

Sunday, October 24, 2021
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
WELCOME to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



PRELUDE

"Jesus Loves Me"

Arr. Douglas Wagner

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart. God our comforter,

C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"God, Whose Almighty Word"

ELW 673

GREETING


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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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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Refrain
Assisting minister




This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

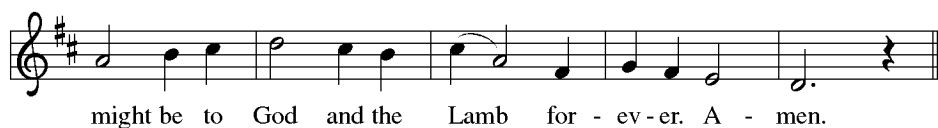
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1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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AM: Let us pray together.

C: Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9

L: A reading from Jeremiah.

⁷Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." ⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and

those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 126

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



¹When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great | things for
them." R**

³The LORD has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.

⁴**Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves. R**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28

L: A reading from Hebrews.

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor John Van Deusen

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Rise, Shine, You People"

ELW 665

APOSTLE'S CREED

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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

AM: Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation. Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries throughout the world that serve as centers of prayer and action. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy.

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

AM: Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

C: Amen.

PEACE

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P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING HYMN

"God is Here"

ELW 526

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

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AM: Let us pray.

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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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SANCTUS

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy"

ELW 153

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

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

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P: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

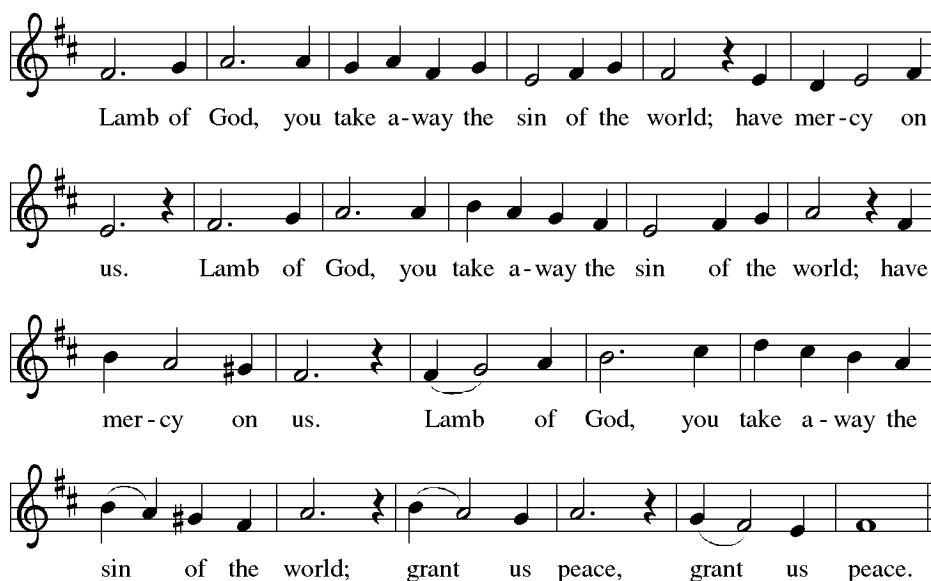
COMMUNION

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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." If you would like a gluten free wafer, please ask the pastor or communion assistant for one. They will present you with a plate where you may retrieve the wafer. 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." 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

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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.

COMMUNION HYMN

"When We Are Living"

ELW 639

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.

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ☩ one God, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"The Spirit Send Us Forth to Serve"

ELW 551

DISMISSAL

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P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"St. Anthony Choral"

Franz Josef Haydn

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RADIO BROADCAST today is given in honor Betty Fisher's birthday by her husband, Ervin "Fish" Fischer.

MUSICIANS TODAY: Jubilation Singers; Thomas Engler, cantor.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, October 24, 2021: Preaching: Pastor John Van Deusen; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Elizabeth Jandt; **Communion Assistants:** Emily Prochnow, Deb Haug, Karen Weinstein, Marsha Schroeder; **Acolyte:** TBD; **Reader:** Steve Anderson; **Ushers:** Tim Troell, Joe Kane, Deborah Almquist, Bev Seidenschwarz; **Altar Guild:** Cathy Anderson, Elizabeth Jandt; **Radio Announcer:** Steve Anderson; **Council Greeter:** Allan Bode; **Hospitality:** Deborah Almquist, Darby Clardy, Carolyn Blumberg.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, October 31, 2021: Preaching: Pastor Marcus; **Presiding:** Pastor John Van Duesen; **Assisting Minister:** Marsha Schroeder; **Communion Assistants:** Fran Vinyard, Keith Vinyard, Bev Seidenschwarz, Elizabeth Jandt; **Acolyte:** TBD; **Reader:** Kai Seidenberger; **Ushers:** Doug Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; **Altar Guild:** Cathy Anderson, Elizabeth Jandt; **Council Greeter:** Lindsay May; **Hospitality:** Walter and Beverly Seidenschwarz.

October is Clergy Appreciation Month!

We need to take time and reflect on all our pastors have had to deal with since the onset of the pandemic in 2020 and give thanks to God for our clergy and express our thankfulness and appreciation. Below is an excerpt from a letter sent from Bishop Briner, with some paraphrasing, that is a reminder of what Pastor Marcus, Pastor Kelsie, Pastor John, and Pastor Darwin have been dealing with since early 2020.

Giving Thanks

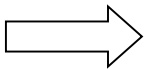
Pastors have faced unprecedented challenges to doing ministry in the face of this pandemic. They have had to make difficult decisions about worship, Bible study, small group meetings, funerals, weddings, precautions, congregational meetings, schools, and more. Much of the ministry had to continue, which meant learning new technologies, giving pastoral care without sharing physical space, and preparing for worship in new ways. This has been an anxiety-producing job for church pastors. Therefore, we call upon all ministry sites to give thanks to pastors. Individuals and groups can write notes of encouragement, send messages, or make calls to thank their pastors.

Emanuel's Church Council will recognize our pastors during worship today. Everyone is encouraged, in their own way, to reach out to our church leaders and let them know they are supported, cared for, and loved.

1 Timothy 2:1 says, *"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly, and dignified in every way."*

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP is in-person, online via YouTube and our website, and aired on KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m.



LIVESTREAMING begins next **Sunday, October 31st**! We will stream directly to our church's YouTube channel where worship services will be archived. As we prepare for this incredible move, our AV Team wants you to be aware that your face may show up online. During times like Holy Communion, processions or recessions, or during the singing of the hymns, the cameras will pan across the congregation. If for any reason you cannot be seen online, please contact Pastor Marcus immediately. We want to be attentive to all the needs of our church and its members.

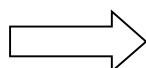
COVID-19 SAFETY: As a large worshipping community that gathers, please keep in mind the best Covid-19 Safety Practices:

- **Wear a mask** at all times while in public buildings
- Get vaccinated
- Practice great hygiene
- Physically distance from those who do not live or travel with you
- Stay home if you have a fever or do not feel well
- Quarantine for 10 days if you test positive for Covid-19 and have no symptoms
- Inform the church if you were Covid-19 positive while in the building so that we can alert people you may have come into contact with

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN & YOUTH EDUCATION at 10:30 a.m.

Ignite! KIDS (First Floor): Gather in the IGNITE! KIDS room in the 1st Floor Green Classroom at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday Mornings for song and Bible stories. Age groups will transition to different rooms following the gathering time then return to families in worship for Communion.



Ignite! KIDS needs you! Our Sunday morning children and youth program is growing, and that means we also have a growing need for adult leaders. To sign up to serve on a day that is convenient for you please check out our SignUp Genius link [here](#) or contact Pastor Marcus.

SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES at 9:15 a.m.

The Heritage Class (307): Augsburg Fortress Quarterly Adult Bible Study led by various class members during the fall quarter. Fall study is *Celebrating God*.

Pastor Marcus' Class: (Family Life Center): resumes in December looking at the "Life, Legacy, and Writings of Martin Luther."

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): First Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: October meetings are at 10am in the Family Life Center on **Wednesday, Oct. 27** and again on **Saturday, Oct. 30**. Emanuel's hosts a community Support Group for Caregivers currently caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Dementia, and other aging issues. Contact: Rev. John at (830) 305-5658 and Faye at (830) 305-8851.

COFFEE CAKES PART TWO! If you missed snagging a coffee cake earlier this month you have another chance. Ladies Aid will be baking coffee cakes again on **Thursday, October 28th**. Pre-orders can be placed for pickup on that Thursday from 12-2. Order peach, apple, or streusel at only \$6 each. Reserve yours by calling the church office at (830) 379-5046. Remaining cakes will be sold at Sunday's Sausage Lunch on the Lawn.

TRUNKS NEEDED: Calling all vehicle trunk owners, you are invited to participate in this year's Trunk-or-Treat festivities, **Friday, Oct. 29th** in the Mountain Street parking lot. We will welcome hundreds of trick-or-treaters so come prepared with a costume, a smile, and candy! (You can buddy up with a friend.) RSVP with Pastor Marcus no later than **Wed., Oct. 27th** so that vehicles can be spaced out. Be parked and ready to welcome kiddos and families by 5:30pm. *First Prize for Best Trunk will win a reserved parking space for the year!*

ALTAR GUILD WORKDAY is **Friday, October 29** at 9am. Everyone is invited to come polish silver & brass and other tasks to get the sanctuary ready to gleam on Saturday for the Open House and Sunday's special Anniversary Service.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Ecumenical Build Day is **Saturday, October 30th** at 8am. The current house is at 503 E. Pine St. If you can help, please contact Garry Miller at 830-534-3290.

HEALING THROUGH CONVERSATION is **Thursday, November 4th** at 11:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. This monthly support group is for people who have lost someone to death. It is facilitated by Bereavement Care Coordinator Donna Simmons.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY is **November 7th**. We will celebrate the lives of those who have passed, as well as those who have been baptized since All Saints Sunday 2020. As has become our tradition, a "Table of Remembrance" will be set up on the steps of the altar. Everyone is invited to place a photo of a loved one who has passed on the table. A limited number of small metal stands will be available for frames with standing arms. Carnations will be presented to those families whose loved ones' names are read.

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP is **Sunday, November 7th** at Noon in the Women's Ministry Room. BBQ this month! If you are single, widowed, divorced, or simply need someone to chat with over lunch, please join us! RSVP to Donna Simmons at 379-5046.

HEALING HOLIDAYS – MAKING YOUR GRIEF COUNT is a workshop hosted by Emanuel's Lutheran Church on **Sunday, November 12** from 3-5pm in the Family Life Center. Led by Emanuel's Visitation Pastor Darwin Huartson, this free workshop is in partnership with Porter-Loring Mortuaries in San Antonio. Reservations can be made with Bereavement Care Coordinator Donna Simmons by calling the church office at 830-379-5046.

TAMALE SALES BEGIN OCTOBER 31st! Emanuel's Youth are selling frozen Delicious Tamales from San Antonio. Proceeds go towards the 2022 National Youth Gathering and other summer events. If you can, buy a dozen tamales ... or three! We've got traditional pork, spicy pork, chicken, and bean & jalapeno. Each is \$12/dozen. Place your order with any youth or in the church office. Make sure to submit your payment when you place your order. **Orders due by November 30.** Pick up on December 7 from 4-6 in the Women's Ministry Room or December 12 after church.

PAINTED CHURCHES OF TEXAS TOUR on **Saturday, December 11th** is hosted by Emanuel's Congregation Care Team and Senior Care Ministries and led by the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce. The Painted Churches of Texas are a gorgeous collection of 100-year-old plus churches that share a storied history, beautiful interior paintings, and cathedral-like architecture. We will begin our tour at 9:15 a.m. in Schulenburg, so please make sure to gather in the Mountain St. parking lot by 7:45 a.m. to caravan. **RSVP no later than Monday, November 22** with [Donna Simmons](#) so that lunch reservations and tour guides can be set. Bring money for lunch and any gifts you might wish to purchase. Emanuel's will pay registration fees for the tour.

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*.

DO YOU PLAY 42? *Experienced players* are invited to pull up a chair on **Thursdays from 1-4pm** and join in the fun with "The 42 Crew" at Emanuel's. Contact: Alton Mattke at 433-1193.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS from the pen of the Mission Interpreter. **It is 1517**. Martin Luther has passed his 30th birthday and is settled in as a professor of theology at the university in Wittenberg, Germany. But all that is about to change. Read Volume 25 of *Sharing the Good News* in our Weekly E-News or a narthex copy.

EMANUEL'S 150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WEEKEND

Please join us for Emanuel's 150th Anniversary Celebration Weekend. (Technically it is our 151st year, but this last one has been a doozy.) It starts on Friday with festivities at the Day School and ends on Sunday with a toe tapping performance by the Dirty River Jazz Band. It wouldn't be a celebration without you!

Friday, October 29, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Emanuel's Lutheran Day School Trunk-or-Treat
Costumes, Games, Food, and Treats for the whole family

Saturday, October 30, 2021

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Open House in the Sanctuary with musical selections by
Emanuel's musicians and players from the Mid-Texas Symphony
plus, a showcase of historical photos and artifacts

Sunday, October 31, 2021

Reformation Sunday

9:00: Fellowship and Coffee Hour under the Oak

9:45: Unveil the 150th Banner and

unlock Time Capsule sealed July 4, 1976

10:30: Worship begins outside under the Oak

11:45: Sausage Lunch on the Lawn

(\$8 suggested offering) with games birthday cake,
and music by the Dirty River Jazz Band!

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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