

Sunday, May 30, 2021

The Holy Trinity

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



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## PRELUDE

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

## PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation. Matisse Bernard, Carol Hamilton, Margaret Schievelbein, Pearl Lang, Patricia Lang, Matt, Darby, Cooper, and Carsyn Clardy, and Jim and Judy Sagebiel have come to our congregation from wherever God has called them and we celebrate their joining together with us, this day, as we seek to further the Kingdom of God in this place.

AM: Let us pray...We ask this in the name of Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

## ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

P: In baptism...following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Siblings in Christ, do you intend...among God's people in this place?

**New Members: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: Do you renounce...and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**New Members: I renounce them.**

P: People of God, do you promise to nurture these individuals and families in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

## WELCOME

AM: Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## **BLESSING OF GRADUATES**

### **OPENING HYMN**

**"All Glory Be to God on High"**

**ELW 410**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

ELW p. 142

AM: Let us pray together.

**C: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

### **WORD**

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

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8**

L: A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." <sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: 29**

*The congregation is invited to sing the bold verses and the refrain.*



<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor. R**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice | of the LORD  
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh. R**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength | to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. R

## SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-17

L: A reading from Romans.

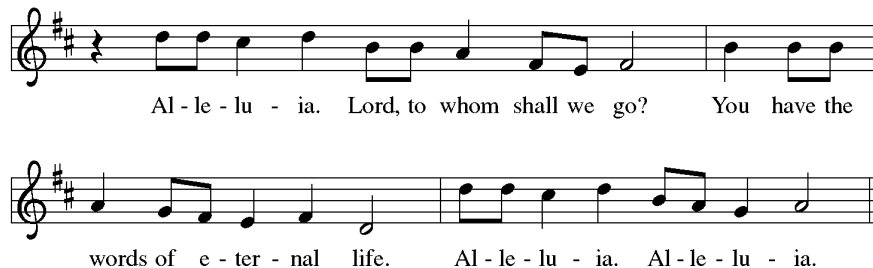
<sup>12</sup>Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 142



## GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

P: The holy gospel according to John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God;

for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.”<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.<sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.<sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’<sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?<sup>11</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.<sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?<sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.<sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,<sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.<sup>17</sup> “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**Pastor Marcus**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Come, Join the Dance of Trinity”**

**ELW 412**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

ELW p. 143

AM: Let us come before the triune God in prayer. We pray, O God, for your holy church around the world. Revitalize and renew us, that we may be reborn once again through the waters of baptism and the blowing wind of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

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

AM: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

**C: Amen.**

## **PEACE**

ELW p.143

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## **OFFERING HYMN**

**“Creating God, Your Fingers Trace” vs.1**

**ELW 684**

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING INFORMATION

For online giving: <https://tinyurl.com/emanuelsgiving>

Mailing Address: Emanuel's Lutheran Church, 206 N. Travis Street Seguin, TX 78155

## OFFERING PRAYER

ELW p. 144

AM: Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

**C: Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW p. 144

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.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

ELW p. 145

## LORD'S PRAYER

ELW p. 145

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. 146

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

## COMMUNION

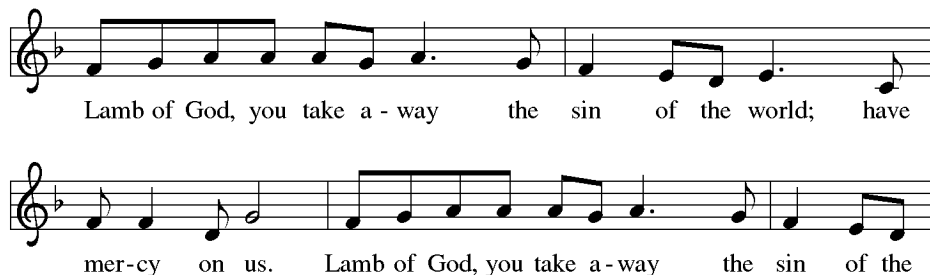
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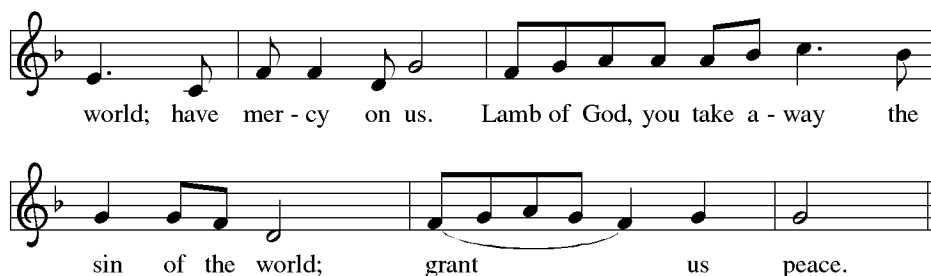
*When giving the bread and sharing the cup, you may use say:*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

## COMMUNION SONG

ELW p. 146





## 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. 146

AM: Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

ELW p. 146

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

**"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"**

**ELW 414**

## BLESSING OF THE MEAL

## DISMISSAL

ELW p. 146

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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**MUSICIANS TODAY:** Jubilation Singers; Melissa Barbre, flute; Chris Teague, guitar.

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, MAY 30, 2021:** **Preaching:** Pastor Marcus; **Presiding:** Pastor Kelsie; **Assisting Minister:** Elizabeth Jandt; **Acolyte:** TBD; **Reader:** Darlene Zies; **Ushers:** Allan Bode, Bill Meier, Ron Schneider, Rissa Springs, Jacqueline Springs; **Radio Announcer:** Walter Seidenschwarz; **Greeter:** Sarah Kennedy.

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, June 6, 2021:** **Preaching:** Steve Richardson; **Presiding:** Pastor Darwin Huartson; **Assisting Minister:** Kai Seidenberger; **Acolyte:** TBD; **Reader:** Allison Seiddenberger; **Ushers:** Allan Bode, Bill Meier, Ron Schneider, Rissa Springs, Jacqueline Springs; **Radio Announcer:** Walt Seidenschwarz; **Greeter:** Emily Prochnow; **Hospitality:** Fran & Keith Vinyard, Nancy & Bill Meier.

## EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** on **Monday, May 31, 2021** in observance of Memorial Day.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP** is in-person in the Sanctuary as well as streamed on Facebook, YouTube, and KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m.

**COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS:** Following the new CDC guidelines, Emanuel's Congregational Council approved the following **beginning Sunday, May 23, 2021**. Care and safety for all our neighbors is important. The amended *We Are Better Together: A Plan to Safely and Purposefully Join Together* policy is on Emanuel's website at [www.EmanuelLutheranChurch.com](http://www.EmanuelLutheranChurch.com).

- **Fully vaccinated persons** may choose to not wear masks on the church campus and may gather closer than 6 feet from non-household members.
- **Unvaccinated persons** are to wear masks at all times on the church campus and maintain social distancing of more than 6 feet from non-household members.
- **Our currently modified worship practices will remain in place.** These include sitting in every other pew, the taking of Holy Communion while in our pews, refraining from moving while sharing the peace, and not passing the offering plates but providing baskets at each entrance door. Council will reevaluate these practices during the summer months.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Programs are in development for both Sunday mornings at 9:15 and midweek studies. Please stay tuned while we roll out classes for children and adults. Please let Pastor Marcus or Pastor Kelsie know if you are interested in leading a group or sharing a special skill.

#### SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES at 9:15 a.m.

- **The Heritage Class** (307): Augsburg Fortress Quarterly Adult Bible Study led by Steve Richardson and Walter Seidenschwarz. Current study is of the Old Testament, *Faithful to God's Covenant*.
- **A Look at the Gospels** (Family Life Center): Join Pastor Marcus in the Family Life Center each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for a deeper look at each Gospel, their authors, their faith community, and their differences. **THIS GROUP WILL NOT MEET ON SUNDAY, JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>.**

#### WEEKDAY STUDIES

- **Faith Circle** (Women's Ministry Room): Third Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.
- **Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Room): Second Thursday at 9:30 a.m.
- **Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Room): to begin on **August 4<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 p.m.

**FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK** is **today** following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we enjoy each other's company AND welcome our newest members. We are looking forward to tasting your favorite dishes. Don't forget to fill out a name tag and take time to say "Howdy!" to each other.

**GUADALUPE VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Ecumenical Build Days are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays of every month beginning **June 5 from 8am-Noon**. Join us at 521 Newton Ave. This is GVHFH's 32<sup>nd</sup> house in Guadalupe County! Contact Garry Miller at 830-534-3290 for more information.

**FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP** gathers again on **Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at Noon** in the Women's Ministry Room. Food will be provided. Widows, divorced, and singles are invited to this monthly group. Contact Donna Simmons if you have any questions.

**SHARING THE GOOD NEWS** from the pen of the Mission Interpreter. Jesus introduced the Spirit of Truth to his disciples with the word *parakletos*, meaning **Advocate**. We, as Christians, are also called to be **Advocates**, both in our personal lives and as part of the larger church. The ELCA is a "public church," making our views public and in places where they can make a difference. Our benevolences and prayers support **Advocacy**. Read *Sharing the Good News* in our Weekly E-News or a copy in the narthex.

**MINISTRY TEAMS:** Please consider coming to one of Emanuel's newly formed Ministry Team meetings in the Family Life Center to learn more about what is going on at Emanuel's and how you can participate.

**THE CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM** meets on **first Thursdays at 6pm** in the FLC.

**THE EDUCATION TEAM** meets on **fourth Mondays at 4:30pm** in the FLC.

**THE OUTREACH & SERVICE TEAM** meets on **first Mondays at 6:30pm** in the FLC.

**SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER:** You are invited to lift in prayer our church, community, and the world every **Thursday morning at 10am**. Join us in the chapel each week for this *Sweet Hour of Prayer*. Please enter through the main sanctuary doors. Call Donna at 830-556-3542 for more information.

**CROSS TRAILS DAY CAMP** (K-5): We are partnering again this year with Spirit of Joy and First Presbyterian for our Day Camp! Cross Trails Ministry will be sending their staff to us for our **July 19-23 Day Camp from 1p-6p**, including a snack and dinner for the family. Registration is online! Students who have completed Kinder- 5th grade are invited to come grow your faith with us "From the Ground Up!"

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** We are partnering again this year with Spirit of Joy and First Presbyterian for VBS! VBS will take place **July 19-23 from 8:30a-12p** with a snack and lunch provided. Registration forms will be available on the church website, CYF Facebook group, or E-News. Turn in registration to PK. This is for students who are three to those who have not started kindergarten. Our enrolled Emanuel's Day School students will return to their regular school day after lunch.

**INTERFAITH WELCOME COLLECTION:** Emanuel's Lutheran Church is collecting needed items for the Immigration Hospitality Ministry at the San Antonio Mennonite Church. Items for this Interfaith Welcome include: Adult **bathrobes**- non-fluffy; Large **towels**; Small, new **stuffed animals**; TY Beanie Babies; **Coloring books & crayons**; **Cash** or **check** (memo section: *Interfaith Welcome*). Collection bins are located at the church entrances. For more information contact Gloria H. at (713) 213-5752.

**EMANUEL'S MISSION STATEMENT:** "To be the church God is calling us to be by declaring God's love, serving others, and embracing all."

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