



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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Christ Our Emmanuel

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HOLY BAPTISM

Presentation

All gather around the font at the entrance to the church, as you are able.

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:

I present _____ for baptism.

The minister addresses parents and sponsors who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Skylar Mae and Ethan Joseph baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.

P: As you bring Skylar Mae and Ethan Joseph to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

- to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
- teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
- place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed,
- care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

P: Do you promise to help Skylar Mae and Ethan Joseph grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and sponsors: I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture these persons in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

P: And you, people of God, do you promise to support Skylar Mae and Ethan Joseph and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

C: We do.

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses parents and sponsors.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Parents and sponsors: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Parents and sponsors: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into those who are here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Baptism

P: _____, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:

P: Sustain _____ with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross with oil on the forehead of each of the baptized.

P: _____, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

Welcome

A lighted candle is given to a sponsor of each of the baptized as a representative of the congregation says:

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The parents and sponsors of Ethan Joseph and Skylar Mae will process around the congregation with the newly baptized as the congregation returns to their seats while singing:

Entrance Hymn

Baptized In Water

ELW 456

1 Bap-tized in wa-ter, sealed by the Spir-it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa-ter, sealed by the Spir-it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa-ter, sealed by the Spir-it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal-va-tion, trust-ing his
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris-ing, freed and for-
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir-it, we are God's

prom-ise, faith-ful-ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv-en, thank-ful-ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil-dren; joy-ful-ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932
 Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God from which nothing can separate us, and the life-giving Holy Spirit be with you all.
 C: Amen.

KYRIE (In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord)

ELW 157

Leader
 In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.
 Assembly

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have
 For the reign of God, and for
 mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.
 peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the
 Lord.
 For your
 Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy.
 peo-ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your
 word, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have
 Help. save, and de-fend us, O God.
 mer-cy. A men.

Text: Lutheran Book of Worship, adap. Mary Haugen, b. 1950
 Music: "Kyrie" from the Mass of St. John the Evangelist, b. 1950

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -
 2 O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and
 3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -

friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the
 hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we
 au - thor; re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and
 la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -

strife at last is end - ed. God shows good - will to
 give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,
 source of all true plea - sure; O Lamb of God, O
 sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and

one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank
 and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your
 Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and
 bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our

God for grace and mer - cy!
 lord - ship is our bless - ing.
 on us all have mer - cy.
 lives are in your keep - ing. A men.

Text: Nikolaus Decius, 1485-1550, fr. composite
Music: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH, plainsong, adapt. Nikolaus Decius

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: The Lord with with you.
- C: **And also with you.**
- P: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55: 10 -- 13
God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

PSALM 65: 1 - 13

Refrain: Your paths overflow with plenty. (Ps. 65:11)

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.
To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.
 Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.
Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple. R
 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.
You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.
 You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.
Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy. R
 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.
You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

SERMON- Pastor Isaksen

HYMN OF THE DAY As Rain From the Clouds ELW 508

1 As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth,
 2 As grain that is scattered shall your word have been sown
 3 As rays of the sun shall your word light the world.

as snow from the heav - ens re - fresh - ing the land.
 on rocks and on road - ways, in good earth and sand.
 a - wak - ing and warm - ing and heal - ing our land.

Then soft - en our soil that the good seed may grow
 Make fer - tile our soil that the good seed may grow
 Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow

rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.
 rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.
 rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
 Music: AFTON WATER, Jonathan E. Spilman, 1812-1896; arr. hymnal version

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Led by the Holy Spirit, and with the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A: Let us pray for the people of God, that as they sow seeds of love and mercy, the gospel may be received with joy and take root and grow. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Let us pray for the oceans, rivers [especially the Yellowstone] and the beaches of the earth, that pollution may be minimized and reversed and new life again flourish underwater and on the shores. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Let us pray for the leaders of all nations, that the seeds of justice may be planted where there is inequality and seeds of peace where there is disharmony especially places like Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Libya, Yemen and _____. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Let us pray for all who suffer condemnation at the hands of others and for all who are sick or suffering in any way especially _____, that they may know freedom in Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Let us pray for this congregation, that we may be good soil, bearing the fruits of the spirit a hundredfold in service to Christ. Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

A: Let us pray for the Brennan and Groom families that they may be encouraged in their calling to raise Ethan Joseph and Skylar Mae in the Christian faith and in communion with your Church.

Silence as other intercessions are offered aloud or quietly.

A: Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, that they, having set their mind on the Spirit and having received their reward, may be models of faithfulness for their families and for all of us, especially . Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE *As the Grains of Wheat*

ELW 465

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
 2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Refrain

OFFERING PRAYER

C: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

PREFACE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE - for Sundays after Pentecost

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950
 Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

BLESSING

P: God all mighty, God most merciful, bless us, keep us, and + grant us peace.
 C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: For the Fruit of All Creation ELW 679

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and walk in the covenant of your Baptism as you serve the Lord by serving others.
 C: Thanks be to God.

Today two children are baptized into Christ and are grafted into the Body of Christ, the Church. They are Skylar Mae Groom, daughter of Tara and Aaron Groom and Ethan Joseph Brennan, son of Heidi and Christopher Brennan. We welcome them into the Church and into the family of this congregation.

All of us at Christ Our Emmanuel thank the many who worked so long and hard this week to move all the donated items for sale, set up and operated the annual Yard Sale at the Stalker house. We thank Linda and Doug for their willingness to host the sale again on their ideally located property.



The Congregation Council has approved a plan to gradually acquire copies of **Evangelical Lutheran Worship** [ELW], the official worship book of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Once we get an adequate supply for our use in worship we might consider ways to shorten our Sunday bulletins.

We are currently using the ELW in our worship now through our Cluster subscription to *Sundays and Seasons* which enables us to download most hymns and liturgies that we use in our worship. There are a few of the 800+ hymns in ELW for which Sundays and Seasons has been unable to get the rights to download them into our bulletins so we have not been able to use them.

The books cost \$22.50 each and can be purchased for personal use at home or for use here in church. They can be designated to be in honor or in memory of loved ones with appropriate book markers as has been done

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000
 Music: AR HYDYNOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

with previous worship books. The Pastor will order the first 10 copies to get us started.

Speak with Pastor Bob or any Council member for further information or to order one. The pastor will bring his personal copy each week for you to peruse.

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Christ our Emmanuel Picnic at the Isaksen's, Saturday, July 23, beginning at 1 pm. Swimming & boating in the pond, volleyball or badminton, horseshoes, hiking, sitting and talking, and of course a pot luck time for eating. The Isaksens will provide one grill, hot dogs, burgers, etc. Please bring salads, deserts, snacks, and any foods required by diet restrictions, etc. 175 Ashley Hill Road, between Col. County 13 and Riders Mills Road. You can discuss details with Beverly this morning.

CHRIST OUR EMMANUEL'S MISSION STATEMENT

Our Church Has Been Called TO GO FORWARD

with a spirit of HOPE, AND LOVE AND FAITH

in GOD'S GRACE TO SEEK and SERVE

the ever changing needs of our community.

Welcome to worship! We hope you find fellowship and refreshment while sharing this time with us. Let us know how we can better serve you.

CHRIST OUR EMMANUEL, CHATHAM prayer list for JULY

(please leave prayer list requests in the offering plate)

Brian Smith, Ruth Glass, Kimberley Catherine Thomas, Steven Martin, Barbara Fischer, Mary Crow, Marie Miano, Scott NeJame, Arthur O'Neill, Florence Hulsizer, Pastors Roger Imhoff and John Califano, Donna McDonald, Deb Martino, Maria Cosenza, Linda Conway, Sally Charron, Colby Hills, Ann Engel, Donald Van Patten, Lisa Morgan, Lil Gerrick, Cora Jennings, Al Geiszler, Winnie Behrens, Dawn Meyer, Michele Martino.

• the people who are aspiring for freedom and democracy in the Middle East and for the people who are caught up in the violence that accompanies it.

• St. Peters in the Bronx struggling to find a way to continue its 119 year old ministry in the South Bronx. Pastor Bob was pastor there from 1962-68.

The families of those who have recently died: Robert Dykeman, Jill Root

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

TODAY

Communion Kristin Bervy
Acolyte Chase Dykeman
Ushers Liz Chapman/Kandy Tubbs Tara Groom/Marcia Sarro
Reader Marcia Sarro

NEXT WEEK

Ken Wilber
Samantha Sitzer
Tara Groom/Marcia Sarro
Linda Stalker

Here is the list of people who have signed up so far for some "behind the scenes jobs" at Christ our Emmanuel.

Cleaning church - the altar girls (Marcia, Liz, Jeannette, Donna)
Sign steward - Richard Tucksmith
Landscape front garden - Bob Mooney
Children's sermons - Christa Lordi
Coffee hour workers - ???
Property committee workers - Bruce, Mac, Gary
Sunday School Fall of 2011 - Christa, Ann Jackson, and others to yet sign up!!

We will keep the sign up sheet on the back table so others can join in the fun.

CLUSTER NEWS

OPEN & AFFIRMING CHRISTIANS (OAC)

The ministry of local church leaders with the gay and lesbian community extends an invitation to all to attend a screening and discussion of the documentary movie, "For the Bible Tells Me So." The movie will be shown at the

Hudson Opera House on Warren St. at 3pm on Sunday, July 10th. The movie explores the Bible from the perspective of a welcome and inclusion of the LGBT community within the Christian faith.

WOMEN'S GROUP TAG & BAKE SALE...

...Saturday, July 30, 9 am-2 pm. **We are now accepting donations for the tag sale. Please bring them to the Sunday School classroom downstairs with the sign on the door that reads "Items for St. Luke's Tag Sale."** Please, no computers, DVD players, VCR's TV's or stereos. Donations of baked goods can be brought on Friday, July 29 from 10 am-3 pm

To support...

1. The St. Luke's Building Fund
2. Upstate NY Synod Hunger and Justice Task Force – for "Wells for Water" (for third world countries). See flyer in the newsletter.

Upstate NY Synod Convention...

...September 9-11, 2011, Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua, NY

Topic: Saying Yes to God; God, Women & Prayer

Registration forms can be found on the narthex bulletin boards at Emanuel, Stuyvesant Falls and at St. Luke's. **Registrations must be in by July 20.**

If you are thinking about or planning to go, contact Barbara Slater ASAP.

CLUSTER PICNIC

The annual summer picnic for our cluster congregations will be held on Sunday, August 7th, at Crellin Park in Chatham. The event begins with Old Time Religion worship under the pavilion at 11:00am followed by a picnic lunch. Games for young and old will be provided for afternoon enjoyment, fellowship and recreation.

Emanuel/St. John's will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs.

Christ our Emmanuel will provide the drinks.

St. Luke's and Emanuel will provide the buns and paper products.

Each participant is asked to bring a salad or dessert to share and lawn chairs.

Undesignated offerings (cash) will be donated to the ELCA Disaster Response Fund.

YOUNG ADULT IN GLOBAL MISSION

Courtney Weiler, a young woman currently working towards her ordination within the ELCA, and member of Good Shepherd in Glenville, NY, has recently been appointed to serve in Palestine (Jerusalem/West Bank) with the Young Adults in Global Mission program for one year, beginning this August. You can follow Courtney's experience at her website, <http://wandering.gnome.blogspot.com> which also contains her travel blog. Those who feel called to contribute to Courtney's mission service financially and help her reach her \$4000 fundraising goal minimum can make a tax deductible financial donation by check made out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (memo line: "Courtney YAGM") and mail to 310 Shelley Ct., Schenectady, NY 12306 (Deadline of July 26, 2011). Please keep Courtney and the 50 other young adults serving in seven other countries in your prayers during the next year!

CLUSTER OFFICE HOURS

The office at St. Luke's is normally staffed from 9am to 3pm Tuesdays through Fridays. Sharon Smith, our cluster administrator is available 10am to 3pm You may call at any time and leave a message.

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