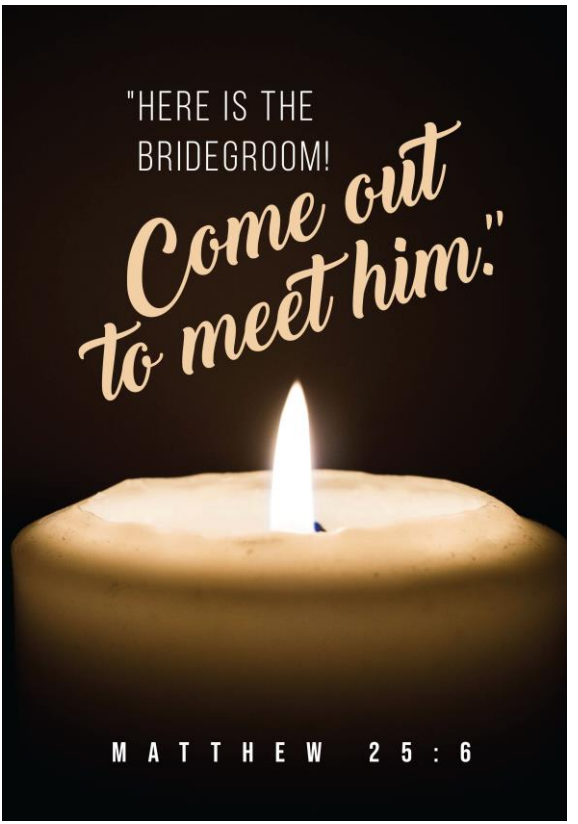
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ELW Service –
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026 ~ 8:45 a.m.



Rev. Michael L. Poole Jr. – Senior Pastor
Rev. Br. Ian Boden, OLF – Associate Pastor

Paul Burnside - Organist

Mission Statement:
Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others

Our Ministers This Morning Include:
Rev. Michael L. Poole Jr.
Rev. Br. Ian Boden, OLF
Organist: Paul Burnside
Ushers:
Lay Reader:
Acolytes:

2026 Congregational Watchword –
"Be merciful just as your Father is merciful" – Luke 6:36

We welcome you to Emanuel Lutheran Church, where we gather in the grace of God and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We're glad you've joined us in prayer and praise. Your voice matters to God and to us. May God's Word today strengthen you in your faith, motivate your service with others, and inspire curiosity and learning.

"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God." (Romans 15:7 NIV)

Prelude Paul Burnside
*Please stand in body or spirit.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
C: **Amen.**
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
**Silence is kept for reflection.*
P: Holy God,
C: **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.**

We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

C: **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* #858

Greeting

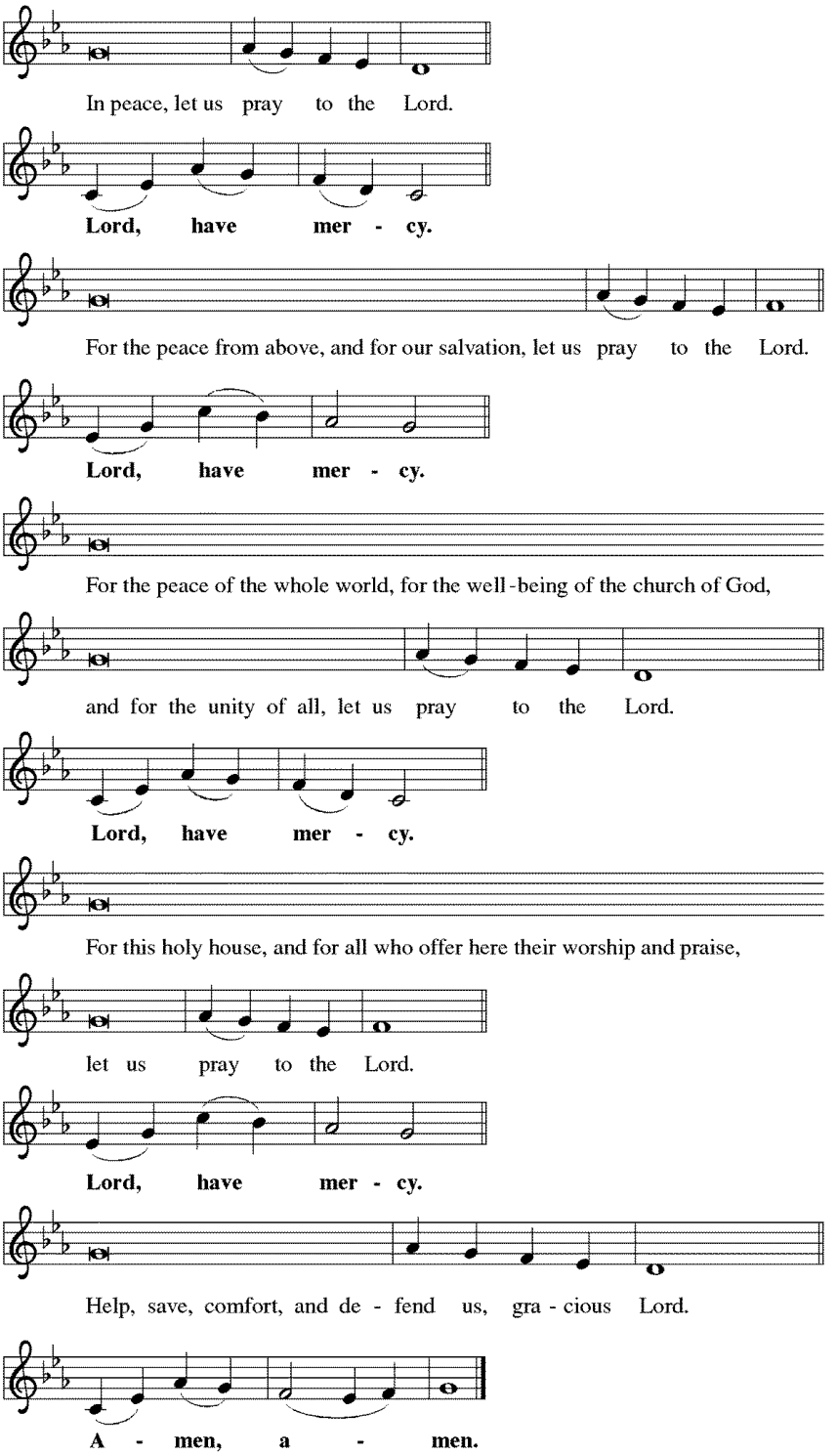
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Watchword Luke 6:36

P: Be merciful,

C: **just as your Father is merciful.**


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 de - fend 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.



Prayer of The Day

P: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.

Anthem

First Lesson Amos 5:18-24 Pew Bible pg. 650

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 70

L: Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me; O Lord, make | haste to help me.

C: **Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.**

L: Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me turn back because | of their shame.

C: **Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, Great | is the Lord!"**

L: But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, | do not tarry.

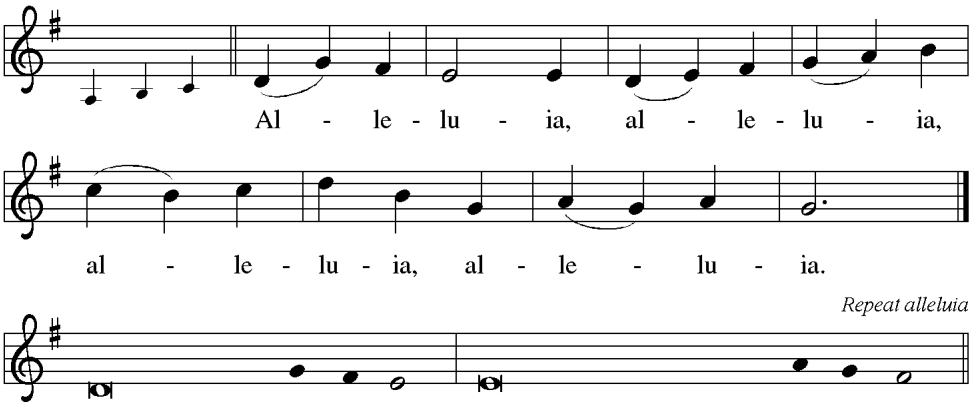
Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Pew Bible pg. 836

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation Page 102



The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:1-13 Pew Bible pg. 702

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter.

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

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.

Sermon Pastor Ian

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn *"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"* #436

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

P: God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our 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.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.

Offering

Offertory

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Offertory Response

♪ **Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name. Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.**

Offering Prayer

P: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C; **Amen.**

Benediction

P: The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn *"Come, We That Love the Lord"* #625

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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We welcome all 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.

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 are here. We welcome you.

The presence of children in our ministry is a gift to the Church and they remind us that our congregation is growing. We believe that every sound from the human heart, from the groaning of brokenness to the squealing of delight, from the sigh of resignation to the sounds of laughing, from the rumble of the blues to the voices lifted in praise; all are the sounds of the Kingdom here among us. All voices matter to God and are important to us. We hope you find the promise of life with God while you are here.

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!

We Remember with Our Prayers: Jane Scroggins, Jim Gerfen, Sandy Mitchell, Beth Beach, Janet & Robert Brown, Paul White, Ellis, Ethan & Lucas, Judy Rider,

Jimmy Richardson, John Hoch, Amy Green, Greg Pike, Kenny Heimlich, Jane Gifford, Tom, Adam Hesler, Dave Clark, Steve Ward, Ed Baldauf, Rozella Wilkes, Rosalyn Rush, Larry, Linda Hoch, Charlie Campbell, Rich Brunner, Chris Bayless-Williams, Eric Clark, Carolyn Parrott, Marquis Hayes, Gary Tackett, Jill Almendinger, Ray Moore, Brian Wigal, Dallas, and Terry Rakow.

We Extend our Sympathy & Prayers to Steve Andrews, Scott Inskeep, and the family and friend of Marilyn Andrews.

Thank you all for helping with the **Halloween Maze**. Candy donations were huge, decorations were appreciated, and those passing out candy to the Trick or Treaters had the most fun! This outreach attracted over 100 including our Preschool students, Cub Scouts, Youth Night participants (ELC and Waldo St. Paul's) and neighborhood Trick or Treaters.

Help us Spread Christmas Cheer! The communications committee would like the bulletin board outside the gathering space to feature family holiday pictures. These pictures can be grandchildren, pets, Christmas card pictures or cards... The board will be blank in December. Pushpins will be on the board. We are asking you to pin your pictures or cards anywhere on the board. Let's see how many smiling faces we can get.

2026 Advent Camp "Angels & Shepherds" Sunday, November 29th 10AM-3PM Please join us for a day of preparation to help celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. This invitation is for both children and adults. Come as a family or someone loves to celebrate Christmas. We will begin at 10 AM with registration, an Advent craft, we will learn what Advent truly is and ways to prepare our

hearts for the coming of Baby Jesus. We will attend the Praise Service together and participate in that service. At 12PM a luncheon will be served in the parlors for anyone wishing to participate, music and singing will follow lunch. From 1Pm to 3PM. We will be crafting, hearing the Christmas story and learning about Angels and Shepherds. Plans are still being made and help is needed. Please call Cindy Rinker at 740 225 8068 if you have any questions or would like to help.

Thanks and Giving: If you are planning to donate a frozen turkey, please bring it to the church and we will place it in our freezer for our volunteer cook. She can prepare two turkeys per week, and she is ready to get started. The final date to donate in this way is the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 22. Please sign up for this service in the Gathering Space. **Sign-up sheets** for Thanksgiving Day are in the Gathering Space. Our greatest need right now is for help on that day.

Marion Correctional Christmas Play 2026 Come enjoy a festive evening at the **Marion Correctional Institution**! In this special event, the incarcerated adults will showcase their talents in a heartwarming Christmas play. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to support the rehabilitation efforts of the incarcerated adults and enjoy a memorable evening filled with entertainment and joy. There are 6 shows to choose from - December 14, 15, and 16 at 1pm and 6pm. Get your tickets by Nov. 29th! Find Tickets at the link below or sign-up in the Gathering Space and Heather Smith will register you:
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/marion-correctional-christmas-play-2026-tickets-1991736825461?aff=oddtdtcreator

Youth Gathering Fundraiser We are collecting recyclable Metals. Any and all metals will be collected on Sundays after church. There will be a container(s) in the entrance from the parking lot and on the second-floor elevator room. Any food cans, please rinse out. If you have any metals that you want to recycle and are unable to bring them to the church, please contact me directly, Cory Shay at 614-595-3379. This Fundraiser will run starting on November 1st through June 20th.

Advent Potluck Dinner Sign-up Sheets During Advent every Wednesday we are having a meal (5:30) and a worship service (7:00). The dates are Dec. 2, 9, 16, and 23. In order to make this successful we need help. Look for sign-up sheets in the gathering space. One set of forms will be for kitchen helpers and the other will be for food providers. Thank you ahead of time.

Greetings! Advent is coming faster than some of us would like. In Advent, these 4 weeks leading up to Christmas Eve there is a tradition of having advent calendars. One opens a little door each day and gets an image, or a small figure or toy or piece of candy. A way of building anticipation as we move closer and closer to Christmas. This year however, I am purposing and encouraging folks to consider a "Reverse Advent Calendar" where instead of receiving something each day, something is given each day. This is by no means a mandatory thing, but I encourage you to consider it as we together prepare for the birth of the Christ Child. What can we give as we prepare for Christmas? You can find a reverse advent calendar list in the gathering space. -Pastor Ian

Adult Sunday School will be exploring different world religions with Pastor Ian during the educational hour from 10am-11am on Sunday mornings from 10/25-11/15. We will dive into the beliefs and histories of several world religions ranging from Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Taoism, Indigenous North America Faith and more. Bring your questions, and your curiosities!

Monthly Ministry Mission: Since June we have been focusing on the needs of others in our community each month in order to stretch our support outside of our own walls. Thank you to everyone who has participated! We have raised funds and donated items for Trinity Lutheran Church's steeple repair, the Moran family, Hauling Hope, Luke 3:11 ministries, and Turning Point! For the month of November, we ask you to think about what you're most thankful for in the Marion Community. Then find a creative way to support the ministries or services that mean the most to you during this season of gratitude and giving. What has been a blessing in your life and how can you give thanks for those blessings?

Feed the Need Wishlist for November: Chips, jelly, cookies, rice Krispie treats, lunch meat, crackers, pudding cups, fruit bowls and meatballs.

Thursday Book Study – Our current book study is reading "Neither Wolf Nor Dog: On Forgotten Roads with an Indian Elder" by Kent Nerburn. Native American elder, Dan, leads Kent Nerburn through Indian towns and down forgotten roads searching for memories of the Ghost Dance and Sitting Bull and enlightens the reader to Native American spiritual traditions. Along the way, we meet a vivid cast of characters. Neither Wolf Nor Dog takes us past the myths and stereotypes of the Native American experience, revealing an America few ever see. This group

meets 11:30-12:30 on Thursdays. Purchase a copy and come join us for some lively discussion. Laurie Wise

Join us for Chair Yoga at 11:00a.m. on Fridays! Instructor Tracy Pryor has been teaching yoga since 2007 and holds many certifications through YogaFit. Recommended donation to cover the costs of our creative ministries is $10, but pay as you are able.

Hunger Network in Ohio Events: Advocacy in Advent: December 1st 12:00 - 7pm You are invited to come and advocate with us during the Advent and holiday season for an end to hunger and justice in our communities. No experience necessary. After a day at the Statehouse, join us for dinner, singing, and community with one another! Come for one or both events! Advocacy Day 12:00-5:00; Celebration Dinner 5:00 -7:00
Hunger Network in Ohio's Monthly Advocate Check-in - Second Thursday's (normally) 7pm - 8pm. Join fellow advocates from across Ohio to hear what is going on at the Ohio Statehouse, ways to get involved, ask questions, and share what is going on in your community. All are welcome to this time! Registration for both of these events can be found at: www.Hungernetohio.com/events

The Week of November 8th at Emanuel:

Tues. 11/10	8:30a.m.	Quilters
	1:00p.m.	Feed the Need Prep
	6:00p.m.	Praise Team
	7:00p.m.	Marionaires
Wed. 11/11	9:30a.m.	Bible Study
	10:30a.m.	Feed the Need
	6:00p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00p.m.	Bell Rehearsal
Thurs. 11/12	11:30a.m.	Book Study
	4:30p.m.	Community Meal
	6:30p.m.	Cub Scout Den Meetings
Fri. 11/13	11:00a.m.	Chair Yoga
	6:30p.m.	Cub Scout Den Meetings
Sun. 11/15	8:45a.m.	ELW Worship
	10:00a.m.	Sunday School
	11:15a.m.	Praise Team Worship
	7:00p.m.	Evening Worship



Please Recycle this Bulletin. There is a basket available just inside the Gathering Space.