

# *Emanuel Lutheran Church*

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## *Praise Team Worship* *Sixth Sunday after Pentecost* *Sunday, July 20, 2025*

But the Lord answered her,



you are worried and  
distracted by many things."

**LUKE 10:41, NRSV**

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**Mission Statement:**

Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others

## ***Praise Band***

*Teri Turner..... Director & Keyboard*  
*Tom Schifer ..... Drums/Percussion*  
*Pat Thomas..... Bass/Guitar*  
*Rick Lyon..... Guitar*  
*Mark Schuring..... Guitar*

## ***Praise Chorus***

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## **2025 Congregational Watchword -**

"Jesus said, 'Blessed are those who are persecuted  
for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the  
kingdom of heaven.'" - Matthew 5:10

**2025 Theme - Year of Listening**

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Welcome

Opening Reading

## Gathering

## ***"My Anchor"***

You're the Lord Almighty, Your every word is sure  
And in Your love unfailing, I'm safe when oceans roar  
Yes, I'm safe when oceans roar, My anchor, forever  
My Shelter within the storm, You're my Deliverer  
You never falter, You're the Rock I stand on  
Here within the struggle, Oh and every crashing wave

You are more than able, And Your Hand is strong to save  
Yes, I know You're Hand is strong to save, My Anchor, forever  
My Shelter within the storm, You're my Deliverer  
You never falter, You're the rock I stand on  
I hold on to You, And You hold on to me  
Jesus, I hold on to you, And You hold on to me  
Jesus I hold on to you, And You hold on to me  
Jesus, I hold on to you, And you hold on to me  
'Cause You're my Anchor, forever, My Shelter within the storm  
You're my Deliverer, You never falter  
Yes you're the Rock I stand on, My Anchor, forever  
My Shelter within the storm, You're my Deliverer  
You never falter, Yes, You're the Rock I stand on  
Yes You're the Rock I stand on, You're the Rock I stand on

### Call to Worship

### Psalm 15

- L: Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?
- C: **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**
- L: they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
- C: **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**
- L: They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

## Song

### *"As the Deer"*

As the deer panteth for the water, So my soul longeth after thee.  
You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship Thee.  
You alone are my strength, my shield;  
To You, alone, may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship Thee.  
You're my friend and You are my brother, Even though you are a King.  
I love you more than any other, So much more than anything.  
You alone are my strength, my shield;  
To You, alone, may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship Thee.  
I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy giver, and the apple of my eye.  
You alone are my strength, my shield;  
To You, alone, may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship Thee.  
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## Confession and Forgiveness

- L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, (+) one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.
- C: **Amen.**
- L: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.  
(Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination)
- L: Reconciling God,
- C: **We confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefits. We fear difference and do not**

welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Holy Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

L: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace through God, through Christ (+), and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts.

C: **Amen.**

### Watchword

Matthew 5:10

L: Jesus said, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,

C: **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."**

### Prayer of the Day

L: Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

### Song

*"White As Snow"*

White as snow, white as snow, though my sins were as scarlet,

Lord, I know, Lord, I know- that I'm clean and forgiven.

Through the power of Your blood, through the wonder of Your love,

Through faith in You I know that I can be white as snow.

White as snow, white as snow, though my sins were as scarlet,

Lord, I know, Lord, I know- that I'm clean and forgiven.

Through the power of Your blood, through the wonder of Your love,

Through faith in You I know that I can be white as snow.

Passing of the Peace

Offering & Special Music

"On Eagle's Wings"

Kathy Kemp

First Reading

Genesis 18:1-10a

Pew Bible pg. 11

Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-28

Pew Bible pg. 833

Children's Sermon

Song of the Day

*"Speak, O Lord"*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You,

To receive the food of Your Holy Word.

Take Your truth; plant it deep in us.

Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,

That the light of Christ might be seen today

In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us, All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility.

Test our thoughts and our attitudes, In the radiance of Your purity.

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see

Your majestic love and authority.

Words of pow'r that can never fail,

Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;

Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us;

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,

That will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,

And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built

And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Sermon

*"Don't Get Distracted"*

Pastor Mike

Luke 10:38-42

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

## *"Christ is Enough"*

Christ is my desire and all of my devotion.

Now there's nothing in this world that could ever satisfy.

Through every trial, My soul will sing:

"No turning back, I've been set free."

Christ is enough for me. Christ is enough for me.

Everything I need is in You, Everything I need.

Christ my all in all, The joy of my salvation.

And this hope will never fail; Heaven is our home.

Through every storm my soul will sing:

"Jesus is here; To God be the glory!"

Christ is enough for me. Christ is enough for me.

Everything I need is in You, Everything I need.

I have decided to follow Jesus; No turning back, No turning back.

I have decided to follow Jesus; No turning back. No turning back.

The cross before me, The world behind me;

No turning back, No turning back.

The cross before me, The world behind me;

No turning back, No turning back.

Christ is enough for me. Christ is enough for me.

Everything I need is in You, Everything I need.

I have decided to follow Jesus; No turning back, No turning back.

I have decided to follow Jesus; No turning back, No turning back.

I have decided to follow Jesus; No turning back, No turning back.

I have decided to follow Jesus; No turning back, No turning back.

## Dismissal

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**