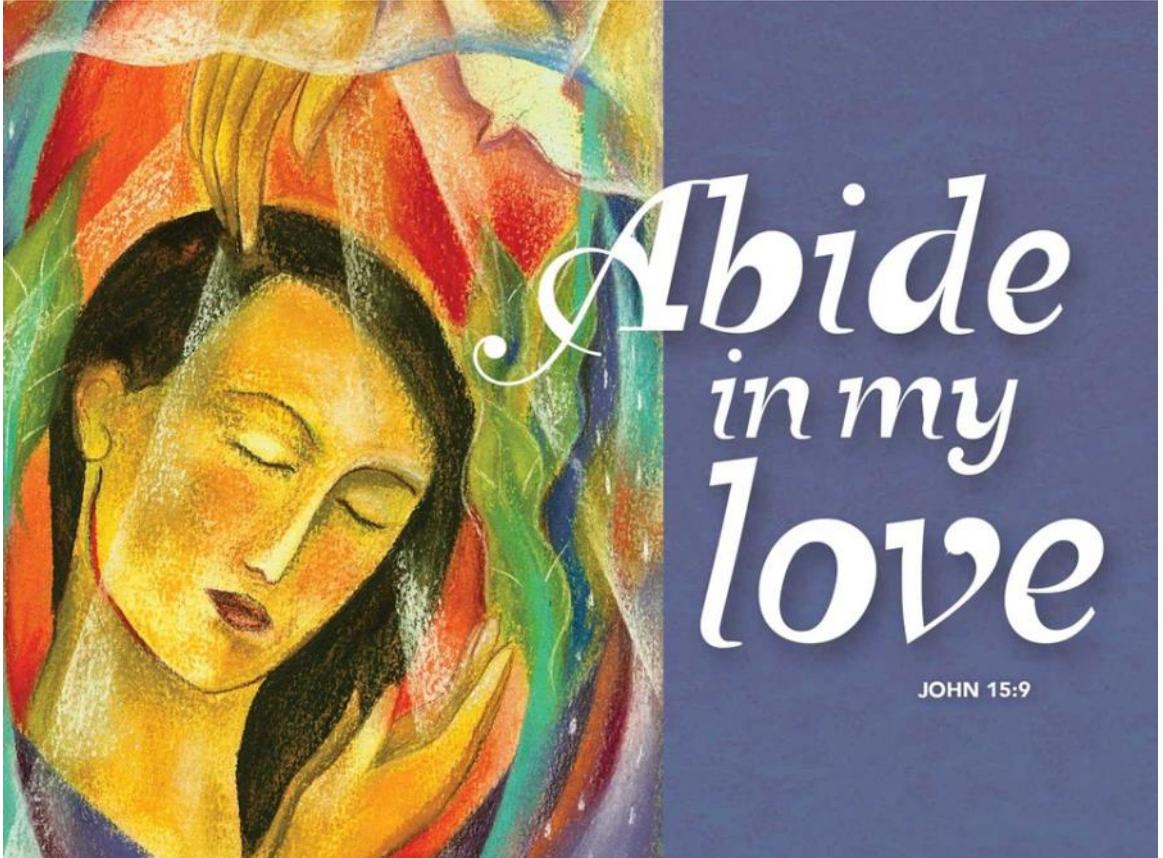


Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 6, 2018



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 TODAY

Presider/Preacher The Reverend Dr. Paula V. Mehmel
Assisting Minister Monica Swanson
Acolyte and Crucifer Aron Kiehne and Libby Karim
Communion Preparer Jeannette Urban
Greeters Ellen Johnson
Coffee Hour Hosts Marjorie Johnson, Tracy and Curt Anderson & Family
Director of Music Jonathan Reuning-Scherer
Sound & Recording Harry Arcand



Easter is not just one day, but a whole season when we celebrate the resurrected Jesus. The season began on Easter Sunday and lasts for 50 days, The color is white, symbolizing resurrection and joy. *Thus the paraments on our altar will be white for 50 days.*

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God

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This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

PRELUDE

Voluntary on 'Engleberg'

Emanuel Choir

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

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

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* 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

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* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

The congregation may be seated.

ACCLAMATION***We Are Marching in the Light***

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We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

Additional stanzas:

We are dancing . . .

We are praying . . .

We are singing . . .

NOISY OFFERING**FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48**

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Word of God, word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 98

All the ends of the earth have seen the pow-er of God;
all the ends of the earth_ have seen the pow-er of God.____

- ¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.
- ²**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**
- ³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.
- ⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing. R**
- ⁵Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.
- ⁶**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**
- ⁷Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.
- ⁸**Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge
the earth.**
- ⁹The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Word of God, word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

P: The holy gospel according to John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you what-

ever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

* HYMN OF THE DAY

We know That Christ Is Raised

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* 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,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* 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

I Give To You a New Commandment

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.

*** OFFERTORY**

This Joyful Eastertide

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once was
slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in
vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

*** 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,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
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 and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

*** 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: Now let us feast this Easter day
on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; 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

*One Bread, One Body
Baptized and Set Free*

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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**

We Are Called

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*** DISMISSAL**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news.

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.

Linda Cutler † Emre † Brook Nowak † Mal Doyle † Dr. Candi Carroccia †
Gail Duek † Karin Gottier † Rudy Peterson † Carol Johnson † Elaine Wilson †
Joan Feldmann † Doris Barron † Betty-Lois Benson † Inger & Beverly Swanson

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. This trip provides an amazing experience of faith, grace, and community service with 35,000+ other Lutheran youth from across the country. To support this trip, our youth are holding a Stock Sale where you can invest in our youth on and in return 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. Stocks are available for purchase in Luther Hall today and the next two Sundays. Shares cost \$25 each and you may purchase as many shares as you like.



ARE YOU OR YOUR DAUGHTER/SON GRADUATING THIS YEAR?

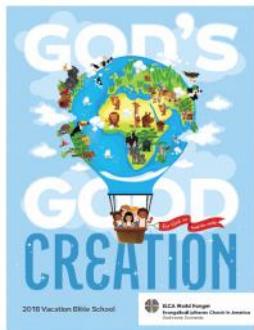
If you or your daughter or son is graduating from High School or College this year Emanuel would like to know!

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. Did they receive any honors or recognitions?

College Graduates: Let us know the school, the degree and major and what their plans are.

There will be 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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



In conjunction with Calumet, Emanuel is hosting a Vacation Bible School on August 6th through August 10th.

A full day will be offered Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM for ages 6 through 14.

A half day of VBS will be offered Monday through Friday for ages 4 and 5.

14 or 15 year olds can serve as “Counselors in Training”. Those that are interested in serving as “Counselors in Training” will meet with the Counselors on Sunday, August 5th.

There is no charge for participating in the Vacation Bible School program.

There are sign-up sheets in Luther Hall or online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e45ada82aa7fc1-2018>. We will need the name of the child, their age, the name of the parent/guardian and the parent/guardian’s contact information.



MANNA COMMUNITY MEAL

Emanuel is hosting the Manna Community Meal on May 29 at Christ Church Cathedral from 5:00—7:30 PM. Sign-up in Luther Hall. If you have any questions call or text David

Kiersznowski at 860-716-9753 or email him at daveski@live.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT EMANUEL

- ♦ Mission & Ministry Meetings: 5/6 at 11:30 am, 5/15 at 7:00 pm
- ♦ May 9—Potluck dinner at 6:30 PM and Pictures of Bible Places -Part 2 at 7:00 PM
- ♦ May 16—Confirmation potluck dinner with Prayer Friends
- ♦ May 19—Elinor McCue Memorial Service
- ♦ May 20—Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) Sunday
- ♦ 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
- ♦ June 3—Susan and Richard Johnson Internment in Memorial Garden
- ♦ June 12—Property Committee Meeting at 7:00 PM
- ♦ August 6-10—Vacation Bible School

May/June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6th SUNDAY of Easter † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • Noisy Offering • Sunday School • 11:30 – 1:30 Mission & Ministry Meeting	7	8 • 10:00 AM Craft Group • 7:00 PM Property Committee	9	10 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10 AM Bible Study • 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal • 7:00 Mutual Ministry Meeting	11	12 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program • 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout
7th SUNDAY of Easter † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • Sunday School	14	15 • 10:00 AM Craft Group • 7:00 – 9:00 PM Mission & Ministry Meeting	16	17 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10 AM Bible Study • 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	18	19 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program • No Sprout • 11:00 AM Elinor McCue Memorial Service
20 DAY of PENTECOST † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am † 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	26 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program • 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
3rd SUNDAY OF PENTACOST † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • Susan and Richard Johnson Internment	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	9 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program • 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout • 3:30 Wedding of Hannah Bloomquist & Mark Kominke

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