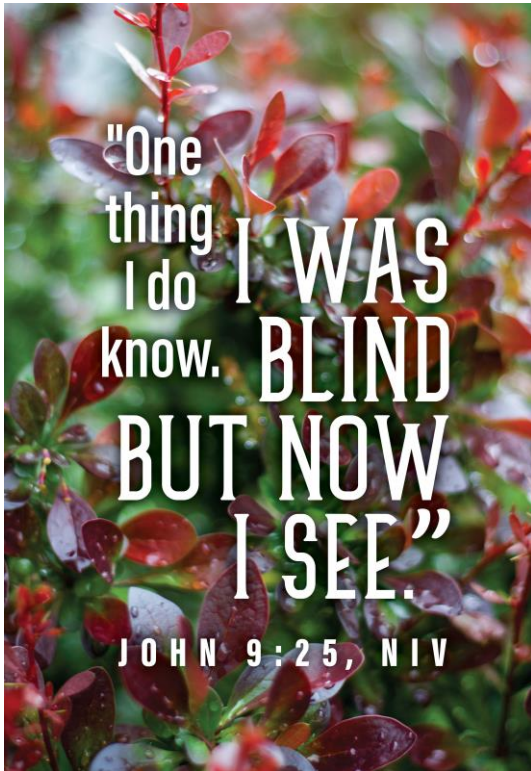


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Mission Statement:

Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others

Our Ministers This Morning Include:

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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?

Prelude *“Variations on Three Communion Hymns”*

-- See Bulletin Notes for Details

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Confession and Absolution

P: Light in darkness, sound in silence, you break through our fences of pride.

C: **And our walls of despair.**

P: We act in deadly ways that hurt others.

C: **We act in deadly ways that hurt ourselves.**

P: We run from you, but again and again you find us.

C: **Expose now what is in our hearts.**

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: God does not judge us on our outward appearances or our outward actions alone, for God sees far more than humans see. God sees the heart.

C: **May God’s word of truth cleanse you from all sin that your hearts might radiate God’s light and your actions flow boldly from God’s love.**

P: In the name of the Triune God (+), all our sins are forgiven. God calls us into light. May our eyes be opened to see God.

C: Like parents who seek the best for their children, your love, O God, is always with us. We pray that we would be given eyes to see you at work in the world: healing, reconciling, and making all things new, by the power of the Holy Spirit, and through the One who heals our blindness and allows us to see, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Gathering *“O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”* #722

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.**



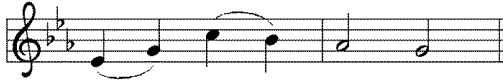
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

Prayer of The Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ,

C: **and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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.**

*Please be seated.

Anthem “*Now We Remain*” Emanuel Choir (10:30)

Refrain:

We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts.

Living; now we remain with Jesus the Christ.

Once we were people afraid, lost in the night. Then by your cross we were saved; Dead became living, life from your giving.

Something which we have known, something we've touched, What we have seen with our eyes: This we have heard; life giving word

He chose to give of himself, became our bread. Broken, that we might live. Love beyond love, pain for our pain.

We are the presence of God; this is our call. Now to become and wine: Flood for the hungry, life for the weary, For to live with the Lord, we must die with the Lord.

First Lesson 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Pew Bible pg. 202

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson Ephesians 5:8-14 Pew Bible pg. 829

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon (10:30)

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

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The Holy Gospel John 9:1-41 Pew Bible pg. 759

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 9th chapter.

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

L: The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.

Sermon

“An Amazing House”

Pastor Mike

John 9:1-41

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day *“Amazing Grace”*

(Sung to the tune of House of the Rising Sun)

1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a
wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

- 2 T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed
- 3 Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; He will my Shield and Portion be, As long as life endures.
- 5 Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, And mortal life shall cease, I shall possess, within the veil, A life of joy and peace.
- 6 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine; But God, who called me here below, Will be forever mine.
- 7 When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.
- 8 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

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 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 “*Let the Vineyards be Fruitful*” #181

♪ **Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray. O God, we discover what we truly need. Placing what you have entrusted to us back into your hands, we see your goodness sustaining us in every dimension of our lives.

C: **Give us hearts to love and hands to embrace, that every thought, word, and act that comes forth from us might be filled with your holy love. 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.

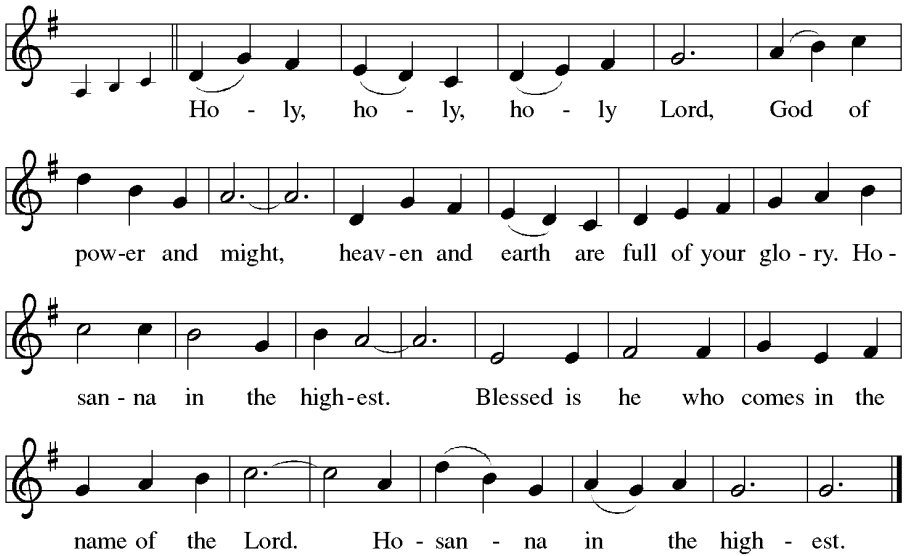
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has one long measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has one long measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together.

The Preface

"Holy, Holy, Holy"



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 (Sung to the tune of the house of the rising sun)

**Our Fath-er who art in heav-en, ---- ----
 Hall---owed be Thy name. ---- ---- Thy
 King-dom come, ---Thy will be done, --on
 Earth as it is--- in heav'n. ---- ---- Give
 Us this day our dai-ly bread. --For-
 Give-us all---our--- debts. ---- -- As
 We---for- give our debt-ors---- -- who
 Sin a- gainst--- us.--- ---- --Don't
 Lead ---us in temp tat-ion, ---- ----De-
 live----er us from the bad.---- --- For---
 Thine's – the king-dom, ---the pow'r, and glo-ry, --for-
 Ev—er and ev----- er more. ---- ---- A-
 men, ---- A-men --- ---A-men, --- --A-men, A-men.**

*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.

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Blessing of Sacrament for Sending Out

(8:00)

L: Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother’s tender care; as you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your Word and Sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence by the power of the Holy Spirit, and through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

P: May the cleansing and healing of this day continue through the week, that each day you may see the goodness of God at work and live in you.

C: **Amen.**

Sending “*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*” #843

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Open your eyes!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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