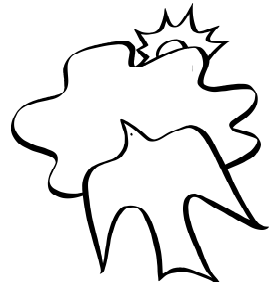


Sunday, May 23, 2021

Day of Pentecost

WELCOME to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



PRELUDE

"Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"

ELW 401

Congregation may sing along.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Spirit of Gentleness"

ELW 396

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

ELW p. 234

PRESENTATION

Council President: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to celebrate the public affirmation of baptism into Christ by Caitlyn Hannibal, Corbin Hannibal, Katie Miller, Lane Seidenberger, William Tallier, Blaine Vickers, and Bryce Vickers.

AM: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

PRESENTATION OF FAITH STATEMENTS

AFFIRMATION

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Confirmands move to the communion rails and kneel. Families drape stoles around their necks.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in Caitlyn Hannibal, Corbin Hannibal, Katie Miller, Lane Seidenberger, William Tallier, Blaine Vickers, and Bryce Vickers the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

Confirmands stand and face the congregation.

Council President: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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AM: Let us pray together.

C: Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

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

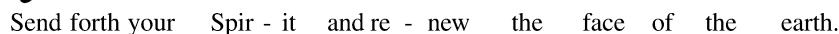
FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-4

L: A reading from Ezekiel

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said

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

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



³²You look at the earth | and it trembles;
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;
I will praise my God while I | have my being.**

³⁴May these words of | mine please God.
I will rejoice | in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, | O my soul.
Hal- | lelujah! R**

SECOND READING: Acts 2:1-21

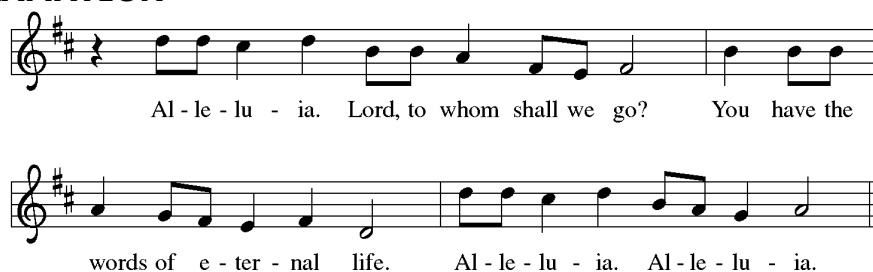
L: A reading from Acts.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 142



GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. ^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Kelsie

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Spirit All-Embracing”

ACS 944

to the tune of ELW 710

- 1 O Spirit all-embracing and counselor all-wise,
unbounded splendor gracing a shoreless sea of skies:
unfailing is your treasure, unfading your reward;
surpassing worldly pleasure, the riches you afford.
Come, stream of endless flowing,
and rescue us from death;
come, wind of springtime blowing,
and warm us by your breath.
- 2 O Beauty ever blazing in flower, field, and face,
you show yourself amazing in unexpected place.
We see you and remember what once our dreams had been;
you fan the glowing ember and kindle hope within.
Come, fire of glory gracious,
bless all who trust in you;
undying flame tenacious,
burn in your church anew.

- 3 Come, passion's power holy, your insight here impart,
and give your servants lowly an understanding heart
to know your care more clearly when faith and love are tried,
to seek you more sincerely when false ideals have died:
for vision we implore you,
for wisdom's pure delight;
in prayer we come before you
to wait upon your light.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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AM: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Gracious God, you give the Holy Spirit to your church, filling it with many and varied gifts. In the church throughout the world, strengthen us in our visioning and dreaming, that it may discover anew the Spirit's creative work.

Response to each petition: AM: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

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

OFFERING HYMN

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

ELW 678

to tune of ELW 836

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. 144

AM: Let us pray.

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW p. 144

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.**

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: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat, and be satisfied.

COMMUNION

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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

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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.

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ELW p. 146

AM: Let us pray.

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

ELW p. 146

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

ELW 400

DISMISSAL

ELW p. 146

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"O Holy Spirit, Root of Life"

ELW 399

Congregation may sing along.

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MUSICIANS TODAY: Jubilation Singers; Chris Teague, guitar.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, May 23, 2021: Preaching: Pastor Kelsie; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Karen Weinstein; **Acolyte:** TBD; **Reader:** Francine Pidgeon; **Ushers:** Tim Troell, Joe Kane, Deborah Almquist, Bev Seidenschwarz; **Radio Announcer:** John Van Deusen; **Greeter:** Emily Prochnow.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2021: Preaching: Pastor Marcus; **Presiding:** Pastor Kelsie; **Assisting Minister:** Elizabeth Jandt; **Acolyte:** TBD; **Reader:** Darlene Zies; **Ushers:** Allan Bode, Bill Meier, Ron Schneider, Rissa Springs, Jacqueline Springs; **Radio Announcer:** Walter Seidenschwarz; **Greeter:** Sarah Kennedy.

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP is in-person in the Sanctuary as well as streamed on Facebook, YouTube, and KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m.

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS: Following the new CDC guidelines, Emanuel's Congregational Council approved the following **beginning Sunday, May 23, 2021**. Care and safety for all our neighbors is important. The amended *We Are Better Together: A Plan to Safely and Purposefully Join Together* policy is on Emanuel's website at www.EmanuelLutheranChurch.com.

- **Fully vaccinated persons** may choose to not wear masks on the church campus and may gather closer than 6 feet from non-household members.
- **Non fully vaccinated persons** are to wear masks at all times on the church campus and maintain social distancing of more than 6 feet from non-household members.
- **Our currently modified worship practices will remain in place.** These include sitting in every other pew, the taking of Holy Communion while in our pews, refraining from moving while sharing the peace, and not passing the offering plates but providing baskets at each entrance door. Council will reevaluate these practices during the summer months.

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. It is a challenge as we return from our lengthy time apart to coordinate volunteers, physical space, and curriculum. 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. Current study is of the Old Testament, *Faithful to God's Covenant*.
- **A Look at the Gospels** (Family Life Center): Join Pastor Marcus in the Family Life Center each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for a deeper look at each Gospel, their authors, their faith community, and their differences.

WEEKDAY STUDIES

- **Faith Circle** (Women's Ministry Room): Third Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.
- **Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Room): Second Thursday at 9:30 a.m.
- **Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Room): to begin on **August 4th** at 2:00 p.m.

REFRESHER TRAINING FOR WORSHIP LEADERS is offered at 9:15 am on Sunday Mornings in May. If it has been a while since you served in worship, or you are interested in trying something new, please join Pastor Kelsie in the Sanctuary to review these practices at Emanuel's. Everyone welcome.

- **May 16th:** Communion Assistants and Altar Guild
- **May 23rd:** Assisting Ministers
- **May 30th:** Ushers, Greeters, and Readers

NEW MEMBER WELCOME: If you, or you and your family, are interested in joining us in the mission and ministry here at Emanuel's, you are invited to reach out to Pastor Marcus for a conversation of welcome. Our next Sunday to receive new members is **Sunday, May 30th**. This special service will include a welcoming liturgy, a time to be recognized and prayed for by the congregation, and, tentatively, a time for potluck following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Marcus can be reached at: 830-377-8643.

FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK will be on **May 30th** following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we enjoy each other's company AND welcome our newest members. We are looking forward to tasting your favorite dishes. Don't forget to fill out a name tag and take time to say "Howdy!" to each other.

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP gathers again on **Sunday, June 6th at Noon** in the Women's Ministry Room. Food will be provided. Widows, divorced, and singles are invited to this monthly group.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS from the pen of the Mission Interpreter. Providence or deism? Does God plan your life, or are you on your own? Or is it somewhere in between? Has the Holy Spirit ignited fire on your head, or has the Spirit been more subtle? Pastor Frank Honeycutt recently shared some insight in Living Lutheran. Read Volume 3 of *Sharing the Good News* in our Weekly E-News or a copy in the narthex.

MINISTRY TEAMS: Please consider coming to one of Emanuel's newly formed Ministry Team meetings to learn more about what is going on at Emanuel's and how you can participate. The Team leaders are energetic and enthusiastic about "being the church God is calling us to be."

THE CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM meets on **first Thursdays at 6pm** in the Family Life Center. They are reworking and reorganizing numerous ministries for the church including our new member welcome, funeral reception hosting, 5th Sunday potlucks and fellowship gatherings, and looking for new ways to celebrate the many milestones across our church family.

THE EDUCATION TEAM meets on **fourth Mondays at 4:30pm** in the Family Life Center. Their work this summer will be to revitalize and organize the fall education rotation, schedule, and age groups of our children and youth; support summer VBS programming; and create new educational gatherings, inside and outside the church, that are supported with childcare and activities.

THE OUTREACH & SERVICE TEAM meets on **first Mondays at 6:30pm** in the Family Life Center. Their summer projects include Emanuel's Hwy 123 Adopt-a-Spot Highway Clean-up, 2nd Fridays Sunset Cinema starting June 11, and "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday in September.

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.

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.

INTERFAITH WELCOME COLLECTION: Emanuel's Lutheran Church is collecting needed items for the Immigration Hospitality Ministry at the San Antonio Mennonite Church. The ministry provides assistance to refugees and migrants coming through San Antonio. Items for this Interfaith Welcome include: Adult **bathrobes**- non-fluffy; Large **towels**; Small, new **stuffed animals**; TY Beanie Babies; **Coloring books & crayons**; **Cash** or **check** (memo section: *Interfaith Welcome*). Collection bins are located at the church entrances. For more information contact Gloria H. at (713) 213-5752.

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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