

*Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Prescott Valley, AZ*  
*“to serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ”*  
*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*October 18, 2020 Traditional Worship Service*

**Prelude**

Cathy Namock, pianist

*“Learning To Walk”*

Joseph M. Matin (BMI), Malcolm Music, A Division of Shawnee Press

**Welcome**

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

**GATHERING**

**Opening Litany**

Psalm 96:1-9

L: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

C: **Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord; proclaim God’s salvation from day to day.**

L: Declare God’s glory among the nations and God’s wonders among all peoples.

C: **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**

L: As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.

C: **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

L: Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

C: **Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.**

L: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the Lord, all the earth.

**Confession & Forgiveness**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

L: Gracious God,

C: **Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

### Opening Hymn

Hymn # 408

*“Come, Thou Almighty King”* (vs. 1 & 2)

Come, thou almighty King  
help us thy name to sing;  
help us to praise;

Father all glorious, o’er all victorious,  
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come thou incarnate Word,  
merciful, mighty Lord;  
our prayer attend.  
Come and thy people bless,  
and give thy word success,  
and let thy righteousness on us descend.

### Prayer of the Day

L: Sovereign God,

**C: Raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### Children’s Message

### Special Music

Praise Bells Quartet, Gene Fougner, director

*“How Great Thou Art”* (by Hine/Cota)  
*Hope Publishing (Agape) 2001*

## WORD

### First Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

### Reading Introduction

*The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel’s exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him—  
and the gates shall not be closed:

<sup>2</sup> I will go before you  
and level the mountains,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,  
<sup>3</sup> I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your  
name.

<sup>4</sup> For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,  
I surname you, though you do not know  
me.

<sup>5</sup> I am the Lord, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,

<sup>6</sup> so that they may know, from the rising of the  
sun

and from the west, that there is no one  
besides me;

I am the Lord, and there is no other.

<sup>7</sup> I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the Lord do all these things.

**L:** Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

### Reading Introduction

*Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.*

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup> We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly  
<sup>3</sup> remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness  
of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he  
has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in  
power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we  
proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup> And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in  
spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup> so that you  
became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup> For the word of the Lord  
has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in  
God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup> For the people of those  
regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God  
from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he  
raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

**L:** Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. <sup>16</sup> So they sent their  
disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and  
teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not  
regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the  
emperor, or not?” <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test,

you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup> Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” <sup>21</sup> They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Message**

Pastor Tricia Lowe

**“Just Like Any Other Tuesday”**

**Hymn of the Day**

Hymn #707

*“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”* (vs. 1 & 2)

Lord of glory, you have bought us  
with your life blood as the price,  
never grudging for the lost ones  
that tremendous sacrifice;  
and with that have freely given  
blessings countless as the sand  
to the unthankful and the evil  
with you own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you  
gladly, freely, of your own.  
With the sunshine of your goodness  
melt our thankless hearts of stone  
till our cold and selfish natures,  
warmed by you, at length believe  
that more happy and more blessed  
‘tis to give than to receive.

**Apostle’s 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: With confidence in God’s grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

L: Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists, and bless our proclamation of your word. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made, bring healing to places of wildfires and hurricanes. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth, especially our country as we prepare for election day. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of healing, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, doubt, or affected by the global pandemic. Assure them that you call them each by name. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration and redemption may be known. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Please take this time to offer any other intercessions, either aloud or in your heart.

L: Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you. We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

P: Gathered together as God's people, we share the words Jesus taught us.

### **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.**

### **Offering:**

P: At this time I would like to offer thanks for the offerings that we have received both in the mail, online and in person. These gifts make it possible for us to continue to be the church in the

world even when we can't meet face to face. If you are worshiping with us today and would like to make a donation, please go to our website homepage and click the online giving link.

Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, to show the world your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## ***SENDING***

### **The Benediction**

**P: May the Lord bless you and keep you.**

**May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.**

**May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.**

**C: Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn**

Hymn # 825

*"You Servants of God"* (vs. 1 & 4)

You servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;  
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!

Then let us adore and give him his right,  
all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,  
all honor and blessing, with angels above,  
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

### **DISMISSAL**

**P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**



As a congregation, we pray for God’s guidance on our journey of service to our membership, our community and our world. Pray for Pastor Tricia, the Church Council, and the Ministry Leadership. The church office reviews this list monthly. Please call if your prayer concern is removed earlier than you wish.

Please keep the following in your prayers during this week:

**Members**

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|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>Alis Seim</i>       | <i>Geri Cottrell</i>   | <i>Marilyn &amp; Leo Murphy</i> |
| <i>Arlene Meder</i>    | <i>Gwen Savage</i>     | <i>Marty Watkins</i>            |
| <i>Ben Stricker</i>    | <i>Helen Morton</i>    | <i>Mary Austin</i>              |
| <i>Bonnie Kain</i>     | <i>John Clark</i>      | <i>Nancy Nimocks</i>            |
| <i>Carol Hotten</i>    | <i>Karen Roush</i>     | <i>Pam MacCleary</i>            |
| <i>Chuck Lynch</i>     | <i>Kat Harley-Mays</i> | <i>Ramona Walker</i>            |
| <i>Cris Spahr</i>      | <i>Kyle Smith</i>      | <i>Ron Kovara</i>               |
| <i>David Ramirez</i>   | <i>Len Warne</i>       | <i>Ruth Martindale</i>          |
| <i>Deanna McDaniel</i> | <i>Linda Walkoff</i>   | <i>Wayne Theobald</i>           |

**Our Family Members in Military and Deployed**

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| <i>Meg Northrup</i> | <i>Jim VanScoy</i> | <i>Kenneth Lindsay deployed Kuwait – friend of Carl Schulze</i> |
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**Family Members and Friends**

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| <i>Adam &amp; Liz Crowley – daughter &amp; son-in-law of Barbie Harlib</i> | <i>Julie Ward – daughter of Keith &amp; Cathy Namock</i>   |
| <i>Anita Vasser – daughter of Mida Jordan</i>                              | <i>Kelly Smith – daughter of Bobbe Serena Wayman</i>   |
| <i>Baby Aurora &amp; Baby Dale – Worthington’s foster children</i>         | <i>Kris Franklin- friend of Wendy Woolley</i>  |
| <i>Becky Bodnarczuk – niece of Nancy Clark</i>                             | <i>Leroy Goats – father-in-law of Kimberly Goats</i>   |
| <i>Bill Deffenbaugh – stepfather of Kimberly Goats</i>                     | <i>Linda Vallner – sister of Ron Kovara</i>  |
| <i>Bob Hermann – cousin of Willie &amp; Betty Hermann</i>                  | <i>Marie – Clara Farmer’s son’s mother-in-law</i>  |
| <i>Buel McCoy – father of Wendy Woolley</i>                                | <i>Marilyn Bostin – cousin of Tom Smith</i>  |
| <i>Cheryl Midel – aunt of Wendy Woolley</i>                                | <i>Mark Kovara – son of Ron Kovara</i>   |
| <i>Chris Vettore – daughter of Ron Kovara</i>                              | <i>Merle MacCleary – father of Pam MacCleary</i>   |
| <i>Connie Miller &amp; son Trevor – friends of Carl Schulze</i>            | <i>Miranda &amp; Brad Rebholz – granddaughter and grandson of Jim &amp; Carole Rebholz</i>           |
| <i>Cris &amp; Susie – brother &amp; sister of Clara Farmer</i>             | <i>Rev. Paul Meier – former pastor of Larry &amp; Sonya Mahler</i>                                   |
| <i>Dan Lowe – brother-in-law of Pastor Tricia</i>                          | <i>Rich, Carol, daughter Rachel &amp; grand daughter Audrey, friends of Larry &amp; Sonya Mahler</i> |
| <i>Debra Jones – mother-in-law of Kimberly Goats</i>                       | <i>Rosemary – neighbor of Mary Wakimoto</i>  |
| <i>Don Jones – friend of Jim &amp; Carole Rebholz</i>                      | <i>Sam Crifasi – friend of Larry Mahler</i>  |
| <i>Doug Bayle – nephew of Phyllis Pohlman</i>                              | <i>Sarah Mulligan – daughter of Carol Wade</i>   |
| <i>Edie Hales – mother of Cheryl Miller</i>                                | <i>Shelly Damschroder – friend of Kathy Austin and Daughter-in-law of Margaret Damschroder</i>       |
| <i>Edward Kelly – friend of Mark &amp; Mary Austin</i>                     | <i>Star Campbell – friend of Bob Saul</i>  |
| <i>Grant – grandson of Dan &amp; Carol Cwach</i>                           | <i>Stefanie O’Donnell – daughter of Shelby &amp; Carol Tate</i>                                      |
| <i>Jack Gregory – friend of Ellen Rosfeld</i>                              | <i>Trisha Galindo – daughter of Gary &amp; Jean Kiser</i>  |
| <i>Janice Zimbelman – friend of Emmanuel</i>                               | <i>Wayne Wallingford – brother of Sheila Smilgis</i>   |
| <i>Joann Harlib – mother of Scott Harlib</i>                               |  |
| <i>Joshua Diebel – stepbrother of Tawnya Worthington</i>                   |  |

**Someone is in the church office weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., but the church doors will be locked. Please knock upon arriving or call first. Please note that we are now requesting that everyone wear masks when they enter the church building. Don't be surprised when Mary and Pastor Tricia put theirs on when you come in! With the rise in cases of the virus in our community, we want to make sure we use all safety precautions to protect the most vulnerable among us.**

**MISSION OUTREACH** for the month of October is Liberty Traditional School. We are accepting monetary donations, and at the end of the month we will contact the school to see what their needs are and then purchase the items.

**We are updating the photo directory!** Because we are not meeting in the church building yet, we are asking you to submit your own pictures. You can take a selfie with your phone or have someone else take it for you. Please include your smiling faces and upper torso in front of a **solid-colored background**. Please email them to the church office, at [Emmanuelca@gmail.com](mailto:Emmanuelca@gmail.com), or text them to Pr. Tricia on her cellphone, at 301-890-9785, by November 1. (Please include your names!)

**Interfaith Meal:** Did you know that our church feeds about 120 community members each month during our Interfaith Meal? Even if you aren't available on a Thursday (during prep) or Friday (during the meal), check with Outreach to see how you can help! With meals discontinued at Trinity and postponed at St. Germaine's during this social distancing time, Emmanuel is hosting a second meal each month. Our next **take-out only meal** is **Friday, October 23, at 11:00 a.m.**

**Offerings** - Even though we are not meeting in the sanctuary, our church keeps the lights on! We are paying our staff, our bills and our benevolence commitment to the synod, and serving the twice monthly interfaith meals. This is only possible if our members continue to give. There are several ways to give your offering: mail it in, drop it off in the secure locking mailbox next to the front door, drop it off in person during office hours, use Vanco auto-withdraw system or Bill Pay with your bank, which is great because there are no fees to you or the church for this service. We are so blessed to have such a generous and faithful congregation!

**Food Pantry** – At this time, the food pantry prefers monetary donations so they can purchase the needed items. Donations can be mailed to the church and we will make sure the Food Pantry receives them in a timely manner. We will have a food bag drive, with a drop off at church, later.

**A new book study began on Wednesday, October 14** at 1:00pm, to continue the work of understanding racism. We are reading Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s book, *Letter from the Birmingham Jail*. The group meets via Zoom for one hour each week; the book is only 60 pages long, so we anticipate a three to four week commitment to finish the book. Pr. Tricia has still has a couple of books; it is available on Amazon for just \$5.00. The Zoom invite will appear in Monday and Tuesday's daily email.



**Job Opening on Church Staff** – Audio Visual Technician – as Emmanuel looks to begin livestreaming our worship services, we have created a position for someone to run the audio, video and lighting during the worship service. If you know of someone who has these skills and might be interested, direct them to the church website for a job description. Applications are available in the church office.

**Aluminum Cans** – Emmanuel is still collecting cans. Please bring to the church and deposit in the container held in the dumpster area.

**Emmanuel has volunteered to be a pick-up and drop off location** for the Arizona Masks for Medical Workers project. The LDS church is providing the materials for our area. If you are able to sew any masks in the next two weeks, visit [www.justserve.org](http://www.justserve.org) to sign up and get directions. These are special masks that can be autoclaved for reuse by medical professionals. This ecumenical effort will benefit our local hospitals.