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

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Musicians: *Will Bartz, Merlin Bartz, Travis Charlson, Marena Henkle,
Mary Jo Urbatsch, and AJ Wilder*



**16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 12th, 2021**

Call To Worship

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, the God who is One Yet Three; the God who creates, who saves and comforts us.

C: Amen

P: We gather in the presence of our God to celebrate the blessings of life.

C: We gather to respond to the call of God and share our common faith which binds us together as the body of Christ.

P: Let us worship and give praise to God who calls us to faith, hope and love, to commitment and care, to reconciliation and renewal.

C: God of love, we thank you for the gift of life and the beauty of creation. Foremost we praise you for the gift of Jesus, our Savior. Gracious God, we worship you. We praise you. We give thanks to you!

Gathering Song:

Raise A Hallelujah – (By Jonathan & Melissa Helser)

*I raise a hallelujah, in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah, louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah, heaven comes to fight for me*

*I'm gonna sing, in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes, hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive!*

*I raise a hallelujah, with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah, in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah, fear you lost your hold on me!*

*I'm gonna sing, in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes, hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive!*

*Sing a little louder (In the presence of my enemies)
Sing a little louder (Louder than the unbelief)
Sing a little louder (My weapon is a melody)
Sing a little louder (Heaven comes to fight for me)*

I'm gonna sing, in the middle of the storm

Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar

Up from the ashes, hope will arise

Death is defeated, the King is alive

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: People of God, let us ask God to come to our aid with mercy and consolation so we may turn from those things which seek to pull us away from our heavenly Father. We want to be attentive to God's Word, confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness. In the presence of one another and in sure confidence of God's divine presence, let us confess:

C: God, we hear your call to "go" and "tell the world," but we do not respond. Forgive our lack of courage and commitment. We hear your word to "love our neighbor", following the example of our Lord Jesus, and yet we remain uninvolved. We find it difficult to follow your commandments and we know that we are sinners in need of a gracious God. We confess that we are not worthy of your love and ask you to forgive the sin of every area of our lives. Open our hearts so we may hear the voices of those in need. Open our eyes so we may see the agony of the least, the last and the lonely who are around us. Oh God, you are a great God and in the name of Jesus we ask your forgiveness. Uphold us by your loving Spirit so we continue to serve you and others always to the honor of your holy name.

P: By the command and authority of Jesus Christ, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins against God and neighbor. May God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life. Amen.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

The Prayer of the Day: O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song:

Ever Be – (By Kalley Heiligenthal)

Verse 1

*Your love is devoted, like a ring of solid gold
Like a vow that is tested, like a covenant of old
Your love is enduring, through the winter rain
And beyond the horizon, with mercy for today
Faithful You have been, and faithful you will be
You pledge yourself to me, and it's why I sing*

Chorus

*Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips
Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips
Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips
Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips*

Verse 2

*You Father the orphan, Your kindness makes us whole
You shoulder our weakness, And Your strength becomes our own
Now you're making me like you, Clothing me in white
Bringing beauty from ashes, For You will have Your bride
Free of all her guilt and rid of all her shame
And known by her true name, and it's why I sing*

Chorus

Bridge (3 times)

*You will be praised, You will be praised
With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord
And it's why I sing*

Chorus

INTRODUCTION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Song:

Nobody – (by Casting Crowns)

*Why You ever chose me Has always been a mystery
All my life I've been told I belong At the end of the line
With all the other not-quietes With all the never-get-it-rights
But it turns out they're the ones You were looking for All this time*

*'Cause I'm just a nobody Trying to tell everybody
All about Somebody Who saved my soul
Ever since You rescued me You gave my heart a song to sing
I'm living for the world to see Nobody but Jesus
I'm living for the world to see Nobody but Jesus*

*Moses had stage fright And David brought a rock to a sword fight
You picked twelve outsiders nobody would have chosen And You changed the world
Well the moral of the story is Everybody's got a purpose
So when I hear that devil start talking to me saying "Who do you think you are?"
I say*

*I'm just a nobody Trying to tell everybody
All about Somebody Who saved my soul
Ever since You rescued me You gave my heart a song to sing
I'm living for the world to see Nobody but Jesus
I'm living for the world to see Nobody but Jesus*

*So let me go down, down, down in history As another blood-bought faithful member of a family
And if they all forget my name, well that's fine with me I'm living for the world to see
Nobody but Jesus*

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(Scripture readings chosen by Pastor Unseth)

Psalm 16, read responsively:

P: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

C: **I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”**

P: As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,

C: **in whom is all my delight.**

P: Those who choose another god

C: **multiply their sorrows;**

P: their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out

C: **or take their names upon my lips.**

P: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;

C: **you hold my lot.**

P: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

C: **I have a goodly heritage.**

P: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;

C: **in the night also my heart instructs me.**

P: **I keep the Lord always before me;**

C: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

P: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;

C: **my body also rests secure.**

P: For you do not give me up to Sheol,

C: **or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

P: You show me the path of life.

C: **In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:19-25

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Song: *Praise to the Lord* – (By Shane & Shane)

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation
Let all who hear, now to His temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration
Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning
Sheltering you under His wings, and so gently sustaining
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?
Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriends you*

*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee
Op'ning to the Sun above*

*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee
Op'ning to the Sun above
We adore You*

*Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him
Let the Amen sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him*

Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:50

Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The Message: “I Believe in the Church” Pastor Ben Unseth

Song: *The Creed* – (To the tune of “The Scarlet Tide” by Allison Krauss)
Words by Merlin Bartz

Verse 1

*Oh I believe in God the Father, Creator of both earth and Heaven;
Of all things seen and those unseen; of things to come and what has been.
My soul and body and their powers, He gave to me and still preserves
from day to day with mercy and with love.*

Refrain

*Praise to the Father and the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
Equal in glory and yet three in one.*

Verse 2

*And I believe in Christ the Savior; God’s only Son, my Lord;
Born of the virgin Mary mild, conceived divinely, yet a child.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified and died,
And from the grave He arose to save.*

Refrain

*Praise to the Father and the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
Equal in glory and yet three in one.*

Verse 3

*And I believe the Holy Spirit gives life to me without my merit;
Proceeding from the Father, Son; worshipped and glorified as One.
He calls and sanctifies my being, enlightens with good gifts receiving;
Unites the church on earth in one true faith.*

Refrain

*Praise to the Father and the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
Equal in glory and yet three in one.*

Refrain modified

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow. Let all the hosts in heaven
Join praising Him with creatures here below.*

Collection of the Offering

Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

The Blessing

Closing song: *King of My Heart – (by Love & the Outcome)*

*I'm in a war every minute
I know for sure I'll never win it
I am David up against Goliath*

*And it's a fight for my attention
I'm being pulled every direction
This world tells me trust what I can see
Lord, won't You help me believe what I believe*

*'Cause You are bigger than any battle I'm facing
You are better than anything I've been chasing
Savior and royalty, the only hope in me
Jesus, You are, You are
The King of my heart, heart
The King of my heart, heart*

*All by myself I fall to pieces
But You are strong when I am weakest
I feel Your kingdom come alive in me
My feet are bruised but they'll follow where You lead*

*'Cause You are bigger than any battle I'm facing
You are better than anything I've been chasing
Savior and royalty, the only hope in me
Jesus, You are, You are
The King of my heart, heart
The King of my heart, heart*

Your love is deeper than the ocean

*You wash away my brokenness
Your arms are always open
Come and rule in me
Come and be my king*

*You are bigger than any battle I'm facing
You are better than anything I've been chasing
Savior and royalty, the only hope in me
Jesus, You are, You are
The King of my heart, heart
The King of my heart, heart
You're the King of my heart, heart
The King of my heart, heart
You're the King of my heart, heart*

Welcome and be blessed as we join in worship today. The Sunday School children will have a scavenger hunt in the park afterwards. Be sure to stay for fellowship as we “kick-off” a new year of teaching and learning for all ages here at Emmanuel. Fair-style food is available for purchase, thanks to **Wilder Concessions**. Enjoy!

Thank you... to the band members for sharing their time and talent in leading us in praising God through song. What a great way to lead us into the new Sunday School year!

Thank you also...to Pastor Ben Unseth for sharing his message today. Pastor Unseth is currently finishing his called-interim position in Mankato, Mn and is prayerfully looking for his next “calling.” He is originally from the Mona/Lyle area and has moved around the Midwest and served in a number of churches. We are thankful for his time and welcome him to our community

Our Condolences...to Jane Dalluge and family, on the death of her sister, Barbara Medlin, on September 3rd. May God comfort all who mourn.

This Week at Emmanuel September 12th- 19th		
Today, September 12 th	4:00 pm	Connection Group II
	5:00 pm	Connection Group I
Tuesday, September 14	9:00 am	TWC (the Women’s Council)
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Wednesday, September 15	1:00 pm	Connection Group III
	7:00 pm	Choir
Sunday, September 19	9:30 am	Worship w/Pastor Weeg Noisy offering collected
	10:30 am	Fellowship
	10:40 am	Sunday School

Sunday Offering – September 5 th , 2021		Attendance: 46
General: \$1,600	Building: \$70	Food Bank: \$40
Benevolence Fund: \$131 (Haiti crisis relief)		



We will be resuming our “Noisy Offering” on the third Sunday of each month. Please bring your coins/special offering to church for the children to collect during the normal offertory time. September 19th will be our first collection. Money goes into the Campership Fund to help with the cost of attending summer Bible Camp.

In light of the Haiti crisis and responses/requests from Food For the Poor and Lutheran World Relief, the Stewardship Board has made the decision to split the *loose offering* for the *month of September* between the two organizations.



Are you, or anyone you know, interested in becoming a member of Emmanuel? If so, please contact the church office. Pastor Weeg is planning to offer a new member class for those interested, beginning in September. We’d love to have you become a part of our Congregation!



Connection groups will begin this week... Connection Group II, led by Abbie & Josh Steinberg, will meet **today** at 4 p.m. at their home; Connection Group I, led by Will & Brittany Bartz will meet **today** at 5 p.m. at their home. Connection group III, led by Charlotte Cole and Sharon Hulshizer, will meet on **Wed, Sept. 15th** at 1 pm. in the church library. All are welcome. Join us as we begin to study “*The Chosen*” Season 1.

Update on the call process ... Pastor Paul Weeg of Northwood has committed to being our Part-time Interim until October 31st. He has agreed to teach Confirmation class, beginning in September. Pastor Paul or Pastor Weeg, however you wish to address him, will also offer a new member class, if there is enough interest. We are thankful that Pastor Weeg has served as our Emergency Pastoral Contact since the time of Pastor Z’s departure. He will be unavailable as Emergency Contact until September 22nd, but Pastor Robert Porisch from St. Ansgar will be serving in that capacity. God has blessed Emmanuel with the leadership within and resources outside to help us through this transition. And while the Call Committee continues with the call process, we continue to pray and remember what Emmanuel means: “God With Us”. He has surely been in our past, our present, and will lead us into our future.

The Grafton High School classes of 1952, 53, 54, 55, 56, & 56 will be gathering at the Gobbler’s Roost at 4:00 p.m. on **Saturday, September 18th** for an informal get together. If anyone is interested in visiting with some of them, please do so. Contact Clarice Bartz if you have any questions. Phone 748-2384.

The 18th Bolan Fall Event...will be on **Saturday, September 18th**. (For a full list of events, see the poster on the bulletin board across from the church office.) **The Trinity/Bolan U.M. Women Bazaar** will be from 8-11 a.m. at the Bolan Schoolhouse-lower level. The luncheon will be held from 11-1 p.m. They will be serving scalloped potatoes and ham, coleslaw, homemade bread, homemade jam, and beverages. Drive in - Take out offered due to COVID. Adults \$7.00, K-12 yrs. \$4.00, Pre-school Free.

