
18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

HYMN: "O Worship the King" (LSB #804, TLH #17)

O worship the King, all glorious above.
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
While angels delight to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.
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INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Pastor: As we gather before our true and glorious God, we first see our unworthiness to be in His presence.

People: We also see our need of pardon from Him.

Pastor: Let us join in asking God for forgiveness.

People: Lord, we come to You as poor sinners. We need Your forgiveness. We need Your mercy. Our lives are filled with failure to do Your will. We fall short in service to You and to one another. The debt of sin burdens us. Forgive us for the sake of Your Son Jesus, who laid down his life that we might be cleansed and delivered. Amen.

HYMN: “Dear Christians, One and All...” (LSB #556, TLH #387))

**Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,
And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,
proclaim the wonders God has done,
How His right arm the vict’ry won.
What price our ransom cost Him!
God said to His beloved Son: “It’s time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free;
Slay bitter death for them
that they May live with You forever.”**

**The Son obeyed His Father’s will, Was born of virgin mother;
And God’s good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.
His royal pow’r disguised He bore;
A servant’s form, like mine,
He wore To lead the devil captive.**

**To me He said: “Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, and you are Mine,
And where I am you may remain;
The foe shall not divide us.**

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PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸Because the LORD revealed their plot to me, I knew it, for at that time he showed me what they were doing. ¹⁹I had been like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter; I did not realize that they had plotted against me, saying, “Let us destroy the tree and its fruit; let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more.” ²⁰But, O LORD Almighty, you who judge righteously and test the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

EPISTLE: James 3:13-4:6

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. ¹⁶For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness...¹What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your

desires that battle within you? ²You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. ³When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁴You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you think Scripture says without reason that the spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely? ⁶But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

RESPONSE: (*Spoken together, from 2 Corinthians 12:9*)

Jesus said, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me! Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

³⁰ They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." ³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it. ³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. ³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." ³⁶ He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

CONFESSION OF FAITH: (*The Apostle's Creed*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (LSB #702, TLH #394)

**My faith looks up to Thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine. Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!**

**May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.
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SERMON: James 3:13-18 "Wanna Get Ahead?"

THE OFFERING

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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.

BLESSING: (From Philippians 3)

Pastor: Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the apostle Paul wrote, "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

People: Help us, Lord, to press on in Jesus' name.

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: Amen.

HYMN: "Abide, O Dearest Jesus" (LSB #919)

**Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.**

**Abide with heav'nly brightness Among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us From error's gloomy night.**

**Abide with richest blessings Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom Grow daily through Your Word.**

**Abide with Your protection Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.**

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BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

This year 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



Thank you

Thank you for all the cards, prayers and phone calls during my recuperation from surgery.

The surgery went well. a couple of set backs in the last couple of weeks but getting better slowly. still no walking until the middle of October.

Steve Sedio

8. Where do we see God's wisdom being lived out?

9. What fruit comes out of Jesus' righteousness?

10. What kind of peace does Jesus make?

11. How does Jesus' work as the Savior affect our lives when it comes to getting ahead in life?

12. Why is trusting in Jesus the only real way to get ahead?