

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Contemporary Worship *Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost* *Sunday, November 19, 2023*



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Mission Statement:

Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others

Praise Band

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Pat Thomas..... Bass/Guitar
Rick Lyon..... Guitar

Praise Chorus

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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?

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Welcome

Special Music

"Give God the Glory"

Children's Choir

Temple Talk

Thanks & Giving

Gathering

"You, You are God"

Here I am, I've come to find You; here I am to see Your grace;

To bring to You an offering, I have to ask myself one thing;

How can I do anything but praise; I praise.

You, You are God, You are Lord, You are all I'm living for;

You are King of everything, I want my life to praise You.

You are God, You are Lord, You are all I'm living for;

You are King of everything, I want my life to praise You.

Here I am, I've come to thank You; here I am a life You've changed;
Because You gave Your life for me, were crucified and died for me;
How can I do anything but praise; I praise.

You, You are God, You are Lord, You are all I'm living for;
You are King of everything, I want my life to praise You.
You are God, You are Lord, You are all I'm living for;
You are King of everything, I want my life to praise You.

Musical Interlude

You, You are God, You are Lord, You are all I'm living for;
You are King of everything, I want my life to praise You.
You are God, You are Lord, You are all I'm living for;
You are King of everything, I want my life to praise You.
I want my life to praise You. I want my life to praise You.

Call to Worship

Psalm 90:1-12

L: Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

C: **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**

L: You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."

C: **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;**

L: you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:

C: **in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

L: For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

C: **Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

- L: When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- C: **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**
- L: Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?
- C: **So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

Song

"Potter's Hand"

Beautiful Lord, wonderful Savior,

I know for sure all of my days are held in Your hand;

Crafted into Your perfect plan.

You gently call me into Your presence,

Guiding me by Your Holy Spirit;

Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life through Your eyes.

I'm captured by Your holy calling,

Set me apart, I know You're drawing me to Yourself;

Lead me, Lord, I pray. Take me, mold me, use me, fill me;

I give my life to the Potter's hand.

Mold me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me;

I give my life to the Potter's hand.

Beautiful Lord, wonderful Savior,

I know for sure all of my days are held in Your hand;

Crafted into Your perfect plan.

You gently call me into Your presence,

Guiding me by Your Holy Spirit;

Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life through Your eyes.

I'm captured by Your holy calling,

Set me apart, I know You're drawing me to Yourself;

Lead me, Lord, I pray. Take me, mold me, use me, fill me;
I give my life to the Potter's hand.
Mold me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me;
I give my life to the Potter's hand.
I give my life to the Potter's hand.

Opening Litany

L: Earning, saving, investing,
C: **Bull markets, bear markets, collapsed markets,**
L: We risk in so many ways.
C: **Faith, love and salvation, with God's investment we have nothing to lose.**
L: Let us pray. Your Word, O God,
C: **Is like a two-edged sword, bringing death and life. Let this sword fall upon us, that in hearing your Word we may be embraced by the hope of everlasting life, by the power of the Holy Spirit, and through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

L: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: **Amen.**

Watchword

Matthew 18:14

L: It is not the will of your Father in heaven
C: **That one of these little ones should be lost.**

Song

"White as Snow"

White as snow, white as snow, though my sins were as scarlet,
Lord, I know, Lord, I know- that I'm clean and forgiven.
Through the power of Your blood, through the wonder of Your love,
Through faith in You I know that I can be white as snow.
White as snow, white as snow, though my sins were as scarlet,
Lord, I know, Lord, I know- that I'm clean and forgiven.
Through the power of Your blood, through the wonder of Your love,
Through faith in You I know that I can be white as snow.

Passing of the Peace & Offering

Offertory & Special Music

First Reading

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Pew Bible pg. 665

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Pew Bible pg. 837

Song of the Day

"When The Night Is Falling"

When the night is falling and the day is done
I can hear you calling, "Come" I will come, while you sing over me.
When the night surrounds me, All my dreams undone,
I can hear you calling, "Come" I will come, while you sing over me.
When the night would hide my way, I will listen until I hear you say,
"How I love you child! I love you!
How I love you child! I love you! How I love you!"
"How I love you child! I love you!
How I love you child! I love you! How I love you!"
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
When this life is over and the race is run,
I will hear you calling, "Come" I will come, while you sing over me.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

Pew Bible pg. 702

Sermon

"Investing God's Stuff"

Parish Deacon Ann

Matthew 25:14-30

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

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.

Benediction

L: May God's graciousness be upon you, and may God prosper the work of your hands.

C: **Amen.**

L: May the Master return again and again in our lives, as we watch for the Lord.

C: **Amen.**

L: May we use every good gift that we've been given, trusting that everything is God's and we really have nothing to lose.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song

"Remembrance"

Oh, how could it be

That my God would welcome me into this mystery;

Say, "take this bread, take this wine?"

Now the simple made divine, for any to receive.

By Your mercy, we come to Your table.

By Your grace, You are making us faithful.

Lord, we remember You, And remembrance leads us to worship.

And as we worship You, Our worship leads to communion.

We respond to Your invitation. We remember You.

See His body, His blood;

Know that He has overcome every trial we will face.

None too lost to be saved,

None too broken or ashamed; all are welcome in this place.

By Your mercy, we come to Your table.
By Your grace, You are making us faithful.
Lord, we remember You. And remembrance leads us to worship.
And as we worship You, Our worship leads to communion.
We respond to Your invitation. We remember You.
Dying You destroyed our death. Rising You restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory. Lord Jesus, come in glory.
Lord Jesus, come in glory. Lord Jesus, come in glory.
Lord, we remember You. And remembrance leads us to worship.
And as we worship You, Our worship leads to communion.
We respond to Your invitation. We respond to Your invitation.
We remember You.

Dismissal

- L: Go in peace. May everlasting abundance grow in
your lives.
- C: **Thanks be to God.**