

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 23 and 24, 2025



THE WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. Chad E. Hoover
Organist: Doug Reynolds, Director of Parish Music
Elder: Wade Benjamin (5:00)
Benjamin Castens (8:00, 9:30)
Ushers: Group S3 (Jay Melcher) (5:00)
Group 6 (Don Lambert) (8:00)
Group 5 (Mike Schultz) (9:30)
Communion Assistant: David Herman (5:00)
Nick Gehl (8:00)
Dave Van Spankeren (9:30)

Emanuel Lutheran Church

www.emanuelnh.org
749-2163

Central Lutheran School

www.cluth.org
493-2502

Emanuel Lutheran Church is a united and growing family of Christians joyfully dedicated to furthering God's Kingdom.

† The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost †

Divine Service IV with Communion – LSB page 203

WELCOME to those visiting us this Lord’s Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

AS WE GATHER ~ To be the “favorite child” in a family is often a source of competition and sometimes a source for comedy. Years ago, a pair of sibling entertainers, the Smothers Brothers, made their family relationship a staple of their onstage humor when Tom, the older brother, would remind Dickie, the younger, “Mom always did like you best.” As we gather with God’s people at worship week by week, we can be certain that our gracious God values all of us and is pleased to see us grow in grace year by year. The psalmist wrote that “the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor” (Psalm 84:11). In the same Psalm 84 is the verse where the psalmist exclaims to God, “For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere” (v. 10). There is nothing better than for God’s favorite people, which we are, to be gathered in a most favorite place—which this is! It doesn’t get any better than that!

PRELUDE

GREETING AND RINGING OF THE BELLS

♪ **OPENING HYMN** ↓ *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* **LSB 791**
All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell; come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid He did us make.
We are His folk, He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise; approach with joy His courts unto.
Praise, laud, and bless His name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good: His mercy is for ever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ~ Page 203 ↑

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(Matthew 28:19)

2

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

(Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

(Psalm 130:3-4)

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(John 20:19-23)

INTROIT FOR THE DAY ↑

Pastor: Splendor and majesty are before him; we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

(Psalm 96:6a; 115:18)

Pastor: Praise the Lord, all nations!

People: Extol him, all peoples!

Pastor: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

People: and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

(Psalm 117)

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: Splendor and majesty are before him; we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

(Psalm 96:6a; 115:18)

♪ KYRIE ~ Page 204 ↑

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

(Mark 10:47)

♪ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ Page 204 ↑

To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;

**Good-will from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus’ birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing --
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav’nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, the Father’s Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; receive our heart-felt cry,
Where You in pow’r are seated at God’s right hand on high --**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father’s glory. “Amen!” our glad reply.**

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

COLLECT OF THE DAY ↑

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

(Ruth 2:4)

People: And also with you.

(Luke 1:28)

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING ↓

Isaiah 66:18-23 (ESV)

¹⁸“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. ²¹And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the Lord.

²²“For as the new heavens and the new earth
that I make
shall remain before me, says the Lord,
so shall your offspring and your name remain.

²³From new moon to new moon,
and from Sabbath to Sabbath,

all flesh shall come to worship before me,
declares the Lord.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING ↓

Hebrews 12:4-24 (ESV)

⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.

⁶For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

♪ ALLELUIA and VERSE ~ Page 205 ↑

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, these things are written that you may believe

That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (John 20:31)

HOLY GOSPEL READING ↑

Luke 13:22-30 (ESV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, ²⁴“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ ²⁶Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

♪ HYMN OF THE DAY ↓ *A Multitude Comes from the East and the West* LSB 510

A multitude comes from the east and the west to sit at the feast of salvation

With Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the blest, obeying the Lord's invitation.

Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

**O God, let us hear when our Shepherd shall call in accents persuasive and tender,
That while there is time we make haste, one and all, and find Him, our mighty Defender.
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!**

All trials shall be like a dream that is past, forgotten all trouble and mourning.

All questions and doubts have been answered at last, when rises the light of that morning.

Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

The heavens shall ring with an anthem more grand than ever on earth was recorded.

The blest of the Lord shall receive at His hand the crown to the victors awarded.

Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

SERMON ↓

Striving to Squeeze Through the Narrow Door?

NICENE CREED ~ Page 206 ↑

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ↑

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)



We welcome the opportunity to explain what we believe, teach and confess regarding the Lord's Supper. In order not to impose those beliefs on you, we ask that if you are not a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, you would speak with a Pastor before receiving Holy Communion.

PREFACE ~ Page 208 ↑

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly meet, right and salutary.....evermore praising you and saying:

♪ **SANCTUS ~ Page 208 ↑**

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored:

Heav’n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING ~ Page 209 ↑

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD’S PRAYER ~ Page 209 ↑

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD ~ Page 209 ↑

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI ~ Page 209 ↑

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

(John 20:19)

♪ **AGNUS DEI ~ Page 210 ↑**

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, and grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(John 1:29)

♪ **DISTRIBUTION ↓**

Jerusalem, O City Fair and High

LSB 674

Jerusalem, O city fair and high, Your tow'rs I yearn to see;

My longing heart to you would gladly fly. It will not stay with me.

Elijah's chariot take me above the lower skies,

To heaven's bliss awake me, released from earthly ties.

O happy day, O yet far happier hour, when will you come at last,

When by my gracious Father's love and pow'r I see that portal vast?

From heaven's shining regions to greet me gladly come

Your blessed angel legions to bid me welcome home.

The patriarchs' and prophets' noble train, with all Christ's foll'wers true,

Who washed their robes and cleansed sin's guilty stain, sing praises ever new!

I see them shine forever, resplendent as the sun,

In light diminished never, their glorious freedom won.

Unnumbered choirs before the shining throne their joyful anthems raise

Till heaven's arches echo with the tone of that great hymn of praise.

And all its host rejoices, and all its blessed throng

Unite their myriad voices in one eternal song.

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray that we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine enrich us with Your grace divine.

Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n, the certain joys of heirs of heav'n.

By faith Your Word has made us bold to seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive, and all we are to You we give.

One bread, one cup, one body, we, rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come to bring Your scattered loved ones home.

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest in heaven's high and holy feast.

BLESSING ~ Page 210 ↑

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in
body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

People: Amen.

♪ NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Page 211 ↑

O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding through all eternity.

COLLECT ~ Page 212 ↑

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste
of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us
firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His
coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of
the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

People: Amen.

THE BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION ~ Page 212 ↑

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

People: Amen.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

♪ CLOSING HYMN ↑ *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise* *LSB 917*

Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep Thy children free;
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

POSTLUDE