

**EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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*Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*November 19, 2023 ~ 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.*



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**Mission Statement:**

*Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others*

## **Our Ministers This Morning Include:**

Rev. Michael L. Poole Jr.

Director of Music - Organist: Paul Burnside

### **2023 Congregational Watchword –**

“It is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.” – Matthew 18:14

**2023 Theme – What is God Calling Us to Do?**

Prelude

Paul Burnside

Welcome & Temple Talk

Thanks & Giving

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

### Opening Litany

P: Earning, saving, investing,

C: **Bull markets, bear markets, collapsed markets,**

P: We risk in so many ways.

C: **Faith, love and salvation, with God’s investment we have nothing to lose.**

P: Let us pray. Your Word, O God,

C: **Is like a two-edged sword, bringing death and life. Let this sword fall upon us, that in hearing your Word we may be embraced by the hope of everlasting life, by the power of the Holy Spirit, and through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

# Gathering

## “God of the Fertile Fields”



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of  
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in  
3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that  
4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your  
trust from you all that you give; help us in  
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our  
Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,  
love to share, teach us like you to care  
toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,  
lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.  
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.  
no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.  
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

## 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.**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



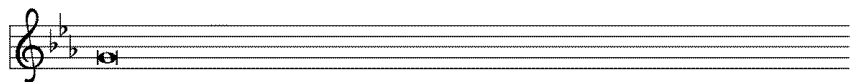
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



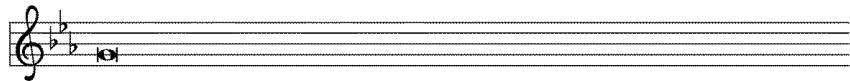
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



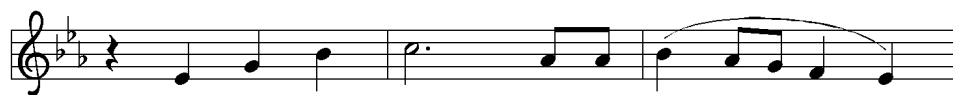
Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Watchword

Matthew 18:14

P: It is not the will of your Father in heaven

C: **That one of these little ones should be lost.**

\*Please be seated.

Anthem

*“The Power of the Cross”* Emanuel Choir (10:30)

A lonely hill, a rugged tree, time stands still and waits for my answer. This sacrifice is calling me to a life of total surrender. The power of the cross is moving in my life 'cause the power of Your blood has saved me. The power of the cross still draws me to Your side 'cause the power of Your love has changed me. O let my life be lost in the power of the cross. Lord Most High, Hope of man, You are my Redeemer and Savior. All my days are in Your hand. All my praise will be Yours forever. The power of the cross is moving in my life 'cause the power of Your blood has saved me. The power of the cross still draws me to Your side 'cause the power of Your love has changed me. O let my life be lost in the power of the cross. Where mercy was great, and grace was free, where pardon was multiplied to me; Where my burdened soul found liberty. Hide me in the power of the cross. The power of the cross is moving in my life 'cause the power of Your blood has saved me. The power of the cross still draws me to Your side 'cause the power of Your love has changed me. O let my life be lost in the power of the cross. Hide me. Let my life be lost. Hide me.

First Lesson

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 Pew Bible pg. 665

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 90:1-12

L: Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

- C: **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**
- L: You turn us back to the dust and say, “Turn back, O children of earth.”
- C: **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;**
- L: you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:
- C: **in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
- L: For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.
- C: **Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**
- L: When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- C: **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**
- L: Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?
- C: **So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Pew Bible pg. 837

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Sermon (10:30)

\*Please stand in body or spirit.





**accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

L: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

\*Please be seated.

Offering

Offertory *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*

Bell Choir (10:30)

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Offertory Response    “*Create in Me a New Heart*”    #186

♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Offering Prayer

P:    Let us pray. You breathe life into us, blessed God,  
Lord of the Universe,

C:    **You breathe life into us and shower us with your goodness. May this offering be lifted up in that spirit of abundance, knowing that we receive far more than we could ever give. Amen.**

Benediction

P:    May God’s graciousness be upon you, and may God prosper the work of your hands.

C:    **Amen.**

P:    May the Master return again and again in our lives,  
as we watch for the Lord.

C:    **Amen.**

P:    May we use every good gift that we’ve been given,  
trusting that everything is God’s and we really have  
nothing to lose.

C:    **Amen.**

Sending    “*On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand*”    #437

Dismissal

P:    Go in peace. May everlasting abundance grow in  
your lives.

C:    **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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