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15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST    SEPTEMBER 5, 2021  
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**WELCOME**

**HYMN: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” (LSB #803)**

**Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.**

**All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav’n reflect Thy rays.  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow’ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Changing bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav’n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!  
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**INVOCATION**

**REFLECTION ON GOD’S WORD: (From Ps 124 & 130)**

**Pastor:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**People:** Who made heaven and earth.

**Pastor:** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**People:** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**CONFESSION OF SIN: (Spoken together)**

**Lord, Your Spirit has drawn us again to hear Your Word and call upon You in prayer and praise. Yet we are not worthy of Your blessings. We have sinned against You and against one another in our thoughts, our words, and our deeds, and cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. So for the sake of Your Son Jesus, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**ABSOLUTION**

**SONG: “Thank You for the Cross” (Mark Altrogge)**

**Thank You for the cross, the mighty cross,  
that God Himself should die for such as us;  
And ev’ry day we’re changed  
into Your image more and more,  
yes, by the cross we’ve truly been transformed.**

And we're so amazed,  
and we give You praise  
that You would save us at such a cost;  
We're so amazed,  
and we give You praise  
for the power of the cross,  
for the power of the cross.

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#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-8**

Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. <sup>2</sup> Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you. <sup>3</sup> You saw with your own eyes what the LORD did at Baal Peor. The LORD your God destroyed from among you everyone who followed the Baal of Peor, <sup>4</sup> but all of you who held fast to the LORD your God are still alive today. <sup>5</sup> See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the LORD my God commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>6</sup> Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." <sup>7</sup> What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? <sup>8</sup> And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

#### **EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 6:10-20**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. <sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

**RESPONSE: (*Sung together, LSB p. 205*)**

Alleluia, alleluia alleluia! These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**GOSPEL READING: Mark 7:1-23**

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and <sup>2</sup>saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were “unclean,” that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup>(The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. <sup>4</sup>When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with ‘unclean’ hands?” <sup>6</sup>He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: “These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. <sup>7</sup>They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.” <sup>8</sup>You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men.” <sup>9</sup>And he said to them: “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! <sup>10</sup>For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.’ <sup>11</sup>But you say that if a man says to his father or mother: ‘Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is Corban’ (that is, a gift devoted to God), <sup>12</sup>then you no longer let him do anything for his father or mother. <sup>13</sup>Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.” <sup>14</sup>Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. <sup>15</sup>Nothing outside a man can make him ‘unclean’ by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him ‘unclean.’” <sup>17</sup>After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. <sup>18</sup>“Are you so dull?” he asked. “Don’t you see that nothing that enters a man from the outside can make him ‘unclean’? <sup>19</sup>For it doesn’t go into his heart but into his stomach, and then out of his body.” (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods “clean.”) <sup>20</sup>He went on: “What comes out of a man is what makes him ‘unclean.’” <sup>21</sup>For from within, out of men’s hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup>greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evils come from inside and make a man ‘unclean.’”

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: (The Nicene Creed, spoken together)**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**SONG: "Speak O Lord" (Keith Getty & Stuart Tounsend)**

**Speak, O Lord, as we come  
to You to receive the food of Your holy word;  
Take Your truth plant it deep in us;  
shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
all Your purposes for Your glory.**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail,  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
and the earth is filled with Your glory!**  
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**SERMON: Mark 7:1-8 "Where is our Heart...Really?"**

**THE OFFERING**

**PRAYERS**

**THE 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. 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.**

**CALL TO THANKS AND PRAISE**

**HYMN OF ADORATION: *(Sung together, LSB p. 208)***

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;**

**Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.**

**Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;**

**Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*IN THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION WE BELIEVE our Lord Jesus Christ comes to us with His body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins (Matt 26:26-28). In it we are united with him and with the whole Church. Baptized and confirmed Christians who believe, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that Christ's body and blood are present in the bread and wine of the Sacrament, who acknowledge their sin, set aside any refusal to forgive (Matt 6:15), are sorry, repent (Mark 1:15) and look to Christ alone for forgiveness and strength to live the new life, are welcome to eat and drink at the Lord's table in remembrance of Him. (1 Cor 11:25-25) You may register for Communion as the Friendship Folder is passed to you in the pew. If you have any questions, please speak to the Pastor or a Lay Minister before communing.*

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**HYMN OF THANKS: *(Sung together, LSB p. 211)***

**O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,**

**For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace;**

**A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,**

**The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,**

**All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;**

**For as in the beginning, Is now shall ever be,**

**God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**SONG: "Give Thanks" *(Henry Smith)***

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,**

**Give thanks to the Holy One,**

**Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

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**Give thanks to the Holy One,**

**Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**And now, let the weak say, I am strong,**

Let the poor say, I am rich,  
Because of what the Lord has done for us,  
And now, let the weak say, I am strong,  
Let the poor say, I am rich,  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

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Because of what the Lord has done for us.

*Ending...Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.  
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### **BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**



**On Rally Sunday, September 12th**, we will celebrate the beginning of yet another year to share the good news about Jesus with our children. This year however, things will be different than before. Instead of separating children from their parents in a Sunday School, parents and children will stay together, and I will be there with them as the pastor. We'll be calling this our "Family Faith Fellowship."

Each Sunday, from 10:45 am - 11:30 am, we will begin by looking at Bible passages, Bible stories, or discussing various topics in light of God's word. Families will then take part in an activity that ties into the lesson, and we'll end with a time of sharing with one another what we've learned or done that day. So, as pastor and people, we will be using the gifts the Holy Spirit has blessed each of us with, and working together to help one another grow in our Christian faith and life.

Whether you are a family that's currently a member at Holy Emmanuel, or a family that attends our Open Arms Early Childhood Center, you are all invited and welcome to come and be part of the fun!

Your brother and servant in Christ,  
Pastor Paul Krentz



# Harvest

**Save the Date! Holy  
Emmanuel and Open Arms  
Harvest Festival 2021 is  
Saturday, October 2nd!**

# Festival



Dear Holy Emmanuel and Open Arms Family:

It has been a few years (3 I think?) since we have had a bike event. In light of this, we would like to invite all to take part in a family bike ride next month. We hope this will be a great time to get together for some fresh air, exercise, food, and best of all, time in fellowship. Here are some details, and hope to see you there!

***When? 10AM, Saturday, September 25***

***Where? Meet at Black Dog trail parking lot, south side of MN River, just east of 35W off of Black Dog Rd.***

***Who? All HE and Open Arms family, and whoever else!***

***What? We will ride the paved bike trail east to the Old Cedar Bridge, and then back. Following this ride we will meet back at church for a simple grill/chips/etc. lunch, with games etc.***

Some may want to even drop their bikes at church and ride to the Black Dog lot from church, which is now possible with the new bridge. Others with smaller kids may opt to just start and finish at the lot. Either way, drive or bike, meet at the lot at 10am. Also, the Hwy 77 bridge is passable but there is an incline, so some families with smaller kiddos may want to skip that part and return to the lot, and head back to church. Lunch will begin around 1130am approximately.

Please RSVP to the church office or Open Arms office by Saturday, Sept 18 so proper food and beverage arrangements can be made.

Hope to see you there!

Brad N. Affeldt

