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WOV - With One Voice  
CH - Celebration Hymnal  
LBW - Lutheran Book of Worship

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**24th Sunday of Pentecost  
November 15th, 2020**

Prelude: "Adagio in D minor" by Girolamo Frescobaldi and  
"Andante" by George Frederic Handel

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness .....LBW p. 77

Apostolic Greeting

Admonition: Almighty God...Amen.

P: Most merciful God

**C: 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.**

Entrance Hymn: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* .....LBW # 389

1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, As soldiers of the cross,  
Lift high the royal banner; It must not suffer loss.  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army he shall lead,  
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished And Christ is Lord indeed.

2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The trumpet call obey;  
Stand forth in mighty conflict In this his glorious day.  
Let all his faithful serve him Against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger, And strength to strength oppose.

3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Stand in his strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail you, You dare not trust your own.  
Put on the Gospel armor; Each piece put on with prayer.  
Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.

4. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, The strife will not be long;

*This day the din of battle, The next the victor's song.  
The soldiers, overcoming, Their crown of life shall see,  
And with the King of glory Shall reign eternally.*

Greeting.....LB  
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Kyrie: P: In Peace... C: Lord have mercy...

Hymn of Praise.....

LBW p. 80 Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**Congregation sings: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father. Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation.....LB  
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Prayer of the Day: Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Blessing of the Shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child*

The First Lesson: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel Versicle "Ancient Words"

**Holy words long preserved  
for our walk in this world,  
They resound with God's own heart  
Oh, let the Ancient words impart.**

**Words of Life, words of Hope  
Give us strength, help us cope  
In this world, where e'er we roam  
Ancient words will guide us Home.**

**Refrain: Ancient words ever true  
Changing me, and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts  
Oh let the ancient words impart.**

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

*Ancient words ever true  
Changing me, and changing you.  
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Oh let the ancient words impart.*

Ancient Words: Ronnie C. Jr. Freeman, Tony W. Wood- Public Domain

Hymn: *All Who Would Valiant Be*.....LBW  
#498

*1. All who would valiant be 'Gainst all disaster,  
Let them in constancy Follow the master.  
There's no discouragement Shall make them once relent  
Their first a-vowed intent To be true pilgrims.*

*2. Who so beset them round With dismal stories,  
Do but themselves confound; Their strength the more is.  
No foes shall stay their might; Though they with giants fight,  
They will make good their right To be true pilgrims.*

*3. Since, Lord, you will defend Us with your Spirit,  
We know we at the end Shall life inherit.  
Then fancies flee away! We'll fear not what they say,  
We'll labor night and day To be true pilgrims.*

Sermon

Sermon Hymn: *God Who's Giving Knows No Ending* .....LBW # 408

- 1. God, whose giving knows no ending, From your rich and endless store;  
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, Costly cross, grave's shattered door.  
Now direct our daily labor, Lest we strive for self alone;  
Thankful song shall rise forever, Gracious donor of our days.*
- 2. Skills and time are ours for pressing Toward the goals of Christ, your Son;  
All at peace in health and freedom, Races joined, the Church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, Lest we strive for self alone;  
Born with talents, make us servants Fit to answer at your throne.*

*3. Treasure, too, you have entrusted, Gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;  
Ours to use for home and kindred, And to spread the Gospel Word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing, As we heed Christ's ageless call,  
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, Serving you by loving all*

Apostles' 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 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**

Prayer and Lord's Prayer.....LBW  
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Benediction and Amen.....LBW  
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Announcements

Closing Hymn: *O Christ the Same*.....WOV # 778

- 1. Oh Christ the same, through all our story's pages-our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears,  
eternal Lord, the king of all the ages, unchanging still amid the passing years:  
O living Word, the source of all creation, who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze;  
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation; we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.*
- 2. O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide;  
Still as of old upon your body bearing The marks of love in triumph glorified:  
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven-O Prince of life, in all your saving power;  
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given: we bring our thanks for this the present hour.*
- 3. O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping our lives and loves, our days and years remain;  
Our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping, our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:  
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows, for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;  
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows, we bring our thanks for all that is to be.*

Chimes and Postlude: "Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above" by Michael Praetorius

**Welcome to worship at Emmanuel!** May God bless our time together in prayer, song, and God’s Word. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service for light refreshments and conversation.

**If you still have a shoe box at home...** please drop it off at the church before 6pm tonight. Thank you and thanks to all who participated in the endeavor. Jody Hackbart once again is our ‘shoe box deliverer’ – which we appreciate very much.

**Noisy offering...**resumes today . Please add your coins to the offering bucket in the narthex. This will go to our Campership Fund for kids attending Summer Bible Camp .

**The single red rose...**in the front of the church is in memory of Olga Borchardt, per her request in honor of her life, love, and Lord.

**This afternoon...**is the performance by “Celestial Strings”, a music ministry of Pastor Bill Reister and his wife, Susan. It begins **at 4 p.m.** at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St Ansgar. A free-will offering will be collected. Please see the poster on the bulletin board for more information.

**Please find the sign-up sheets...** for the Christmas Eve services on the round table in the entry. You may also call in your reservation or email Pastor. Please do so by December 20<sup>th</sup> and see your November newsletter for all the needed details. Thank you for your support in this effort to make sure all members and friends have the opportunity to worship on Christmas Eve.

**Our Thanksgiving Service...** will be on the Eve of the special day at 6:30 – November 25<sup>th</sup>!

**If you do not receive our weekly UPDATES FROM EMMANUEL...**, you can sign up by giving Pastor your email address. With various events up in the air due to the Corona virus, such may be a good way for you to remain informed.

**We express our condolences...** to the family of Olga Borchardt who passed away in the early morning hours of November 9<sup>th</sup>. May God comfort all who love and miss her and may her memory be blessed. There are no immediate plans for a service. We also pray for Ardis Hanson who mourns the death of her sister, Lillian Loland. As well, we remember the loved ones of all Covid-19 victims and those who lost dear family members and friends for reasons other than those who get so much of our rightful attention during these pandemic days. May God comfort and strengthen all sad hearts and may the promise of the Resurrection shine brightly into the lives of all mourners near and far.

**Thank You...**to all who gave memorials in Ellen’s name. -*The family of Ellen Glassel*

**ENALCW...** (Emmanuel North American Lutheran Church Women) are collecting a combined Love/Thankoffering during the month of November. We thank you for your support.

**Currently serving overseas...** Mitchell Cole

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**Dear friends in Christ...** below I am sharing with you a request for help regarding Convalescent Plasma. Please take a serious look at this and respond and/or share with those who could help. Pastor Z+

*MercyOne Medical Center North Iowa is in need of plasma to give to patients locally that are currently hospitalized with COVID-19. They have put out a request to their employees that if anyone has tested positive and recovered from COVID, or they know of anyone else that has and would be willing to donate, to reach out to our local LifeServe Center here in Mason City. **Donating Convalescent Plasma:** Plasma is the liquid portion of blood rich in antibodies used to treat or prevent infection. If you were confirmed to have COVID-19, your body may be producing specific COVID-19 antibodies. Convalescent plasma (CCP) can be provided to current COVID-19 patients as an experimental form of treatment. Please consider donating if you meet the criteria. For more information go to LifeServe at [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org) or call at 800-287-4903.*

This Week at Emmanuel November 15-22		
Tuesday, November 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	TWC (The Women’s Council)
Wednesday, November 18 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 pm	Confirmation
Thursday, November 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Bible Study
Sunday, November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30 am	Worship
(No Contemporary Service)	10:30 am	Fellowship
	10:40 am	Sunday School

<b>November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>	<b>Attendance: 43</b>
<b>General:</b> \$1451	<b>Benevolence:</b> \$71
<b>SS Fund:</b> \$6.00	<b>Mission Fest:</b> \$225

