

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
*June 24, 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..... Alan Meeds  
Lectors..... Kathy Haller (8 am) and Brian Swanson (10 am)  
Usher/Communion Preparer (8:00 AM) ..... Nelson Gottier  
Communion Preparer (10:00 AM) .....Val and Craig McDonald  
Greeters ..... Carol Johnson  
Coffee Hour Hosts..... Lois House, Lorraine McCann, Carol Denner, Janet Starkes  
Director of Music ..... Jonathan Reuning-Scherer  
Sound and Recording.....Lizzy Arcand

*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**                    *Prelude on 'Schmucke Dich'* (Brahms)

*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**

*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

**\* 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: O God, full of compassion, we commit and commend ourselves to you,  
in whom we live and move and have our being. Be the goal of our  
pilgrimage, and our rest by the way. Give us refuge from the turmoil of  
worldly distractions beneath the shadow of your wings. Let our hearts,  
so often a sea of restless waves, find peace in you, O God; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen

C: **Amen**

*The congregation may be seated.*

**READING: Proverbs 3:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>My child, do not forget my teaching,  
but let your heart keep my commandments;

<sup>2</sup>for length of days and years of life  
and abundant welfare they will give you.

<sup>3</sup>Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;  
bind them around your neck,  
write them on the tablet of your heart.

<sup>4</sup>So you will find favor and good repute  
in the sight of God and of people.

<sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own insight.

<sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.

Word of God, word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 119:129-136**

<sup>129</sup>Your decrees are wonderful;  
therefore my soul keeps them.

<sup>130</sup>The unfolding of your words gives light;  
it imparts understanding to the simple.

<sup>131</sup>With open mouth I pant,  
because I long for your commandments.

<sup>132</sup>Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
as is your custom toward those who love your name.

<sup>133</sup>Keep my steps steady according to your promise,  
and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

<sup>134</sup>Redeem me from human oppression,  
that I may keep your precepts.

<sup>135</sup>Make your face shine upon your servant,  
and teach me your statutes.

<sup>136</sup>My eyes shed streams of tears  
because your law is not kept.

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

**SERMON TEXT:**                      *Balaam (Numbers 22:5-18)*

**\* HYMN OF THE DAY**                      *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*                      **772**

**\* 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,  
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,**



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**

*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness  
 The Lord's My Shepherd*

**488**

**778**

**\* 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.**

**RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

P: Dear friends: United with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are joined in God's mission for the life of the world. We are called to that mission in our daily lives and in the ministries we share as the church of God.

Let us pray. Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts.

We give thanks for the ways these gifts have been shown forth among us through your servants who have dedicated themselves as Sunday School Teachers.

We praise you for shared joys and accomplishments, and we commend our work to you.

Grant that we may continue to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **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**

*My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

763

**\* DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Postlude on 'CWM Rhondda'* (Paul Manz)

*Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.*

Burt Hedling † Ed Maher † Karen Fellman † Betty Fairchild †  
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

**SUMMER CABARET - FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 7:30PM**



Church members Hillary Ekwall and Stephanie Reuning-Scherer are joined by Amanda Forker in a spectacular night of musical theatre and jazz. Accompanied by Michelle Horsley Parker and Jonathan Reuning-Scherer, this 90 minute program will feature tunes popular with all ages. The event is FREE, though you're invited to make a contribution to support the singers.

**BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE – OR JUST BRING YOURSELF!**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ♦ June 26—Church Council at 7:00 PM
- ♦ June 29—Summer Cabaret
- ♦ June 30—Deadline for Scholarship Applications
- ♦ June 27-July 1—ELCA Youth Group Gathering in Houston
- ♦ July 4-July 6—Church Offices Closed
- ♦ July 10—Property Committee Meeting at 7:00 PM
- ♦ August 6-10—Vacation Bible School. Sign up in Luther Hall

# June and July 2018

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

## SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

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Assisting Minister..... Janice Favreau  
Lectors..... Rosie Vojtek (8 am) and Jim Flanders (10 am)  
Usher/Communion Preparer (8:00 AM) ..... Bob Vojtek  
Communion Preparer (10:00 AM) ..... Bobbee Canfield  
Greeters ..... AJ and Brittany Caldwell  
Director of Music ..... Jonathan Reuning-Scherer

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