

# Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church

*Imitating Christ Together*



## ON THE OTHER SIDE OF FEAR

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## **Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**

8:30 AM

**Liturgist:** Angie Sardina

**Ushers:** Greg Kamps, Deb Prickett, Morey Dambekaln, Greg Carlson

### **Acolytes:** Peirson Sommers

**Altar Flowers:** Given by Doug and Norine Janzen in celebration of their birthdays

*Please sign the registration pad found at the end of your pew*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

## GATHERING

## Announcements, Welcome, and Greetings

## Prelude "Be the Centre" Frye arr. Parker

**Greeting** **Bill Follmann**

## \* Call to Worship

Jesus crossed to the other side—to a place of fear, chaos, and brokenness.

**And there, he met a man bound by what no chain could hold.**

Where the world saw only danger and despair, Jesus saw a child of God.

## Where others turned away, Jesus drew near.

Christ still comes to the places we avoid, to the fears we hide, to the forces that control us.

**No legion is stronger than his mercy. No chain is stronger than his love.**

Come, let us worship the One who restores us to our right mind.

## We come to worship Jesus—

We come to worship Jesus  
the One who still crosses to the other side.

**\*Hymn 3104** (see bulletin insert) “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

## **\* Opening Prayer:**

**God of mercy and power, you meet us on the other side of fear and chaos. Free us from what binds us, restore us to our right mind, and make us whole in your love. Open our hearts to your healing presence, that our lives may bear witness to all you have done for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **\*Gloria Patri 71**

## “Glory Be to the Father”

## Special Music

## “Great is the Lord” Men’s Choir, Bill Follmann, Director

Smith/Smith

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### Scripture Reading

Mark 5:1–20 (NIV)

### Response

The Word of God for the People of God

**Thanks be to God!**

### Hymn 264

“Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit” Troeger/Doran  
Sung to hymn tune EBENEZER, UMH #108

### Sermon

“On the Other Side of Fear”

**Bill Follmann**

## OFFERTORY

### Offertory Music

“I Speak Jesus”  
Smith/Reeves/Prince/Pratt/Dutton/Benton



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### \*Doxology #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

### Prayer of Dedication

**Restoring God, you have broken our chains and called us into new life. Receive these gifts and our lives and use them to bring healing and hope to others. May what we offer become a witness to your mercy and transforming grace, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

### \*Hymn 534

“Be Still, My Soul”

### Prayers of the People

### Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 672**

“God Be With You till We Meet Again”

### **SENDING FORTH**

#### **Benediction**

Jesus has crossed to the other side for you.

**He has met us in our fear and restored us to wholeness.**

Go now, freed from what binds you.

**We go, restored to our right mind.**

Tell others how much the Lord has done for you and how he has had mercy on you.

**We will live and speak the truth of God's grace.**

Go in peace—no chain unbroken, no life beyond restoration.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*The worship is over,  
Let the service begin!*

**Postlude**

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

arr. Shackley

### **All are Welcome!**

This is a Welcoming, Reconciling Congregation. Therefore, we embrace diversity and affirm the dignity and worth of every person because we are all created by a loving God. We seek to live Christ's call for compassion, justice, healing, and wholeness. We welcome into our faith community persons of every race, age, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and expression, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, mental and physical ability, economic and social position, political affiliation, level of education, and family structure.

*We believe we can all love alike, even if we don't think alike.*

We invite all to share in the life, leadership, lay and ordained ministry, worship and sacraments, the covenant of committed love in holy matrimony, fellowship, blessings, and joys of our congregation as we seek to grow in faith and love.

No matter where you are on your faith journey, we are glad you are here!