Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 7, 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

Presider	Pastor Mark Olsen
Worship Leader	
Assisting Minister	
Reader	Elizabeth Kieschnick
Communion Preparers	Altar Guild Team
Director of Music	Jonathan Reuning-Scherer

EMANUEL MUSICIANS

Sarah Asmar, David Altschuler, 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

Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the "between;" between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

PRELUDE

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. 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.

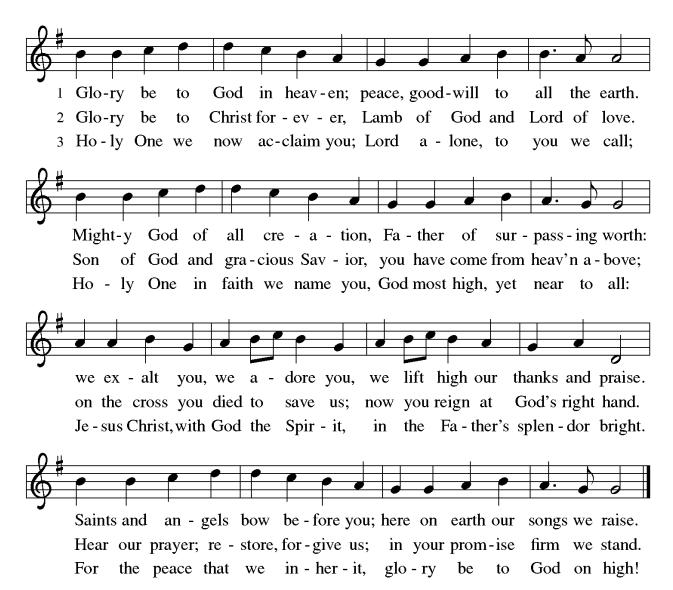
L:

*GATHERING HYMN Lord You Give the Great Commission v. 1, 2 and 5



***GREETING**

- L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- And also with you. **C**:



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- L: God of the covenant,
- C: in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 2:1-5

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

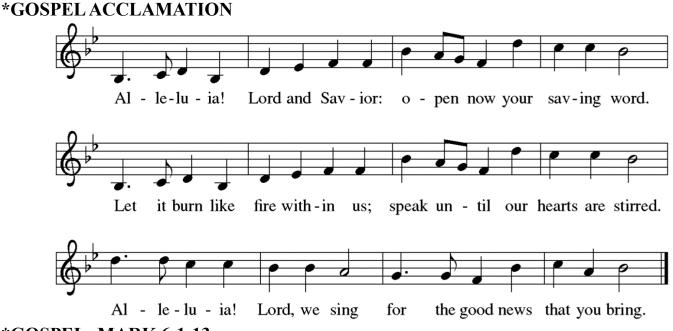
- R: Word of God, Word of Life.
- C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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



*GOSPEL: MARK 6:1-13

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

- P: The holy gospel according to Mark.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

Pastor Mark Olsen

SERMON

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***HYMN OF THE DAY** We Are All One in Mission **ELW 576** 1 We all are one sion; we all are one in call, in mis -2 We are called for all vice. to wit-ness in God's name. ser -3 Now let us be u nit ed, and let our song be heard. _ _ var-ied gifts u by Christ, the Lord of our _ nit ed all. f'rent; our Our min-is-tries are dif pur - pose is the same: be for God's re - deem-ing Now let us a ves sel Word. Α gle great com - mis sion com - pels us from a - bove sin -ers with touch the lives of oth God's sur-pris-ing grace, to We all are one in mis sion; we all are one in call, plan and work to - geth - er all may know Christ's love. that to God's warm em - brace. ev-'ry folk and na - tion may feel SO var - ied gifts u - nit ed by Christ, the Lord of all. our

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*APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us join together in professing our faith using 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 OF INTERCESSION

After each petition

- A: In your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.

*PEACE

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

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

OFFERING MUSIC

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.

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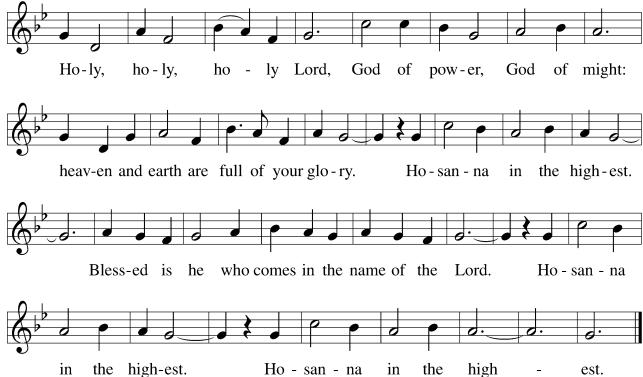
***OFFERING PRAYER**

- 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:





***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**

All Are Welcome at the Table!

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



***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.

SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING

ELCA Youth Gathering, Multicultural Youth Leadership Event & Young Adult Gathering

L: Claimed by God, crafted with your own authentic gifts, you are a brave community of disruptive disciples, called to be participants in the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering, Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) & Young Adult Gathering.

In this, there will be times when you feel energized, and times when you feel exhausted.

Times when you enjoy every activity planned, and times you wish you were in charge.

Times when the Holy Spirit will show up in joy, and times when the Holy Spirit will show up in challenge.

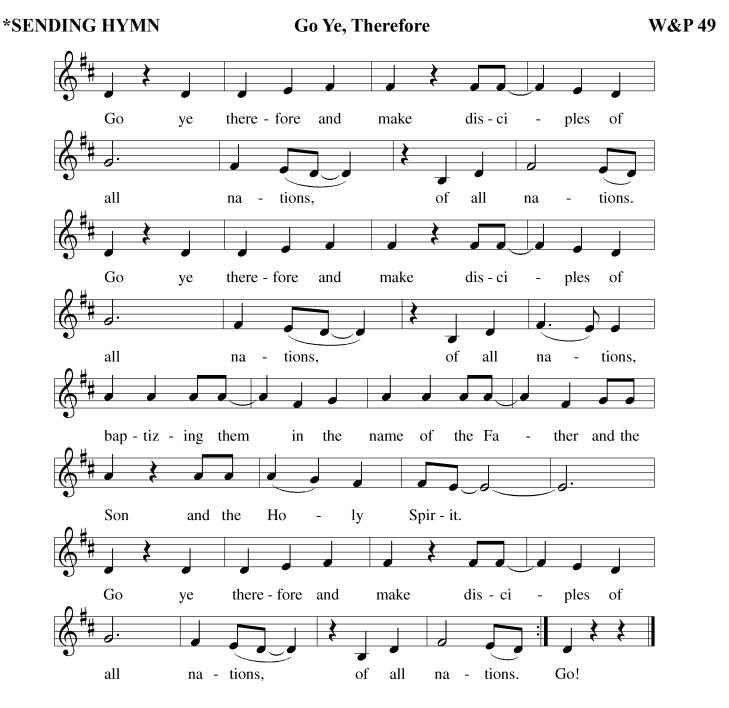
And so, I ask you:

Will you use your braveness for the sake of the Gospel as you step into the journey ahead? If so, respond with "we will and we ask God to help us."

- *R:* We will and we ask God to help us.
- L: Will you use your authenticity to enrich these gatherings and the community of New Orleans?
- *R:* We will and we ask God to help us.
- L: Will you freely participate in these gatherings and with the people of New Orleans with the love and compassion of Jesus?
- *R:* We will and we ask God to help us.
- L: Will you seek to disrupt injustice, working together in solidarity for the sake of your neighbors?
- *R:* We will and we ask God to help us.
- L: Will you be respectful, curious, helpful, open and kind?
- *R:* We will and we ask God to help us.
- L: And now, I ask the congregation Will you, led by the Holy Spirit, pray for these ELCA Youth Gathering, MYLE, and Young Adult Gathering participants in your daily prayers, asking for God's guidance, love, safety and blessing in their endeavors? And upon their return, will you receive them and their stories of their experiences with love and openness?
- C: We will and we ask God to help us.
- L: Almighty God guide, bless, and keep you.
- C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

*BLESSING

- L: The blessing of God,who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,+ be upon you now and forever.
- C: Amen.



Text: Matthew 28:19 Music: GO YE THEREFORE, Robin Cain

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*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 July, we are asking for canned tuna, boxed mac & cheese, 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

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