

another. We become the 'Body of Christ.' Which means that our eyes and ears see and hear what Jesus would see in our world. And our arms and hands do Jesus's work to help others.

The Bread of Life shared with you. Be strengthened to do what is right. The Cup of Forgiveness shared with you. Remember God's agreement to give each of us another chance to be better people. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

All: God of love, thank you for strengthening us with the Bread of Life. Thank you for forgiving us and giving us another chance to do what is right. We promise to be the living Body of Christ, nourished by this special meal. We promise to use our arms, hands, feet, eyes and ears to follow Jesus and make the world a better place for everyone. **Amen.**

~INVITATION TO SHARING OUR GIFTS, TITHES, & OURSELVES~

5th Ave. United Methodist Church - "Earn, Save, Give" Stewardship

MUSICAL SOLO: "Who You Are to Me" Chris Tomlin & Hilary Scott
Aleah Latham - Piano

***OFFERTORY PRAYER: (UNISON)**

All good gifts come from you, dear Lord, and from these riches we bring this offering. Help us to use it for the furtherance of your purpose in this place, and for the benefit of those in need. **Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN:** "Here I Am, Lord" UMH 593

~SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION~

Pastor: Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers, feeding us with your word, and encouraging us in our Confirmation/Youth Sunday! Wow, what an amazing worship experience. Take us and use us to love and serve you, and all people, in the power of your Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

POSTLUDE:



5th AVENUE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A COVID Confirmation ~ 23 August 2020

"You are my beloved with whom I am well pleased."

Emma Grace Louk

&

YOUTH SUNDAY



JESUS WANTS

FAT HOGs!

(6-WEEKS SERMON SERIES)

**Faithful
Available
Teachable**

Holy

**Obedient – Submissive
to authority; "to hear,"
"to listen."**

Growing

Aleah Latham, Liturgist

Rev. Clarissa Martinelli, Pastor

~GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE~

ORGAN PRELUDE:

John Abuya

~WELCOME~

GREETING:

Blessed be God, Father Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: Blessed be his kingdom, now, and forever.

There is one body and one Spirit.

All: There is one hope to which we are called;

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

All: one God and Father of all.

Peace be with you,

All: and also, with you.

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Through confirmation, and through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

RECOGNITION of CONFIRMAND and SPIRITUAL GUIDE:

Emma Grace Louk – Ellen Johnson

CENTERING MUSIC:

***CALL TO WORSHIP: (RESPONSIVELY)**

L: Through every age, Christ calls disciples to follow him.

P: And where is it that we go with Christ?

L: Christ leads us among enemies and strangers, causing us to regard all persons as potential friends.

P: Christ leads us into uncharted places of spiritual wilderness where the presence of the spirit will lead us.

L: Christ leads us to love ourselves so we might be found, so grace might become real.

P: We gather to worship the Christ who leads. May we gain the wisdom and courage to follow. (5275 South Lindbergh Blvd. St. Louis, Missouri 63126 www.concordtrinity.org)

***PRAYER: (UNISON)**

We offer to you, Loving God, the gifts and needs of youth. Bless them with your guiding grace as they face the challenges and opportunities in their lives. Touch their hearts with the gentleness of your love, that they may know they are valued and valuable beings. Send your spirit of hope to their lives, that they may believe in themselves and know they are needed in this world. Grace them with the gift of joy that they may celebrate life through laughter and tears alike. Guide us, as we continue to grow in appreciation of the many gifts of young people, in the ministry opportunities we offer to them, in the journey of faith we walk with them, in our shared mission as a community called to discipleship in the world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen. (<https://holyspiritcatholic.com/prayer-for-youth>)

HYMN:

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

TFWS

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Dave Bertelsen

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Emma Louk

JEREMIAH 1:5 (NIV) *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."*

MUSICAL DUET:

“Amazing Grace”

Brookelynn Bodden – Double Bass & Kherington Bodden - Violin

~WE PROCLAIM~

SERMON:

“Becoming a FAT HOG for Jesus - Obedient!”

Pastor Clarissa

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH:

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression

in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations and races? **I do.**

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world? **I will.**

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Emma now before you in your care?

All: With God's help we will proclaim the Good News and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Emma with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to eternal life.

CONFIRMATION:

Our help is in the name of the Lord

All: who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord

All: now and forever.

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given these your servants new birth in baptism by water and the Spirit, and have forgiven them all their sins. Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding; the Spirit of counsel and inward strength; the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord. **Amen.**

Emma Grace Louk, God has called you by name and made you his own. Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

All: Defend, O Lord, your servant Emma Louk with your heavenly grace that she may continue to serve you forever and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until they come to you everlasting kingdom. Amen.

RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION:

As a member of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness? **I will.**

Members of the household of God, I commend Emma Louk to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love?

All: We give thanks for all God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

HYMN:
2026

“Halle, Halle, Halleluja”

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~WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE: A CONFIRMATION COMUNION~

Here is the table set for our special meal. The bread, the juice, prepared and presented. Ready to be served and shared. We remember Jesus sharing a meal like this with his disciples, his friends. He included everyone, those he could trust and those he could not trust.

Today we are his disciples, his friends. Each one of us is welcome. How amazing it is to be loved and wanted even when we have not been perfect. How wonderful it is to be included just as we are.

When Jesus shared the bread with his friends, he explained that he is the Bread of Life. Like bread, Jesus nourishes and strengthens us so that we can know right and wrong and not be confused. When we eat the bread together, we are strengthened as a community to remember Jesus and do the things Jesus would do in our world. Jesus also used a cup of

the fruit of grapes to teach his disciples. He compared the red juice to blood, to help us remember the suffering in the world. Drinking the juice together helps us remember that we are all part of a special agreement, a covenant, with God.

God loves us so much that when we make mistakes, or when we make bad choices, God has agreed to forgive us and give us a second chance, every time.

This is ordinary bread and ordinary juice. But when we eat the bread together and drink the juice together, something extraordinary happens which brings us closer to Jesus and to one