

Sunday, June 13, 2021  
Third Sunday after Pentecost  
**WELCOME** to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!  
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



**PRELUDE**

"Oh That I Had a Thousand Voices"

ELW 833

*Congregation may sing along*

**GATHERING**

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

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. God, our provider,

**C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**"We Walk by Faith"**

**ELW 635**

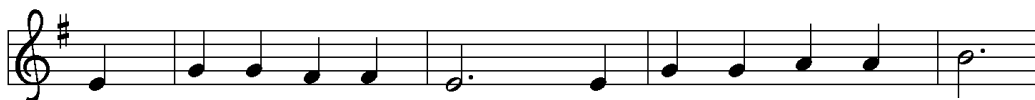
**GREETING**

ELW p. 203

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. 203



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

ELW p. 205

AM: Let us pray together.

**C: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## WORD

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

## FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

L: A reading from Ezekiel.

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. <sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high

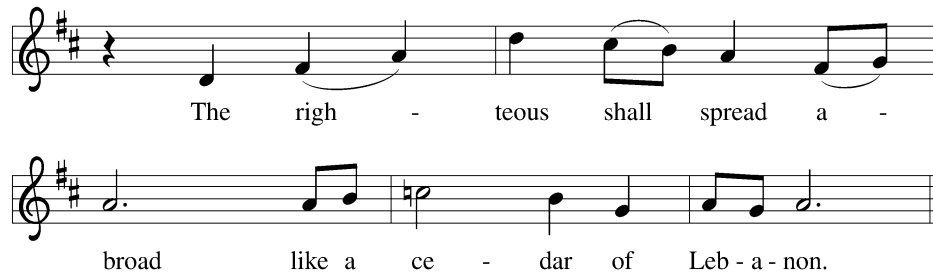
the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15**

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



<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks | to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, | O Most High;

<sup>2</sup>**to herald your love | in the morning  
and your faithful- | ness at night;**

<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and | on the lyre,  
and to the melody | of the harp.

<sup>4</sup>**For you have made me glad by your | acts, O LORD;  
and I shout for joy because of the works | of your hands. R**

<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish | like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a ce- | dar of Lebanon.

<sup>13</sup>**Those who are planted in the house | of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts | of our God;**

<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit | in old age;  
they shall be | green and succulent;

<sup>15</sup>**that they may show how up- | right the LORD is,  
my rock, in whom there is | no injustice. R**

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17**

L: A reading from 2 Corinthians.

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. [<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ] <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ

urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. <sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 205



## GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

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

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." <sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." <sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

Pastor Marcus

## HYMN OF THE DAY

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

ELW 580

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

ELW p. 105

AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Apostle's 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**

ELW p 206

AM: Let us come before the triune God in prayer. Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enliven your church, so that the good news of your grace may root and grow throughout the world.

*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.206

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## **OFFERING HYMN**

**"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"**

**ELW 712**

## **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.206

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.206

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.

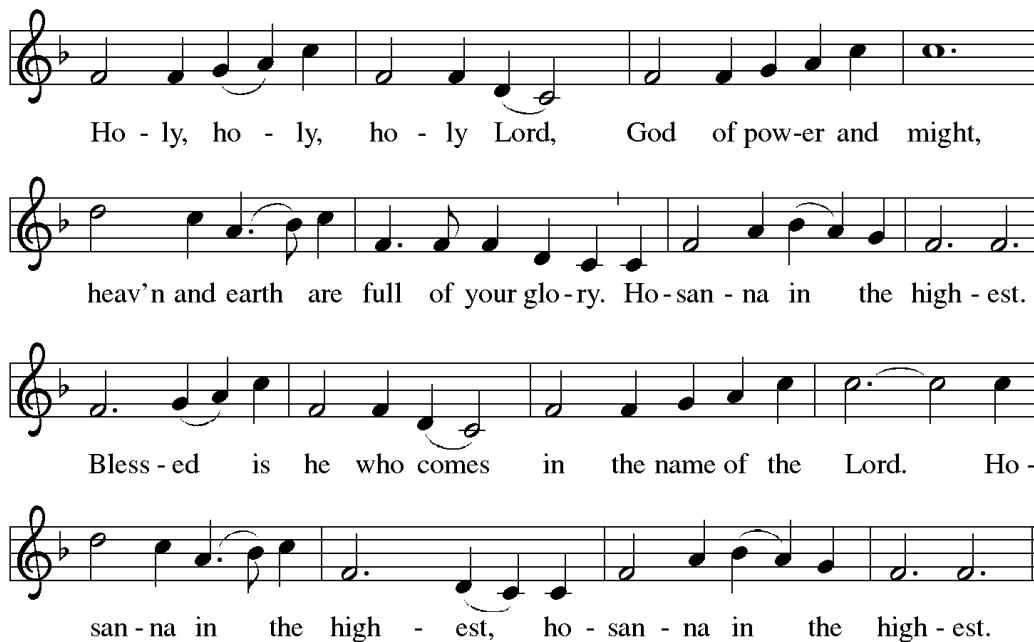
**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

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## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

ELW p.207

### LORD'S PRAYER

ELW p.208

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.208

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

## COMMUNION

ELW p.208

*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.208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## 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.208

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.209

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

### "God of the Fertile Fields"

**ACS 1063**

*to the tune of ELW 637*

1 God of the fertile fields,  
 shaper of earth that yields our daily bread:  
 forth from your bounteous hand  
 come gifts your love has planned,  
 that all in ev'ry land  
 be clothed and fed.

2 We would be stewards true,  
 holding in trust from you all that you give;  
 help us in love to share,  
 teach us like you to care  
 for people ev'rywhere,  
 that all may live.

3 As grows the hidden seed  
 to fruit that serves our need, so your reign  
 grows.  
 Let all our toil be used,  
 no gift of yours abused,  
 no humble task refused  
 your love bestows.

4 God of the countryside,  
 dear to the Christ who died to make us one:  
 we pledge our lives anew  
 in faithful love to you.  
 Guide all we say and do.  
 Your will be done.

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## DISMISSAL

ELW p.209

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

"Soli Deo Gloria"

ELW 878

*Congregation may sing along*

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**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** and **RADIO BROADCASTS** are sponsored by Emanuel's members. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one in this way, please call the church office or sign up on the calendar in the office. Thanks to all who participate in this memorable ministry.

**MUSICIANS TODAY:** Jubilation Singers; Chris Teague, guitar; Karen Vogel, cantor.

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, June 13, 2021: Preaching:** Pastor Marcus; **Presiding:** Pastor Kelsie; **Assisting Minister:** Levi Stalsworth; **Acolyte:** TBD; **Reader:** Wayne Stalsworth; **Ushers:** Doug Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; **Radio Announcer:** Deb Haug; **Greeter:** Linda Salt; **Hospitality:** Cathy Anderson, Judy Sagebiel, and Susan Yeatts.

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, June 20, 2021: Preaching:** Pastor Kelsie; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Melissa Barbre; **Acolyte:** TBD; **Reader:** Carol Hamilton; **Ushers:** Franklin Huebner, Ryanne Hepp, Tandi Hepp, Ilene cherry, Darlene Zies; **Radio Announcer:** Steve Anderson; **Greeter:** Caroline Stalsworth; **Hospitality:** Gloria Hanna, Denise Hufnagl, Cherryl Baethge.



## EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 May 2021 CDC guidelines, Emanuel's Congregational Council announced that **fully vaccinated persons may choose to not wear masks** on the church campus. Unvaccinated persons are asked to wear masks at all times. Modified worship practices remain in place. Council will continue to reevaluate precautions during the summer months. Detailed gathering guidelines may be found on at [www.EmanuelLutheranChurch.com](http://www.EmanuelLutheranChurch.com).

### 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. Summer study is *Confident Hope*.
- **A Look at the Gospels** (Family Life Center): at 9:00 a.m. Pastor Marcus shares a deeper look at each Gospel, their authors, their faith community, and their differences.

#### 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.

**FLOCK OF FLAMINGOS FUNDRAISER:** The flock has descended and they're excited to visit residences and businesses in the area from **June 1 – July 31, 2021** to aid our youth in fundraising to get to Minneapolis for the 2022 ELCA National Youth Gathering. The Gathering happens every three years and is an amazingly formational experience. Send the flock and/or get Flock Insurance to guarantee you don't get flocked! All donations are tax-deductible. Ready to get flocking? Do it here: <https://forms.gle/b6TRaoT9PTQFb4Ft6> Questions? Contact Pastor Kelsie.

**SHARING THE GOOD NEWS** from the pen of the Mission Interpreter. An arm of LIRS (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service) developed in the past decade is AMMPARO (Accompany Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities) after witnessing the plight of children who are forced to flee from their home communities because of chronic violence and poverty, among other things. Read Volume 6 of *Sharing the Good News* in our Weekly E-News or a copy in the narthex.

**HEALING THROUGH CONVERSATIONS** is a support group for those who have lost a loved one to death. The monthly group, facilitated by Emanuel's Bereavement Coordinator [Donna Simmons](#), will meet on **Thursday, June 17 at 11 a.m.** on the third floor in the Family Life Center.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**GUADALUPE VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Ecumenical Build Days are on the **1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays** of every month **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.

**LWR HEALTH KIT THANK YOU:** The committee gathering supplies for Lutheran World Relief Health Kits is so appreciative and thrilled with the response of our church members. We have received so many items, and we have enough of everything except soap since two bars are put in each kit. Thank you, Emanuel's members, for being so generous. **Please continue to bring soap.**

## **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** **"Gone Fishing"**

The Emanuel's Office Staff has been on-call nearly 24-7 since March of 2020. Many are finally able to use some untouched, yet much needed, vacation time. During the months of June and July our hours remain Monday – Thursday from 8-5. However, if the office is understaffed, you may find the answering machine catching your call or a "Gone Fishing" sign on the door. Please know that we will get back with you as soon as possible. You are welcome to make an appointment before stopping by. Thanks for understanding our need for rest and rejuvenation after a very trying year.

**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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