

EMMANUEL
Lutheran Church



... do not be anxious
about anything,
but in everything
by prayer and
supplication with
thanksgiving let
your requests
be made
known to God.

Philippians 4:6

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026

Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 1

All are welcome...and we do mean ALL. No matter who you are, what you look like, where you are from, or who you love. We are all children of God and loved by God. And just as God loves all of us, we are called to love one another as well.

Call to Worship (Chimes)

Welcome & Announcements – Visitors are asked to fill out a Welcome card from the pew racks and give it to the Assisting Minister during the prelude.

Prayers – You may add to the prayers today by filling out an ivory prayer card found in the pew racks. Prayer cards are collected during the prelude.

Prelude

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

*The congregation responds by reading the words in **bold print**.*

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** *Around You, O Lord Jesus*

ELW 468

*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.

*Hymn of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

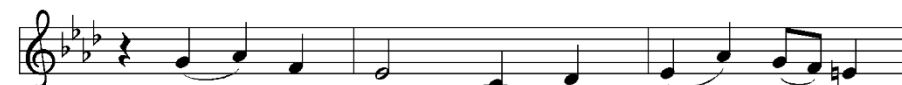


Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

***Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Lord of the feast, **you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Lesson – Isaiah 25:1-9

The First Lesson is from the 25th chapter of Isaiah.

¹ O Lord, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,

“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm – Psalm 23

Responsive Reading

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

² **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear
no evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Second Lesson – Philippians 4:1-9

The Second Lesson is from the 4th chapter of Philippians.

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,
stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they
have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement
and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your
gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious
about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of
God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your
minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is
commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of
praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned
and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace
will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*Gospel – Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son.

³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless.

¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

***Hymn of the Day:** *As We Gather at Your Table*

ELW 522

***Apostles' Creed**

With the whole church let us confess our faith:

**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 the People (please sit)

After each prayer, please offer the words:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

*Thank you for placing your offering in the **Offering Box** before the service began. Your continued financial support of this congregation helps us to do God's work in the community and the world.*

Offering Song *Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring*

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1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
2 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

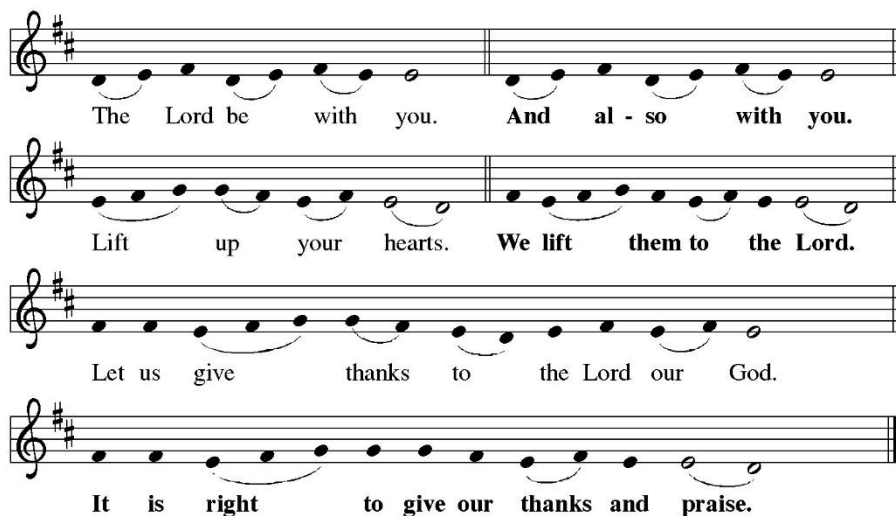


We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Offertory Prayer (please sit)

Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving (Please Stand)



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

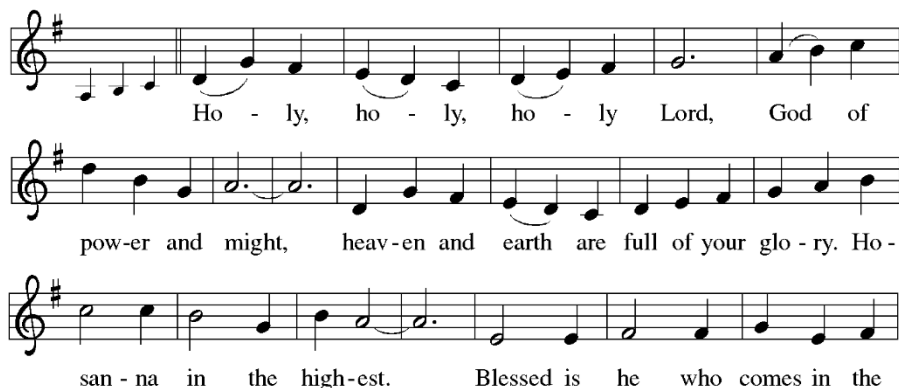
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise . . .
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus (Please Stand)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***Eucharistic prayer (Please Stand)**

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 (Please Stand)**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

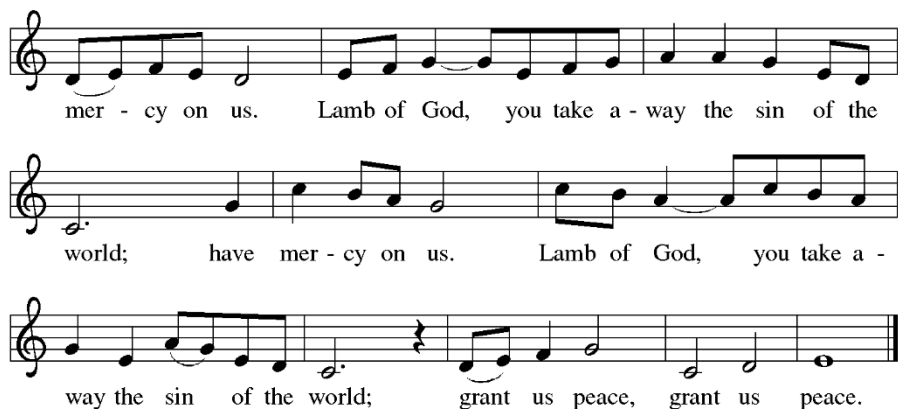
***Invitation to Communion (Please Stand)**

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry,
come! **Thanks be to God!**

Communion Song



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



Communion Distribution (*Your choice of WHITE wine or PURPLE grape juice*)
 The body of Christ given for you.
 The blood of Christ shed for you.

***Blessing**

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

***Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

***Benediction**

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. The God of grace ✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn:**

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart
 Verses 1, 2, 3, and 6

ELW 873

***Dismissal**

While our worship here has ended, let us continue through our service to others. So go out in joy and be led forth in peace to love and serve the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Today's Worship Leaders and Assistants – October 11, 2026

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Robert M. Eller | Assisting Minister: Jerry Gartrell

Greeter: Tom Yanders | Lector: Tom Yanders

Communion Assistants: Barb and Neil Rupe

Worship Coordinator: Ruth Patrick | Pianist: Ruth Patrick

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders and Assistants – October 18, 2026

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Robert M. Eller | Assisting Minister: Tricia Self

Greeter: John Sandy | Lector: Rob Sterling

Communion Assistants: Barb and John Sandy

Worship Coordinator: Ruth Patrick | Organist: John Foust

CHURCH COUNCIL

Neil Rupe – President

Ken Lab – Vice President

Wayne York – Secretary

Deb Ritenour – Treasurer
(non-voting)

Paula Freeland

Marsha Smith

Heidi Torch

Attendance 10/4: 36

Readings for Next

October Benevolence:

Friends of the Homeless

- Jack's House of Hope

Sunday

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalm 96

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday October 12

* AA Meeting – 12:00pm

* Finance Meeting – 6:30pm

* Church Council – 7:00pm

Tuesday October 13

* Pastor's Group – 11:00am

Wednesday October 14

* Mid-Day Prayer Break –
11:00am-1:00pm

Thursday October 15

Friday October 16

Saturday October 17

Sunday October 18

* Kid's and Adult Sunday

School – 8:30am

* Adult Choir – 9:00am

* Sunday worship – 9:30am

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion: Please fill out a communion card and place it in the basket during communion. If you are unable to come forward, Pastor Rob will bring it back to your seat. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.

Sunday School: The Sunday School has kicked off! Sunday School meets at 8:30am every Sunday. Kidz Bible School is open to kids age 3 and up. The St. Timothy adult class is open to everyone. We have started a new series called Pastor's Sermon Roundtable where we look at readings for next Sunday and discuss ideas for Pastor Rob to preach on.

Trunk or Treat: Join us on Saturday October 31 from 5:30-8:00pm for our annual Trunk or Treat. We will have hotdogs, chips, drinks, and LOTS of candy! Signup sheet in the lobby for helping with the event or donating candy.

The Breakfast Club: Join Pastor Rob on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 8:30am for breakfast while we talk about faith, the Bible, and Pastor's sermon from the previous Sunday. Please let Pastor know if you plan on attending. Bring your Bibles! We will be meeting this week at Dee's Restaurant, 1109 C Bowers Ave NW, New Philadelphia.

Adult Choir: Calling all singers! The Emmanuel Adult Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday September 20 at 9:00am in the downstairs choir room. We would love to welcome new and former members to sing with us this year. If you have questions about choir, please talk to Ruth Patrick.

Bell Choir: Attention all ringers! The Bells of Emmanuel rehearses on Tuesdays at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. Never rang bells before? Come try it out! All are welcome to join. Bell Choir is on break until November.

Mid-Day Prayer Break: Do you have a lot on your mind? Come see Pastor Rob for the Mid-Day Prayer Break every Wednesday from 11am - 1pm outside in front of the church for conversation, prayer, healing, and Holy Communion.

Pastoral Visits: If you or anyone you know would like a visit from Pastor Rob, please call the church office or Pastor Rob to make arrangements.





Altar Flowers Are Given to the glory of God...

In celebration of my birthday by Zack Baer

Church Family and Friends in Need of Prayer...

Assisted Living/Nursing Home:

Kay Frantz, Dorthy Glass, Dick Hugh, Myrna Hugh, Larry Humbert,
Peggy Immel, Shirley Yoder

Other Members:

Sam Bates, Shirley Brug, Jim Deibel, Ed Fishel, Dean Fisher, John Frank,
Diana Gray, Marge Kearns, Bert Kohler, Phyllis Kohler, Breanne Mathias,
Susan Miller, Marsha Mills, Chuck Moore, Ruth Patrick, Naomi Potts,
Chris Smith, Cindy Smith, Dane Smith, Marilyn Swaldo, Judy Swinehart,
Frank Torch, Sandi Hannenkrat-Wemple, Virginia Wyer, **Kari Yanders**,
Rachel Yanders

Friends and Family:

Beachey family, Boston Crowell, Kim Menapace,
Jamie & Paul Salvino, Fred Sterling,

Names in **BOLD** listed above were prayed for at the altar last Sunday



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