

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION LITURGY (2nd service) - p 21 in CW (#311 distribution hymn)

THE PRAYER FOR THE WORD

P: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may thus hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - - men.

THE BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace, Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon on you with favor and give you (+) peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

#515 "Shepherd of Tender Youth"

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"The Spirit of truth bears witness to Jesus"



Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church

7th Sunday of Easter - Confirmation

May 13, 2018

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE BEFORE HIM

OPENING HYMN "Lord, Help us Ever to Retain" (CW #514)

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, pleading with Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

All: O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You, and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am truly sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You, of Your boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy innocent, bitter sufferings and death, of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the place and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

PRAYER

P: Heavenly Father, God of grace, with joy this festival day we give thanks to hear the angel say: "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen just as He said."

C: Christ is risen!

P: For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive. He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power, which raised him from the dead.

C: We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.

P: Lord Jesus, God of grace, you won the victory over sin, death, and the grave.

C: You conquered the darkness and give us comfort and hope.

P: With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

C: You are risen!

P: Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us. Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

C: You are risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in Christ.

C: We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.

P: Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

C: He is risen!

P: As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

C: He is risen indeed!

P: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN #784 “O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near”

SERMON John 15:26-16:4
“The Holy Spirit comes to always point you to Jesus”

1. Just as your Savior promised
2. So you remember his Word when facing the world’s hatred

RESPONSE #272 – “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”
Please be seated

OFFERING
Please Stand

C: Sings “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” - CW #169

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation has redeemed us by His blood.”

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our fod, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth’s Redeemer hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless sweet across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him when the forty days were o’er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise: “I am with you evermore?”

P: The LORD be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son, our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know Him and faith to follow where He has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 36:24-28

²⁴“I will take you from among the nations. I will gather you from all the lands, and I will bring you to your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your filthy idols.

²⁶“Then I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your body and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷I will put my Spirit within you and lead you so that you will walk in my statutes, and you will be careful to observe my judgments. ²⁸Then you will live in the land I gave your forefathers. You will be my people, and I will be your God.” (EHV)

PSALM 78 (p.95 in front section of hymnal)

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 4:7-11

⁷The end of all things is near. So have sound judgment and be self-controlled for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, love each other constantly, because love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Be hospitable to one another without complaining.

¹⁰Serve one another, each according to the gift he has received, as good stewards of the many forms of God’s grace. ¹¹If anyone speaks, let him do it as one speaking the messages of God. If anyone serves, let him do it as one serving with the strength God supplies so that God may be glorified in every way through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:26-16:4

²⁶“When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷And you also are going to testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.” ^{16:1}“I have told you these things so that you will not fall away. ²They will put you out of the synagogues. In fact, a time is coming when anyone who murders you will think he is offering a service to God. ³They will do these things because they have not known the Father or me. ⁴But I have told you these things so that when their time comes, you may remember that I told them to you. I did not tell you these things from the beginning, because I was with you.” (EHV)

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.