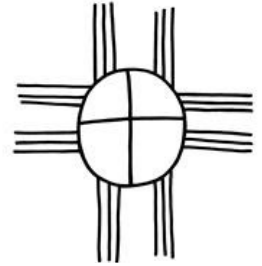


Sunday, August 15, 2021
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
WELCOME to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



PSALM PRELUDE

Psalm 34:9-14

*Refrain: Robert Kreuz
Melody: Monks of St. Meinrad*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

OPENING HYMN

**"Morning Has Broken"
Verses 1 and 2**

ELW 556

GREETING

ELW p. 203

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.**

BLESSING OF BACKPACK AND VOCATION

P: A reading from the Gospel of Mark 10:13-16: "People were bringing little children to [Jesus] in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them."

Individual prayers said for each student.

P: Dear God, as we get ready to start another year in school, we ask your blessing on these backpacks and other items used for learning, sports, and growing, and especially on these children who will wear and use them. As they do the very important work of being students, bless them with: eagerness to learn, that their world may grow large; respect for teachers and students, that they may form healthy relationships; love for nature, that they may become caretakers of your creation; happiness when learning is easy and stick-to-it-iveness when it is hard; faith in Jesus as their best teacher and closest friend. We ask that you protect these, your own children. Watch over them and keep them safe as they travel to and from school. As they learn, help them also to discover the different gifts that you have given each one of them to be used in your work in the world. As they hear the many voices that will fill their days, help them to listen most carefully for your voice, the one that tells them you will love them always, no matter what. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

AM: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans 12:4-8: "For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in

ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.”

P: Sisters and brothers, both your work and your rest are in God. Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, at morning and evening, at work and at play, all the days of your life?

C: I will, and I ask God to help me.

AM: Almighty God, by the power of the Spirit you have knit these your servants into the one body of your Son, Jesus Christ. Look with favor upon them in their commitment to serve in Christ’s name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Morning Has Broken” Verse 3

ELW 556

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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AM: Let us pray together.

C: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

L: A reading from Proverbs.

¹Wisdom has built her house,
 she has hewn her seven pillars.
²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
 she has also set her table.
³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
 from the highest places in the town,
⁴"You that are simple, turn in here!"
 To those without sense she says,
⁵"Come, eat of my bread
 and drink of the wine I have mixed.
⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
 and walk in the way of insight."

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

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

L: A reading from Ephesians.

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 205



GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Marcus

HYMN OF THE DAY "By Your Hand You Feed Your People"

ELW 469

APOSTLE'S CREED

ELW p. 105

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

ELW p 206

AM: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. God of wisdom, enlighten your church. Guide theologians, biblical scholars, authors, and seminary professors as they seek greater knowledge and invite others into deeper understanding. Teach us to ask faithful questions and open our minds to new ideas.

Response to each petition: AM: God, in your mercy. **C: hear our prayer.**

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

ELW p.206

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

OFFERING HYMN

"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"

ELW 523

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

ELW p.207

SANCTUS

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy"

ELW 762

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

ELW p.207

LORD'S PRAYER

ELW p.208

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

ELW p.208

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

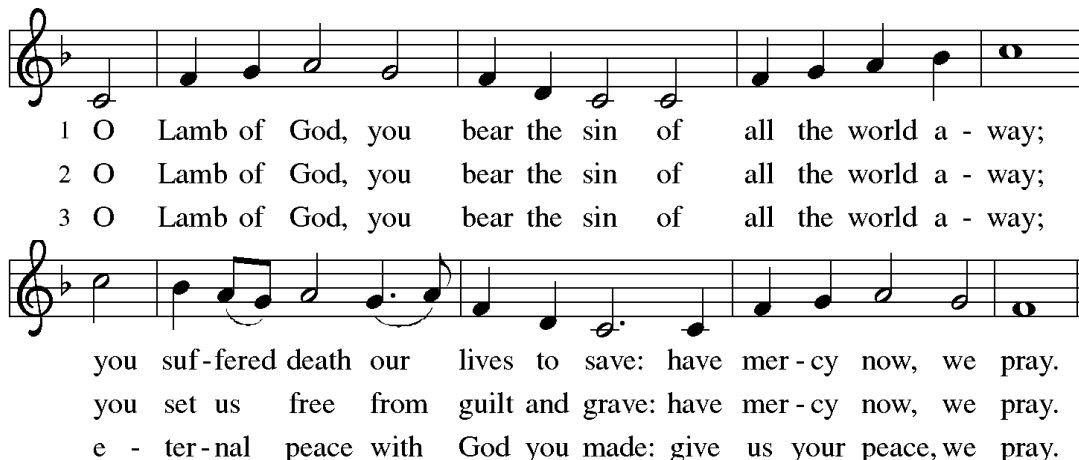
COMMUNION

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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

"I Come With Joy"

ELW 482

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.208

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

ELW p.209

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

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

ELW 537

DISMISSAL

ELW p.209

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

POSTLUDE

Finale from the "Water Music"

George Frederick Handel

MUSICIANS TODAY: Summer Singers; Karen Vogel, cantor.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, August 15, 2021: Preaching: Pastor Marcus;
Presiding: Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Marsha Schroeder; **Communion Assistants:** Denise Hufnagl, Cherryl Baethge, Doug Parker, Debbie Parker; **Acolyte:** TBD; **Reader:** Bill Salt; **Ushers:** Rynne Hepp, Tandi Hepp, Ilene cherry, Darlene Zies; **Altar Guild:** Denise Hufnagl, Cherryl Baethge; **Radio Announcer:** Steve Anderson; **Greeter:** Sarah Kennedy; **Hospitality:** Gloria Hanna, Carol Hamilton, Doris Jefferies.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, August 22, 2021: Preaching: Pastor Kelsie;
Presiding: Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** John Van Deusen; **Communion Assistants:** Elaine Giesber, Deb Haug, Elizabeth Jandt, Liz Witten; **Acolyte:** TBD; **Reader:** Francine Pidgeon; **Ushers:** Tim Troell, Joe Kane, Deborah Almquist, Bev Seidenschwarz; **Altar Guild:** Cathy Anderson, Elizabeth Jandt; **Radio Announcer:** Walt Seidenschwarz; **Council Greeter:** Susan Yeatts; **Hospitality:** Deborah Almquist, Darby Clardy, Carolyn Blumberg

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BACKPACK & VOCATIONAL SUNDAY is today **August 15th at the 10:30 service.** Bring your gear to church for a blessing of the backpacks, briefcases, lunch boxes, dance bags, duffle bags, and totes of all shapes and sizes.

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: The Emanuel's Executive Council and Pastors are monitoring rising Covid numbers and protocols as they emerge.

- **All people gathering for activities on the campus are encouraged to WEAR MASKS while inside.** Per the current CDC guidelines, vaccinated people may still choose to wear masks and social distance. Unvaccinated people should be masked and practice social distancing on the church campus.
- **NEW ACTION: suspension of serving food at large church gatherings,** which includes fellowship events or potlucks at funeral or wedding receptions. Prepackaged foods or foods that are pre-plated for small gatherings such as Sunday School, hospitality cart, Bible studies, Property Stewards, and Ladies Aid are allowed as desired.

CANCELLATIONS:

- **3rd THURSDAY SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB** that was scheduled for **August 19th is canceled.** We had a great time last month and will let you know ASAP when we can gather again!
- **5th SUNDAY POTLUCK** set for **August 29th is canceled.** Hoping we can all enjoy a large lunch gathering after worship on October 31.

MODIFICATIONS:

- **MINISTRY FAIR** that was scheduled on August 29th now has a new format! Please come learn about our Ministry Teams and Service Opportunities **in September** after worship in the Chapel. Each Sunday a different Ministry Team and all their umbrella groups will be featured.

- **RALLY DAY IS STILL ON!**

Join us on for RALLY DAY CARNIVAL on Sunday August 29th at 9:30 a.m. on the front lawn of the church for carnival fun - games, face painting, and much more!

Sunday School for ages 2-High School starts at 10:30
on the 2nd Floor in the IGNITE! KIDS Room.

Age groups will transition to different rooms following the gathering time
then return to families in worship for communion.

Want to help? Call or text Emily Prochnow at (830) 660-0089 or the church office.

STILL HAPPENING:

- **RELAY FOR LIFE** is coming on September 11, 2021 to the Patricia K. Irvine-King Pavilion, 1412 River Drive East. The pavilion is in the Starke Park East Pecan Bottom. **Emanuel's Lutheran Church is hosting a bake sale on Sunday, August 22nd** before and after church service for the Earth Angles Relay team. If you would like to contribute baked items to the sale, please bring them to the church that morning or just stop by and purchase items for lunch. Hope to see you then.
- **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** begins in August. Caregiving is one of the greatest challenges and opportunities most of us experience in a lifetime. Belonging to a support group can be a lifeline on this journey. Emanuel's is hosting a community Support Group for Caregivers currently caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Dementia, and other aging issues. Meeting at **10am** in the **Family Life Center** on **Wednesday, August 25**, repeated **Saturday, August 28** and **Wednesday, September 22**, repeated **Saturday, September 25**. Facilitators are the Rev. John and Faye Van Deusen. You can reach Rev. John at (830) 305-5658 and Faye at (830) 305-8851.
- **BABY SHOWER FOR PASTOR KELSIE:** The Emanuel's family is invited on **Saturday, August 28** for a come & go celebration between 10:30 to Noon in the 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: Cathy Anderson at (830)660-8187 or canderson@tlu.edu
- **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.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** Our congregation will soon engage in service work right here in our community. We are one of over 9,100 congregations participating in **"God's work. Our hands."** **Sunday, on Sept. 12**. Across the country, thousands of members will engage in service work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships and share God's love. Join us as we do God's work with our hands! Stay tuned for more details of the day.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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): Concludes August 29th! Join Pastor Marcus in the Family Life Center at 9:00 a.m. on August 29th for a deeper look at each Gospel, their authors, their faith community, and their differences.

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

- **Ignite! KIDS** (Second Floor): Gather in the IGNITE! KIDS room on the 2nd Floor 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 around 11:15 a.m. for Communion.

WEEKDAY STUDIES

- **Faith Circle** (Women's Ministry Room): Third Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.
- **Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Room): Second Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.
- **Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Room): First Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.



2021 FALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH EDUCATION

Are you interested in teaching and leading the faith formation of our children and youth? Join the Education Team, Pastor Marcus, and Pastor Kelsie **Sundays, August 8, 15 & 22**, in the **Family Life Center at 9:15am**, to learn about our new programs, our new rhythms for Sunday morning, and how you can get plugged in and help out! Here are the quick details for our new Sunday morning plan:

- Starting at 10:30am, in the big classroom, across the church office, EVERYONE gathers • Who's everyone, 2 years old through high school!
- We begin with a song and a Bible story
- Then we make our way to rooms, separating out our age groups appropriately
- We then dine on a delicious snack as we look at our craft for the day
- We put our craft together, retelling our Bible story, and finish by heading into church

We will have three classrooms for our prekindergarten through 8th grade learners, with our high school making the trek to the ELYO room or helping in other classrooms as needed. We will need two teachers for each class and would love to have a rotation of faces throughout the month! Join us to learn more and find a way to connect and get involved!

WELCOME BACK DAY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES! The new Emanuel's Lutheran Day School Director is Brittany Wentt. Please read her warm welcome letter in the Weekly E-Newsletter. Ms Wentt shares that she has spent the last 5 years overseas with her military husband Charlie and their three children. Her background is in Elementary Education and Special Education. She is excited about meeting the students and families, prioritizing communication, and nurturing a safe and welcoming environment for all. We are thrilled that you are part of the ELDS Team, Ms. Wentt!

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS from the pen of the Mission Interpreter. There is a saying: "Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime." ELCA World Hunger does a great deal more than "feeding for a day." Programs like **Life with Dignity** provide mentoring, knowledge-sharing and hands-on training that provide opportunities for families all over the world to gain on-going food security while at the same time recognizing the inherent worth and dignity of every child of God. Read Volume 15 of *Sharing the Good News* in our Weekly E-News or a copy in the narthex.

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.

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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