

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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renue Grafton, Iowa 50440 LBW - Lutheran Book of Worship

WOV - With One Voice

CH - Celebration Hymnal

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13th Sunday after Pentecost August 27th, 2023

Prelude

Invocation:

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

The Gathering Song: Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling LBW # 381

Matins (Abbreviated)

P: O Lord, open my lips

C: and my mouth shall declare your praise. Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P: Give glory to God, our Light and our life.

C: Oh, come let us worship Him. Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord; Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In His hands are the caverns of the earth, the heights of the hills are also His. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands have molded the dry land. Oh come, let us bow down and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

P: O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day: preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome in adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

The First Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138 (read responsively)

See insert

The Second Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

P: In many and various ways God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C: But now in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; He has come to His people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of His servant David. Through His holy prophets He promised of old that He would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship Him without fear, holy and righteous in His sight all the days of our life. You, my child shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare His way, to give His people knowledge of salvation by forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Sermon: Kim Katuta

Hymn: Built on a Rock LB

LBW # 365

Collection of the Offering

The Offertory: For the Fruit of All Creation (verse 1)

WOV # 760

The Apostles' Creed

LBW p. 128

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

LBW p. 130

P: Let us bless the Lord C: Thanks be to God

P: The Lord almighty bless us, and direct our days and our deeds in His peace. C: Amen.

Announcements

The Closing Hymn: Praise Ye the Triune God

CH # 155

Chimes and Postlude

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Welcome... in the name of Jesus. May our time together be blessed and may we become blessings to one other.

Thank you...to Kim Katuta, for being with us this morning, updating us about Daysping Village (children's mission in South Africa). Please join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for a power point presentation that Kim has put together to show us the work that is being done. There is a special collection box in the narthex for donations to this mission. (Make checks to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, memo: Dayspring Village)

The altar flowers...are given in remembrance of Orland Bartz by Susan and Bill Grovert.

Thank You...to our favorite nurse, Josh Steinberg, and to all those who responded when Earl "hit the deck" on communion Sunday. We are so grateful to be part of a loving congregation!

-Earl & Judy Trenhaile

Ice Cream Social... *Today, August 27th* from **4-6** *p.m.* at the *Bethlehem Lutheran Church* in Manly. Take-out available! Free-will Offering (*Funds go toward building updates.*)

Awana Club... will officially begin on Wednesday, August 30th and meet thereafter on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7 p.m. *If you are interested in being a helper as needed, please contact Brittany Bartz*.

Congratulations...to *JC and Sandy Dawald* on their *60th wedding anniversary*, August 31st. Today, they are worshipping at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Estherville, where they were married. God's richest blessings upon them as they reflect on their years together.

Sunday School... will begin in September. Rally day is being planned for Sept 10th in the park. Classes will start on the 17th. If you have not signed up yet, contact Brittany Bartz.

Reminder to college students...Erna Pagel grant applications are due before the end of August. A copy of the application can be downloaded from the church website.

Needed for school kits:

Pencil sharpeners, notebooks (70 ct), and rulers. There is a box to put them in by the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. Any questions may be directed to Clarice Bartz.

This Week at Emmanuel August 28 th - Sept. 3 rd		
Wednesday, August 30 th	5:30-7 p.m.	AWANA Club begins
Sunday, September 3 rd	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship w/HC Fellowship

Offering: Sunday, August 20 th	Attendance: 100	
General Fund: \$2,974	Building Fund: \$185	
Benevolence: \$190		

For Pastoral Care...contact Pastor Paul Weeg at 641-381-0675 or Sharon at the office or 641-425-7775.

Continue to pray...for those in nursing homes or living alone, those recovering from surgery or illness, and others whose needs are known only to God. Pray also for a shepherd for Emmanuel and the Call Committee in their task to find one.

Psalm 138

- L(1): I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.
- C(2): I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness;
 - L(3): for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.
 - C(4): When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.
 - L(5): All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.
 - C(6): They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.
 - L(7):Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar.
- C(8): Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
 - L(9): The LORD will make good his purpose for me; O LORD, your love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

