

**Emanuel's Lutheran Church
St. John Lutheran Church
First Presbyterian Church**

Joining Together in Christ Jesus

Sunday, August 30, 2020 – Online Worship Service

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

BACKPACK AND VOCATION LITURGY

Each student is asked to hold or bring close to them the items they will carry and use this school year. Those with the students, parents, guardians, friends, etc., are asked to repeat this blessing with each student:

Lord God, your Spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways. Look upon [NAME], let him/her enjoy their learning and take delight in new discoveries. Help them to succeed in their studies and give them the desire to learn all things well. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

"Let Streams of Living Justice"

(ELW 710)



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,
the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.
Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;
a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance; pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934
Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

GREETING (ELW p. 98)

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

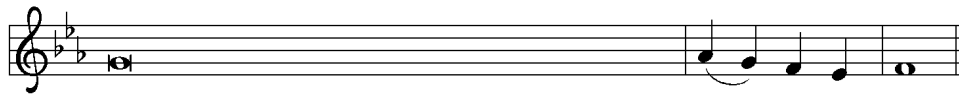
KYRIE (ELW p. 98)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



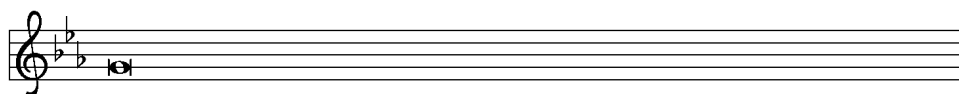
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



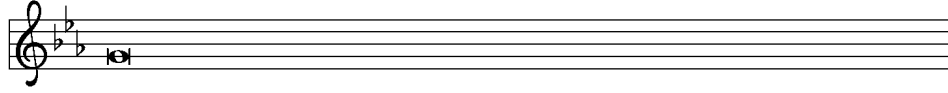
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 101)



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 102)

Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Word of God, word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;

I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.

²**Test me, O | LORD, and try me;**

examine my heart | and my mind.

³For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;

I have walked faithful- | ly with you.

⁴**I have not sat | with the worthless,**

nor do I consort with | the deceitful. R

⁵I have hated the company of | evildoers;

I will not sit down | with the wicked.

⁶**I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,**

that I may go in procession | round your altar,

⁷singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving

and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

⁸**LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell**

and the place where your glo- | ry abides. R

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

A reading from Romans.

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 102)

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia," with lyrics written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody for "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." with lyrics written below the notes. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Marcus Bigott

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

(ELW 808)



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

CREED (ELW p. 105)

Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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. 105)

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Response to each petition:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE (ELW p.143)

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING INFORMATION

Mailing Address: St. John Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 68 Marion, TX 78124

For those registered for onrealm.org, e-giving can be made at www.onrealm.org/stjohnmarion

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

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

Mailing Address: First Presbyterian Church, 1121 E. Walnut St., Seguin, TX 78155

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OFFERING HYMN

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

(ELW 461)



- 1 All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
- 2 All who hun - ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.
- 3 All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993
 Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

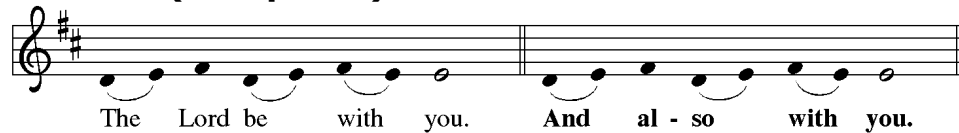
OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 107)

Let us pray.

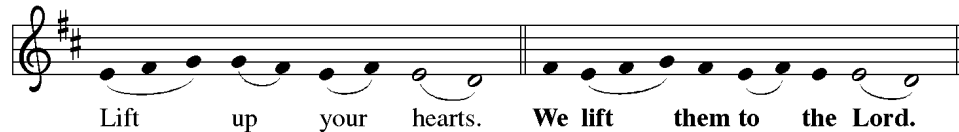
God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

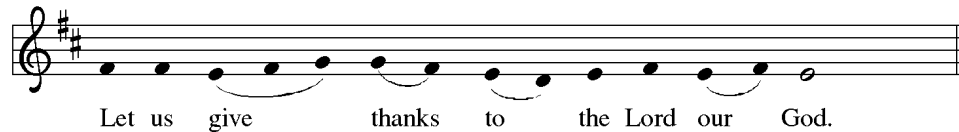
GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW p. 107)



The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**



Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



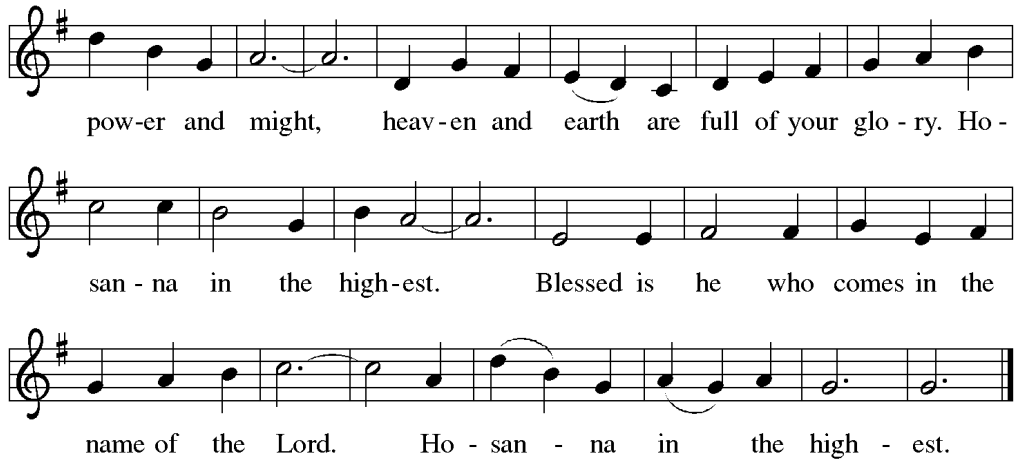
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE (ELW p. 108)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 108)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of



pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 108)

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 112)

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

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.

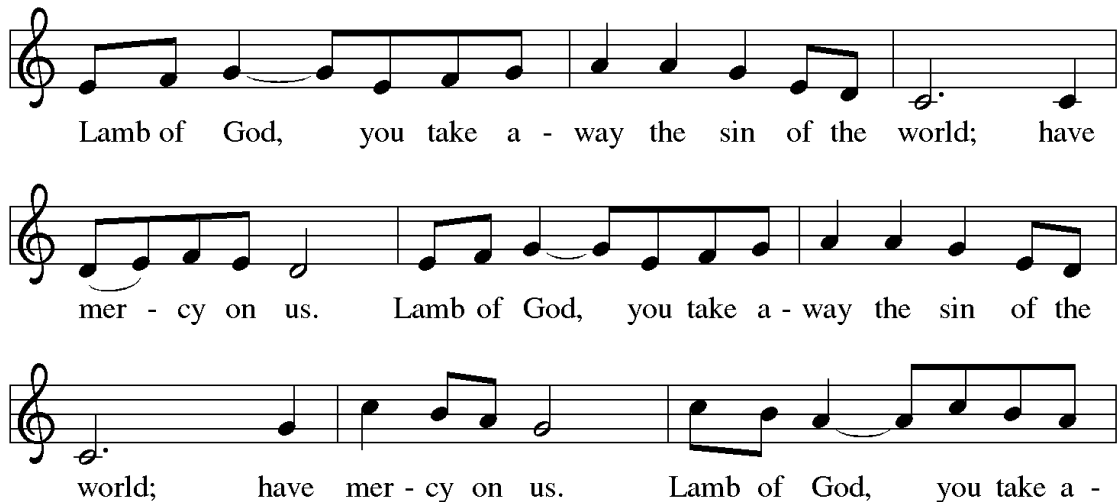
INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ELW p. 112)

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION (ELW p. 112) *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. 112)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

SONG AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p.113)

Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 114)

Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING (ELW p. 114)

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG**"Praise and Thanks and Adoration"****(ELW 783)**

1 Praise and thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, Son of God, to you we give,
 2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing, com - fort me in pain and strife;



for you chose to serve cre - a - tion, died that sin - ers all might live.
 through my laugh - ter and my weep - ing, lift me to a no - bler life.



Dear Lord Je - sus, guide my way; faith - ful let me day by day
 Draw my fer - vent love to you; con - stant hope and faith re - new



fol - low where your steps are lead - ing, find ad - ven - ture, joys ex - ceed - ing!
 in your birth, your life and pas - sion, in your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551
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DISMISSAL (ELW p. 115)

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM EMANUEL'S

SUNDAY WORSHIP is still online and on the radio. We will return to in-person worship when it is safe for us to be a community together. Emanuel's Congregation Council will be discussing this further at the September 1, 2020 meeting. Please know that you are missed, loved, and prayed for daily.

PEW PAL UPDATES WANTED Have you been in touch with your Pew Pal lately? It's been a while since we exchanged names and numbers when last in the sanctuary. Please let us know how you are staying in contact with your Pew Pals. We'd like to share your stories here in the coming weeks. Contact [Pastor Marcus](#).

ATTENTION HERITAGE BIBLE CLASS MEMBERS: Several members have decided to re-convene our Sunday morning Bible Study beginning **Sept. 6 at the regular 9:15 a.m.** meeting time in the third floor Family Life Center. If you feel comfortable, abiding by the guidelines established by the Council, feel free to join the group for a trial run. Someone will be stationed at the Mountain Street entrance from 9 to 9:15 to make sure you will be able to get in. Might want to bring your own cup of coffee!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MILESTONES Do you have a 3rd grader in your house that is looking forward to their Bible this year or a 5th grader looking forward to their 1st Communion? If so, please contact Pastor Marcus with their name and which milestone they are preparing for so that materials can be ordered and prepared.

FACES OF OUR FAITH DEVOTIONAL SERIES September 1 - November 27, 2020 podcasts on Fridays @10am on Facebook and [Soundcloud](#). There are many heroes of the faith, people we admire and wish to be. However, there are even more ordinary people of faith—those doing what they can with what they have to make a difference. We've selected 16 bold stories of those often overlooked in our biblical narratives. Using visual art and prompts for reflection, we hope to dig deep into the worlds of these characters, entering their stories with curiosity and openness to what they might teach us. As we journey with these characters, may they remind us that we all play a role in shaping God's story of redemption and grace. May they awaken us to the faces of our faith in our world today. May they encourage us to know that no action is ever too small to make a difference. Join Pastor Kelsie, Pastor Marcus, Pastor Megan (Spirit of Joy), Pastor Andy (First Presbyterian), and Pastor Paul (St. John, Marion) each week for the Faces of Our Faith devotional podcast. Devotional Booklets will be available in a digital format and in print. If you need a print version please contact the office at info@emauels-sequin.org.

CRAFTERS NEEDED Donna Simmons is looking for crafty folk to create simple yet fun items for our friends in care facilities. Please contact her with your creative ideas at 830-556-3542.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY 2020-21 programs will consist of both online instruction and fellowship as well as on-the-ground events when feasible. We are doing church in a new way and couldn't be more grateful that we are learning these new things with you! Please continue to share your thoughts as we enter the 2020-2021 season.

- K-5th Grade: Children's Church, Sandbox Stories, Children Sermons, Brain Break Bags, Summer Camp/Day Camp/VBS 2021
- 6-8th Grade: Confirmation Class, Retreats, Summer Camp (Schedule below)
- 9-12th Grade: Monthly Game Nights, Monthly Gatherings/Fellowship Events, National Youth Gathering, Summer Service Trip, Summer Camp
- College & Young Adult: Monthly Game Night, Monthly Fellowship Events

EMANUEL'S PRAYER TREE: "Leaf" a Prayer. Prayers are now sprinkled around Emanuel's Prayer Garden, protected by the sprawling branches of the ancient, and historic, Ranger Oak. Tags provided. Tie to the rail around the garden. Spend quiet time reading and praying for others. You can also mail-in your Prayer Tree prayer.