Sunday, October 11, 2020

19th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME to Emanuel's Lutheran Church! It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



PRELUDE

"Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness"

Johannes Brahms

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

- P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,
- C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"We Are Called"

ELW 720

GREETING ELW p. 138

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE ELW p. 165

Cantor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

GLORY TO GOD ELW p. 167

Cantor: Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to God's people on earth,

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ELW p. 170

AM: Let us pray together.

C: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

L: A reading from Isaiah.

¹O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. ⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled

with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23

Refrain: You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over.

¹The LORD| is my shepherd;

I shall not | be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures and leads me be- | side still waters.

³You restore my | soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. R

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. R

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

L: A reading from Philippians.

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁶And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁶Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁶Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' 5But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. 8Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banguet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14For many are called, but few are chosen."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Kelsie

HYMN OF THE DAY "Now We Join in Celebration" ELW 462

APOSTLE'S CREED ELW p. 172

AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Apostles' Creed. C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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. 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

ELW p. 172

AM: With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Response to each petition: AM: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

AM: Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE ELW p.172

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING INFORMATION

Mailing Address: Emanuel's Lutheran Church, 206 N. Travis Street Seguin, TX 78155 For online giving: https://tinyurl.com/emanuelsgiving

ANTHEM "Awake, My Heart" Kenneth Lowenberg

OFFERING PRAYER ELW p. 172

AM: Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW p. 172

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

PREFACE ELW p. 173

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW p. 173

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

ELW p. 173

LORD'S PRAYER ELW p. 173

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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 and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

ELW p. 174

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION ELW p. 174

When giving the bread and sharing the cup, you may use say:
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

TABLE BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ELW p. 174

AM: Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING ELW p. 174

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG "Sent Forth by God's Blessing ELW 547

DISMISSAL ELW p. 174

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

MUSICIANS TODAY: Jubilation Singers; Chris Teague, guitar

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October Worship Leaders

	October 4, 2020	October 11, 2020.	October 18, 2020	October 25, 2020
	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 AM	10:30 a.m.
Preaching	Pastor Marcus	Pastor Kelsie	Pastor Marcus	Pastor Kelsie
Presiding	Pastor Kelsie	Pastor Marcus	Pastor Kelsie	Pastor Marcus
Assisting Ministers	Marsha Schroeder	Wayne Stalworth	Elizabeth Jandt	TBD
Ushers	Alan Bode	Thomas Hall	Tandi Hepp	Tim Troell
	Donna Dodgen	Hughlene Micheli	Ryanne Hepp	Joe Kane
	Bill Meier	Karen Weinstein	Darlene Zies	Deborah Almquist
	Ron Schneider	Francine Pidgeon	llene Cherry	Bev Seidenschwarz
Acolytes	Caitlyn Hannibal	Katie Miller	Corbin Hannibal	Bryce Vickers
Reader	Francine Pidgeon	Cathy Anderson	Mike Haug	Carolyn Blumberg
Council Greeter	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Radio Announcer	Walter Seidenschwarz	Steve Anderson	Deb Haug	Walter Seidenschwarz

Emanuel's Staff

Nursery Attendants (when open), Gwyneth Tallier and Donna Rossnagel

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"To be the church God is calling us to be by declaring God's love, serving others, and embracing all."

Emanuel's Lutheran Church Announcements

SUNDAY WORSHIP is still live on Facebook and on KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP has resumed in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. Please note the following protocol if you are joining us at the church.

- **Check your temperature.** If you have a fever, do not come to church.
- Stay home if you are not feeling well or are at risk.
- **Sanitize hands** when you enter and exit the church.
- Wear a mask over mouth and nose. Masks may be removed only when seated.
- Enter through the main doors on Travis Street. Contact the office or usher if you need assistance.
- Sit with your family and practice social distancing. Maintain 6ft from non-household members.
- **Refrain from physical contact.** Waving is encouraged.
- Place offering in basket in the narthex. Offerings may still be mailed or given online.
- Follow directions of the pastors and ushers before, during, and after the service.
- **Communion elements and worship bulletins** will be on the center table in the narthex. Please take them with you to your seat. Communion will be observed from the pews.
- **Worshipers are to refrain from singing.** The music Ministry will provide selections for the service. This is a practice we must abide until transmission of the virus ceases.
- Please exit the church after worship and maintain social distancing. We thank you for practicing *grace and space* during this time.

DAY SCHOOL TRUNK OR TREAT is **Friday, October 30, 2020 from 6 - 7 pm** in the Day School Parking Lot at 310 N. Travis Street. There are four fabulous ways you can have fun with the Emanuel's Lutheran Day School families and support this stellar ministry of Emanuel's Lutheran Church at the same time.

- HOST A TRUNK! Interested in dressing up, decorating your vehicle's trunk, and passing out treats to the cutest kids in town? Contact Victoria or Bekki at 830-372-0332 to register. Prize for the best decorated trunk!
- 2. **BRING TRICK OR TREATERS!** Have a little one around ready to wear their costume and get some treats? You will all have a blast.
- 3. **DONATE!** Candy and/or other treats welcome. Monetary donations also appreciated so that staff can assure there is an abundance of goodies.
- 4. **ORDER CHICK-FIL-A!** The Chick-fil-A food truck will be on campus from 4-7pm. Pre-orders will be available the week before the event. 10% of Chick-fil-A proceeds goes to Emanuel's Lutheran Day School.

HOLIDAY TAMALE TIME! Youth are selling frozen tamales from Delicious Tamales in SA to help fund youth trips, camperships, and other faith-filled-fun! Flavor options include traditional pork, spicy pork, chicken, and bean and jalapeño, each for \$12/dozen. Contact one of our many youth to place an order, or call the church by Nov. 2.

FACES OF OUR FAITH devotional podcast is posted Tuesdays on Facebook and Soundcloud. Join our pastors and their colleagues each week as they discuss lesser-known stories that have shaped our faith. Booklets may be downloaded from our website homepage.

SMALL GROUPS IN-PERSON are resuming. Gatherings are limited to fewer than 15 people and social distancing practices are required. Masks are to be worn at all times on the church campus.

- Jubilation Singers are on choir rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Suites.
- **Heritage Bible Class** meets on **Sundays at 9:15 a.m**. in the third floor Family Life Center.
- Faith Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 20 at 7pm in the Family Life Center.
- Joy Circle meets on Thursday, October 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center.
- LWR Quick Quilters are meeting again in their spacious 1st Floor room on Monday mornings.
- Property Stewards tackle facility needs on Tuesday mornings.
- Garden of Eatin' every Tuesday from 9-11. Fall beds are planted.

SMALL GROUPS ONLINE continue. Staff and Council meetings are via Zoom.

- **Holy Yoga** via Zoom with Pastor Kelsie every Monday in October. Registration has expired for this session. Contact PK if you are interested in future Holy Yoga classes.
- **WWJB** (What Would Jesus Brew?) meets on **First Fridays at 7pm** on Zoom. WWJB is our once-amonth young adult fellowship. Contact *Pastor Kelsie* for Zoom link.
- **Confirmation Class** is meeting in the Fellowship Hall each month and on Zoom as needed with students and leaders from Emanuel's. Spirit of Joy and St. John Marion.