

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

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.

CLOSING SONG *Our God*

Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind,
There's no one like you, none like you.
Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise,
There's no one like you, none like you.

Chorus: Our God is greater, our God is stronger,
God You are higher than any other.
Our God is Healer, awesome in power, our God, our God.

Into the darkness you shine, out of the ashes we rise,
There's no one like you, none like you. *Chorus twice*

And if Our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, then what can stand against? *Repeat*

Then what can stand against? *Chorus twice*



Please remember to place your offering for the work of the Lord at Emanuel in the offering plate as you leave.

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The Gathering

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Vision Statement

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

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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.

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY ~ Everyone, please sign in! We ask guests to include your address, zip code and phone number so that we may acknowledge your visit.

AS WE GATHER ~ Lutheran Service Book: Concordance contains an alphabetical listing of key words in the texts of the hymnal. Although it might seem to be structured for church professionals choosing hymns for services, it has value for all people in the church. Paging through the book, it is easy to discover what words are frequently repeated in hymns—words that are important to singers of Christian songs. Among frequently repeated words are “eternal,” “forever,” “everlasting,” “endless,” “eternally,” and “eternity.” There is no time limit to the relationship God has with His faithful people. This makes it easy for us to begin a hymn by singing confidently “Thine forever, God of love” (LSB 687:1) or to conclude a hymn with the words that affirm what God in steadfast love has done for us: “You had mercy so that we might be saved eternally” (LSB 559:5). God is with us through time and beyond it as well—a great reason for us to rejoice endlessly!

PRE-SERVICE PRAISE *Indescribable*

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,

Creation's revealing Your majesty.

From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,

Every creature unique in the song that it sings, all exclaiming:

Chorus: **Indescribable, uncontainable,**

You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.

You are amazing God.

All powerful, untamable,

Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim,

You are amazing God.

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go?

Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?

Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light?

Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night? None can fathom. *Chorus twice*

WELCOME/SHARING OF THE PEACE

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OPENING SONG

Grace of God

My sentence ended the day You called my name.

You shook these shackles loose, and Your love unlocked this cage.

You made this sinner as good as new.

My debt's been paid in full, it's all because of You.

Chorus: **I'm living, I'm breathing, I'm walking in freedom,**

It's only by the grace of God.

Delivered, forgiven, no chains and no prison, it's only by the grace of God.

When my hands are lifted, these walls come down,

You taught this hardened heart to sing "How Sweet the Sound."

I'll wade in the water, baptized in the deep,

I feel the old ways die 'cause You're alive in me. *Chorus*

Never could've made it on my own, I gotta give praise to You alone.

My prodigal soul's now found a home, I gotta give praise to You alone. *Chorus*

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

(Psalm 143:1a, 2, 8, 10; 145:8–9)

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

People: Enter not into judgment with Your servant, for no one living is righteous before You.

Pastor: Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love, for in You I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul.

People: Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God! Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

Pastor: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: The Lord is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.

Pastor: It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on confession in the Small Catechism informs and directs us with these words, which summarizes it well.

People: Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

Pastor: Humble yourselves, then, before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

People: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

Pastor: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

People: Amen.

Pastor: As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant 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.

PSALM 136:1-9

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;

People: to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever;

People: to him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: to him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever;

People: the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever;

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

King of Kings

**In the darkness we were waiting without hope, without light,
'Til from heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes.**

**To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the word,
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.**

*Chorus: Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three in One
God of glory, Majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings.*

**To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross.
For even in your suffering You saw to the other side,
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake you died.** *Chorus*

**And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.**

**And the church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His name, in His freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me.** *Chorus Twice*

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 9:8-17 (ESV)

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between

me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 3:14-21 (ESV)

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

THY WORD

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Repeat

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 6:45-56 (ESV)

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ⁵¹And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him

⁵⁵and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

THY WORD

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Repeat
You’re the Light unto my path.**

SONG OF THE DAY

Children of God

Praise to the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Our God and our King, to Him we will sing.

In His great mercy, He has given us life, now we can be called the children of God.

Great is the Love that the Father has given us.

He has delivered us, He has delivered us.

Chorus: Children of God, sing your song and rejoice

For the love that He has given us all.

Children of God, by the blood of His Son

We have been redeemed and we can be called;

Children of God, children of God.

A mystery is revealed to the universe - the Father above has proven His love.

Now we are free from the judgment that we deserve,

And so we are called the children of God *Chorus*

We are the saints, we are the children, we've been redeemed we've been forgiven.

We are the sons and daughters of our God. *Repeat twice then chorus*

MESSAGE

Alluding to the Grand Miracle

Mark 6:45-56

STATEMENT OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.