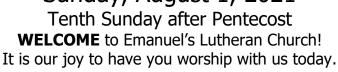
Sunday, August 1, 2021





PRELUDE "Nocturne" Edward Grieg

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm 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

"What Feast of Love"

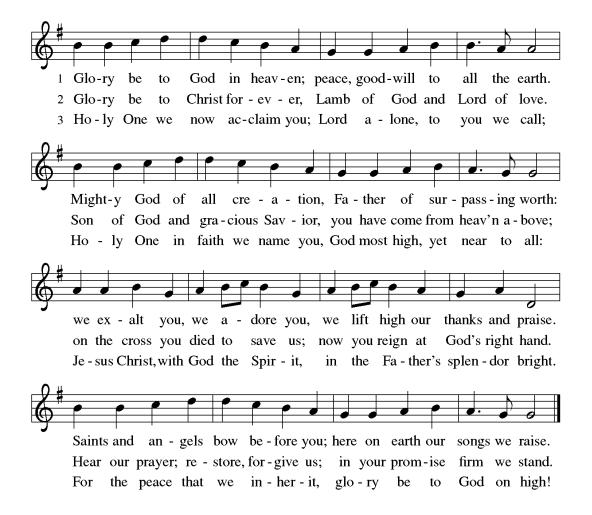
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GREETING ELW p. 203

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.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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AM: Let us pray together.

C: O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

L: A reading from Exodus.

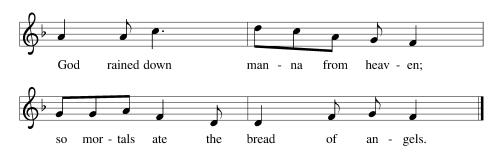
²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the

people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not." ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" ¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 78:23-29

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



²³So God commanded the ¹ clouds above and opened the ¹ doors of heaven,

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16

L: A reading from Ephesians.

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one

²⁴raining down manna upon | them to eat and giving them | grain from heaven. R

²⁵So mortals ate the ¹ bread of angels; God provided for them ¹ food enough.

²⁶The LORD caused the east wind to blow | in the heavens and powerfully led out | the south wind,

²⁷raining down flesh upon ¹ them like dust and flying birds like the sand ¹ of the seas,

²⁸letting them fall in the midst [|] of the camp and round a- [|] bout the dwellings.

²⁹So the people ate and ¹ were well filled, for God gave them ¹ what they craved. **R**

another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." 9(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

P: The holy gospel according to John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come

here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Marcus

HYMN OF THE DAY "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

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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: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. You call your church to be the body of Christ. Awaken all the baptized to the gifts you provide for carrying out the work of ministry. Where the church is divided, knit us together and restore the unity of the faith.

Response to each petition: AM: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

AM: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE ELW p.206

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.

OFFERING HYMN "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet" ELW 523

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 ELW p.207

SANCTUS "Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy" ELW 762

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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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

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

COMMUNION ELW p.208

Communion will take place via continuous line. We welcome all baptized persons to the Lord's Table who believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. Children are also welcomed to be brought forward to receive a blessing. Participants will be offered a wafer and invited to eat with these words, "the body of Christ given for you." Each will then step to the silver tray that contains glasses of white grape juice at the center and outer empty glasses. Please take an

empty cup if you prefer wine. Lastly, participants will step the last assistant who will pour the wine and share these words, "the blood of Christ shed for you." Please place your glass in the small silver bowl at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat. If you wish to come forward and not receive either element, cross your arms for a blessing.

COMMUNION SONG ELW p.208



COMMUNION HYMN

"Bread of Life from Heaven"

ELW 474

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

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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

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

ELW 655

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DISMISSAL

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P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

J.S. Bach

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MUSICIANS TODAY: Jubilation Singers; Jarrett Batey, violin; Karen Vogel, cantor.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, August 1, 2021: Preaching: Pastor Marcus; Presiding: Pastor Kelsie; Assisting Minister: Levi Stalsworth; Communion Assistants: Carrie Moseley, Jeannie Hall, Earlene Jarzombek, Jeannie Palmer; Acolyte: TBD; Reader: Carol Hamilton; Ushers: Allan Bode, Bill Meier, Ron Schneider, Rissa Springs, Jacqueline Springs; Altar Guild: Elizabeth Jandt, Jeanne Palmer; Radio Announcer: John Van Deusen; Greeter: Emily Prochnow; Hospitality: Fran and Keith Vinyard, Sandra Schneider, and Francine Pidgeon

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, August 8, 2021: Preaching: Pastor John Van Deusen; Presiding: Pastor Marcus; Assisting Minister: Karen Weinstein; Communion Assistants: Steve Anderson, Bill Elley, Natalie Alexander, Barbara McCall; Acolyte: TBD; Reader: Mike Haug; Ushers: Doug Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; Altar Guild: Marsha Schroeder, John Van Deusen, Faye Fan Deusen; Radio Announcer: Deb Haug; Council Greeter: Allan Bode; Hospitality: Cathy Anderson, Susan Yeatts, Judy Sagebiel.



Legacy Generosity: Emanuel's welcomes Deacon John Dellis to the worship service today, who will share a greeting from Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest. Deacon Dellis is the senior gift planner for congregations and their members in the Southwestern Texas Synod. He assists individuals and couples to make legacy plans for their families and loved ones, their congregation and other ministries of our church, and other non-profit organizations that are important to them. Reach out to him at (830) 305-2758 or jdellis@lfsw.org for a confidential, no-obligation visit about legacy generosity for ministry.

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP is in-person as well as aired on KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m. Online video live streaming will resume later in the summer.

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 <u>www.EmanuelsLutheranChurch.com</u>.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES 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): Wraps up August 29th at 9:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Join Pastor Marcus for the conclusion of this 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 4th at 2:00 p.m.



2021 FALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH EDUCATION

Are you interested in teaching and leading the faith formation of our children and youth? Join the Education Team, Pastor Marcus, and Pastor Kelsie **Sundays, August 8, 15 & 22,** in the **Family Life Center** at 9:15am, to learn about our new programs, our new rhythms for Sunday morning, and how you can get plugged in and help out! Here are the quick details for our new Sunday morning plan:

- Starting at 10:30am, in the big classroom across the church office, EVERYONE gathers
- Who's everyone, 2 years old through high school!
- We begin with a song and a Bible story
- Then we make our way to rooms, separating out our age groups appropriately
- We then dine on a delicious snack as we look at our craft for the day
- We put our craft together, retelling our Bible story, and finish by heading into church

We will have three classrooms for our prekindergarten through 8th grade learners, with our high school making the trek to the ELYO room or helping in other classrooms as needed. We will need two teachers for each class and would love to have a rotation of faces throughout the month! Join us to learn more and find a way to connect and get involved!

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP meets today, **August 1**st **at Noon** in the Women's Ministry Room. This group of single, widowed, and divorced people meet monthly. Everyone is to bring a dish to share.

LADIES AID resumes after a lengthy time apart on **Wednesday, August 4th at 2:00 p.m.** in the Women's Ministry Room. We've missed you! Please join us for this important meeting as we discuss our activities for the year ahead.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED invites everyone to our organizational meeting on **Thursday, August 5**th **at 9:00 a.m.** in the Women's Ministry Room. We will decide whether to start our regular meetings again and how we're going to handle our organization in the future. CWU is it valuable ecumenical organization with women from different churches who worship and work together on various projects.

HEALING THROUGH CONVERSATIONS meets on **Thursday, August 5th at 11am** in the Family Life Center. This monthly meeting is for those who have lost a loved one to death.

BACKPACK & VOCATIONAL SUNDAY is **August 15**th **at the 10:30 service**. Bring your gear to church for a blessing of the backpacks, briefcases, lunch boxes, dance bags, duffle bags, and totes of all shapes and sizes.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP begins in August. Caregiving is one of the greatest challenges and opportunities most of us experience in a lifetime. Belonging to a support group can be a lifeline on this

journey. Emanuel's is hosting a community Support Group for Caregivers currently caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Dementia, and other aging issues. **Meeting at 10am in the Family Life Center** on **Wednesday, August 25, repeated Saturday, August 28** and **Wednesday, September 22, repeated Saturday, September** 25. Facilitators are the Rev. John and Faye Van Deusen. You can reach Rev. John at (830) 305-5658 and Faye at (830) 305-8851.

RALLY DAY Celebration, Ministry Fair & 5th Sunday Potluck is **August 29th** following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Come see what is going on at Emanuel's on Sunday mornings, throughout the week, and beyond the walls. There are opportunities for everyone to serve, grow, and participate in the life of the church. "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" Isaiah 43:19.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS Please remember those in need as you shop. Pick up a few of the following items as soon as you see them on sale. Most needed items in **boldface: 70-80 page spiral notebooks**; ball point pens; **16 or 24 count crayons**; pink erasers; **blunt children's scissors**; unsharpened pencils; pencil sharpeners; 12' metric and US measurement rulers. Collection baskets are in the Narthex and Mountain Street entrances. Monetary donations also welcome. Make checks payable to *Emanuel's Lutheran Church* with a note for *LWR School Supplies*. \

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS from the pen of the Mission Interpreter. One of the events that occurred during the General Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation a little over a decade ago was the historic acknowledgment of and public repentance for violent acts that the early Lutheran church carried out against Anabaptist believers. This was not so much about something other people did a long time ago, but rather that the church of the past and the church of the future are joined together in the church of "now." Volume 13 of *Sharing the Good News* is in the Weekly E-News and the narthex.

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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: During the summer months 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.



THE EMANUEL'S FAMILY IS INVITED TO A BABY SHOWER FOR PASTOR KELSIE Saturday, August 28, 2021

10:30 to Noon come & go in the Women's Ministry Room
Hosted by the Monday Morning LWR Quilters
The Theiss Family expects to meet Baby Elijah in September. They are registered at Amazon. They are using cloth diapers, so no disposable diapers, please.

RSVP: Cathy Anderson at (830)660-8187 or <u>canderson@tlu.edu</u>

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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