, great and small,

for Pine Creek, Girty's Run, Deer Creek, the Allegheny, the Monongahela, and the Ohio Rivers.

We praise you, O God, for water.

## We praise you, O God, for water.

Blessing and glory be to you, O God of abundant mercy,

for your word that flows with life-giving waters:

for the story of the fountain that gushed from the rock,

for the memory of the Jordan that immersed your Son in our sorrows,

for the living rivers that flow from the cross,

for the reconciling waters of baptism around which we gather.

We bless you, O God, for water and the word.

## We bless you, O God, for water and the word.

At this font we pray:

Pour upon us yet again the Spirit of our baptism.

Our roots are dry: shower us with divine blessing.

Our fruits need moisture: renew us for vibrant growth.

Wash away the sin within us,

and drown the evil around us.

We beg you, O God, for water and the Spirit.

## We beg you, O God, for water and the Spirit.

You, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

you are the Water we crave;

you, O God, are Rain and River and Fountain,

life for us all, now and forever.

#### Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

## **BAPTISM**

The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. The candidate is immersed into the water, or water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

Mckensie, I baptize you in the name of the Father,\*

The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a second time: and of the Son,

The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a third time: and of the Holy Spirit.

#### Amen.

After each baptism, the assembly may respond with the following.

## Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized may receive a baptismal garment.

The presiding minister continues:

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:

Sustain <u>Mckensie</u> with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

## Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

<u>Mckensie</u>, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

## Amen.

<sup>\*</sup>Or, "Name is baptized in the name of the Father, . . . "

## **WELCOME**

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me

will have the light of life.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places. An acclamation (#209–215), psalm, or hymn may be sung.

The service continues with the prayers of intercession, or, if baptism has taken place in the gathering rite, with the greeting.

## BAPTISM HYMN We All Are One in Mission (ELW 576)

## We All Are One in Mission



that

all

by Christ, the

may know Christ's love.

God's warm em - brace. the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call. God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need (*especially*). God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites (*especially*). Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We thank you, Lord God, for brave and believing people who planted your message in this place. We praise you for the gift of your Holy Spirit, who worked in them to gather and give order to this community, and who still sustains it. Remembering all those who have gone before us, we pray that we may follow as they followed, in the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ. God of grace,

## hear our prayer

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may move every human heart; that the barriers dividing us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; and that, with our divisions healed, we might live in justice and peace; God of grace,

## hear our prayer

Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints (especially Henry, Bishop of Uppsala). Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

#### Amen.

## **PEACE**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Please be respectful of others' sensibilities of comfortable interaction.

The Peace of Christ be with you Always.

## And also with you.

## **MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

#### **OFFERING**

During the singing of the Communion Hymn an offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward. The assembly stands on the last verse.

## **COMMUNION HYMN Blessed Assurance (ELW 638)**

# Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood. an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

After the table is set, the assisting minister may lead one of the following or a similar prayer.

Let us pray.

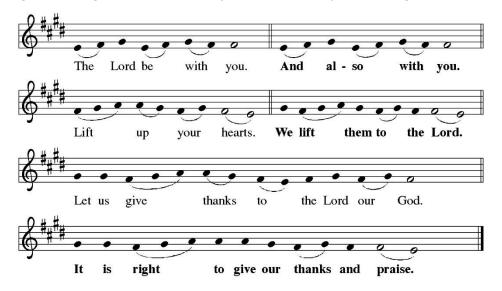
God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

## Amen.

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

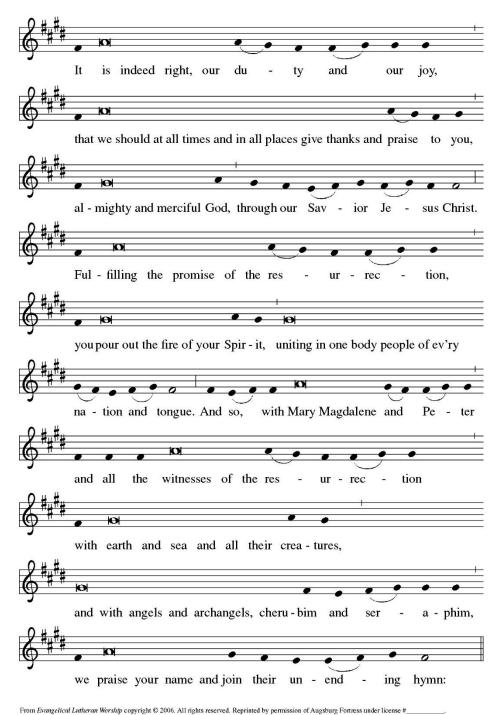
## **DIALOGUE**

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.



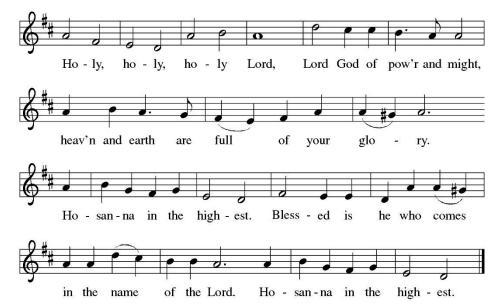
## **PREFACE**

The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day or season:



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# **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE\*

The presiding minister continues, using one of the following or another appropriate form.

We praise you, all-holy God, our maker, our lover, our keeper, nurturing our past, our present, our future; for the universe beyond our knowing, for seas and forests and fields, for creatures seen and unseen, for animals both wild and tame, for our ancestors from many cultures; and for the places we humans call home, for cities and churches and schools, for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Southwest Pa Synod, and Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Etna.

We praise you for your covenant people, for Moses and Miriam and Aaron, for traditions of prayer and praise; and for centuries of faithful Christians, for Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul, for our bishops, pastors, and all those called to ministry, for teachers and sponsors and all servants of the church.

We praise you for your Son, O God, who saves us from sin and from evil, who continues to lead us to new life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

And so we remember your Son, his life, his death, and his glorious resurrection, his word, and his presence in this meal, and we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We shout again:

## Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray that you send your Spirit, your breath, your fire, your wisdom, your guidance everywhere in the church.

Send your Spirit upon this bread and cup; inspire your people for service, always be making us new; and renew the world with your mercy, with your healing, your justice and your peace, reconciling us with you and our neighbors.

We praise you, all-holy God, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, today, tomorrow and forever.

## Amen!

We shout again:

## Amen!

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.

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**

The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.

## **COMMUNION**

All people who trust that Christ is present in the Eucharist are welcome to receive communion. Those who do not partake in communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing from the pastor. Gluten-free hosts are available; please tell the pastor if you require one. Grape Juice may be selected in place of wine from the center circle of glasses in the distribution trays. We will commune one side of the congregation at a time, starting with the pulpit side. Please come forward, receive the host, then proceed to the communion assistant to retrieve a pre-filled glass of wine. Trays for the empty glasses are on the other side of the pulpit and piano respectively, on your way back to your seat.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. and each person may respond

#### Amen.

The ministers commune either after or before others commune.

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands. The presiding minister may say a table blessing, using these or similar words.

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen** 

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads one of the following or a similar prayer after communion.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give you thanks that you have fed us with this heavenly food. In your grace and by your Spirit, help us to be what we celebrate, the body of Christ in the world. Send us out, renewed by this sacramental meal, to do the work you have given us to do: to witness for Christ, to love you with singleness of heart, and to serve you with clarity of purpose; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### **SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## **AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN VOCATION**

Within the sending rite of the service, this affirmation may be made by individuals or groups, and may be introduced by a description of the area of service to be affirmed. Or, the affirmation may be made by the whole assembly.

The presiding minister addresses those affirming Christian vocation.

Sisters and brothers, both your work and your rest are in God. Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, at morning and evening, at work and at play, all the days of your life?

## Response: We will, and we ask God to help us.

The presiding minister continues.

Almighty God, by the power of the Spirit you have knit these your servants into the one body of your Son, Jesus Christ. Look with favor upon them in their commitment to serve in Christ's name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

The service concludes with the blessing and dismissal.

## **BLESSING**

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

Go forth in peace and with the courage of faith. Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.

## Amen.

Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

## Amen.

The God of hope fill you with joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## Amen.

Almighty God, Father,  $\pm$  Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

## Amen.

## SENDING SONG A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (isometric) (ELW 504)

# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



#### **DISMISSAL**

The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

Toccata in C—Bach/Thompson

## WE GIVE THANKS FOR OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

## Preacher of the day

Rev. Kurt Kusserow, Bishop of Southwest Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA

## **Presiding Ministers**

Rev. Jennifer McCurry, Coordinator of Religious and Spiritual Life, Carnegie Mellon University, Pastor of Emmanuel 2011-2014

Rev. Dr. Scott Dennis, Designated Supply Pastor and Temporary Interim Pastor of Emmanuel February 2015- August 2015

Rev. Richard Neumann, Pastor Emeritus of Emmanuel

Rev. Christina Hough, Director of Mission Advancement, Glade Run Lutheran Services, member of Emmanuel

Rev. J.J. Lynn, Pastor of Emmanuel, 2015-present

### **Musicians**

Judith Erlen, Organist Joyce Moon Strobel, guest Organist

## **Assisting Ministers**

Communion Assistant: Jack Dellert Communion Assistant: Dan Barr

Lector: Fred Prefling Greeter: Amy Scariot Greeter: Edna Zimmerman

Livestream Operators: Cindy Umbaugh & Tom Hough

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