



Emmanuel
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA

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THE HOLY SPIRIT GATHERS US IN WORSHIP

Welcome

Good morning and welcome to worship at Emmanuel Lutheran Church! You can find bulletins and ways to give online at elcvienna.org. We invite newcomers to our welcome table outside 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

Gather Us In
ELW 532

- 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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GOD'S WORD CALLS US TO DISCIPLESHIP

Numbers 11:16, 24-29

Reader: A reading from the Book of Numbers, chapter 11.

Reader: ¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent.

²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

James 5:13-16

Reader: A reading from the letter of James, chapter 5.

Reader: ¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Salt And Light

Verse

You make me want to be like You
Your holiness I will pursue
I want the heart of Jesus
Show me the meaning of Your grace
I want to give the world a taste
Of the love of Jesus

Chorus

Make me salt make me light
Let Your holy fire ignite
Reveal Your glory in my life
I am not ashamed to lift up Your holy name
Make me salt make me light

Bridge

Set me as a city on a hill
A lamp on a stand
Mold me in Your image
The work of Your hand

Jan L'Ecuyer, John L'Ecuyer
CCLI Song #3470093

Children's Message

Children are invited forward for a message just for them! Following the children's message, Children are invited to Bible storytelling time in the chapel and will return to the sanctuary after the message.

Gospel Acclamation

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil, ELW 512

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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Mark 9:38-50

Pastor: The good news of Jesus Christ according to the gospel of Saint Mark, the ninth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: ³⁸John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us."

³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its

saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord!

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

Message

“Salt and Peace” based upon Mark 9 by Pastor Tony Prinsen

Song of the Day

Here I Am To Worship

Verse 1

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

Tim Hughes. CCLI Song #3266032.

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: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Leader: We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel through our lives by your Holy Spirit. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: For those in need around the world, we especially pray for... God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We remember the faithful departed. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

All: Amen.

Peace

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

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share God's 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

Red Letters

Verse 1

There I was on death row
Guilty in the first degree
Son of God hanging on a hill
Hell was my destiny

Verse 2

The crowd was shouting crucify
Could've come from these lips of mine
The dirty shame was killing me
It would take a miracle to wash me clean

Chorus 1

Then (When) I read the red letters
And the ground began to shake
The prison walls started falling
And I became a free man that day

Verse 3

Felt like lightning hit my veins
My dead heart began to beat
Breath of God filled my lungs
And the Holy Ghost awakened me
Yeah the Holy Ghost awakened me

Bridge

For God so loved the whole wide world
Sent His only Son to die for me
Arms spread wide for the whole wide world
His arms spread wide where mine should be
Jesus changed my destiny

Chorus 2

Thank You God for red letters
And the ground began to shake
The grace of God started falling
And I became a free man that day

Tag

The prison walls started falling
And I am a free man today

David Crowder, Ed Cash
CCLI Song #7119204.

THE LORD'S MEAL GIVES US GRACE AND LIFE

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

Hold Me Jesus

Verse 1

Oh sometimes my life
Just don't make sense at all
When the mountains look so big
And my faith just seems so small

Chorus 1

So hold me Jesus
'Cause I'm shaking like a leaf
You have been King of my glory
Won't You be my Prince of Peace

Verse 2

And I wake up in the night
And feel the dark
It's so hot inside my soul
I swear there must be blisters on my heart

Bridge

Surrender don't come natural to me
I'd rather fight You for something
I don't really want
Than to take what You give that I need
And I've beat my head against so many walls
Now I'm falling down

I'm falling on my knees

Verse 3

And this Salvation Army band
Is playing this hymn
And Your grace rings out so deep
It makes my resistance seem so thin

Chorus 2

I'm singing hold me Jesus
'Cause I'm shaking like a leaf
You have been King of my glory
Won't You be my Prince of Peace
You have been King of my glory
Won't You be my Prince of Peace

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THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADS US IN MISSION INTO THE WORLD

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 Song

Soul On Fire

Chorus 1

God I'm running for Your heart
I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire
Lord I'm longing for Your ways
I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire

('Til I am a soul on fire)

Verse

Lord restore the joy I had
I have wandered bring me back
In this darkness lead me through
Until all I see is You yeah

Bridge

Lord let me burn for You again
Let me return to You again
And Lord let me burn for You again
And let me return to You again

Chorus 2

God I'm running for Your heart
I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire
'Til I am a soul on fire
'Til I am a soul on fire

Brenton Brown, David Carr, Mac Powell, Mark Lee, Matt Maher, Tai Anderson
CCLI Song #7032679.

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Soul On Fire

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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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