

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 2023 ~ 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



As water
reflects the face,
so one's life
reflects the heart.

PROVERBS 27:19, NIV

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Mission Statement:

Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others

Our Ministers This Morning Include:

Rev. Michael L. Poole Jr.

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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

Stewardship Temple Talk

*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 for Stewardship

P: O Lord, our God, your wisdom and power are beyond our comprehension. Yet our hearts know you intimately. Our love for you and our awe of you join together in our praise to your holy name.

C: **You are the one we turn to when we hear your invitation to be your disciples, when we feel Your call to stewardship. You, O Lord, provide strength and wisdom for each day and hope for the journey.**

P: It is by faith in you that we response to your call to stewardship.

C: **We believe that you are the source of love and provide the resources for loving. We believe that you redeem not only our lives but also our actions so that our small human offerings have divine results. We believe that your Holy Spirit empowers us to be all that you created us to be for your purpose.**

P: Holy God of all creation, give us vision, love and nerve to respond to our first calling on this earth to care and serve. Show the world by our example how to live each waking hour, as we strive to humbly follow, sharing your creative power.

C: **Yet the call to stewardship can, at times, be overwhelming. The need before us is more than one person can handle alone. We thank you, Lord, for calling us to work as one body. Your Body is made manifest in us as we work together to serve your children.**

P: Lord, may people in our community show your love through their actions. We shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, accompany the elderly, champion the battle with mental illness, and help others become better people. We donate their blood, their sweat, their tears, their personal belongings.

C: **Lord, many people in our congregation generously offer our lives as stewards. We teach your Word, visit the sick and home-bound, provide fellowship for our community, serve as leaders and decision makers, make worship a meaningful experience, and support our ministry in prayer. Many organizations in our congregation and community make up the tangible Body of Christ.**

P: Lord, we thank you for these people whom you have joined together for your purpose. We thank you for people who live what they believe and believe what they live. We thank you for the Spirit of Christ which dwells in us in our congregation and community.

C: **By your grace, Lord, we stand among those who will hear you say, “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I**

was naked and you clothed me, sick and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.” And we will say, “Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked or in prison.”

P: And you will assure us, Lord, with your words, “Just as you have done it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.

C: **Into the world Christ sends us, to love like he loved wherever we go. Just down the street, into the cities, crossing the borders of culture as though nothing could keep us away. This is the challenge of our stewardship and our mission.**

P: Into the world Christ Jesus sends us to make disciples wherever we go; teaching God’s truth, seeking commitment, welcoming strangers and watching them grow in faith. Warming cold hearts with the flames of God’s love.

C: **This is the challenge of our stewardship and our mission. Let us reflect upon our stewardship of God’s Kingdom and God’s creation.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God,

C: **Lord of heaven and earth, we humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the fruitfulness of the land and the seas, and may prosper all who labor therein; that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *“In Christ Called to Baptize”* #575

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.**



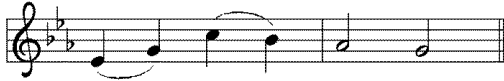
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of The Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. O Lord God, merciful judge,

C: **you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.

Anthem *“Down to the River to Pray”* Emanuel Choir

First Lesson Proverbs 27:17-19 Pew Bible pg. 468

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson James 1:22-25 Pew Bible pg. 854

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Sermon (10:30)

Sermon *“Reflecting on our Stewardship”* Pastor Mike
Proverbs 27:17-19

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn *“Here I Am, Lord”* #574

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.

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

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

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

"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

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

Invitation to Communion

Holy Communion

"Lamb of God"

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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

L: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction

L: The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending

“Thine the Amen”

#826

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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