

Sunday, October 4, 2020

18th Sunday after Pentecost

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



PRELUDE

"If You But Trust In God To Guide You"

J.S. Bach

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

LITANY OF HOMECOMING

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

"The Church's One Foundation"

ELW 654

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

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

AM: 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.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

GLORY TO GOD

ELW p. 167

AM: 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: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

L: A reading from Isaiah.

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 80:7-15

Refrain: Look down from heav'n, O God; be-hold and tend this vine.

- ⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
- ⁸**You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and | planted it.**
- ⁹You cleared the | ground for it;
it took root and | filled the land.
- ¹⁰**The mountains were covered | by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs. R**
- ¹¹You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea
and its branches | to the river.
- ¹²**Why have you broken | down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?**
- ¹³The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.
- ¹⁴**Turn now, O | God of hosts,
look | down from heaven;**
- ¹⁵behold and | tend this vine;
preserve what your right | hand has planted. **R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

L: A reading from Philippians.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." ⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Marcus

HYMN OF THE DAY

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

ELW 769

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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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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>

OFFERING HYMN

"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"

ELW 523

OFFERING PRAYER

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AM: Let us pray.

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.

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

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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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

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LORD'S PRAYER

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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

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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.**

MUSIC DURING THE MEAL

"Seek Ye First"

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.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, 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

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

ELW 538

DISMISSAL

ELW p. 174

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE played by Chris Teague

MUSICIANS TODAY: Caroline Bower and Levi Stalsworth, cantors; 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	TBD	Ilene 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
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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 on Facebook and on the KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP resumes **October 4** 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 an usher if you need further 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.
- **Worshippers 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.

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** choir rehearsals on **Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.** in the Music Suites.
- **HERITAGE BIBLE CLASS** on **Sundays at 9:15 a.m.** in the third floor Family Life Center. Someone will be stationed at the Mountain St. entrance from 9 to 9:15 to let you in.
- **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-a-month young adult fellowship. Contact [Pastor Kelsie](#) for Zoom link.
- **CONFIRMATION CLASS** meets monthly via Zoom with students and leaders from Emanuel's. Spirit of Joy and St. John Marion.

HOLIDAY TAMALES SALES have begun. Our youth are be selling frozen tamales from Delicious Tamales in San Antonio to help fund youth trips, camperships, and any other faith-filled-fun we can manage! Help support our youth by buying a few dozen tamales. Flavor options include traditional pork, spicy pork, chicken, and bean and jalapeño, each for \$12 a dozen. Contact one of our many youth to place an order, or call the church. Orders must be placed with payment by November 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.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME Daily devotional books are now available for Oct., Nov., & Dec. 2020.