Second Sunday after Pentecost June 2, 2024



WELCOME TO EMANUEL

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please ask an usher.

## ALL ARE WELCOME AT EMANUEL

Recognizing that we live in a broken world, Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness. As members of Emanuel Lutheran Church and children of a loving and merciful God, we acknowledge that this reconciliation extends to people of any gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, race, culture, physical or mental ability, economic circumstances, relationship status, or any person that has ever experienced pain or oppression. Because members of different communities may have been excluded from the Church in the past, we wish to make explicit our welcome to all. It is for this purpose that we affirm that ALL people are welcome here, just as they are, contributing their individuality to the wholeness of the Body of Christ.



## **SERVING TODAY**

Pastor Mark Olsen
Vicar Christine Pelfrey
John Foote
Loupu Stevens
Diane and Gary Troutman
Jonathan Reuning-Scherer

## **EMANUEL MUSICIANS**

Sarah Asmar, David Altschuler, Reham Atef, Adam Desmarais, Hillary Ekwall, Andy Foreman, Trey Hazard, Linda Helmke, Aron Kiehne, Kathryn Lees, Dan Luddy, Honoka Masuyama, Andy Nagle, Kari Olsen, Morgan Pope, Joel Reuning-Scherer, Jane Roets, Austin Tewksbury, Rachan Vamsi, Pastor Nancy Wright

## **AV TECHNICIANS**

Paul Christianson, David Counterman, Baker Wainscoat

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God

Though not expected, when it happens, applause is a spontaneous expression of our thanksgiving to God for the gifts of music and of musicians that enrich our lives and enhance our worship.

## Soli deo gloria – Glory to God alone

## **INTRODUCTION**

Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should observe this freedom with a day of rest. No one should work seven days a week; even slaves and foreigners should be able to rest. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to restoration: the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.

### PRELUDE

Gather Us In Emanuel Bell Choir

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

#### C: Amen.

L: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

### Silence is kept for reflection.

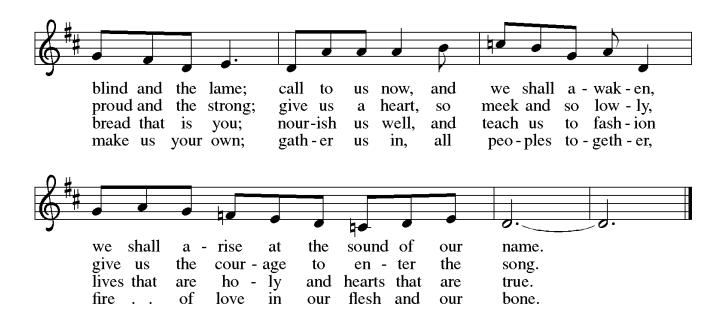
L: God, our provider,

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. L: 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.

**\*GATHERING HYMN ELW 532** Gather Us In Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, the dark - ness now is 1 We are the young, our 2 lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, 4 not in some heav - en, van - ished 'a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry, bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters, light years a - way here in this place the new light is shin - ing, brought here the light of this in day. to you light whole hu - man called to be to the race. call us a - new to be salt for the earth. the king - dom, and now is now is the day. lost and for - sak - en, Gath-er in, the gath-er in, the us us Gath-er in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er the us us in, Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the Gath-er in and hold us for - ev - er. gath-er in and us us

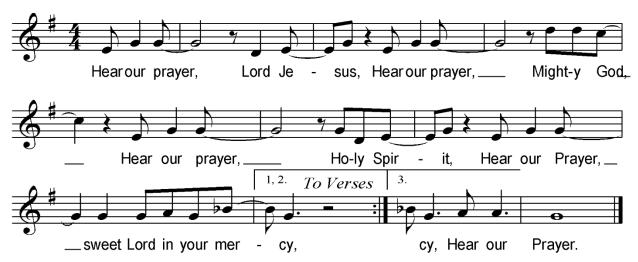


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#### **\*GREETING**

- L: 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.

#### **\*KYRIE**



### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- L: Almighty and ever-living God,
- C: throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 5:12-15

This portion of the Ten Commandments instructs the Israelites to keep the sabbath. The Israelites are to rest, and they are to allow their slaves, their livestock, and the foreigners living among them to do the same. They were once slaves, and so they are to treat their own slaves justly.

<sup>12</sup>Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

R: Word of God, Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

### **SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:5-12**

When we carry out God's ministry we do so not for our glory but for the sake of Jesus Christ whom we proclaim as Lord. The power for ministry comes from God, not us, so that we persevere no matter what, trusting in God's power and promises at work through us.

<sup>5</sup>We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

R: Word of God, Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

\*GOSPELACCLAMATION Hallelujah ELW 171



## \*GOSPEL: MARK 2:23—3:6

Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and tells his critics that the sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.

P: The holy gospel according to John.

## C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>23</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

<sup>3:1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SERMON

Pastor Mark Olsen Pastor Mark Olsen **Oh Day of Rest and Gladness** 



Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt. Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

## **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

- Let us join together in professing our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed. A:
- **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**

### After each petition

- A: Merciful God.
- receive our prayer. **C:**

## **\*PEACE**

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

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

**OFFERING MUSIC** 

Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior **Emanuel Choir** 

arr. John McIntyre

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## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



We offer our gifts – our time, our talent, and our treasure - to God, in thanksgiving for all that God has given us. To make your gift online, scan this code using your phone's camera or QR scanner app.

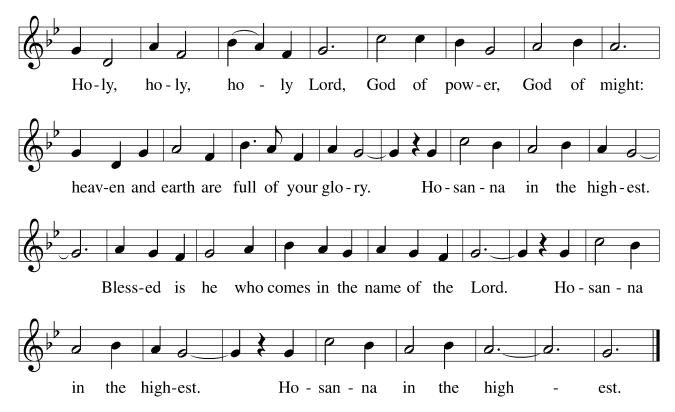
## **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

- A: Jesus, Bread of life,
- C: 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. 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 ... and join their unending hymn:

#### **\*HOLY HOLY HOLY**



### **\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

#### \*LORD'S PRAYER

- P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- **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**

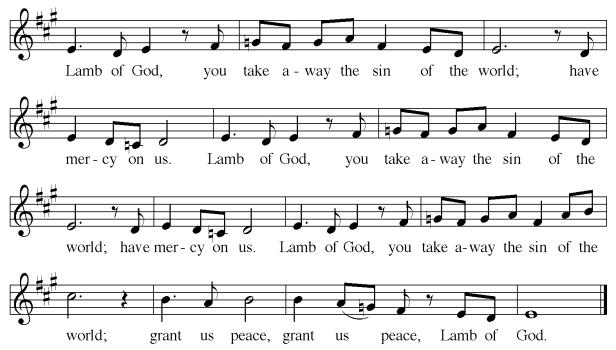
P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

This is the Lord's Table and all are welcome to receive the bread & wine of communion.

Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available as needed.

The ushers will guide you out of your pew down the center aisle to the front of the church. Once you receive communion, please return to your seat by the side aisles. If you would like to receive communion at your seat, please let an usher know. If, for any reason, you choose not to receive the bread and wine, we invite you to come forward for a blessing.

\*LAMB OF GOD



**COMMUNION MUSIC** 

Three Etudes for Bassoon and Piano II. Tempo di Modhina Morgan Pope, bassoon José Siqueira

There is a Balm Hillary Ekwell, soprano

## **\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

## **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

- A: Jesus, Bread of life,
- C: 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. Amen.

### **\*BLESSING**

- C: Amen.

\*SENDING HYMN

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## Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922 Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

### \*DISMISSAL

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

# LIVING OUT OUR DISCIPLESHIP - WAYS TO HELP AND SERVE

## **Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry continues to serve hundreds of meals each month and helps to support our neighbors with basic needs. Thank you to all who have donated to help this cause! Your continued support is needed and appreciated. For May, we are asking for donations of 2 lb. bags of rice, pasta, paper towels, and toilet paper.

## **Coffee Hour**

Today's Coffee Hour is being hosted by Emanuel's Scholarship Committee and they will share information about Emanuel's various scholarships and this year's application process and deadlines. College-bound youth and their families are encouraged to attend and have any questions answered. In

addition, if you, your ministry team, or another organization would like to sponsor our afterservice coffee hour, please sign-up by scanning this QR code with the camera on your phone.

**Prayer Shawls** are available for anyone to take for themselves or give to a friend or family member. A basket with shawls is in the Narthex and a larger supply is in the lounge in the Parish Building. Please take a shawl and write your name on the list provided so we can keep track of the number of shawls that are given. In addition, we have baby blankets for any newborn that you may know. They are in the lounge in the Parish Building. If you need help, the Prayer Shawl Committee can help - Bobbee Canfield, Lynne Strecker, and Lynn Sherman.

## Be Part of Emanuel's Worship Leadership!

Have you ever thought of serving as an Assisting Minister, lector, acolyte, usher, choir member or musician, communion assistant, altar guild, or greeter? If you are interested in any of these ministries, let Maureen Leyes know (except for choir and musicians—let Jonathan know) - and she'll connect you with the people that handle the scheduling. Information on becoming a lector is shared below.

## **Readers Needed**

Parishioners of all ages are invited to read the weekly Bible lessons. If you are interested, please email Lynn Sherman at lynnsherman480@gmail.com or call her cell phone: (860) 550-0518.

## **Altar Flowers**

Each Sunday we are blessed to have beautiful flowers in the sanctuary. You can sponsor these flowers by accessing the Sign-Up Genius with this QR code or by calling the church office at 860-525-0894. You can give the flowers in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone. You might want to mark a special birthday or anniversary or even give thanks for one of our ministry teams that is special to you. Your donation of \$75 will cover the cost of the flowers.





Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.
Carol Johnson † Karin Gottier † Bert Johnson † Betsyann Carter † Anne Louise Swanson
† Lee Sherman † Jennings-Marzett Family † Mckenna Jobes † Brooklyn King
† Elaine Wilson † Vito Vitrano † Monique Jennings † Rae Ann Gremel
† Harris Kannah † Janet Starkes

Homebound: Ellie Olson † Elaine Wilson † Joan Johnson† Anna-Lisa Johnson † Peggy Zachariasen

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