

Sunday, May 9, 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter
WELCOME to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



PRELUDE	"This is the Spirit's Entry Now"	ELW 448
	<i>Congregation is invited to follow along.</i>	
GATHERING	<i>The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God</i>	
SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM:	Sage Warren Moorhead	ELW p. 227
GATHERING HYMN	"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"	ELW 631
GREETING		ELW p. 138
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		ELW p. 138
AM: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.		
C: Lord, have mercy.		
AM: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.		
C: Lord, have mercy.		
AM: 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.		
C: Lord, have mercy.		
AM: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.		
C: Lord, have mercy.		
AM: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.		
C: Amen.		
CANTICLE OF PRAISE		ELW p. 139
AM: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.		
C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.		
Amen.		
PRAYER OF THE DAY		ELW p. 142
AM: Let us pray together.		

C: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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: Acts 10:44-48

L: A reading from Acts.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

PSALM: Psalm 28

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



¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing. R**

⁵Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

L: A reading from 1 John.

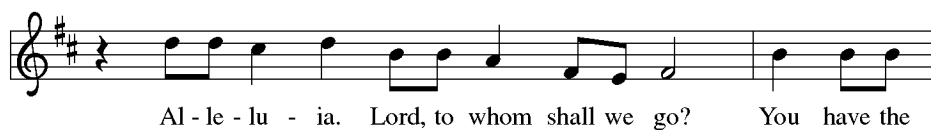
¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey God's commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey God's commandments. And God's commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 142



GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁹"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in God's love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask God in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Kelsie

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

ELW 708

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

ELW p. 143

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. Loving God, you call us to be your fruit-bearing church. Strengthen the bonds among all Christian churches. Today we celebrate and pray for our full communion partners, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Reformed Church in America, the United Church of Christ, The Episcopal Church, The Moravian Church, and the United Methodist Church.

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

ELW p.143

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING HYMN

"Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"

ACS 938

to tune of ELW 276

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| 1 Christ has risen while earth slumbers,
Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised,
as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing;
let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumor:
Christ is risen, God is here! | 2 Christ has risen for the people
whom he died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women
bringing flow'rs to grace his grave.
Christ has risen for disciples,
huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation
can't be silenced by the tomb. |
| 3 Christ has risen to companion
former friends who fear the night,
sensing loss and limitation
where their faith had once burned
bright.
They bemoan what is no longer,
they expect no hopeful sign
till Christ ends their conversation,
breaking bread and sharing wine. | 4 Christ has risen and forever
lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled,
all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present
making us what he has been:
evidence of transformation
in which God is known and seen. |

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MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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OFFERING PRAYER

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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.

PREFACE

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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

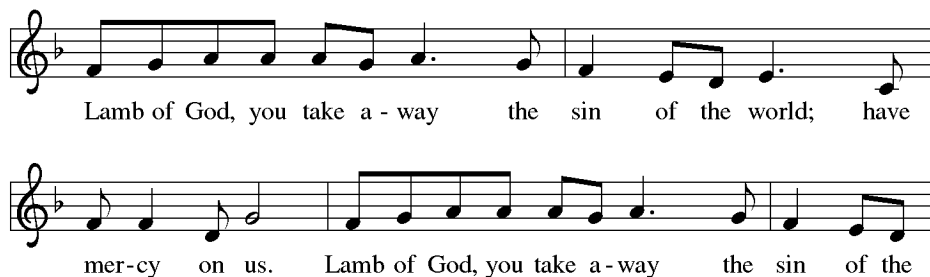
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When giving the bread and sharing the cup, you may use say:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

COMMUNION SONG

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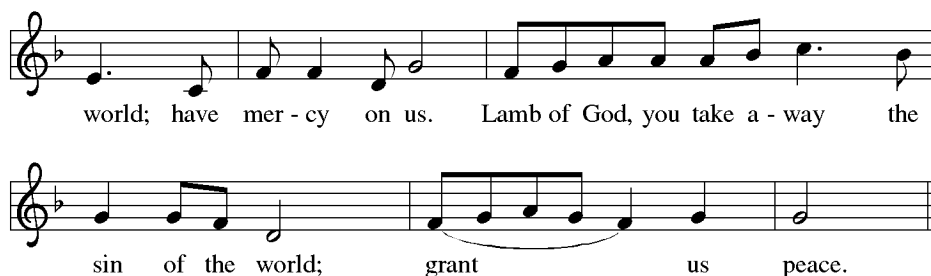


TABLE BLESSING

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.

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

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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.

SENDING HYMN

"Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

ELW 539

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

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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; Karen Vogel, cantor; Chris Teague, guitar.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, May 10, 2021: Preaching: Pastor Kelsie; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Caroline Bower; **Acolyte:** TBD; **Reader:** Carol Hamilton; **Ushers:** Doug Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; **Radio Announcer:** Walter Seidenschwarz; **Greeter:** Allan Bode.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021: Preaching: Pastor Marcus; **Presiding:** Pastor Kelsie; **Assisting Minister:** Marsha Schroeder; **Acolyte:** TBD; **Reader:** Cathy Anderson; **Ushers:** Franklin Huebner, Ryanne Hepp, Tandi Hepp, Ilene Cherry, Darlene Zies; **Radio Announcer:** Steve Anderson; **Greeter:** Susan Yeatts.

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 will still apply. To best love and protect all our neighbors, **masks and social distancing are required** while in the church building. The congregation is invited to sing while masked. As small groups resume gathering it is best to call to confirm meeting places and times. The church office is open M-Th from 8-5.

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): Beginning **May 2** with Pastor Marcus. We have four Gospels, among many other books and letters, that give us a window into the life, ministry, and legacy of Jesus Christ. But, there are differences, some small, others much more troublesome. So, what do we make of them? Join Pastor Marcus in the Family Life Center each Sunday starting May 2nd 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. May meeting at the home of Elaine Geisber.
- **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

COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS will be during worship on **Sunday, May 16th**. Please consider serving in this meaningful ministry to our friends in care facilities and at home. We are planning and scheduling now. Training and supplies are available. If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Visitation Pastor John Van Deusen at **830-305-5658**. Call or Text this *corrected* phone number.

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 or pastormarcus@elcsequin.org

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS from the pen of the Mission Interpreter. Wait ... what? A Mission Interpreter is a volunteer from the congregation who tells the story of how our offerings and gifts are transformed into effective ministries. They remind us of how we make a difference in Christ's mission and the work of the church, and they thank our people for their faithful giving. Mission Interpretation helps us understand our identity as partners in the wider church and increases our understanding of the work we do together beyond the congregation. We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world ... together. We don't have to do it alone, and we don't have to do everything. Each week Emanuel's Mission Interpreter will *share the good news* in our Weekly E-Newsletter. Print copies will also be available in the narthex.

"For we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard." - Acts 4:20

MINISTRY TEAMS: Following the incredible work done with the redevelopment of the strategic plan, Council has lifted up four areas of focus for the next two years to help us achieve the vision of our plan. These teams are, **Outreach & Service, Education, Congregation Care,** and **Stewardship**. Over the next few weeks, as assigned Council members better define and plan the scope of each team for the next year, you will be invited to join the work of these teams at their monthly meetings. Be on the lookout for meeting times, location, and scope of work for each team!

OUTREACH & SERVICE MINISTRY TEAM: Meets every **first Monday** at 6:30pm in the Family Life Center on the 3rd floor. Currently, the Team is working on the following projects for this summer and would love to have you help us plan and implement our Hwy 123 Adopt-a - Spot Highway Clean-up, 2nd Friday's Sunset Cinema starting June 11th, and "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday in September.

Sunset Cinema Dates and Times: (movie titles coming soon)

- June 11th, 8pm start time
- July 9th, 8pm start time
- August 13th, 8pm start time

HYMNAL REPAIR will take place on **Saturday, May 15 from 1-4 p.m.** in the Family Life Center on the third floor. (It might not take this long.) If we need more time, we will convene again on Friday, May 21 from 1-4 and Monday, May 24 from 9-12. If you are interested in this hands on project, let Pastor Kelsie know.

HEALING THROUGH CONVERSATION is a support group for those who have lost a loved one to death. The monthly group, facilitated by Emanuel's Director of Congregational Care Donna Simmons, will meet on **Thursday, May 20** at 11 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

COUPLE'S NIGHT OUT: Our next Couple's Night Out will take place on **Saturday, May 22nd** at 6:30pm and we are headed to Stumpy's Hatchet House, 758 Isom Road, San Antonio, Texas 78216. If you would like to carpool, a group will be leaving from the Mountain Street parking lot at 5:30pm. Food options are pretty limited, and you are allowed to bring your own drinks (but NOT your own hatchet!), so we will plan on grabbing a bite afterwards for anyone who wishes to join us. That location will be decided at Stumpy's.

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 will be online this year, so check out the E-News, our CYF Facebook group, or the church website to get your camper registered. This is for students who have completed Kinder- 5th grade. This year's theme is "From the Ground Up!", so come and grow your faith with us! Space is limited to forty students, so register early!

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.

LWR HEALTH KITS: Items for Lutheran World Relief Health Kits are urgently needed. The following items may be put in collection baskets at the church entrances or the office. Thank you for loving our neighbors across the globe! Two bath size bars of **soap** in original wrapping; one adult size **toothbrush** in original packaging; one sturdy **comb**; one metal **nail clippers**; **money** for one towel that we will purchase.

MAY 2021 IS A CELEBRATORY MONTH

- **Sunday, May 9** we celebrate the baptism of Sage Warren Moorhead of the Medina-Oelke family. It is also Mother's Day!
- **Sunday, May 16** we will Commission Eucharistic Ministers as our service to care facilities and the homebound resumes.
- **Sunday, May 23** is both Pentecost (WEAR RED!) and Confirmation Sunday! Our 8 confirmands include: Katie Miller, Caitlyn Hannibal, Corbin Hannibal, Bryce Vickers, Blaine Vickers, Colby Ullrich, Lane Seidenberger, and William Tallier.
- **Sunday, May 30** is both Graduation Sunday (Go Caroline Bower!) and New Member Sunday! We continue the celebration after worship in the Fellowship Hall with a Fifth Sunday All Church Potluck. Stay tuned for details.

Emanuel's Lutheran Church welcomes
Sage Warren Moorhead
Son of Marivel Medina
Into the body of Christ and into the mission we share as
A New Member of Emanuel's Lutheran Church
Through the Sacrament of Baptism.
Thanks and praise to God.

Grandparents: Luther and Elin Oelke; Juan and Lupe Medina; and
Harva and John Pittock

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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