

4rd Sunday after Pentecost
June 17, 2018



WELCOME TO EMANUEL

If you have any questions or need assistance of any kind,
please see an usher or ask any of Emanuel's parishioners.

For recycling, please leave this Worship Bulletin and any inserts on your seat.

WELCOME! If you are visiting with family or friends, we pray that your time together is filled with joy and love. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become part of our community of faith here at Emanuel Lutheran.

HYMNS are taken from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Service Book & Hymnal (the red book in the pew rack), unless otherwise indicated.

PLEASE SILENCE cell phones and all electronic devices during the Service.

PRAYER REQUESTS can be submitted to the Church Office using a **“blue form”** which can be found on the back Usher’s table. These forms can also be used for address changes, and other information. You can also call the Church Office with your request.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Presider/Preacher The Reverend Dr. Paula V. Mehmel
Assisting Minister Mal Doyle
Lectors..... Randy Olson (8 am) and Bill Farquhar (10 am)
Acolyte and Crucifer Brittany Caldwell and Aron Kiehne
Usher/Communion Preparer (8:00 AM) Nelson Gottier
Communion Preparer (10:00 AM) Bobbee Canfield
Greeters John and Janet Starkes
Coffee Hour Hosts Scholarship Committee
Director of Music Jonathan Reuning-Scherer

The congregation is invited to stand for the parts of the Service that are marked with an asterisk “”. If you are unable to stand you may remain seated.*

After the Service please join us downstairs in Luther Hall for coffee and fellowship. All are welcome!



The time after Pentecost is the longest season in the church calendar, lasting almost half the year. It is sometimes called "ordinary time" because there are not many special celebrations during these weeks. The liturgical color for the time after Pentecost is green, representing life and growth.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

PRELUDE

During the prelude, the congregation is invited into a time of silent prayer.

WELCOME

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
full of compassion and mercy,
abounding in steadfast love.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Eternal God our creator,

C: **in you we live and move and have our being.**

**Look upon us, your children,
the work of your hands.**

**Forgive us all our offenses,
and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.**

**By your grace draw us near to you,
our refuge and our strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit given to us.

In the mercy of almighty God,
Christ died for us while we still were sinners;
and for his sake, God ✝ forgives you all your sins.

C: **Amen.**

*** OPENING HYMN**

Come Ye Faithful People Come

*** GREETING**

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.**

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty God, your love never fails, and you can turn the shadow of death into daybreak. Help us to receive your word with believing hearts, so that, confident in your promises, we may have hope and be lifted out of sorrow into the joy and peace of your presence; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

C: **Amen**

The congregation may be seated.

READING: Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Word of God, word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 111

¹Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.**

³Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴**He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

⁵He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶**He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸**They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

⁹He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.**

ACCLAMATION: *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* 512

SERMON TEXT: The Story of Mephibosheth Part I (2 Samuel. 9-13)

*** HYMN OF THE DAY** *This is My Father's World* 824

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

P: Let us confess our faith, in the words of the Apostles 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,**

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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*** HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*** EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*** LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

P: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

LAMB OF GOD



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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome

*The sacrament is offered using the practice of **intinction**. Please dip the bread into either the red wine or white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are offered on a special tray, along with contaminant-free glasses of wine and grape juice. Please indicate your need to the Communion Servers.*

If you are unable to come forward, please let the usher know and we will be happy to

bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward for a blessing. Children will receive a goldfish cracker as a reminder of God's love for them.

COMMUNION MUSIC	<i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i>	781
	<i>What Feast of Love</i>	487

*** POST COMMUNION 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**

P: Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
you have given us not only this bread and cup,
but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.
Filled again by these signs of your grace,
may we hunger for your reign of justice,
may we thirst for your way of peace,
for you are Lord forevermore.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR GRADUATES

Garret Buchwald—Pathways Academy of Technology & Design

Matthew Graulich—Hall High

Cooper Johnson—Newington High School

Rhiannon Kiersznowski—Windsor High School

William Tucker Wieber—Westminster School

Katherine Durant —Merrimack College: B.A. Business Administration

Carson Bloomquist—Connecticut College: B.A. Film Study and Economics

Maria Flanders—Mt. Holyoke College: B.A. Psychology

Duncan Saum —Harvard: A.B. English

Molly Swanson—University of Vermont: B.S. Nursing

Shane Swanson—High Point University: B.S. Marketing Management

Sam Wunder—University of Hartford: B.F.A. Illustration and Ceramics

Kristina L. Gleason—Central CT University: M.S. STEM Education

Julia Cutler Haddad—Rutgers: M.B.A.

Saif Haddad—Rutgers: M.B.A.

Holly Miller—William James College: Psy.D. School Psychology

Kristen Wieber—St. Joseph College: M.S. in Social Work

P: Gracious God,
C: **Surround those are graduating with your grace.
Bless them with hope so that they move into the next stage of their lives with eager and open hearts.
Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education to use for the good of all humankind.
Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties.
As they move into this new chapter, may they grow ever more grateful, compassionate and wise.
All this we ask in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. Amen.**

*** BLESSING**

P: May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope.
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C: **Amen**

*** CLOSING HYMN**

To Be Your Presence

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*** DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

Burt Hedling † Ed Maher † Karen Fellman † Betty Fairchild † Lee Sherman †
Emre † Brook Nowak † Mal Doyle † Dr. Candi Carroccia † Tracy Frank †
Karin Gottier † Rudy Peterson † Carol Johnson † Elaine Wilson † Joan Feldmann †
Doris Barron † Betty-Lois Benson † Inger Swanson † Beverly Swanson

June and July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 17 4TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am	18	19 • 10:00 AM Craft Group	20	21	22 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program	23
June 24 5TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am	25	26 • 10:00 AM Craft Group • 7:00 PM Church Council	27 • ELCA Youth Group Gathering in Houston	28 • ELCA Youth Group Gathering	29 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program • 7:30 Cabaret at Emanuel • ELCA Youth Group Gathering	30 • ELCA Youth Group Gathering
July 1 6TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am (noisy offering) • ELCA Youth Group Gathering	2	3 • 10:00 AM Craft Group • 7:00 PM Neonatal Bereavement	4 4th of July Holiday. Church Office Closed	5 Church Office Closed	6 Church Office Closed • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program	7
July 8 7TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am	9	10 • 10:00 AM Craft Group • 7:00 PM Property Committee	11	12	13 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program	14
July 15 8TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am	16	17 • 10:00 AM Craft Group	18	19 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10:00 AM Bible Study	20 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program	21

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