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**15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 10th, 2023**



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 **C: Amen**

A Litany of Praise

P: Hear, O children of God, You who are child or adult, teacher or learner,
You who live at home or away You who come to worship and learn.

C: We have gathered here to worship the Lord our God, the Lord alone!

P: Hear, O children our God You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul and with all your might.
Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

**C: We will recite them to our children and talk about them at home and at church.
We will meet to hear and respond to God's voice.**

P: Through the generations, God continues to speak to us – in the wonders of creation,
in the stories from the Bible, and through the living Christ, who taught us to journey
together, following God's ways.

C: We will share God's message in our teaching and learning settings.

P: "O Lord, how manifold are your works. In wisdom you have made them all; the
earth is full of your creatures." God's creative work goes on in each generation.
When we hear and share God's good news, God's creative power bubbles up in ways
we could never imagine. Come; gather around to see what God will do!

**C: Surprising God, you call forth each generation to hear and share your good
news of salvation. Inspire us and equip us through this new year to become
people who know and love you, who interpret your word for today, who belong
to your gathered community, the church, and who share your good news with
joy.**

P: May our God bless us, bless these resources for teaching and learning, and make us a
blessing at home, across the street, and around the world.

Gathering Song:

Come Thou Fount

Come, thou Fount of every blessing
tune my heart to sing thy grace
streams of mercy, never ceasing
call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
sung by flaming tongues above
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it
mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
hither by thy help I'm come
and I hope, by thy good pleasure
safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
wandering from the fold of God
he, to rescue me from danger
interposed his precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now, like a fetter
bind my wandering heart to thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
prone to leave the God I love
here's my heart; O take and seal it
seal it for thy courts above

A Litany for Sunday School

P: We celebrate our new year of Sunday school.

C: We celebrate its message of love and grace, healing, and hope.

P: We celebrate the chance to learn about the Bible, God's story.

C: We celebrate the many ways we can respond and share this story.

P: For teachers who offer their time and talents to teach about and encounter God with others.

C: We give you thanks, O God.

P: For congregations who support the faith nurture of their children,

C: We give you thanks, O God.

P: For parents and caregivers who nurture and respect their children at home,

C: We give you thanks, O God.

P: For children who come with energy and enthusiasm,

C: We give you thanks, O God.

P: We dedicate this Sunday school year to you, O God, and pray that, through it, we will grow as followers of Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God. AMEN.

Installation of Sunday School Teachers

Song: *Less Like Me (Zach Williams)*

Oh, I have days I lose the fight
Try my best but just don't get it right
Where I talk a talk that I don't walk
And miss the moments right before my eyes
Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped
Somebody with a hand that I could have held
When I just can't see past myself, Lord help me be

A little more like mercy, a little more like grace
A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith
A little more like patience, a little more like peace
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me

Yeah, there's no denying I have changed
'Cause I've been saved from who I used to be
But even at my best, I must confess
I still need help to see the way You see
Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped
Somebody with a hand that I could have held
When I just can't see past myself, Lord help me be

A little more like mercy, a little more like grace
A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith
A little more like patience, a little more like peace
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me

Oh, I wanna feed the beggar on the street
Learn to be Your hands and feet
Freely give what I receive, Lord help me be
I want put You first above all else
Love my neighbor as myself
In the moments no one sees, Lord help me be

A little more like mercy, a little more like grace
A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith
A little more like patience, a little more like peace
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me
A little more of living everything I preach
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:5-9

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Psalm 78:1-7, read responsively:

P: Hear my teaching , O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

C: I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

P: That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, we will not hide from their children.

C: We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, and the wonderful works he has done.

P: He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, which he commanded them to teach their children;

C: that the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

P: so that they might put their trust in God, and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Song:

Praise to the Lord (Shane & Shane)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation
O my soul, praise Him, for He is my 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

Closing song: *The Blessing* (Kari Jobe)

The Lord bless you and keep you.
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

Amen, Amen, Amen

The Lord bless you and keep you.
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

Amen, Amen, Amen

May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations
And your family and your children and their children and their children

May His presence go before you and behind you and beside you.
All around you and within you. He is with you, He is with you.

In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going
In your weeping and rejoicing, He is for you, He is for you

He is for you (repeated 8 times)

Amen, Amen, Amen

Thank you... to Will Bartz for sharing his musical talent in today's service. What a great way to lead us into the new Sunday School year!

Thank You and Welcome to this year's Sunday School Teachers, the work you do will provide blessings to these students that will last their entire lifetime.

Welcome...to all who worship with us this morning, Please join us for a time of light refreshments and conversation following the service.

Pray for...all those returning to school and those preparing for the harvest.

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

Tomorrow... is Pastor Weeg's 75th birthday. We wish him a very **"Happy Birthday!"** and thank him for his work with us at Emmanuel!

This Week at Emmanuel September 11 th – 17 th , 2023		
Wednesday, Sept. 13th	5:30-7 pm	AWANA club
	7:00 pm	Choir cancelled until further notice
Thursday, September 14 th	7:00 pm	Church Council
Sunday, September 17 th	9:30 am	Worship with baptisms (<i>Noisy Offering</i>)
	10:40 am	Fellowship
	10:40 am	Sunday School classes begin
Offering: September 3, 2023		Attendance: 72
General Fund: \$ 7,150.34		Benevolence: \$ 55.00
Building Fund: \$ 130		Food Bank: \$ 50
Campership Fund: \$50		

Mark Borchardt...is a patient at the Osage hospital, Room 104 and welcomes visitors. His time there is indefinite as he is receiving IV antibiotics throughout the day as he recovers from foot surgery and infection.

Worth County Public Health Flu Clinic...*Monday, September 11th 9-10 a.m.* at the **Grafton Community Center**. Call 641-324-1741 with questions.

Blood drive...*Thursday, Sept. 14th from 1:30-5:30 p.m.* at the Worth County Fair Grounds Community Room. To set up an appointment, call Bob Perry at 641-324-2252.

Drive-thru Pork Loin Sandwich Supper, Visitation Catholic Church in Stacyville, Sunday, *September 17th , 4-6 p.m.*, Free will offering. Pork Loin sandwich, bbq baked beans, chips, cookie, water, or milk. Games, raffle baskets, and the Mitchell County Dairy Trailer from 2-6 p.m.

Worth Co Historical Society Annual Meeting...*September 19th* at the Worth County Fairgrounds community room. *6 p.m.* meal followed by guest speaker, Dave Holstad. Tickets are \$25 payable at the door. Reservations by Sept 12th if you would like the catered meal by Signatures Supper Club. (*More info on bulletin board*)

Bethel's Annual Chicken and Noodles...*September 20th 4:30-7 pm.* at **Bethel United Methodist Church** in Manly. Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, corn, coleslaw, fruit salad, pie, and drink. \$9/adults; \$6/K-12; Preschool -Free. Take out available upon request.

Lutheran Retirement Home Auxiliary Fall Festival Fair...*Saturday, September 23rd* from *9-11 a.m.* Baked goods, produce, crafts. Drawing for a quilt and other prizes! Join us for coffee and cookies, too!

Deer Creek Pork and Corn Feed...*Thursday, September 24th 4:30 p.m.-gone.* At South Square (St Ansgar), drive thru style. Pulled pork sandwiches, Johann's sweet corn, beans, cookie, plus the Mitchell County Dairy ice cream trailer! Free Will Offering.