



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

CELEBRATION WORSHIP AT 10:30 AM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30RD, 2020

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

(You may also follow the Order of Worship as projected on the overhead screens.)

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER ASKING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

THE OPENING SONG: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

THE INVOCATION

THE CONFESSION

All: Father, out of Your great love, You have chosen us to be Your children and to live in a close, loving relationship with You. But so often we have behaved like slaves, rather than children of God and heirs of heaven. Instead of following You, we have run after our own selfish desires and lived for ourselves. We confess that we have sinned against You by our thoughts, our words, and our actions. All of this has left us feeling empty and so far away from You. Please, forgive us and restore us once again, that we may know Your presence, Your love, Your forgiveness. And through Your Spirit, help us to leave our sins behind and press on toward that goal of being with You in Your glory for all eternity.

THE ABSOLUTION

P: Our God and Father loves us more than we can fully understand. Out of that love, He sent His Son, Jesus, to bear our sin and to be our sacrifice on that cross. It was through His death and resurrection that the price for our sin has been paid in full, so that we can now stand before God as His children and as heirs of heaven. And through the Holy Spirit we are given the power to take hold of this saving Gospel, trusting fully in Christ Jesus for our salvation and pressing on toward that glory that awaits us in heaven. And so, let us all praise God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit for His Amazing Grace. Amen.

THE PSALM READING: Psalm 40:1-5 (ESV pg. 468)

I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the Lord.
Blessed is the man who makes
the Lord his trust,
who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after a lie!
You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you!
I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than can be told.

SONG: "Be Thou My Vision"

THE CHILDREN LEAVE FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

THE FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-9 (ESV)

Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a youth';
for to all to whom I send you, you shall go,
and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
declares the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me,
"Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Philippians 3:12-4:1 (ESV)

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:12-17 (ESV)

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SONG: “Lord I Need You”

THE MESSAGE: “Running Like A Winner” — Rev Tim Hunze

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH: Nicene Creed

THE CONFIRMATION SONG: "Spirit Song"

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION:

THE LIFTING UP OF OUR PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Five Questions to Ask Yourself:

1. Am I a baptized member of the Christian Faith?
2. Am I a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
3. Do I believe that my only hope of forgiveness is found in my Savior Jesus Christ and His death and resurrection for me?
4. Do I believe that Jesus gave me His body and blood together with the bread and wine for the assurance of the forgiveness of my sins?
5. Will I try, by the power of God, to amend my sinful life?

(If a worshipper cannot answer yes to all five of these questions, or if they are not sure what they mean, then we ask them to speak with the Pastor before they commune. We do this out of love and concern for all our worshippers.)

THE DISTRIBUTION

A PRAYER OF THANKS

THE BLESSING

CLOSING SONG: "Who Shall I Fear"