

Emmaus Church of Smithville
Drive-In Worship Service
September 6, 2020: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 23 (*Unison*)

The Lord *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me
in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: 1 Thessalonians 4

MESSAGE: Pleasing God More and More

HOLY COMMUNION:

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING HYMN: Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended. O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

2. With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Saturday: Grounds Clean-Up

With recent heavy weather, Emmaus Church grounds have a lot of debris and trash. If you can help clean up, we will be working THIS Saturday, September 12th beginning at 9:00 AM to spruce things up.

Offering Counters Needed

We currently have a shortage of counters and could use your help counting the weekly offerings. If you can help, please contact Pastor Don, Hannah, or Terry.

UPDATE: Emmaus Food Pantry

If you would like to donate items to the Food Pantry, please drop off those items on *Sunday mornings or Tuesday afternoons ONLY*, so that a Food Pantry volunteer will be present. Please do not donate expired or damaged food items. If you have any Food Pantry questions or concerns, or know someone who has an emergency food need, please contact Lenore at 609-652-7123.

Local Businesses

We are blessed to have many small, local, and family owned businesses in our community. They are part of what makes up the special fabric, which makes this area unique. Please pray for and patronize them to show our support. We have a special thank you to those businesses that have supported Emmaus Church and our ministries: Pocket Full of Posies, Smithville Inn, Bellino's Market, Smithville Bakery & Coffee Shop, and Oyster Creek Restaurant.

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