



Pentecost 8

Sent with God's own authority

Emmanuel Lutheran Church


July 14, 2024

Welcome!

We are honored that you are with us today. May the Word of God that you hear strengthen your faith and increase your desire to serve the Lord! If you are a guest today, we are thankful you have joined us. We hope that you will join us again soon.

For your convenience

For your convenience, please take note of the following:

- **Restrooms** are to the left as you exit the sanctuary.
- **Cry room.** There is a room where children may be quieted to the left down the hall next to the bathrooms and church office as you exit the sanctuary.
- **Children’s bulletins and worship notes** are available. Ask an usher.
- **Hearing assistance.** A hearing loop is available in the worship area for hearing aids equipped with a T-coil. 

If there is any other way in which we can assist you, let us know.

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Meaningful Ministry: Sent with God’s own authority

When a child asks a sibling to do something it's not certain what the outcome will be. The sibling might simply ignore the request. It might not get done.

But if that same child goes to a brother or sister with “Dad said so,” it’s a very different story. Now the father’s authority is behind the child’s request.

As believers carry out gospel ministry, encouraging others to turn to Christ in repentance, people might push back. “What gives you the right?” Maybe we ask that question ourselves. “I’m far from perfect. What gives me the right to talk about things like sin?”

This week we are given the answer to that question: “Dad said so.”

When our Father in heaven instructs us to serve, he also gives us authority. In calling us to service, God isn’t asking us to share our advice or our opinion or even our values. We are sharing God’s own authoritative Word.

Gospel ministry is conducted by believers with God’s own authority behind their effort.



Connection card

*During the offering
we ask that you
complete an online
connection card.*



Service of the Word

Pre-Service Music

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Robert Robinson

Come People of the Risen King
Speak O Lord
Keith Getty

Opening Hymn

633 Speak, O Lord

Please stand.

Invocation

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

*During our services,
the congregation
speaks the responses
in **bold**.*

Confession

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

Absolution

CW 172

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Glory Be to God in Heaven

Gloria

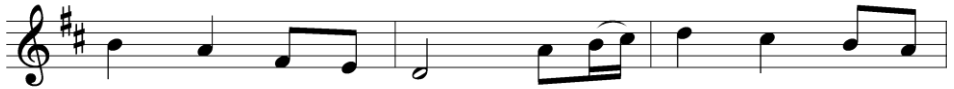
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1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he loves so
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our sin a -



well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his
way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your



grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your
mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and



glo - ry, might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our
ho - ly, Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the



joy - ful ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.
glo - ry of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

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Prayer of the Day

O Lord, you granted your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

The Word

First Reading

Amos 7:10–15

¹⁰ Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to endure all of his words. ¹¹ This is what Amos says: “Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will certainly go into exile away from its own soil.” ¹² Then Amaziah said to Amos, “You seer, get out of here! Flee to the land of Judah. You may eat food and prophesy there. ¹³ But you must never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the sanctuary of the king and the national temple.” ¹⁴ Then Amos responded to Amaziah: I was not a prophet, nor was I a son of a prophet. Rather, I was a sheep breeder and I took care of sycamore fig trees. ¹⁵ But the LORD took me from tending flocks, and the LORD said to me, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”

Wicked Amaziah questions the prophet's right to rebuke the king. Amos explains that he has authority only because the LORD told him to speak on God's behalf.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Titus 1:5–9

⁵ The reason I left you in Crete was so that you would set in order the things that were left unfinished and appoint elders in every city, as I directed you. ⁶ Such a man is to be blameless, the husband of only one wife, and to have believing children who are not open to a charge of wild living or disobedience. ⁷ Indeed an overseer, since he is God's steward, must be blameless, not arrogant, not quick-tempered, not a drunkard, not violent, not eager for dishonest gain. ⁸ Instead, he must be hospitable, loving what is good, self-controlled, upright, devout, and disciplined. ⁹ He must cling to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he will be able both to encourage people by the sound teaching and also to correct those who oppose him.

St. Paul establishes qualifications for those who serve in public ministry and stresses that their authority comes from holding firmly to God's Word.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Timothy 1:7

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

All sing:



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Gospel

Mark 6:7–13

Before Jesus sends the Twelve out to do ministry, he gives them his authority

⁷ Jesus called the Twelve and began to send them out two by two. He gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He instructed them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their money belts. ⁹ They were to put on sandals but not to wear two coats. ¹⁰ He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that area. ¹¹ Any place that will not receive you or listen to you, as you leave there, shake off the dust that is under your feet as a testimony against them.”

¹² They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³ They also drove out many demons. They anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day

736 Lord, You Call Us as Your People

Sermon

Titus 1:5-9

God's stewards for life and ministry

After the sermon, please stand.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated.

Offering

Musical Offering

Personal Preparation for Holy Communion

As you prepare to receive the Sacrament today, you may use the Personal Preparation for Holy Communion on page 15.

Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



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The Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.
You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.
I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

The musical score is written on seven staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glo - ry. You are my God, and I will ex - alt you. I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal - va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glo - ry." The score ends with a double bar line.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



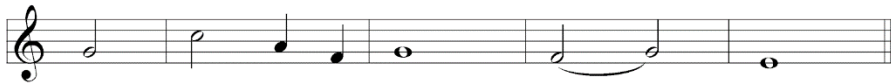
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated.

Distribution

For our distribution today, you may approach the altar using the side aisles. The two sides will meet at the bottom step in the middle. For those who prefer a low-gluten wafer, please indicate such to the pastor when he distributes the bread. The low-gluten wafers are in a soufflé cup on the paten. The middle cup in each tray is alcohol-removed wine. We will dismiss down the center aisle.

Thanksgiving

Please stand.

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

The Blessing

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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Be seated.

Closing Hymn (Monday)

896 Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give

Post-Service Music

Praise to the Lord
It is Well with My Soul

Serving at Worship

Preaching Minister
Presiding Minister
Piano
Video streamer and slides
Video captions
Sound

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In our prayers

- Linda Kiecker – Recovering from surgery.
- Susan Score – Recovering from cataract surgery.

Ushers

8:00 a.m. Joe Beatrice, Peter Gross, Peter Nimmer, Troy Pautz
10:30 a.m. Tim Kriewell
6:30 p.m.



*Emmanuel usher
sign-up.*

Communion setup

Thank you to Tina Wentzel and Alicia Benson for helping set up Communion for this weekend.

This week at Emmanuel

Sunday

Online live-streamed service 8:00 a.m.
In-person services 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Church open forum 9:15 a.m.
In-person Bible study No class this week
Sunday school, teen study 9:15 a.m.

Monday

Worship in church 6:30 p.m.
Communications committee meeting 6:30 p.m.
In-person Bible study 7:40 p.m.

Tuesday

Church Council meeting 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible study 8:30 a.m.
Revelation
Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl in Emmanuel's Ministry Center

Thursday

Bible study 6:00 a.m.
Book of Acts
Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at Denny's

Next Sunday, July 21

Worship services 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
 In-person Bible study 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday school, teen study No class this week

Looking ahead

July 22	Monday night worship service	6:30 p.m.
	Bible study	7:40 p.m.
July 23	Quarterly voters' meeting (budget, elections)	6:30 p.m.
July 24	Wednesday Bible study in the Ministry Center	8:30 a.m.
July 25	Thursday Bible study at Denny's	6:00 a.m.
July 28	In-person services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
	In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study	9:15 a.m.
	Memorial service for David Beals	2:00 p.m.
July 29	Monday night worship service	6:30 p.m.
	Bible study	No class this week
July 31	Wednesday Bible study in the Ministry Center	8:30 a.m.
	Family in Christ workshop and meal	6:00 p.m.
August 1	Thursday Bible study at Denny's	6:00 a.m.
August 3	School work day	7:00 a.m.
August 4	In-person services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
	In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study	9:15 a.m.
August 5	Monday night worship service	6:30 p.m.
	Bible study	7:40 p.m.
August 6	Stewardship meeting	8:00 p.m.
August 7	Wednesday Bible study in the Ministry Center	8:30 a.m.
August 8	Thursday Bible study at Denny's	6:00 a.m.
	ELS Preschool to 8th grade Back-to-School orientation and Meet the Teacher	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
August 11	In-person services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
	In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study	9:15 a.m.

Notes and News

Connection card QR code

The connection cards have a valuable purpose in helping us serve you better. We ask all our worshipers to help us serve you by scanning the QR code or by filling out one of the cards in the pews.



Quarterly voters' meeting

The regular quarterly voters' meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 23, at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is especially important because we will elect several church council members, and we will adopt the budget for the new 2024-25 fiscal year. Stay informed of developments and plans for your congregation's ministry, and let your voice and your vote be heard at the meeting. Mark your calendar now, and plan to attend.

Connection card

During the offering we ask that you complete an online connection card.

Memorial service for David Beals

On July 5 the Lord took David Beals home to heaven at the age of 73 years. A Memorial Service will be held here at Emmanuel on Sunday, July 28, at 2:00 p.m. May our Lord Jesus give strength and comfort to his family and friends!

Church campout has been canceled

Due to lack of sign-ups, the church campout has been canceled for July 2024. Please join us July 31 for the Family in Christ workshop and fellowship meal, as the church campout has been added to the Emmanuel events to be discussed. We will welcome ideas on how to increase participation in this fun family event.

Family in Christ workshop and fellowship meal

Calling all Emmanuel families! You are invited to join us on Wednesday, July 31, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Emmanuel's Ministry and Education Center. We will enjoy a good meal, connect with our community of believers, and plan our youth and family ministry offerings. Childcare will be available. Please RSVP by Sunday, July 28, using the QR code.



*Family in Christ workshop and meal
RSVP*

Outreach for Emmanuel Lutheran School virtual campus

On the mornings of Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (July 16-18) from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., we will be going door-to-door to spread the word about our virtual school in a few select neighborhoods in the Valley. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Pflughoeft at (480) 291-2928.

Thank you!

Pastor Buchholz expresses his appreciation for all your encouraging words of kindness, cards, and gifts. On June 12 Pastor Buchholz completed 16 years of service as president of the Arizona-California District of the WELS. Our new district president is Pastor Joel Heckendorf of Reno, Nevada.

Small refrigerator needed

We need a small refrigerator to store Communion wine cases during the hot summer months. If you can donate this refrigerator, please call Glenn Derge at (602) 284-0695.

Christian education hour

Here is a list of our classes, topics, and locations for our Sunday morning education hour.

The **Adult Bible study** is not meeting today (July 14) due to the church open forum which will take place in the Ministry and Education Center. Classes resume next Sunday, July 21, in the Ministry and Education Center.

The **Teen Bible study Grades 9-12** is meeting in the 7th grade classroom at the south campus. The study topic today is "Esther."

The **Junior High Bible study Grades 7-8** is meeting in the 7th grade classroom at the south campus. The study topic today is "Esther."

The Sunday School for **Grades 4-6** is meeting in the 4th grade classroom at the south campus. The study topic today is "King Josiah."

The Sunday School for **4K Preschool-Grade 3** is meeting in the 3rd grade classroom at the south campus. The study topic today is "King Josiah."

The Sunday School for **two- and three-year-olds** is meeting in the preschool classrooms at the south campus. Parents are encouraged to remain with their children. The study topic today is "Jesus heals 10 sick men."

The **MUMs Group** is meeting in the nursery. Mothers and their children under 2 years are welcome to join for a devotion and fellowship.

Be an informed and educated voter

We as citizens of heaven are also residents of the State of Arizona and citizens of the United States of America. We have been given the responsibility and privilege to have a voice in who is elected to our governmental positions. We encourage you to get involved by becoming an informed and educated voter. You can find a plethora of resources to assist you in becoming informed on the topics and the candidates. One such resource is christianvoterguide.com. There are others. We encourage you to do diligent research into the issues and candidates that impact this year's primary and general elections. When it comes to moral issues clearly identified in God's Word, we let our light shine and stand against immorality and wickedness. Sin is sin. God is clear about that, and we must clearly articulate that. Pray for our governmental leaders. Give a loving and clear testimony to the truth of God's Word. It is a privilege for us to have the opportunity to participate in the election of our governmental leaders.

God bless you as you pray about your privileges and responsibilities as a Christian citizen!

Personal preparation for Holy Communion

The following questions for self-examination (adapted from various sources) may be helpful as you prepare to receive the Sacrament.

As we prepare to partake of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is appropriate that we diligently examine ourselves, as St Paul exhorts us. For this Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But if we thus examine ourselves, we find nothing in ourselves but sin and death, from which we can in no way set ourselves free. Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy upon us and has taken upon himself our nature, so that he might fulfill the whole will and law of God and for us and for our deliverance suffer death and all that we by our sins have deserved. In order that we should more confidently believe this and be strengthened in faith and cheerful obedience to his holy will, he has instituted the holy Sacrament of his Supper, in which he feeds us with his body and gives us to drink of his blood.

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup firmly believing the words of Christ, lives in Christ and Christ in him, and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of him, proclaiming his death – that he was delivered over for our sins and raised to life for our justification. Then with thankful hearts we commit ourselves again to take up our cross and follow him, keep his commandments, and love one another as he has loved us.

As you examine yourself, consider these questions before God, who searches the heart:

Q: Do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserved his wrath and punishment?

A: *Truly you should confess, for Holy Scripture declares, "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."*

Q: Do you heartily repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and action?

A: *Truly you should repent, as did the penitent sinners: King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the woman caught in adultery; the prodigal son; and others.*

Q: Do you sincerely believe that God, by his grace, for Jesus' sake, forgives you all your sins?

A: *Truly you should believe, for Holy Scripture declares, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."*

Q: Do you promise that with the help of the Holy Spirit you will from this time forward amend your sinful life?

A: *Truly you should so promise, for Holy Scripture declares, "No one who lives in him keeps on sinning," and Jesus himself declares, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."*

Personal prayer:

Lord Jesus, as a penitent sinner filled with joy and gratitude, I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of love and kindness to others. Amen.

A person should examine himself before eating of the bread and drinking from the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment (1 Corinthians 11:28,29,31).

About Us

Emmanuel Lutheran Church shares the love of Jesus and the truth of his saving Word with the people in our church, our community and the world.

The objectives of our mission are:

- To **preach**, by proclaiming the Word of God, as we worship and praise God in a loving Christian atmosphere;
- To **teach**, by fostering an ongoing increase in knowledge and maturity in God's Word;
- To **reach**, by sharing the Gospel of God's Word with all people, and to do so;
- By **each** member actively participating in our ministry.

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