

*Rite of Affirmation of Baptism
Confirmation Day
May 20, 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. Please consider filling out one of our “blue forms” that are in the back of the Church on the usher’s table.

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.

EMANUEL NEWS: If you do not receive the Weekly Emanuel News by email there are printed copies in the back of the Church.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Presider/PreacherThe Reverend Dr. Paula V. Mehmel
Assisting Minister..... Alan Meeds
Congregational Representative Jeff Potter
Lectors..... Rosie Vojtek (8 am) and Mebret Farquhar (10 am)
Acolyte and CruciferAlejandro Morales and Mebret Farquhar
Communion PreparerLinda Cutler and Rae Ann Gremel
GreetersMichael and Celine Coons
Coffee Hour Hosts..... Parents and Family of 7th Grade Confirmation Students
Director of Music Jonathan Reuning-Scherer
Sound & RecordingLizzy Arcand

The Day of Pentecost falls on the 50th day of the season (Pentecost means 50th). On this day we honor the Holy Spirit and the church's mission in the world. This day uses the fiery color of red.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God

PRELUDE *Joie et Clarté des Corps Glorieux* (Olivier Messian)
During the prelude, the congregation is invited into a time of silent prayer.

WELCOME

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.*

*** OPENING HYMN** *O Day Full of Grace, v. 1, 3-5* **627**

*** 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: 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.

C: **Amen**

The congregation may be seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

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. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Word of God, word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;
²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.
²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Word of God, word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God.**

FAITH REFLECTIONS BY THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2018

HYMN

Borning Cry, v 1

732

Samuel Johnson has chosen *Romans 8:31*

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

Maya Johnson has chosen *Joshua 1:9*

⁹I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Delanie Halstead has chosen *Romans 8:18*

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

Addison Fastiggi has chosen *Romans 12:19*

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."

HYMN

Borning Cry, v 2 and 3

732

Griffin Fairchild has chosen *Mark 15:34*

³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Matthew Anderson has chosen *Isaiah 11:6 and 9*

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Harrison Arcand has chosen *Hebrews 13:5*

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for God has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you ."

HYMN

Borning Cry, v 4

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*** SERMON TEXT: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

The Hebrew word ruach means spirit, wind, or breath. This reading plays on the different meanings of the word. Just as the dry bones in Ezekiel's vision are given new life, flesh, and breath (or spirit), so God will give the exiles his spirit and will bring them home to the land of Israel.

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 to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain,

that they may live.”¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’

¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

MESSAGE

* HYMN OF THE DAY

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

At the conclusion of the Hymn of the Day, those making affirmation gather with at the altar rail, turn and face the altar.

R: I present Samuel Johnson, Maya Johnson, Delanie Halstead, Addison Fastiggi, Griffin Fairchild, Matthew Anderson and Harrison Arcand who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold 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.

Will you stand against evil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I will.

P: Will you stand against the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I will.

P: Will you stand against the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I will.

The congregation stands and joins in the creed.

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. Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE CONGREGATION

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

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

Those making affirmation come forward to the rail and kneel, joined by their parents and sponsors.

The following blessing is repeated for each person. Pastor Paula, parents, and sponsors lay hands on the head of the person.

P: 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?

Respond Individually: I do, and I ask God to help and guide us.

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in name the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her/his faith, guide her/his life, empower her/his in her/his serving, give her/his patience in suffering, and bring her/him to ever lasting life.

C: **Amen.**

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.

C: **Amen.**

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly.

INVITATION TO REJOICE AND GIVE THANKS

R: Today these confirmands shared their stories of faith, stories of God's never ending love. They made a commitment to take good care of their relationship with God and, as their faith family, we promised to support them. Let us rejoice with these brothers and sisters as they have affirmed their faith in Christ Jesus.

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

* **PRAYERS** *After each petition*

P: Lord in your Mercy

C: **Hear our Prayer.**

*** PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

We offer each other a sign of God's peace.

OFFERING MUSIC

Creator Spirit

Emanuel Choir

*** PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

P: We offer our gifts – our time, our talent, and our treasure - to God,
in thanksgiving for all that God has given us.

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Together, let us pray ...

**C: Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
as you were made known to the disciples.**

**Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives,
that we may be your risen body in the world.**

Amen

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

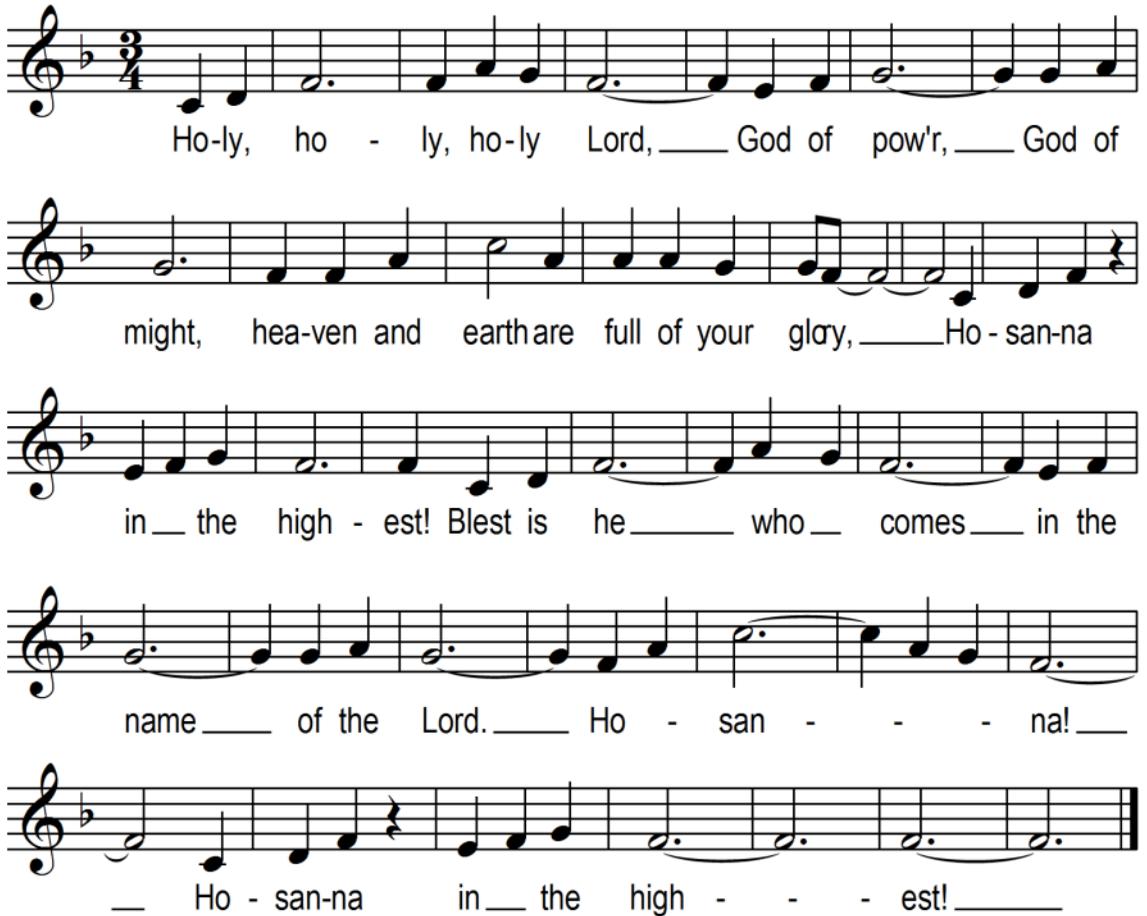
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.
Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the
resurrection,

with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*** HOLY, HOLY**



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, ___ God of pow'r, ___ God of
might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glory, ___ Ho - san-na
in ___ the high - est! Blest is he ___ who ___ comes ___ in the
name ___ of the Lord. ___ Ho - san - - - na! ___
___ 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

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;

5
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

10
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;

14
grant us peace, grant us peace.

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

Spirit of Gentleness

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Veni Sancte Spiritus

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*** 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: Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life,
and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection
that we may show your glory to all the world;
through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*** BLESSING**

P: May God who has brought us from death to life
fill you with great joy.
Almighty God, Father, **+** Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen**

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

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*** DISMISSAL**

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Please join us downstairs in Luther Hall for coffee and fellowship. All are welcome!



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

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 & Beverly Swanson

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Emanuel is proud to maintain thirteen scholarship endowment funds, valued at approximately \$1.15 million at the end of 2017. Last year, thirty members of Emanuel’s family received \$71,050 in scholarship or grant awards, bringing the awards for the past ten years to over \$540,000 for 150 individuals.

Applications for the Emanuel scholarships are available on the Emanuel website: <http://emanuelhartford.org/grow/scholarships/>. If you are unsure whether your particular educational pursuits qualify for a specific scholarships, please fill out one of the “General” applications. A completed application will help in determining which of the funds an individual might be eligible for. Forms should be submitted by June 30, 2018.



ARE YOU OR YOUR DAUGHTER/SON GRADUATING THIS YEAR?

If you or your daughter or son is graduating from High School or College this year Emanuel would like to know! *High School Graduates*: In addition to their names, let us know what high school they attended and what their plans are. If it’s college then what college are they planning on attending. *College Graduates*: Let us know the school, the degree and major and what their plans are. There are sheets for recording this information in Luther Hall. You can also email the information to john.franzis@emanuelharford.org. We will be honoring our graduates on an upcoming Sunday!

INVEST IN THE YOUTH GROUP



On June 26th-July 1st, 11 youth and 2 adults from Emanuel will attend the 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. To support this trip, our youth are

holding a Stock Sale where you can invest in our youth and receive a postcard or letter from a youth on the trip and attend a Stockholders’ Dinner in the fall where you can hear about the Gathering and our youth’s experience. Shares cost \$25 each and you may purchase as many shares as you like. **This is the final Sunday to make your investment!**

UPCOMING EVENTS AT EMANUEL

- ◆ May 27—Baptism of Kai & Izzy Hazard
- ◆ May 28 —Memorial Day—Church Office Closed
- ◆ May 29—Community Manna Meal at Christ Church Cathedral from 5—7:30 PM Sign up in Luther Hall
- ◆ June 3—Pastor Elizabeth will be the Presider/Preacher. Meet her at Coffee Hour.
- ◆ June 12—Property Committee Meeting at 7:00 PM
- ◆ August 6-10—Vacation Bible School. Sign up in Luther Hall

May/June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 DAY OF PENTECOST † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am † Affirmation of Baptism / Confirmation Sunday • Sunday School	21	22 • 10:00 AM Craft Group • 7:00 PM Council Meeting	23	24 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • No Bible Study • 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	25 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program	26 • No Sprout • 10:00 AM Martha Dimantry Kannah Service for her uncle
27 HOLY TRINITY † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • 10:00 am – Baptism of Kai & Izzy Hazard	28 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	29 • 10:00 AM Craft Group • 5:00 PM Community Manna Meal	30	31 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • No Bible Study • 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	June 1 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program	2 • 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout
3 2ND SUNDAY OF PENTACOST † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am	4	5 • 10:00 AM Craft Group • 10:00 AM Genealogists • 7:00 PM Neonatal Bereavement	6	7 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10:00 AM Bible Study • 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	8 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program	9 • 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout (last one until September) • 3:30 Wedding of Hannah Bloomquist & Mark Kominke
10 2ND SUNDAY OF PENTACOST † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am	11	12 • 10:00 AM Craft Group • 7:00 PM Property Committee	13	14 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10:00 AM Bible Study	15 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program	16
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