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Sunday, May 19, 2024  
Day of Pentecost  
Holy Communion

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May 19, 2024 • 9:00 a.m. Services

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## WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

### INTRODUCTION

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

### PRELUDE

"Our Father in Heaven" J.S. Bach

Organist, Emily Christman

### TRINITARIAN CHIMES

### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the holy Trinity + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

**Amen.**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, too the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us, and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**      *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Vs. 1-3)*      **ELW 807**

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.  
Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:1-21**

*Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.*

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (SUNG)**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Those who would like to commune around the altar are invited to come up as the Communion music begins.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**      *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling (Vs. 1-3)*      **ELW 582**

*The assembly stands.*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.  
**Amen.**

**BEFORE YOU GO**

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and  
be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**      *Day by Day (Vs. 1-3)*      **ELW 790**

**THE COMMISSION**

**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us  
in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.

## COMMUNION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion assistants in  
the sanctuary and at home will say:*  
The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond Amen.*



## GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The holy gospel according to Saint John, the fifteenth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.*

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## SERMON

**"The Advocate"**

**Pastor Lillejord**

*A moment of silent meditation follows the sermon.*

*The assembly stands.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (Vs. 1-4)*

**ELW 800**

## THE APOSTLES' 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.**

\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

**PRAYERS AND WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS**

Pastor Rick Bliese

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.  
The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.*

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

**OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.  
The ushers will come forward and distribute the offering plates to the congregation.*

**OFFERTORY**                    **"We Pray Now to the Spirit" J. S. Bach**                    **Organist, Emily Christman**

**CONSECRATION OF THE OFFERINGS**  
*The pastor will invite the blessing of the offerings. The ushers will bring the bread, wine, and offerings they have received to the altar.*

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**                    **We Are An Offering (Vs. 1)**                    **ELW 692**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.  
Lord use our voices, Lord, use our hands,  
Lord, use our lives, they are yours;  
We are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we have, all that we are,  
All that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you;  
We are an offering, we are an offering.

**OFFERING PRAYER**  
Risen One,  
you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  
DIALOGUE (SUNG)**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE**  
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY (SUNG)**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.