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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday, August 7, 2022

L: The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, [d] full of grace and truth. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (John 15:13-17)

C: Jesus, the Word, reveals to us our glorious Creator and models a life of truth and grace. He overcame sin and enables us to live the abundant life.

L: No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. (John 15:13-17)

C: God's great love, revealed in Jesus, embraces us and names us friends. The embrace of God helps us to reach out and embrace others in His name. Jesus commands us to reach out in love, and he enables us to do so.

L: In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise. (Galatians 2:26-29)

C: Jesus' friendship destroys all barriers that divide people. As his representatives we cross over barriers in order to become friends for his sake.

L: The creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. (Romans 8:19-23)

C: Within our friendship with Jesus and others, we groan in frustration as we see brokenness in ourselves and others. We wait with eager expectation for the release of our world and of ourselves from the decay of our present age.

L: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and, that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. (1 John 3:1-3)

C: As friends – children of God – we bask in his love as we live and serve him, holding onto the hope that we will live with him forever and will be like him.

L: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *these sisters and brothers*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called *them* to yourself, enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished *them* in the community of faith.

Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

Affirmation by the Assembly

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ and make public confession of our sins.

L: Merciful God,

C: we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. Whereby we humbly ask for your forgiveness and we pray for newness in body, mind, and spirit so that we may use our gifts and uplift the promises made to us in baptism. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

L: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

L: Even when things seem dark, God is with us. God's love is powerful enough to overcome any darkness that we encounter. Remember how much love has been given for you and rejoice!

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW # 742

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
 all our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry
 ev'rything to God in prayer!
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
 oh, what needless pain we bear--
 all because we do not carry
 ev'rything to God in prayer!

- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
 Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged--
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful
 who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
 take it to the Lord in prayer.

- 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
 cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge--
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do your friends despise, forsake you?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you;
 you will find a solace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

L: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 33:7-17

7Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp; he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. 8Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise and stand, each of them, at the entrance of their tents and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. 9When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the LORD would speak with Moses. 10When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the

entrance of the tent, all the people would rise and bow down, all of them, at the entrance of their tent. 11Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then he would return to the camp; but his young assistant, Joshua son of Nun, would not leave the tent. 12Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' 13Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." 14He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." 15And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. 16For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." 17The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."

Psalm 67

L: May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

**C: Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**C: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**C: The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

L: May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Acts 4:32-35

32Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. 33With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew the fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-16

13" You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

14" You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Bring Forth the Kingdom

You are the salt of the earth, O people.

Salt for the kingdom of God.

Share the flavor of life, O people;

Life in the kingdom of God.

All: Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,

Bring forth the kingdom of peace,

Bring forth the kingdom of justice,

Bring forth the city of God.

You are the light on the hill, O people.
Light for the city of God.
Shine so holy and bright, O people,
Shine for the kingdom of God.

All: Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the kingdom of peace,
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the city of God.

You are a seed of the word, O people.
Bring forth the kingdom of God
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the kingdom of God.

All: Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the kingdom of peace,
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the city of God.

We are a blessed and a pilgrim people;
Bound for the kingdom of God;
Love our journey and love our homeland;
Love is the kingdom of God.

All: Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the kingdom of peace,
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the city of God.

CREED

We believe in one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything good in it. He created people and wanted them to be happy in the world. God loves the world, and every nation and tribe on the earth. We have known this High God in the darkness, and now we know him in the light. God promised in the book of his Word, the Bible, that he would save the world and all the nations and tribes.

We believe that God made good his promise by sending his Son, Jesus Christ, a man of flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching them about God and humanity. Showing that the meaning of religion is love, He was rejected by His people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He lay buried in the ground, but on the third day he rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is Lord.

We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love, and share the bread together in love, announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition is concluded with the words, God of grace:
The congregation responds: hear our prayer.*

L: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

C: Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 (Spoken in Swahili)

**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.**

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

L: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, for the ways you speak to us and through us. Increase in us a desire for wisdom and insight that we may use what we have learned for the sake of the common good. We pray in the name of the one who taught disciples and told stories, Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Special Music: Kibera Church Choir

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

BENEDICTION

L: Beloved of God, you have been healed and forgiven. God has poured God's love upon you that you may be faithful disciples, offering healing love and forgiveness to all. Go in peace and may God's peace always be with you.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW # 866

We Are Marching in the Light

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib:

We are dancing . . .
We are praying . . .
We are singing . . .

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Emmanuel! If this is your first time at Worship with us, We are grateful for you and hope you will Worship with us again. Emmanuel has a *Family Room* sitting area located just off the sanctuary with couch seating and a television that shows a livestream of today's Worship. This area is for those who might want to calm down, get the wiggles out, or regain a sense of security before rejoining the group. Please feel welcomed and invited to enjoy this area. The *Family Room* can be reached by going through the doorway with the letter "B" above it.

Christ in Our Home devotionals and Parish Visitors are available at the church just outside the glass front door. If you need it mailed to you, please call the church office.

The Flowers are in honor of the wedding of Lauren Lubinski and Kevin Brunette.

Welcome Badi, manager of the Lords House of Hope Orphanage in Kenya, Africa. Greet and meet Badi after the 10:00am worship service at a reception in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you to all those who helped in any way with the bake sale at the Farmers Market for the Neurodivergent park. It was a success thanks to everyone!

The Blessing of Backpacks and back to school will be on Sunday, August 28 at the worship services. Please have your children bring their bags.

The Women of Emmanuel's Summer Retreat Circle Bible Studies are invited to meet at Gloria Moeller's house for our summer Bible study including June, July and August on Tuesday, August 16th at 9am. A Potluck luncheon will be about noon. Please respond to Gloria at 920-833-1775 by Sunday, August 14.

Emmanuel is in need of readers for the 10 am worship service. If you would like to read, call the church office at 833-2316 or talk with Pastor Ty.

Applications for Student Aid grants for the 2022/2023 school year are available in the church office and can be completed by anyone entering or continuing in post high school undergraduate education. Please return completed applications on or before August 15, 2022 to the church office.

Hamburger Days Parade-Come Join Us! The Hamburger Days parade will take place on August 13. This year's theme is Burgers of the future. There are three ways you can participate with us this year! 1. We hold a decorating night to put all our awesome ideas together and come up with an amazing float. We will have a Floats and Floats night on Aug. 9 at 6:30pm to decorate our float and eat ice cream floats. 2. Donate candy no chocolate please. The kids along the route look forward to the candy. There is a blue bucket in the narthex for candy donations. 3. Come to the parade and cheer us on. If you have any questions contact Lynette or Tanya.

Calling Triple-A adults (Authentic, Affirming, Available) to assist with Faith Connections/Confirmation check-in and check-out on Wednesdays.

The time commitment for a Wednesday would be from 5-7pm and you would make sure the students get checked in and checked out for class.

If you have any questions or might consider signing up for a Wednesday or two, please contact the church office for more details.

Do you enjoy the fun, unique personalities that make up a 6th grader? Do you like the challenge? Does the thought of a classroom full of them not scare you? Do you enjoy listening to some interesting stories, learning hip new lingo, and laughing? Lots of laughing?

If you answered yes to even one of these questions - you are the perfect person for 6th grade Confirmation!

We are in need of 1 more confirmation teacher for 6th grade this September.

6th grade works best if 2-3 adults team teacher together - one can take the lead and others assist.

We have an excellent and easy to follow curriculum from Sparkhouse. It is minimal prep time - really a plug and play teaching style.

If you would be interested in learning more, asking questions, or able to volunteer, please talk to Lynette Stoneburner.

Community Garden Volunteers are needed to water or weed the garden. Water and tools are provided. Any amount of time to spare at the garden is appreciated.

The Community Garden is located just east of Kailhofer's north parking lot. The rows of Emmanuel's garden run north to south, not to be confused with the adjacent private garden where the rows run east to west.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Calling all musicians, singers and anyone interested in playing bells or any instrument players that would like to participate in the fall. Choir will start on Sept. 13 at 6:00 pm. Bell Choir will start on Sept. 15 at 4:30pm. Bring your own instruments and join the Emmanuel Band. Call the church office for more information at 920-833-2316.

Dear Members of Emmanuel, once again we are looking for help in filling school bags for our Lutheran World Relief project. The list of supplies needed to fill the school bags and the school bags are on the table in the narthex. Please help us make a difference in a child's life.

Calling All Women: August 30 at 6:00pm will be the next Taco Tuesday Evening! This event is open to all females, members or not, for an evening of devotions, prayer, and conversation. This fun event is located at Jackson Point in the first floor banquet room. Food and drinks are your expense.

Coming in September: Ms. Tanya will be doing a book study on Michael Yaconelli's book "Dangerous Wonder the Adventure of Childlike Faith." This will be a 7-week study between services on Sunday and on Monday nights from 6-7pm. Save the date, hope you can join me.

Worship Schedule
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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPOXOrmLEWCqdUmmDnq4UuA>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/emmanuelseymour>

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 4— 6:30pm Worship

Sunday, August 7—10:00am Worship inside with meet and greet reception to follow for Badi from the Lords House of Hope in Fellowship Hall.

Thursday, August 10—6:30pm Worship

Sunday, August 14—9:00am inside Worship & 10:00am Worship outside

Thursday, August 18—6:30 pm Worship

Sunday, August 21--9:00am inside Worship & 10:00am Worship outside

Thursday, August 25--6:30 pm Worship

Sunday, August 28--9:00am inside Worship with Back pack blessing & 10:00am Worship outside with Back pack blessing

****All Indoor Worship will be live streamed using Facebook and Youtube links listed**