

Sunday, July 25, 2021
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
WELCOME to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



PRELUDE

"Andantino"

Cesar Franck

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

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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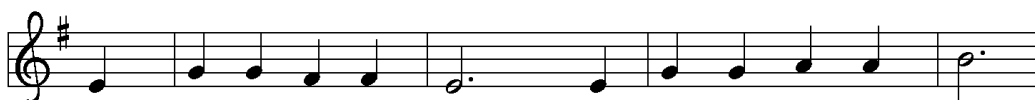
GREETING

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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: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

L: A reading from 2 Kings.

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

L: A reading from Ephesians.

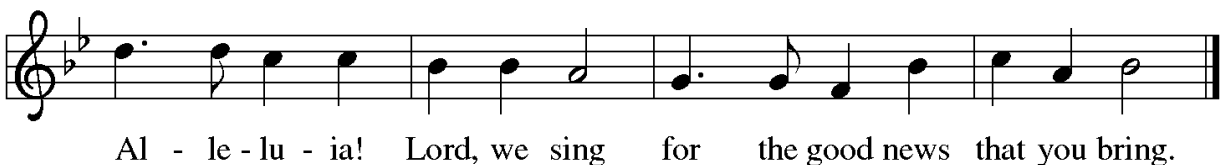
¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: John 6:1-21

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip

answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor John Van Deusen

HYMN OF THE DAY

"By Your Hand You Feed Your People"

ELW 469

To the tune of ELW 712

Refrain

1 By your hand you feed your people,
food of angels, heaven's bread.
For these gifts we did not labor,
by your grace have we been fed:

Christ's own body, blessed and broken,
cup o'er flowing, life outpoured,
given as a living token
of your world redeemed, restored.

2 In this meal we taste your sweetness,
bread for hunger, wine of peace.
Holy word and holy wisdom
satisfy our deepest needs. *Refrain*

3 Send us now with faith and courage
to the hungry, lost, bereaved.
In our living and our dying,
we become what we receive: *Refrain*

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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.

RITE OF INURNMENT: The Rev. Dr. Reuben Clarence Lang

P: We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

AM: For centuries, God's people have found comfort in his promises. We find it in the 23rd Psalm:

C: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

P: Forasmuch as it has pleased Almighty God in his wise providence to call out of this world the soul of our brother, Clarence, we here are gathered to commit her ashes to this sacred place in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection.

P: Let us pray. Holy God, holy and powerful, by the death and burial of Jesus your anointed, you have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our brother Clarence, whose ashes we now lay to rest, in the company of all your saints. And at the last, O God, raise him up to share with all the faithful the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

MUSICAL PROCESSION

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

ELW 505

P: Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will: working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

C: Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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AM: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations. Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works.

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

AM: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; 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

"Praise, Praise! You Are My Rock"
verses 1 and 4

ELW 862

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.

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"

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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: 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

ELW 623

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

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

ELW 547

DISMISSAL

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P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"St. Anthony Chorale"

Franz Josef Haydn

Emanuel's Lutheran Church gives thanks to the life of
The Rev. Dr. Reuben Clarence Lang.
We lift him and his family up in our prayers
As we celebrate his life given in Jesus Christ.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Glueckstal-Lang
Scholarship at Texas Lutheran University, The Lang Language
Scholarship at Texas Lutheran University,
or Emanuel's Lutheran Church.

You are invited to greet the Lang family by the hospitality cart
at the front of the church following worship.

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Sanctuary Flowers are given today in celebration of
Debbie and Allan Bode's 46th wedding anniversary.

MUSICIANS TODAY: Jubilation Singers; Karen Vogel, cantor.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, July 25, 2021: Preaching: Pastor John Van Deusen; **Presiding:** Pastor Kelsie; **Assisting Minister:** Kai Seidenberger; **Communion Assistants:** Steve Anderson, Elaine Giesberg, Deb Haug, Elizabeth Jandt, Liz Whitten; **Acolyte:** TBD; **Reader:** Deb Haug; **Ushers:** Tim Troell, Joe Kane, Deborah Almquist, Bev Seidenschwarz; **Altar Guild:** Cathy Anderson, Elizabeth Jandt; **Radio Announcer:** Walter Seidenschwarz; **Greeter:** Susan Yeatts; **Hospitality:** Deborah Almquist, Darby Clardy, Carolyn Blumberg

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, August 1, 2021: Preaching: Pastor Marcus; **Presiding:** Pastor Kelsie; **Assisting Minister:** Levi Stalsworth; **Communion Assistants:** Carrie Moseley, Jeannie Hall, Earlene Jarzombek, Jeannie Palmer; **Acolyte:** TBD; **Reader:** Carol Hamilton; **Ushers:** Allan Bode, Bill Meier, Ron Schneider, Rissa Springs, Jacqueline Springs; **Altar Guild:** Elizabeth Jandt, Jeanne Palmer; **Radio Announcer:** John Van Deusen; **Greeter:** Emily Prochnow; **Hospitality:** Nancy and Bill Meier, Fran and Keith Vinyard.

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.EmanuelLutheranChurch.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*.
- **A Look at the Gospels** (Family Life Center): RETURNS AUGUST 1st! 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.

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.

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP meets next on **Sunday, August 1st at Noon** in the Women's Ministry Room. This group of single, widowed, and divorced people meet monthly. Everyone is to bring a favorite dish to share.

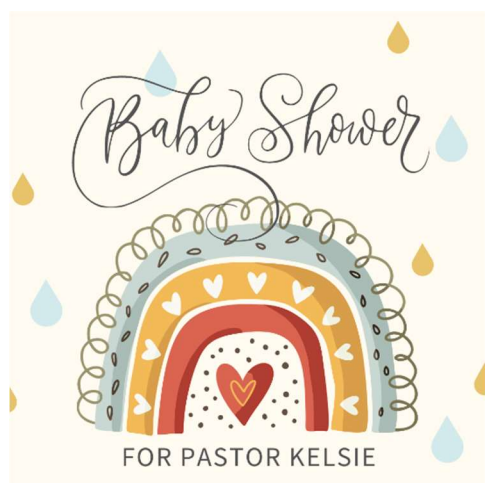
HEALING THROUGH CONVERSATIONS meets on **Thursday, August 5th at 11am** in the Family Life Center. This monthly meeting is for those who have lost a loved one to death.

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.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS from the pen of the Mission Interpreter. The ELCA became a sanctuary denomination following the Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 2019. That means the ELCA is publicly declaring that walking alongside immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith. The story of Miriam Vargas and First English Lutheran Church in Columbus, Ohio, demonstrates how that congregation stepped out in faith. Read Volume 12 of *Sharing the Good News* in our Weekly E-News or a printed 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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: During the summer months 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.



THE EMANUEL'S FAMILY IS INVITED TO A
BABY SHOWER FOR PASTOR KELSIE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021
10:30 TO NOON COME & GO
WOMEN'S MINISTRY ROOM

Hosted by the Monday Morning LWR Quilters

The Theiss Family expects to meet Baby Elijah in September. They are registered at Amazon. They are using cloth diapers, so no disposable diapers, please.

Please let us know you are coming:

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