

# **EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*  
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**September 13, 2020 ~ 10:30a.m.**

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## ***102<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Sunday***



**State & Columbia**  
**1886-1918**



**September 8, 1918**



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## **Mission Statement:**

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

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

Pastor Mark Schuring

Parish Deacon Ann Thomas

Organist: Paul Burnside

Sound Technician: Doug Ross

## Welcome

Good morning and welcome to worship this morning. As we return to in-person worship in addition to the physical distancing, having your temperature taken, checking in for contact tracing and wearing face masks we will be experiencing a few changes to our worship also. Basically our 8 and 10:30 services will be the same pattern we have used in the past on non-communion Sundays. We will gather, hear the Word, pray and have a sending. However, due to the corona virus pandemic, as we continue to follow guidelines from health organizations and church bodies we will not be singing, but we will pray quietly in unison.

Prelude

Paul Burnside

God's Work. Our Hands.

Video Presentation

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

\*Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn     *“In Thee Is Gladness”*     #867

1 In thee is gladness amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart. By thee are given the gifts of heaven, thou the true redeemer art. Our souls thou wakest; our bonds thou breakest. Who trusts

thee surely has built securely and stands forever:  
Alleluia! Our hearts are pining to see thy shining,  
dying or living, to thee are cleaving; naught can us  
sever: Alleluia!

- 2 Jesus is ours! We fear no powers, not of earth or  
sin or death. He sees and blesses in worst  
distresses; he can change them with a breath.  
Wherefore the story tell of his glory with heart and  
voices; all heav'n rejoices in him forever: Alleluia!  
We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness, love  
him and praise him and still shall raise him glad  
hymns forever: Alleluia!

### 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

A: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the  
inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our  
hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you,  
that we may delight in doing your will, through  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Special Music

John Heisel

First Reading                      Genesis 50:15-21

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's  
brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge  
against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong

that we did to him?” <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalm 103:1-13

L: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.

C: **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God’s benefits—**

L: who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

C: **who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

L: who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle’s.

C: **O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

L: You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

**C: LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

L: you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep  
your anger forever.

**C: You have not dealt with us according to our  
sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

L: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so  
great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

**C: As far as the east is from the west, so far have  
you removed our transgressions from us.**

L: As a father has compassion for his children, so  
you have compassion for those who fear you, O  
LORD.

### Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. <sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to

ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. <sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." <sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

### The Holy Gospel    Matthew 18:21-35

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup>"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you

owe.’ <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Children's Sermon

\*Please stay in your seats.

Sermon    *“Of Saints and Sinners”*    Pastor Mark

Hymn    *“Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”*    #605

- 1 "Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray; but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
- 2 How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?
- 3 In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew: how trifling others' debts to us; how great our debt to you!



4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease; then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.

### 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 Intercession

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer**

### Peace

\*Please stay in your seats

P: *The peace of Christ be with you always.*

### Offering 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, our new online giving tool, or mobile app.

## Offering Prayer

### 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

P: 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. God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

### Sending Hymn      *“O Christ, Our Hope”*      #604

- 1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire, creation's mighty Lord, redeemer of the fallen world, by holy love outpoured, by holy love outpoured:
- 2 How vast your mercy to accept the burden of our sin, and bow your head in cruel death to make us clean within, to make us clean within.
- 3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ransom has been paid; you reign above at God's right hand, in robes of light arrayed, in robes of light arrayed.

- 4 Oh, let your mighty love prevail to purge us of our pride, that we may stand before your throne by mercy purified, by mercy purified.
- 5 All praise to you, ascended Lord; all glory ever be to Father, Son, and Spirit blest through all eternity, through all eternity!

### Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

\*Please remain seated. Ushers will release you by row.

### Postlude

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**Heavenly Father, We Thank You** that we are celebrating this 102<sup>nd</sup> anniversary. We pray that You would continue to make Your love known among us. Help us to look beyond our walls and limitations to those who do not know You. Make this church a blessing to those around us, and embolden us to move forward together with strength and wisdom toward whatever lies ahead.

**We Remember With Our Prayers:** Mary Click, Mary Richardson, Marcia Geyer, Shirley Baldauf, Jack Hale, Josh Stevens, Lisa Creager, and Doug Evans.

**I would like to express my sincere gratitude** to everyone who sent cards to Carlton while he was a patient at Fairhaven Community and also to those who attended Carlton's calling hours and funeral at the Denzer Chapel at Snyder Funeral Home. A special thank you to Pastor Mark Schuring for his inspiring sermon in honor of Carlton. God Bless, Cheryl Williams.

**Thank you to our church family** for your prayers, notes, cards, and air hugs during Carlton's illness. Being raised at Emanuel, we have always known that our church family cares. It means so much. His sister, Alicia Mayes

**Dear Emanuel Friends** – Thank you so much for all the birthday cards. They were greatly appreciated! God Bless, Norma Fanello.

**A Gift Has Been Given** in memory of Darlene Schaadt to Sunday School by Kevin Strohl.

**A Gift Has Been Given** to Emanuel in memory of Dwayne Everly by Brent & Keren Davidson.

**Gifts Have Been Given** in memory of Carlton Williams to Emanuel by Dick & Janet Bryson, David & Helene Everson, Brent & Keren Davidson, Marilyn Swartz, Jeanette Mawer & Kathy Sherman, Barbara & Steven Skinner, and Robert & Mary Martha Simmons; to the Good Samaritan Fund by Barb Bosh; and to the Radio Fund by Galen & Grace Teel.

**St. Paul's Waldo Community Drive-thru Fresh Food Distribution** will be held at All Occasions on Friday, October 2nd from 11 am to 2 pm. The church is collecting tissues, paper towels and toilet paper. Items can be brought anytime to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waldo and placed between the two back doors.

**Please Note:** If any who attend our in person worship services show symptoms of Covid 19 and test positive for the virus, they should contact the church immediately.

**Our Next In Person** worship service will be September 20 at 8:00 a.m.

**10:30 Broadcast Continues:** The Radio Broadcast and live streaming of the 10:30a.m. service will continue each week. **The 9:15 Contemporary Service** will now stream on Emanuel's website as well, on dates when that service occurs.

**Reminder of the In-Person Worship Dates:**

Sept. 20 @ 8:00	<b><u>Oct. 4 @ 10:30</u></b>
Sept. 27 @ 9:15	Oct. 11 @ 8:00
	Oct. 18 @ 9:15
	<b><u>Oct. 25 @ 10:30</u></b>



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