



Emmanuel
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

9 AM Contemporary Worship Service, November 19, 2023

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA

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Welcome

*Good morning and welcome to worship at Emmanuel Lutheran Church!
You can find bulletins and ways to give online at www.elcvienna.org. We
invite newcomers to stop by our welcome table just outside of the sanctuary
after worship.*

Invocation

Pastor: In this season of Pentecost, we are gathered in the name of the
Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Gathering Song

Days Of Elijah

Verse 1

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days
Of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days
Of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice
In the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus

Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes

Verse 2

And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days
Of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the labourers
In Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

Bridge
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah (hey)

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Welcoming a New Member

Pastor: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Melissa Mott whom we welcome as a new member into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Pastor: In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place? If so, please say, "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."

New member: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for this new member in their life in Christ? If so, please say, "We do, and we ask God to help and guide us."

All: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Pastor: Let us welcome our sibling in Christ to this community of faith.

All: We welcome you! Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world. Amen.

Special Music

Raise A Hallelujah

(Lyrics for reflection.)

Verse 1

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me

Chorus

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes hope will arise
Death is defeated the King is alive

Verse 2

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me

Bridge

Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)

Bridge

Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies
Sing a little louder louder than the unbelief
Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody

Sing a little louder Heaven comes to fight for me
(REPEAT)

Sing a little louder

Ending
I raise a hallelujah

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Children's Message

Children are invited to Bible storytelling time in the chapel following the children's message and will return to the sanctuary after the message.

Gospel Acclamation

Open Our Eyes Lord

Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him
Open our ears Lord
And help us to listen
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus

Bob Cull. CCLI Song #1572.

Matthew 25:14-30

Pastor: The good news of Jesus Christ according to the gospel of Saint Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability.

Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord!

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

Message

"The Master's Talents" based upon Matthew 25 by Pastor Tony Prinsen

Song of the Day

Abundantly More

Verse 1

There is healing in the power of the Lord most high

There is courage in the shadow of His wings

There is peace unending over all my life

There is freedom that washes over me

Chorus

I find all I need here in Your presence Lord
I open up my soul and You fill me up with
All I need here in Your presence Lord
Where blessings overflow
There's always abundantly more

Verse 2

There is rest in the goodness of the Lord my God
There is treasure in the kindness of my King
There is comfort in knowing Your unfailing love
My provider You set my spirit free

Bridge

More than I could ask or seek
More than I could fathom
God Your love for me
Is better than I imagined

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Apostle's Creed

Leader: We confess our common faith in the words of the Apostle's 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: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Leader: Gracious God, turn us from fear and self-serving ways, that we use our talents to glorify you and encourage our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Gracious God, sustain the life of the planet and direct all people in wise stewardship of all the earth's resources. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Gracious God, free any who are oppressed, expose all corruption, and bring redemption to victims of injustice throughout all nations. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Gracious God, comfort and strengthen all in need, especially...
Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Gracious God, We pray for the faith formation ministries of our church. Shape us by your love and show us how to encourage one another.
Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Gracious God, for the promise of life and for the witness of those who have died in faith we praise your goodness. We remember Rosemary and John. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

Peace

The peace of the Lord is shared among us by saying "Peace be with you." It is acceptable to shake hands or hold up two fingers as a sign of peace without coming into contact as a way of sharing the peace.

Leader: May the peace of the risen Lord be with you always!

All: And Also with you.

Leader: Let us share signs of peace.

Offering

Offerings in support of our mission and ministry can be made at www.elcvienna.org/give or mailed to the church. Ushers will take the offering in person. Every gift matters!

Offering Music

House Of The Lord

(Lyrics for reflection.)

Verse 1

We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory yeah

Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise

Interlude

Oh oh oh
We shout out Your praise

Verse 2

We sing to the God who heals

We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

Bridge
(Cause) We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

Interlude
There is joy in this house oh yeah
There is joy there is joy
And we won't be quiet
We're gonna shout out Your praise

Ending
We shout out Your praise
There is joy in this house
There is joy in this house today
We shout out Your praise
We shout out Your praise

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Blessing the Stewardship Commitments
Generosity Grows Here Fall Stewardship Campaign

Holy Communion

Pastor: We remember that in the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Pastor: And again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

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.**

Pastor: The gifts of God for the children of God—come, all are welcome!

All: Thanks be to God!

Communion Instructions

All are invited to come forward to receive communion or a blessing. Wafers will be dipped in wine and handed to you. If you prefer a wafer without wine, please let us know. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. We have goldfish and a blessing for our non-communing children. You are also welcome to pray at the communion rail after you have been communed.

Communion Music

All The Heavens

Verse 1

As Your children gather in peace
All the angels sing in heaven
In Your temple all that I seek

Is to glimpse Your holy presence

Chorus

All the heavens cannot hold You Lord
How much less to dwell in me
I can only make my one desire
Holding on to Thee

Verse 2

All the angels exalt You on high
What a kingdom to depart
But You left Your throne in the sky
Just to live inside my heart

Ending

I will always make my one desire
Holding on to Thee

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Invitation to Ministry

As the Spirit leads us out into mission in the world, we invite you to join us in our ministries. We invite our newcomers to stop by the welcome table just outside the sanctuary to connect and learn more about the work of our congregation.

Blessing

Pastor: Almighty God, Father † Son, and Spirit bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

Sending Hymn

Way Maker

Verse 1

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place

I worship You I worship You

Chorus

(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

Verse 2

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

Verse 3

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

Tag

That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are

Bridge

Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working

Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

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Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Way Maker (reprise)

Thank you so much for worshipping with us!

Our Mission and Vision

Our mission is to nurture, grow, and share our Christian faith as Lutherans in a multicultural world. We envision Emmanuel Lutheran Church as a welcoming, vibrant, growing, and faith-filled Christian community whose participants generously share their time, talents, and resources in a changing world.

Our Welcome Statement

Emmanuel Lutheran Church welcomes all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome and affirm full participation by all because God welcomes all, regardless of race, culture, national origin, citizenship status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, relationship or socio-economic status, addictions, physical or mental health, disability, imprisonment, age, or other circumstances. OUR UNITY IS IN CHRIST.

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