

Sunday, July 4, 2021
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
WELCOME to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



PRELUDE

"Let All the People Praise You"

Natalie Sleeth

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

"How Firm a Foundation"

ELW 796

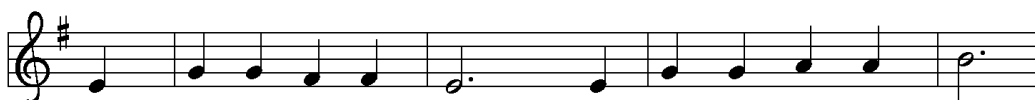
GREETING

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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.**

KYRIE

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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

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AM: Let us pray together.

**C: God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5

L: A reading from Ezekiel.

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed

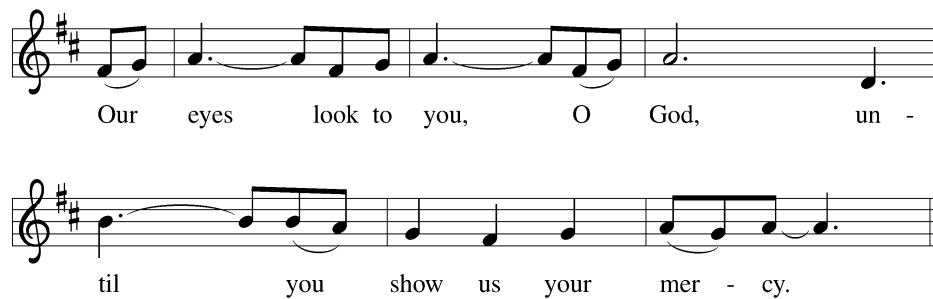
against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 123

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



¹To you I lift | up my eyes,
to you enthroned | in the heavens.

²**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand | of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show | us your mercy. R**

³Have mercy upon us, O | LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough | of contempt,

⁴**too much of the scorn of the in- | dolent rich,
and of the derision | of the proud. R**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

L: A reading from 2 Corinthians.

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations.

Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 205



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Marcus

HYMN OF THE DAY

"God's Work, Our Hands"

ACS 1000

to the tune of ELW 731

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| <p>1 God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your
name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.</p> <p>3 God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your
name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.</p> | <p>2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your gospel.</p> <p>4 God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the
rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
sharing the good news of your gospel.</p> |
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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

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AM: Let us come before the triune God in prayer. God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth.

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**"Praise, Praise! You Are My Rock"****ELW 862**

verses 1 and 4

MEAL*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.***OFFERING INFORMATION**For online giving: <https://tinyurl.com/emanuelsgiving>

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OFFERING PRAYER

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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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SANCTUS**"Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy"****ELW 762****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: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

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." 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

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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

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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

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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

"We All Are One in Mission"

ELW 576

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True"

ELW 675

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, July 4, 2021: Preaching: Pastor Marcus; **Presiding:** Pastor Kelsie; **Assisting Minister:** Caroline Stalsworth; **Communion Assistants:** Carrie Moseley, Jeannie Hall, Earlene Jarzombek, Jeanne Palmer; **Acolyte:** TBD; **Reader:** Marsha Schroeder; **Ushers:** Allan Bode, Bill Meier, Ron Schneider, Rissa Springs, Jacqueline Springs; **Radio Announcer:** John Van Deusen; **Greeter:** Allan Bode; **Hospitality:** Nancy and Bill Meier, Fan and Keith Vinyard.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR Sunday, July 11, 2021: Preaching: Pastor Kelsie; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Elizabeth Jandt; **Communion Assistants:** Steve Anderson, Bill Elley, Natalie Alexander, Barbara McCall; **Acolyte:** TBD; **Reader:** Carolyn Blumberg; **Ushers:** Doug Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; **Radio Announcer:** Deb Haug; **Greeter:** Lindsay May; **Hospitality:** Cathy Anderson, Susan Yeatts, Judy Sagebiel.

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED on **Monday, July 5, 2021** in observance of Independence Day.

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 www.Emanuel Lutheran Church.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*.

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. July meeting at the home of Carol Hamilton.
- **Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Room): to begin on **August 4th** at 2:00 p.m.

FLOCK OF FLAMINGOS FUNDRAISER: The flock has descended, and they are visiting residences and businesses in the area until **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.

SUNSET CINEMA second installment for 2021 is this **Friday, July 9th at 8pm** featuring the acclaimed animated Disney movie "Zootopia". Join the Outreach & Service Team on the lawn at the corner of Travis and Mountain Streets for this action-packed comedy adventure full of heart. Bring your blanket, folding chair, drinks, food, and plenty of bug spray. Popcorn is on us!

FUNERAL MINISTRY MEETING Is hosting friends and family your spiritual practice? We invite you to join us for a conversation and overview of Emanuel's new **Funeral Hosting Ministry Sunday, July 11th, immediately following worship**, in the Family Life Center. While providing refreshment has been an important part of our funeral ministry, we are pivoting to a hosting ministry as we celebrate the lives of our loved ones. If you are interested in this opportunity to serve, or have been previously involved, we would love to talk with you and share what we are doing. **Funeral Ushers**, or people interested in ushering at funerals, are also encouraged to attend.

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP gathers **Sunday, July 11th at Noon** in the Women's Ministry Room. We enjoyed our first gathering in ages last month. If you are widowed, divorced, single, or just don't get out very much then please join us. Bring your favorite dish to share. Contact: Donna Simmons.

3rd THURSDAY SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB kicks off on **July 15 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Women's Ministry Room. We can't wait to meet you! Come on down to the church each month to chat over a little lunch, coffee, and maybe some games. Pastor Marcus and Kristen are cooking for the group this month! Senior Ministry Coordinator Donna Simmons can tell you more about this fun group.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS are once again being collected for Lutheran World Relief. Please remember those in need as you shop. Pick up a few of the following items as soon as you see them on sale: **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.** 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*. We appreciate all your gifts and help with this project throughout the years. A gift to Lutheran World Relief helps to educate children in need.

THE JUBILTION SINGERS WANT YOU! Emanuel's Summer Choir rehearses at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday mornings in the Sanctuary. Summer is a great, informal time to try something new. Please try us! Questions? Reach out to the Director of Music Tom Engler at thomas@elcseguin.org.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS from the pen of the Mission Interpreter. After attending the assembly of the Lutheran World Federation in Windhoek, Namibia, in May, 2017, Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, played with Google Earth to locate Lutherans around the world. She observed some very interesting things and shared them in *Living Lutheran*. Read Volume 9 of *Sharing the Good News* in our Weekly E-News or a copy in 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.

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 5:00 pm** 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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: 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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