

# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Emanuel-St. John Lutheran Church*  
August 1, 2021

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Welcome and Announcements

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,  
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.  
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sins,  
Receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*A brief silence is kept for reflection.*

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,  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

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

### **Opening Hymn – God Himself Is Present – LBW 249**

God himself is present; Let us now adore him  
And with awe appear before him!  
God is in his temple; All within keep silence,  
Prostrate lie with deepest rev'ence. Him alone God we own,  
Him, our God and Savior; Praise his name forever.

God himself is present; Hear the harps resounding;  
See the hosts the throne surrounding!  
“Holy, holy, holy!” Hear the hymn ascending,  
Songs of saints and angels blending. Bow your ear to us here:  
Hear, O Christ, the praises That your Church now raises.

Light of light eternal, All things penetrating,  
For your rays our soul is waiting.  
As the tender flowers, Willingly unfolding,  
To the sun their faces holding: Even so would we do,  
Light from you obtaining, Strength to serve you gaining.

Come, celestial Being, Make our hearts your dwelling,  
Ev'ry carnal thought dispelling.  
By your Holy Spirit Sanctify us truly,  
Teaching us to love you only. Where we go here below,  
Let us bow before you And in truth adore you.

### **The Apostolic 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.**

### **Kyrie**

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us Christ, and wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving power; create in us new hearts.

### **Hymn of Praise**

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;  
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
On the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call.  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all.  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

### **Prayer of the Day**

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied.  
Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### **Scripture Readings and Psalm**

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalm 78:23-29

So God commanded the clouds above  
**and opened the doors of heaven,**  
raining down manna upon them to eat  
**and giving them grain from heaven.**  
So mortals ate the bread of angels;  
**God provided for them food enough.**  
The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens  
**and powerfully led out the south wind,**  
raining down flesh upon them like dust  
**and flying birds like the sand of the seas,**  
letting them fall in the midst of the camp  
**and round about the dwellings.**  
So the people ate and were well filled,  
**for God gave them what they craved.**

Ephesians 4:1-16

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.  
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.  
Alleluia! Lord we sing for the good news that you bring.

### **Gospel**

John 6:24-35

### **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day – I Am the Bread of Life –ELW 485**

“I am the Bread of life.  
You who come to me shall not hunger,  
and who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.”

## **Refrain**

“And I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.”

The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live forever, you shall live forever.” **Refrain**

“Unless you eat  
of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood,  
and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you.” **Refrain**

“I am the resurrection,  
I am the life.  
If you believe in me,  
even though you die, you shall live forever.” **Refrain**

Yes, Lord, I believe  
that you are the Christ,  
The Son of God,  
who have come into the world. **Refrain**

## **The Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and was born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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 Intercession**

*Each petition ends:*

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen**

**Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**                      *Give each other a sign of peace.*

**Offering**

*Thank you for your continued offerings. They are much appreciated.*

**Offering Prayer**

Merciful Father,

**We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**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;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Benediction**

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord grant you his favor and give you his peace.

**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn – Go, My Children, with My Blessing -- WOV 721**

“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

“Go, my children, fed and nourished closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished joyful and free.”

“I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.  
I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace.  
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother.  
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace.”

**Sending**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Bulletin Announcements**

**Emanuel-St. John Lutheran Church**  
**Lytton, Iowa**

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**This week at Emanuel-St. John**

Sunday, August 1     9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
                              10:00 a.m. Worship  
                              Special congregational meeting following worship

Monday, August 2     7:30 a.m. Men's Group

Wednesday, August 4     9:30 a.m. Clean Dining room chairs  
  NO Grill/Supper/Family Church Night

Thursday, August 5     8:00 a.m. Prayer Group

Sunday, August 8     9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
                              10:00 a.m. Worship

**Members celebrating their birthday this week:**

Aug 1 Adlynn Riedell  
Aug 2 Ryan Adams  
Aug 3 Everett Hinrichs  
Aug 4 Shiloh Meyer  
Aug 6 Brock Meyer, Bob Purdie, Dean Rix  
Aug 7 Brandon Gibson, Cheryl Haden, Sally Musselman

**Members celebrating their anniversary this week:**

Aug 4, 1988 Daryl & Jane Glasnapp  
Aug 5, 1972 Dennis & Candace Booth  
**Aug 5, 1963 Stephen & Betty Kral**

**Prayer concerns:** Our prayers are with the following people with ongoing health concerns: Ruth

Bartels, Abe Clark, Marlin Dettman, Lorene Hinrichs, Charlie Huizinga, Janet Everts Noth, Cooper Schmidt (great-grandson of Darlene Matter-Schmidt), and Gracia Willis...We remember also our homebound & nursing home members: John Everts, Joleen Harmon, Lorene Hinrichs and Mildred Purdie...We pray for all affected by COVID-19 locally and throughout the world...We pray for the peace of Jerusalem...We pray for the people of Haiti following the recent assassination of their president and the people of Cuba as they strive for freedom from the Communist regime...We pray for the safety and well-being of all law enforcement personnel and first responders...And for our Nation and the men and women serving in the armed forces at home and abroad especially Shiloh Meyer, Hannah Hildreth and Allen Jensen.

A warm Emanuel-St. John welcome to Rev. Wayne Pfankuch as he returns to lead us in worship this morning. Welcome and thank you, Pastor Wayne, for your uplifting message this morning.

There will be a congregational meeting after church this morning to discuss and vote on the cement project for the north side of the church. The church's constitution says the congregation needs to vote on any project that will cost over \$10,000. It is estimated that this project will cost approximately \$15,000.00. It involves removing the present sidewalk and replacing the whole sidewalk from the west corner to the alley and paving of the parking area from the west corner, some 115 feet to the east. The last 25 feet next to the alley will be left as grass and a place to pile snow in the winter. Any additional donations for the project will be appreciated.

### **RUB A DUB DUB, TIME TO SCRUB**

Men, women, boys and girls are all encouraged to help scrub the upholstered chairs in the dining room. Time is set for Wed., August 4, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. Please bring scrub brushes, rags, and anything that has worked for upholstery cleaner. We hope to be done by noon so bring a potluck lunch item.

Everyone connected with our church, whether an official member, an occasional attender, or a community friend, is eligible to have a free Right Now Media account. This is a streaming video service with kids content, Bible studies, and more. Create your account by following this link: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/ESJLC>

A reminder for you—we are now having a Family Church night most Wednesday evenings (not the 2nd Wednesday of each month) beginning with a light supper/grilling at 6:30 p.m. followed by a video from Right Now Media with a time for discussion and questions after the video. This is for all ages— young children, adults and grandparents. Please join us.

### **ELCA Prayer Ventures for Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup> through Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>:**

**1** What do we seek or yearn for when we follow Christ; what proof do we plead for when told of God's presence, activity and infinite power? Pray that the Spirit will stir in us an enduring faith in God's word and promises that does not depend on miracles, signs or personal favors.

**2** Pray for people in our country and around the world who are suffering from persistent drought and extreme heat. Ask God to keep them safe, restore life-giving water to their lands and grant us the wisdom to use our water resources with respect, responsibility, restraint and concern for the present and the future.

**3** Pray for women of all ages convening digitally for the Eleventh Triennial Convention of the Women of the ELCA. Pray for their time together as they conduct business, elect leaders, grow in faith, support and encourage one another, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, our society and the world.

**4** Pray for young-adult, lay and professional religious leaders participating in the interreligious summer school of the World Council of Churches' Bossey Ecumenical Institute in Switzerland. The summer school will examine issues of religious pluralism and intercultural acceptance in a society based on migration and globalization.

**5** Though we have different gifts, perspectives, life experiences and passions as siblings in Christ and children of God, pray that we will receive and take to heart God's assurance that our faith and baptism unite us to do God's work in the world, together.

**6** Pray for our ELCA missionaries serving alongside companion churches and organizations in Slovakia: Rachel Bossuyt, Megan Freudenberg, Jonathan Kent, Jennifer Norberg, Edward Patricks, Naomi and Nicholas Sveholm, the Rev. Kyle and Anna Svennungsen, John Rogers and Sue Strekal.

**7** Remember in prayer victims of gun violence, their families and friends, impacted communities and all who are working to prevent gun violence in our country. Ask God to remind us that when anyone suffers, grieves or experiences trauma, we are all affected.