

# 9 am Sunday Worship, August 16, 2020

# The 11th Sunday After Pentecost

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA

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#### Introduction

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

### **Gathering: The Holy Spirit Gathers Us in Worship**

#### Welcome

# A Prayer for Healing

Pastor: In this time of pandemic and racial tensions, let us pray...

A moment of silence for reflection.

Pastor: From a world-wide pandemic of the coronavirus disease: from fevers and difficulty breathing, from sickness and dying, from fear and worry, from stress and weariness, from isolation and loneliness, from uncertainty and loss **All: heal us, O Lord.** 

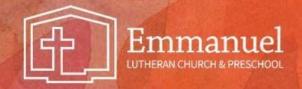
Pastor: From the sin of racism and injustice: from white supremacy and racist rhetoric, from personal and systemic racism, from white privilege and race bias, from police brutality and political provocateurs, from violence and riots, from destruction and death

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: We are all ages and all colors, all genders and all creeds. We are all your children. For our families and friends, all communities and all nations, for all our neighbors, we pray

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: Almighty God, we believe in your healing and forgiveness. We believe in your love and new life. And so, in faith and hope, in Jesus' name we pray **All: heal us, O Lord. Amen.** 



### **Prelude**

Healer of Our Every III

Arr. Bankson

# Invocation

Pastor: We are gathered to worship in the name of the Father,  $\pm$  the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

# **Opening Hymn**

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

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# Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665



### **Confession & Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **All: Amen.** 

Pastor: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin. Reconciling God, All: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Pastor: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through # Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God!

# **Hymn of Praise**

Glory To God- WOV 5 with organ









# **Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.



# Word: God Speaks to Us in Scriptures and Prayer

#### First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

Reader: Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

<sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—

<sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain,

and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

**Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13** 

Let all the peoples praise you, O God. (Ps. 67:3)

Reader: <sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.



All: <sup>2</sup>Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

Reader: <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

All: <sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

Reader: <sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

All: <sup>6</sup>The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.

Reader: <sup>7</sup>May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

### Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

Reader: [Paul writes:] <sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2a</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

<sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

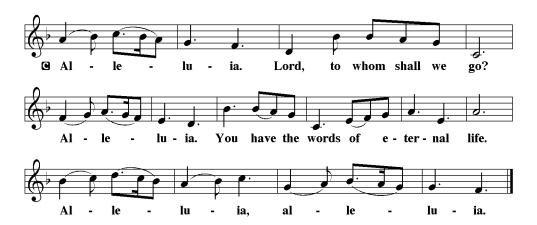
All: Thanks be to God!

# Children's Message

# **The Gospel Acclamation**

(WOV 5) Revelation led





#### Gospel: Matthew 15:10-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

Pastor: The good news of Jesus Christ according to the gospel of Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

#### All: Glory to you, O Lord!

Pastor: <sup>10</sup> [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup> it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." <sup>12</sup> Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" <sup>13</sup> He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup> Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." <sup>15</sup> But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." <sup>16</sup> Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup> Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup> But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup> For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup> These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged



him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord!

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

#### A Word

"Out of the Heart" based upon Matthew 15:10-28 by Pastor Tony Prinsen

### Song of the Day

Your Love Awakens Me



### Your Love Awakens Me

Words and Music by Phil Wickham and Chris Quilala

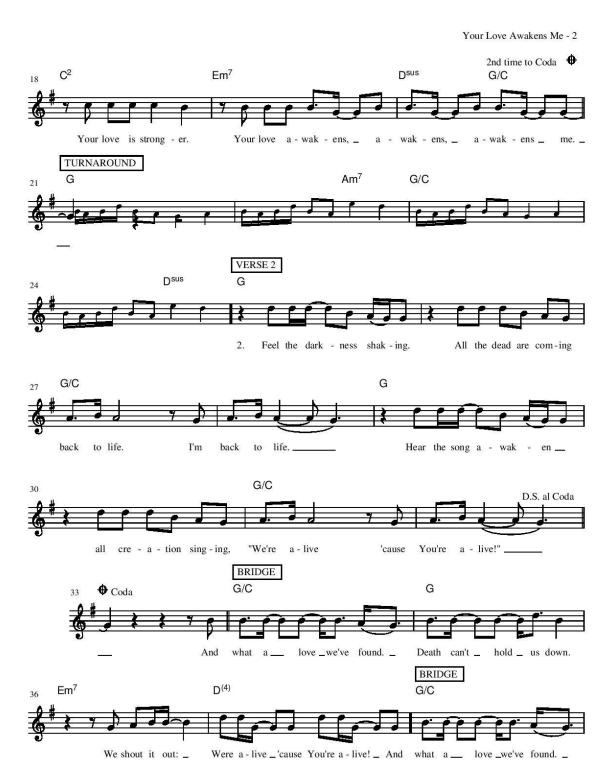


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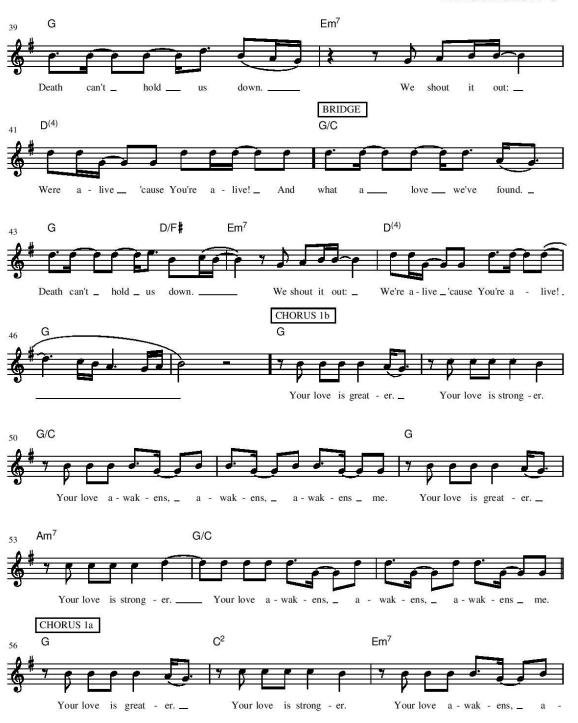
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Your Love Awakens Me - 4





# **Apostles' Creed**

Leader: We proclaim our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All: 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**

Leader: Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Leader: Lord, you gather the church to be part of your mission as ambassadors of Jesus Christ. As Jesus acknowledged the great faith of a woman from outside his people, help your church discover and find blessing in the faith of people we might reject. Bless our search for a pastor for evangelism and mission. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: You have blessed us with the bounty of the earth. Grant your grace to all your creatures, that the earth will flourish. Relieve waters choked by garbage, renew soils stripped of nutrients, and refresh the air all creatures need to live. Lord, in your mercy,



#### All: hear our prayer.

Leader: You call the nations to be glad and sing for joy. Let your way be known among all the nations of the world, now divided by competing interests, contending alliances, and consumed by enormous worry. Bless us and make your face shine upon all. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: You show unexpected mercy, kindness, and generosity. We pray for those who do not have enough, for outcasts in our villages, cities, and town, and for those who need your healing (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: In you we live and move and have our being. Grant our congregation grace to find our life refreshed in you. Accompany us in the rhythms of late summer. Give us rest and renewal, and strengthen us for mission in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Merciful God, you give healing. Bless the life-giving efforts of all medical professionals during this coronavirus pandemic. Protect them and give them wisdom, strength, and endurance. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Your eternal promises are more than we could ever imagine. As you gather all the saints (*especially*), join us also with them on the great day of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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### **Offertory** What Life Would Be Like (Text for Reflection)

Verse 1

I wish I was more of a man
Have you ever felt that way
And if I had to tell you the truth
I'm afraid I'd have to say
That after all I've done
And failed to do
I feel like less than I was meant to be

#### Chorus

He made the lame walk and the dumb talk
He opened blinded eyes to see
That the sun rises on His time
Yet He knows are deepest desperate need
And the world waits while His heart aches
To realize the dream
I wonder what life would be like if we let
Jesus live through you and me

#### Verse 2

What if I could fix myself
Maybe then I could get free
I could try to be somebody else
Who's much better off than me
But I need to remember this
That it's when I'm at my weakest
I can clearly see

#### Verse 3

What if you could see yourself through Another pair of eyes What if you could hear the truth Instead of old familiar lies What if you could feel inside The power of the hand That made the universe you'd realize



#### Bridge

All our hearts they burn within us All our lives we've longed for more So let us lay our lives before the one Who gave His life for us

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#### **Peace**

Pastor: Family of God in Christ, the peace of the Risen Lord be with you always!

All: And also with you.

### The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



# Sending: The Holy Spirit Leads Us in Mission to the World

#### **Announcements**

### **Blessing**

Pastor: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God the creator,  $\pm$  Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

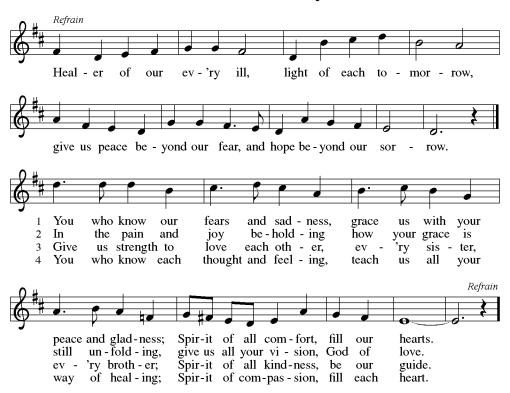
All: Amen.

**Hymn** 

Healer Of Our Every III

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# Healer of Our Every Ill



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### **Sending**

Pastor: Go in peace, and share the good news!

All: Thanks be to God!

**Postlude** Rescuer (Text For Reflection)

Chorus

He's our Rescuer

He's our Rescuer

We are free from sin forevermore

Oh how sweet the sound

Oh how grace abounds

We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

Verse 1

There is good news for the captive

Good news for the shamed

There is good news for the one who walked away

There is good news for the doubter

The one religion failed

For the good Lord has come to seek and save

Verse 2

He is beauty for the blind man

Riches for the poor

He is friendship for the one the world ignores

He is pasture for the weary

Rest for those who strive

Oh the good Lord is the way the truth the life

Yes the good Lord is the way the truth the life

Bridge

So come and be chainless

Come and be fearless

Come to the foot of Calvary

There is redemption for every affliction

Here at the foot of Calvary



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