

Emanuel Lutheran Church

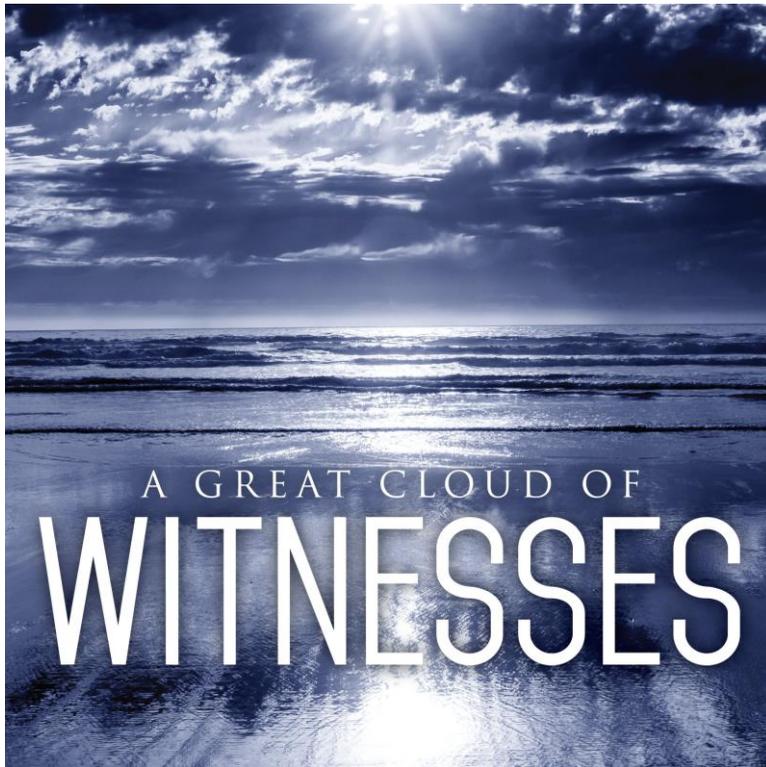
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Contemporary Worship

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Mission Statement:

Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others

Praise Band

Teri Turner..... *Director & Keyboard*
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Pat Thomas..... *Bass/Guitar*
Rick Lyon..... *Guitar*

Praise Chorus

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2022 is The Year of Vision - Who is God calling us to be?

"See, I am making all things new" Revelation 21:5a

Welcome and Opening Reading

Gathering Song "Blessed Be Your Name"

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams
Of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name
When I'm found
In the desert place,
Though I walk
Through the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say,
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name.
Blessed be Your name
When the sun's
Shining down on me,
When the world's
All as it should be,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name
On the road
Marked with suffering,
Though there's pain
In the offering,
Blessed be Your name.
Every blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say,
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name.
You give and take away,
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say,

Lord, blessed be Your name.
You give and take away,
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say,
Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name.

*Please stand in body or spirit

Call to Worship

Psalm 82

- L: God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:
- C: **"How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?"**
- L: Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;
- C: **rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.**
- L: They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- C: **Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;**
- L: nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."
- C: **Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.**

Song

"Light the Fire Again"

Don't let my love grow cold.
I'm calling out,
"Light the fire again."

Don't let my vision die.
I'm calling out,
"Light the fire again."
You know my heart, my deeds.
I'm calling out,
"Light the fire again."
I need Your discipline.
I'm calling out,
"Light the fire again."
I am here to buy gold
Refined in the fire.
Naked and poor,
Wretched and blind I come.
Clothe me in white
So I won't be ashamed.
Lord, light the fire again.
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Prayers for Returning to School

- L: We thank you Lord for the gift of education in every form. As our youth prepare to start a new academic year, may confidence be their foundation, may grace be their guide and may hope be their compass toward a bright future.
- C: We pray they would have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love well. May they face each day with positivity, knowing that no matter what comes their way, they do not have to face it alone.**
- L: We thank you Lord for the gift of teachers at all levels. As the educators prepare to start a new academic year, grant them patience to endure all the situations that may be presented to them.
- C: We pray they have the ears to hear the requests of their students, and a will to respond to each person's need. May they face each day with courage, knowing that no matter what comes their way, they do not have to face it alone.**
- L: We thank you Lord for the gift of administration in all areas. As the staffs prepare to start a new academic year, grant them the wisdom to guide the educational process under their charge.
- C: We pray they have the strength to support the teachers and the students in their academic endeavors. May they face each day with perseverance, knowing that no matter what comes their way, they do not have to face it alone.**

Prayer of The Day

L: O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated

Offering

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.

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Gospel Reading Luke 12:49-56

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what

stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." ⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

*Please stand in body or spirit

Song of the Day

"Because of Your Love"

Yeah, yeah. Yeah, yeah.

As we come into Your Presence,

We remember every blessing

That You've poured out so freely from above.

Lifting gratitude and praises for compassion so amazing,

Lord, we've come to give You thanks for all You've done.

Because of Your love, we're forgiven.

Because of Your love, our hearts are clean.

We lift You up with songs of freedom.

Forever we're changed because of Your love.

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Interlude

Because of Your love, we're forgiven.
Because of Your love, our hearts are clean.
We lift You up with songs of freedom.
Forever we're changed because of Your love.
Yeah, yeah. Yeah, yeah.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 11:29--12:2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. ³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made

perfect. ^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*Please be seated

Sermon

"A Great Cloud of Witnesses"

Pastor Mike

Hebrews 11:29--12:2

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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.

Consecration of the Elements

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.

*Please be seated

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Song

"Above All"

Above all powers, Above all kings
Above all nature, And all created things
Above all wisdom, And all the ways of man
You were here, Before the world began
Above all kingdoms, Above all thrones
Above all wonders, The world has ever known
Above all wealth, And treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure, What You're worth
Crucified, Laid behind a stone
You lived to die, Rejected and alone
Like a rose, Trampled on the ground
You took the fall, And thought of me
Above all, Above all powers
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And all created things, Above all wisdom
And all the ways of man, You were here
Before the world began, Above all kingdoms
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And thought of me, Above all
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You took the fall, And thought of me
Above all, Like the rose
Trampled on the ground, You took the fall
And thought of me, Above all

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Post Communion Blessing

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Prayers of the Church

Benediction

L: The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song

"Once Again"

Jesus Christ,

I think upon Your sacrifice.

You became nothing, poured out to death.

Many times I've wondered at Your gift of life,

And I'm in that place once again.

I'm in that place once again.

And once again I look upon the cross where You died,

I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside.

Once again I thank You,
Once again I pour out my life.
Now You are exalted to the highest place,
King of the heavens where one day I'll bow.
But for now I marvel at Your saving grace,
And I'm full of praise once again.
I'm full of praise once again.
And once again I look upon the cross where You died,
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank You,
Once again I pour out my life.
Thank You for the cross, thank You for the cross,
Thank You for the cross, my Friend.
Thank You for the cross, thank You for the cross,
Thank You for the cross, my Friend.
Thank You for the cross, thank You for the cross,
Thank You for the cross, my Friend.
Thank You for the cross, thank You for the cross,
Thank You for the cross, my Friend.
And once again I look upon the cross where You died,
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank You,
Once again I pour out my life.
Once again I thank You,
Once again I pour out my life.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7

We welcome you here

No matter where you come from or what you've done, no matter what you're into or what you're looking for, we welcome you here.

Whether you're single or married, divorced or widowed, gay or straight, with children in tow or towed by your children, we welcome you here.

We treasure every color of skin in the rainbow of God's beautiful creation, and when we look at you, we see God's image. We value every cultural heritage as part of God's amazing family, and we know that everyone's body is different. Whatever the shape of yours, or whether it is inked or pierced, you are beautiful in God's sight. We welcome you here.

If you're in over your head, we'll help you breathe. If you're on cloud 9, we'll help you find your feet. If you're caught up in something beyond your control, we'll introduce you to a God who can set you free. We welcome you here.

We welcome Lions and Browns and Bengals, oh my! Whether you wear scarlet and gray or maize and blue, cut-off jeans or button-down shirts, there is room for you with us. We love taxi moms and coaching dads, starving artists and CEOs. Everybody needs Jesus. We welcome you here.

No matter your faith or your doubt, whether you're spiritual or skeptical, if you resist religion or couldn't imagine life without it, we've been there too. We're glad you walked in. We welcome you here.

We believe that every sound from the human heart, from the groaning of the broken heart to the squealing of delight, from the sigh of resignation to the sounds of children laughing, from the rumble of the blues to voices lifted in praise, is the sound of the kingdom here among us. Your voice matters to God and to us. We're glad you've joined us for prayer and praise and hope you will find the promise of your life with God with us.

And when you walk out the door today, let these words resound in your heart until it trembles with glory:

You are a blessed, beloved, beautiful child of God in whom Christ dwells and delights, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, you live safely and securely in a kingdom that has no end!

To The Parents of Our Young Children, may we suggest... Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. **All are welcome!** Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads. Quietly explain the parts of the liturgy and actions of the pastor, acolytes, choir, etc. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you. If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship. **To the Members of this Church** The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they remind us that our church is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

Emanuel COVID-19 Plan

**At the time of printing, Marion County is currently
ORANGE/High.**

GREEN: Low Community Level

Back to "normal". Food and beverage allowed in all areas of buildings.

YELLOW: Medium Community Level

Masks are not required. No ropes on pews. No food or beverage for open meetings and services. Food and beverage allowed for closed meetings.

ORANGE: High Community Level

Masks required for all people during services and meetings, and ropes will be placed on every other pew for distancing during services.

Masks: Use your best judgement. You may continue to wear a mask for services and meetings, but masks will only be required for everyone when Marion County is Orange for High Community Level.