

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Contemporary Worship *Sunday, June 26, 2022*

NO ONE WHO
PUTS A HAND TO
THE PLOW AND
LOOKS BACK IS
FIT FOR THE
KINGDOM OF GOD.

LUKE 9:62



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Mission Statement:

Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others

Praise Band

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2022 is The Year of Vision "See, I am making all things new" Revelation 21:5a

Welcome and Opening Reading

Gathering Song "Hear Our Praises"

May our homes be filled with dancing,
May our streets be filled with joy; may injustice bow to Jesus
as the people turn to pray.
From the mountain to the valley, hear our praises rise to You;
From the heavens to the nations, hear our singing fill the air.
May a light shine in the darkness, as we walk before the cross;
May Your glory fill the whole earth as the water o'er the seas.
From the mountain to the valley, hear our praises rise to You;
From the heavens to the nations, hear our singing fill the air.
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From the heavens to the nations, hear our singing fill the air.

*Please stand in body or spirit

Call to Worship

Psalm 16

- L: Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- C: **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**
- L: But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.
- C: **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.**
- L: O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.
- C: **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**
- L: I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.
- C: **I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- L: My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.
- C: **For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**
- L: You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Song

"There is Joy in the Lord"

There is joy in the Lord,
There is love in His Spirit.
There is hope in the knowledge of Him.
There's a fountain that flows-like a river from heaven,
Abounding in love to my soul.

All blessing and honor are His,
All glory and power are His.
Let all wisdom and strength
be the Lord's in this place.
Let all glory be given to Him.
There is joy in the Lord,
There is love in His Spirit.
There is hope in the
knowledge of Him.
There's a fountain I know-
every time I am near it,
My heart over flows to the Lord.
All blessing and honor are His,
All glory and power are His.
Let all wisdom and strength
be the Lord's in this place.
Let all glory be given to Him.
There is joy in the Lord,
There is love in His Spirit.
There is hope in the
knowledge of Him.
There's a fountain that flows-
like a river from heaven,
Abounding in love to my soul.
There is joy in the Lord.

Confession and Forgiveness

- L: In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**

L: Our life is something opaque, not transparent, as long as we look at it in ordinary human ways. But if we hold it up against the light of God's goodness, it shines and turns transparent, radiant and bright. And then we ask ourselves in amazement: Is this really my own life I see before me?

C: **Heavenly Parent, help us to consider the goodness and power of light. Help us to find light in each day and remember the significance and origin of light. We pray that you help us to light the world around us, day by day. Amen.**

L: Let us make our confession to God.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination

L: Almighty and merciful God,

C: **I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinner. Forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.**

L: Almighty God in God's mercy has given Jesus to die for us and, for the sake of Christ, forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of God's light.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

L: Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may

steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated

Offertory & Special Music

*There will be no offering collected by the passing of collection plates. Please either place your offering in the boxes at each entry/exit point or continue to give as you have been, by mail, your bank's online bill pay, or our new online giving tool.

First Reading 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

¹⁵Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Second Reading Galatians 5:1, 13-25

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.

¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

*Please stand in body or spirit

Song of the Day *"I Come to the Cross"*

I come to the cross, seeking mercy and grace.

I come to the cross where You died in my place.

Out of my weakness and into Your strength,

Jesus, I come to the cross.

Your arms are open,

You call me by name,

You welcome this child that was lost.

You paid the price for my guilt and my shame.

Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come,

Jesus, I come to the cross.

I come to the cross, seeking mercy and grace.
I come to the cross where You died in my place.
Out of my weakness and into Your strength,
Jesus, I come to the cross.
Your arms are open,
You call me by name,
You welcome this child that was lost.
You paid the price for my guilt and my shame.
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come,
Jesus, I come to the cross.

Holy Gospel

Luke 9:51-62

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

*Please be seated

*Please stand in body or spirit

Apostles' Creed

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 the Church

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.

Blessing

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

Sending Song

"I Will Follow"

All Your ways are good
All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight
High above my life
I will trust in You alone
Where You go, I'll go
Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move
I will follow You
Who You love, I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah
I will follow You, yeah
Light into the world
Light into my life
I will live for You alone
You're the one I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone.
Where You go, I'll go
Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move
I will follow You
Who You love, I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah
I will follow You, yeah
In You there's life everlasting
In You there's freedom for my soul

In You there's joy, unending joy
And I will follow
Where You go, I'll go
Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move
I will follow you
Who You love, I'll love
How You serve, I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow.
Where You go, I'll go
Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move
I will follow you
Who you love, I'll love
How You serve, I'll serve
If this life I lose,
I will follow You, yeah
I will follow You, yeah
I will follow You, yeah
I will follow You, yeah

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**
