

*“...Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

*Romans 8:38b-39*

**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**

Presiding Minister..... Pastor Mark Olsen  
Assisting Minister..... Vicar Christine Pelfrey  
Reader.....Ellen Lyman  
Director of Music..... Jonathan Reuning-Scherer

**GUEST MUSICIANS**

Sarah Asmar, soprano  
Hannah Batsford, trumpet

**AV TECHNICIAN**

David Counterman

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Given in memory of the Reverend Susan E. Nagle

**If you have any questions or need assistance of any kind,  
please feel free to ask an usher.**

A Memorial Worship Service Celebrating the Life of

**The Rev. Susan E. Nagle**

June 22, 1949 – December 10, 2024

Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 3:00pm

**PRELUDE**

Nunc Dimittis

Geoffrey Burgon

**\*GATHERING**

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

**\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

A: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

A: Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

**C: We glorify you.**

A: Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

**C: We praise you.**

A: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

**C: We worship you.**

A: To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's  
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions  
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious  
 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high  
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Symphonia Sirenun*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832-1909  
 Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525-1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823-1889

\*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:** Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, the Reverend Susan Nagle. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE**

Ellen Lyman, Susan and Andy's daughter

## **FIRST READING: PSALM 23**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup>he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff —

they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

my whole life long.

**R:** The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:22-35, 37-39

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and 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. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise 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. <sup>27</sup>And 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. <sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

<sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**\*GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-6**

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**HOMILY**

The Rev. Mark Olsen

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word**

**LBW 230**

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.  
and sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

## **\*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**

A: Let us pray. (*A brief silence is kept.*) Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**



A: Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **\*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.*

### **\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

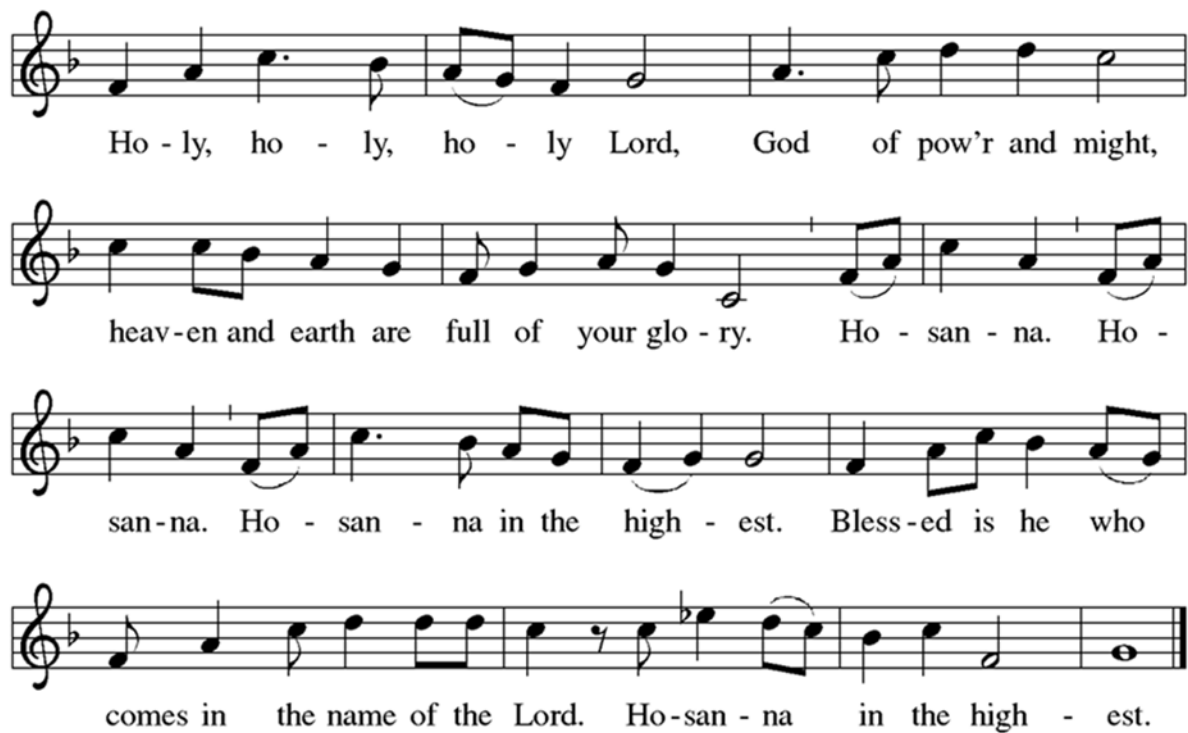
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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,  
who rose from the dead, and in whom our hope of resurrection dawns.  
The sting of death has been removed by the glorious promise of his risen 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, 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.

## \*EUCCHARISTIC 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: Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

*This is the Lord's Table and all are welcome to receive the bread and 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**

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.

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

‘Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen’  
from *A German Requiem*

Johannes Brahms

*Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen, Herr  
Zebaoth!  
Meine Seele verlangt und sehnet sich nach den  
Vorhöfen des Herrn; mein Leib und Seele freuen  
sich in dem lebendigen Gott.  
Wohl denen, die in deinem Hause wohnen, die  
loben dich immerdar.*

How lovely are thy tabernacles, O Lord of  
hosts!  
My soul longs, yea, even faints for the courts  
of the Lord: my heart and my flesh cries out  
for the living God.  
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they  
will always be praising thee. Psalm 84

# I am the Bread of Life

ELW 485

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my  
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the  
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . . . .  
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . . . I be - lieve that . . . . .

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -  
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . . . and if you  
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . . . and . . . . .  
 I . . . . . am the life. . . . . If you be -  
 you . . . . . are the Christ, . . . . . the . . . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 eat . . . . . of this bread, you shall . . . live for -  
 drink . . . . . of his blood, and drink . . . . . of his  
 lieve . . . . . in . . . . . me, e - ven . . . though you  
 Son . . . . . of . . . . . God, who . . . . . have . . . . .

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
 ev - er, . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."  
 die, . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 come in - to . . . . . the . . . . . world. . . . .

*Refrain*  
 All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day."

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6  
 Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM  
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**\*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: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**\*COMMENDATION**

P: Let us commend the Reverend Susan Nagle to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Susan. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

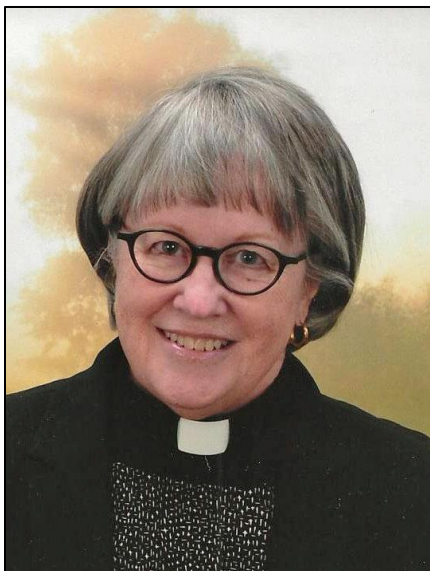
that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.

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The Reverend Susan E. Nagle, a beacon of faith and compassion, passed away on December 10, 2024, at the age of 75. Born on June 22, 1949, in Torrington, Connecticut, Susan dedicated her life to serving others and spreading kindness.

Susan's family moved to Wilmington, Delaware in 1956 where she spent her formative years with her brother Michael "Mike" and sister Jan. Susan dedicated her career to serving congregations in New Jersey, New York and Connecticut, and supporting her congregation in Vermont after her retirement. Susan and husband Andy recently moved to West Hartford to be close to care and family. Throughout her life she pursued her passion for theology and service earning a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, an education that would become the foundation of her remarkable journey in ministry.

Ordained as a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Rev. Nagle devoted 33 years to active ministry, touching lives and inspiring faith across six congregations. During her career her dedication extended beyond the pulpit as she served on the Boards of Philadelphia Seminary and Upsala College, as well as on the Executive Committee of the Lutheran World Federation and was Board Chair of the ELCA Board of Mission and Development. Her influence and guidance left an indelible mark on the institutions and individuals she served.

Susan's life was rich with the love of her family. She is survived by her devoted husband Andrew; her sister Jan Johnson; her beloved son Martin Nagle and his wife Tanya; and her cherished daughter Ellen Lyman and her husband Matt. Her legacy continues through her grandchildren Sara, Andrew, Audrey, and Ryan, who will carry forward her spirit of love and generosity.

Beyond her ministerial and familial roles, Susan had a profound appreciation for the arts. She was often found in the company of fellow music enthusiasts, attending classical music concerts. Her melodious voice was a staple in choral groups, where she shared her love of song and harmony with her community.

Rev. Susan E. Nagle's life was one of unwavering faith, love, and service. Her memory will be held dear by all who were fortunate enough to know her and be uplifted by her grace. She leaves behind a legacy of compassion, understanding, and an unshakable belief in the goodness of people. Susan's journey was a testament to a life well-lived, and her spirit will continue to guide and comfort those she has left behind.

In addition to today's Memorial Service, a second Memorial Service will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave, Summit, NJ, on Sunday, January 12, at 2:00 p.m. with interment following the Service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in her honor to either [elca.org](http://elca.org) to support the church she loved, or to [curepsp.org](http://curepsp.org) to support research on treatments against the disease that took her from us. Online condolences may be made at [www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com](http://www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com)

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