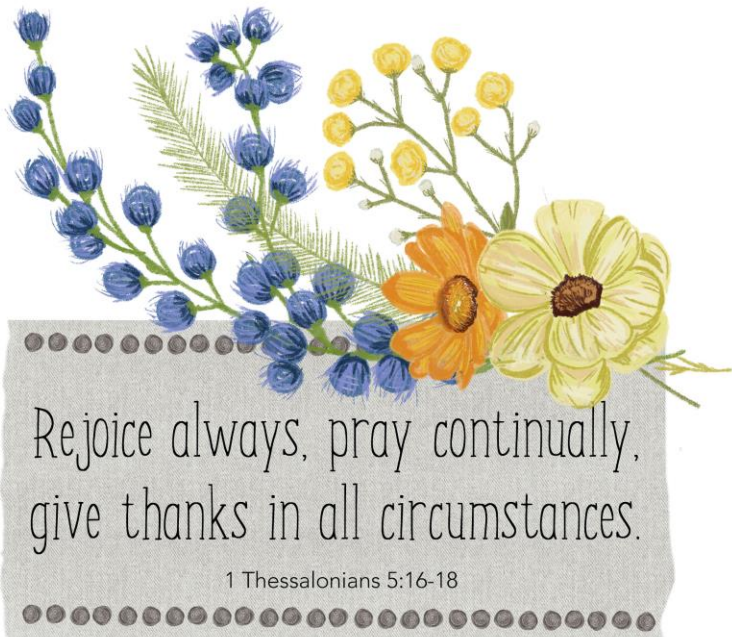


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Mission Statement:

Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others

Our Ministers This Morning Include:

Rev. Michael L. Poole Jr.

Director of Music, Organist: Paul Burnside

2023 Congregational Watchword –

“It is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.” – Matthew 18:14

2023 Theme – What is God Calling Us to Do?

Prelude

Stewardship Temple Talk

Special Music *“Treasure”* Children’s Choir

Children’s Sermon

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Watchword Matthew 18:14

P: It is not the will of your Father in heaven

C: **That one of these little ones should be lost.**

Liturgy of Rejoice and Rededication

BFM: Turn us, Lord that we may see your face and know your presence. Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord has visited God’s people. We who have been called by God through Christ have not remembered who God is and who we are. Let us return this day to hear God’s voice through the Holy Spirit, and to the promises both God and we have made to one another.

C: Lord, you are our God. We are your people. Turn us, that we may remember who we are and rejoice in all that you have called us to do.

BFM: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom God has redeemed and gathered.

C: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, for God’s steadfast love endures forever!

BFM: May God, who has redeemed us, turn us now to follow Christ into the world. May the Holy Spirit precede us, walk beside us, and follow after us, that we may know and love and serve and rejoice in you all our days.

C: Friends in Christ, we have a common hope and purpose. We have been created in the image of the living God, called through our baptism to walk with God as children of the Great King. Any of us have, at one time in the past, made solemn promises to the Lord of Life – promises of faithfulness, obedience, service, reflection, renewal, and rejoicing. But our promises grow cold. Sometimes we lost sight of them. Sometimes we suffer change of heart. Sometimes our memory fades. Sometimes we willfully turn from our promises. We need to turn again to you Lord, who does not turn from us, and remembers our iniquities no more.

Gathering

“Canticle of the Turning”

#723

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.

Prayer of The Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. God of love, giver of life,

C: you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please be seated.

Anthem

“Same God”

Emanuel Choir

I’m calling on the God of Jacob, whose love endures through generations. I know that You will keep Your covenant. I’m calling on the God of Moses, the One who opened up the ocean. I need You now to do the same thing for me.

O God, my God, I need You, O God, my God, I need You now. How I need You now. O Rock, O Rock of Ages, I’m standing on Your faithfulness, on Your faithfulness.

I’m calling on the God of Mary, whose favor rests upon the lowly. I know with You all things are possible. I’m calling on the God of David, who made a shepherd courageous. I may not face Goliath; but I’ve got my own giants.

O God, my God, I need You. O God, my God, I need You now, How I need You now. O Rock, O Rock of Ages, I’m standing on Your faithfulness, on Your faithfulness.

You heard Your children then. You hear Your children now. You are the same God. You answered prayers back then, and You will answer now. You are the same God You were providing then. You are providing now. You are the same God.

You moved in power then. God, move in power now. You are the same God! You were a healer then, You are a healer now. You are the same God! You were a Savior then. You are a Savior now. You are the same God!

O God, my God, I need You. O God, my God, I need You now. How I need You now. O Rock, O Rock of Ages, I’m standing on your faithfulness, on Your faithfulness

You freed the captives then, You’re freeing captives now. You are the same God. You touched the lepers then. I feel Your touch right now. You are the same God. I’m calling on the Holy Spirit. Almighty River, come and fill me again.

First Lesson Romans 5:10-11 Pew Bible pg. 798

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19 Pew Bible pg. 837

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “*Rejoicing in our Stewardship*” Pastor Mike
1 Thessalonians 5:16-19

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn “*Christ, Be Our Light*” #715

Apostles' Creed

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.

A Time for Rededication and Rejoicing

BFM: Lord Christ, before we were, you are. Many of us have known you and walked with you day by day since we were infants. Some of us have known and loved you since childhood and adulthood. Some of us have come to faith in you recently.

C: **We rejoice in your love for us. Stir in us Lord, new life, new fervor, and new commitment, so that what once burned brightly in the chamber of**

our hearts may burn again with warmth and brightness fueled by your pure love. Remove from us this day those roadblocks which keep us from seeing you. Return Lord, to our hearts with power and grace, that we might rejoice in our stewardship of all you have given us, and that we might know zeal for your kingdom.

BFM: I now call upon each one of us, as we stand in this place, before our Living God, to call to mind and to remembrance times past when we knew God's nearness to our lives. Perhaps we can recall a day or hour or moment when we first knew Christ was near to us. Perhaps we remember a time when the Holy Spirit caused our hearts to rejoice. Reflect for just a moment on such times. Perhaps it was the day you made vows to be faithful. Perhaps it was a time when, as you listened to a message, you were convicted of the grace and shaping, sharing of the sacraments, when we became aware that Christ truly lived in you.

C: We rejoice now, on such a time, and we ask God, who still cares for us and our lives, to stir the Holy Spirit powerfully in us once again, to share our stewardship of God's creation with the world.

BFM: As Joshua did, when speaking to God's chosen people, Israel, long ago, I now ask you: Will you remember Christ and live for God, and with the Holy Spirit in your heart, rejoice in the gifts given to you by the Triune God?

C: Yes, I will, with the help of God!

BFM: Will you look deeply, searching into your heart, to find the places where God needs to raise you to new awareness, open to the Holy Spirit's searching, and the cleansing presence of Christ?

C: Yes, I will, with the help of God!

BFM: Will you trust God to remake you, so that Christ's redeeming love may drive out fear? Will you let the Holy Spirit's love become your energy, a love on fire to be genuine, to care for others, to seek out the hurting, and to become God's messenger to others in the world, so that all may share in rejoicing in the gifts of God?

C: Yes, I will, with the help of God!

BFM: As a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church, God's own family called to welcome, love and serve all, will you respond, as Israel did, when Joshua laid his clear choice to offering everything back to God's Kingdom?

C: Yes, I will, with the help of God!

BFM: As a sign of our rededication, I now call upon us all to return once again to rejoicing in the Lord. When we were baptized, the new self, brought to life with Christ, connects us with the whole world. God knows how deep and lasting were the promises God made for us when we were baptized. As part of God's eternal family, we are each invited to come forward and offer our signs of reflection, renewal and rejoicing in our stewardship.

(People may come forward and place their Estimates of Giving into the designated place)

Prayers of Intercession

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*Please be seated.

Offering

Offertory

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Offertory Response “*Create in Me a New Heart*” #186

♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Offering Prayer

BFM: Let the redeemed of the Lord say it is so. Let us give thanks for all the good gifts we receive and return to the Lord. We rejoice with one another in what we are able to accomplish together, which is far greater than we can individually. Bless these gifts that they may be signs of love for the world.

C: **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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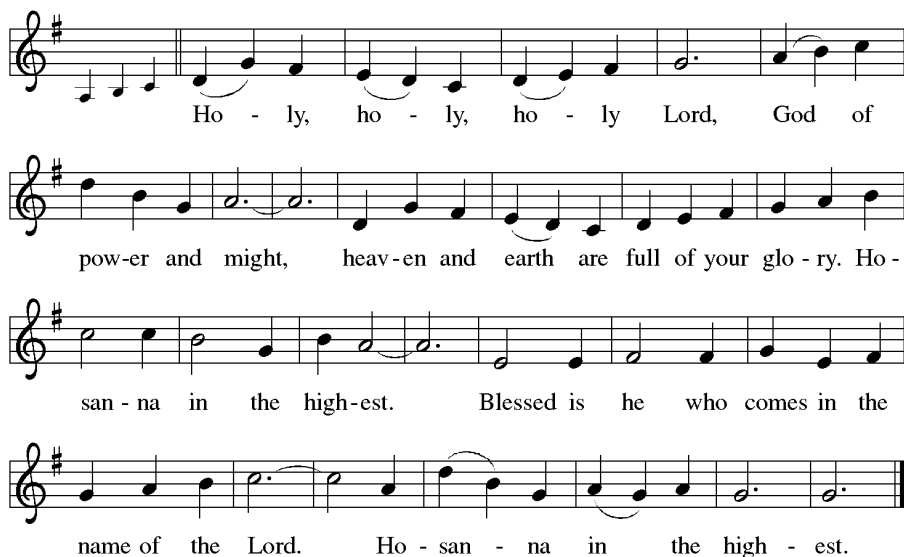
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Preface



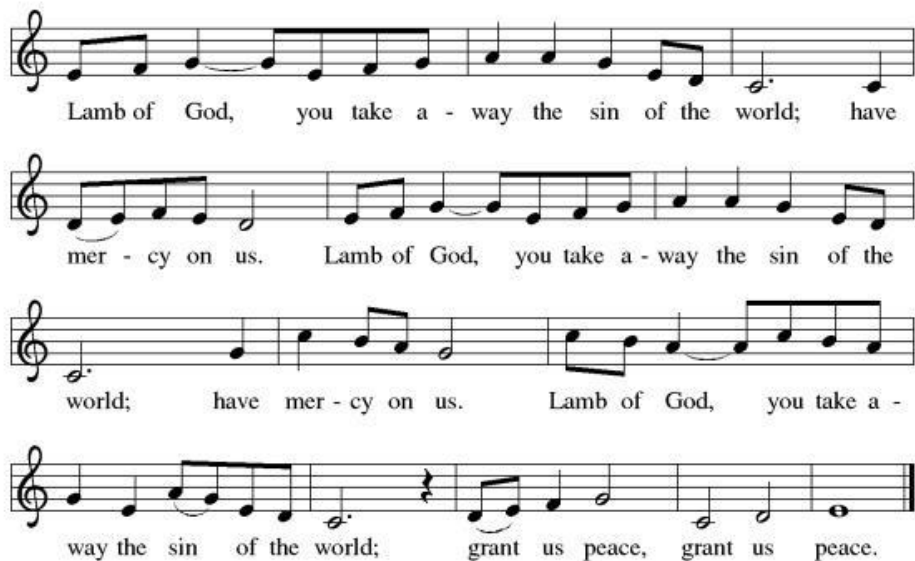
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer
Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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.

*Please be seated



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 Songs "All Because of Jesus" Praise Team

Giver of every breath I breathe,
 Author of all eternity,
 Giver of every perfect thing,
 To You be the glory.
 Maker of heaven and of earth,
 No one can comprehend Your worth.
 King over all the universe,
 To You be the glory.
 And I am alive because I'm alive in You.
 And it's all because of Jesus I'm alive.
 It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ,
 that covers me and raised this dead man's life.
 It's all because of Jesus I'm alive.
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 No one can comprehend Your worth.

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To You be the glory.
And I am alive because I'm alive in You.
And it's all because of Jesus I'm alive.
And it's all because the blood of Jesus Christ,
that covers me and raised this dead man's life.
It's all because of Jesus.
Every sunrise sings Your praise;
The universe cries out Your praise.
I'm Singing freedom all my days,
Now that I'm alive.
And it's all because of Jesus I'm alive;
It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ,
that covers me and raised this dead man's life.
It's all because of Jesus.
And it's all because of Jesus I'm alive.
It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ,
that covers me and raised this dead man's life.
It's all because of Jesus. I'm alive.

"For All You've Done"

My Savior, Redeemer, lifted me from the miry clay.
Almighty, forever, I will never be the same,
'Cause You came near From the everlasting to the world we
live; The Father's only Son.
And You lived, and You died and You rose again on high.
And You opened the way for the world to live again.
Hallelujah, for all You've done.
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Musical Interlude

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Prayer after Communion

BFM: Let us go from this place back into the dailiness of life, alive to every prompting of the Holy Spirit, eager to know and love Christ, mindful of God's eternal promises to us. Let us hear God's "Yes!" to our lives, and, hearing it, let us say, "Yes!" to God, resoundingly, enthusiastically, courageously, with zeal, fervor, renewal, reflection, rejoice, and with no apology. We are the Lord's redeemed. Let us declare it in the living that we do for God's will, God's Kingdom, through the Holy Spirit, and for the sake of Christ.

C: Amen.

Benediction

BFM: The hand of the Merciful Creator is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. May you always be thankful for God's loving providence. May God shower you with good gifts, and may you respond by being good stewards of God's good gifts.

C: Amen.

Sending

"We Are Called"

#720

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Be good stewards.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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