

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ELW Service - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 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: Bruce Showalter and Dan Riddle

Lay Reader: Chris Bayless

Communion Assistants: Judy Lehner & Ann Thomas

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: In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination

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: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ (+), your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with the power of the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

Gathering *“How Firm a Foundation”*

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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.



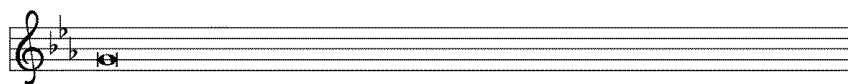
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



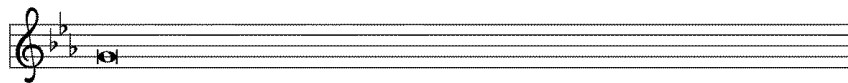
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



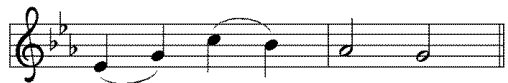
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



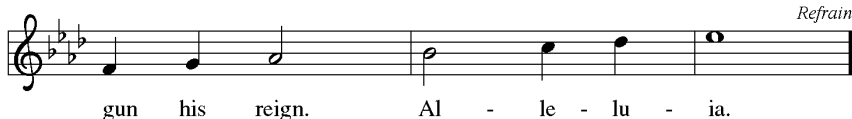
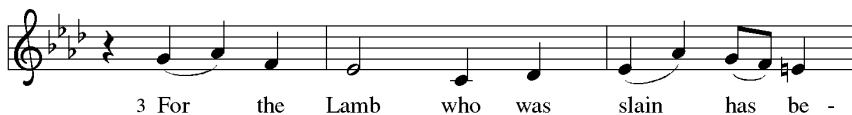
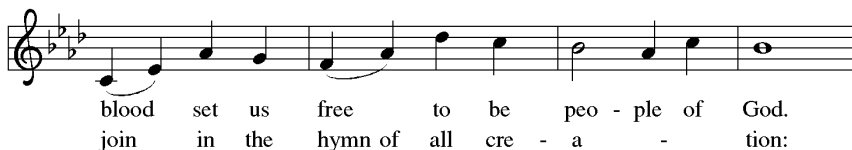
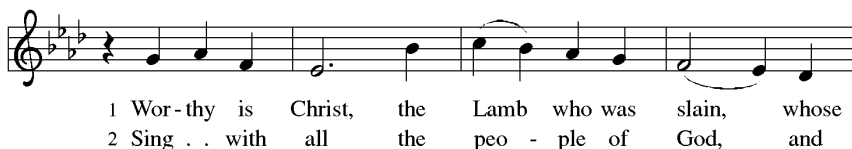
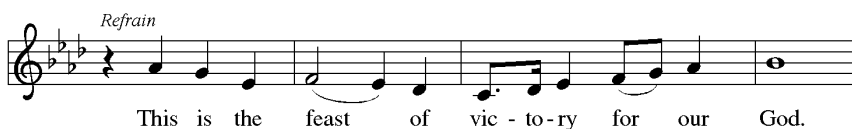
Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.



Prayer of The Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God,

C: **you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.

Anthem

"We Give Our Lives"

Emanuel Choir

We give our lives to You O God, our redeemer.

For You are worthy of our honor and glory.

We put our hope and faith in You, Great Jehovah.

Come, write upon our lives Your wonderful story.

You brought us to this place. You filled us with Your grace. We give our hopes and dreams to You.

We give our thanks alone to You, great Creator.

We gather now to catch a glimpse of Your vision.

We give our service now to You, great Messiah.

Come now in power and inspire us to mission.

Our past we celebrate. Our future we embrace.

We will be faithful to Your call.

We give our lives to you, O God.

Create within the church a bright new song.

Awake in us the music of Your boundless grace.

Come Holy Spirit, by Your love unite us,

To be an instrument of praise.

To be an instrument of praise.

May every word and deed reflect Your purpose.

May we be music in the dark of night.

May we walk worthy of Your call to service.

May we be salt and light. May we be salt and wondrous light.

We give our all to You, O God, our Redeemer.

We offer up to You our heart's adoration.
We come as one to sing a new alleluia.
We lift our voice as one in great celebration.
We pledge our lives anew. We give our all to You.
We will be faithful to Your call.
We give our lives to You, O God.
We give our lives to You, O God.
We give our lives to You, O God!

First Lesson Psalm 145:1-21 Read Responsively

- L: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.
- C: **Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.**
- L: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.
- C: **One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.**
- L: They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
- C: **They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds.**
- L: They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- C: **The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.**
- L: The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.
- C: **All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you.**
- L: They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,
- C: **so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

- L: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.
- C: **The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.**
- L: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.
- C: **You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.**
- L: The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.
- C: **The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.**
- L: He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.
- C: **The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.**
- L: My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

Psalm Prayer

- L: Loving God, you are faithful in your promises and tender in your compassion. Listen to our hymn of joy, and continue to satisfy the needs of your creatures, that all flesh may bless your name in your everlasting Kingdom, where with your Son and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Second Lesson Luke 18:18-25 Pew Bible pg. 742

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.

Sermon “*Stewardship of Renunciation*” Pastor Mike
Luke 18:18-25

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn “*Will you Come and Follow Me*” #798

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: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

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.**

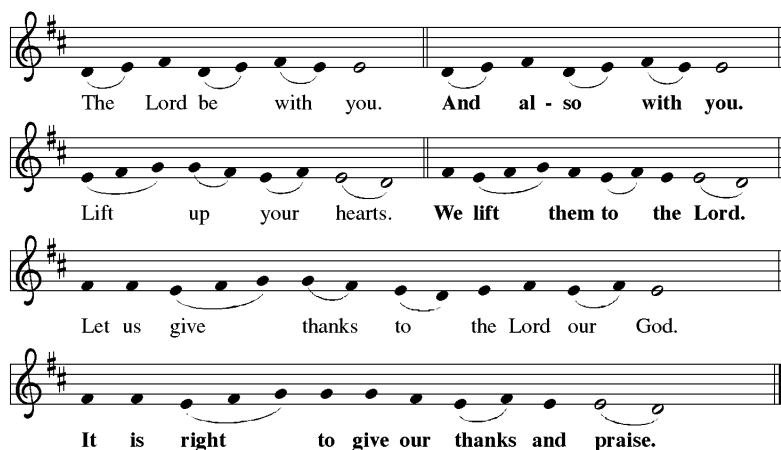
Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: **As grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your Kingdom, for yours is the glory, by the power of the Holy Spirit, and through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

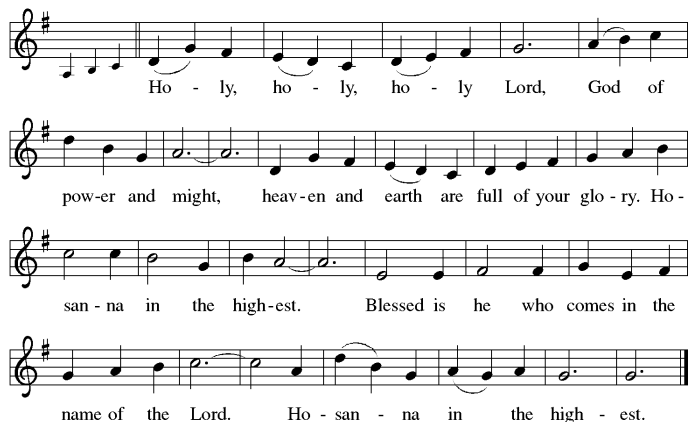
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Preface

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal is your reign.

C: **You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

C: **Do this in remembrance of me.**

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

C: **Do this in remembrance of me.**

P: Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

C: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petition of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours almighty Father, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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

Invitation to Communion

Holy Communion

“Lamb of God”

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn

“Thank You, Lord”



1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,
2 Been so good, been so good, been so
3 Been my friend, been my friend, been my
4 Love you, Lord, love you, Lord, love you,
Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.
good, I just want to thank you, Lord.
friend, I just want to thank you, Lord.
Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Blessing of Sacrament for Sending Out

L: Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care; as you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your

Word and Sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence by the power of the Holy Spirit, and through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”* #815

Dismissal

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

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, Steve Laird, Chris Bayless-Williams, Eric Clark, Carolyn Parrott, Sherryl Patterson, Alli, Dave Cook, Marquis Hayes and Gary Tackett.

We Extend our Sympathy & Prayers to Dennis Swartz and the family and friends of Mary Ellen Swartz.

Greetings Families! Pastor Ian would love to know when youths sporting events, concerts, recitals, and such events are! He cannot promise to make everything but he certainly will try to make some, however he cannot attend any if he doesn't know when they are. Please feel free to send dates/ schedules to him via email at

pastorian@emanuellutheran.net Thank you!

Preschool Supply Drive! There is a poster board in the Gathering Space with needed supplies for the Early Learning

Center! If you are interested in helping them prepare for the upcoming year, please choose a pencil off the board and purchase the listed supplies. Items can be put in Abby's office on the first floor. Thank you!

Comfort Quilters The Comfort Quilters are beginning to use crochet thread to tie quilts instead of yarn. This is to meet the requirement by Lutheran World Relief. If you are interested in taking any of the yarn you have until Oct. 1 to choose the yarn you would like.

Quilt Packing Day is Almost here! The Comfort Quilters are looking for volunteers to help load quilts to send to LWR on Saturday, October 10th at 8:15am. Please plan to meet at the church that morning if you are able to help! Thank you.

September Ministry Mission: Luke 3:11 Ministries Amy Parker, founder of Luke 3:11 Ministries, will be joining us on September 27 to share about the ministry's work in Marion and surrounding communities. Luke 3:11 Ministries takes its name from Jesus' instruction in Luke 3:11: *"Whoever has food must do likewise."* Through programs including the Peanut Butter Jelly Truck, Lumpy Loads of Laundry, I Wish for Prom, the PBJ Truck Garden Challenge, and the Community Garden at Sawyer Ludwig Park, the volunteer-powered nonprofit puts that teaching into action by serving neighbors with dignity and compassion. Working alongside local churches, small businesses, schools, nonprofits, civic organizations, and dedicated volunteers, the ministry addresses food insecurity and other practical needs throughout the community. To learn more, volunteer, or make a donation, visit www.luke311ministries.org. Throughout the month of September we will be supporting Luke 3:11 ministries through in-kind donations of jelly, brown paper bags, gas cards, and operating funds that help keep their programs running throughout the year.

Thursday Book Study – Our current book study is *Onward Christian Soldiers* by Terrill North. This historical fiction novel is based on the life of Dona Beatriz Kimpa Vita, a 17th-century

Christian prophet and leader from the Kingdom of Kongo who led a slave rebellion. It is a historical fiction novel of Resistance and is a compelling and thought-provoking. It blends faith, courage, and perseverance into a powerful story. This group meets 11:30-12:30 on Thursdays. Purchase a book and come join us for some stimulating conversation!

The Pray and Study group will meet at Pleasant Park for their annual picnic at 5pm on Monday, September 21st. If the weather is bad the group will meet at the church. Please contact Ann Thomas if you plan to come.

Feed the Need Wishlist for September 16-30: Cream of Chicken Soup, Tator Tots, Cookies, and Peanut Butter Crackers.

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. This class can be adapted to all skill levels. Yoga over time improves mental focus, increases flexibility, and fosters a greater sense of wellness. Recommended donation to cover the costs of our creative ministries is \$10, but pay as you are able.

The Week of September 20th at Emanuel:

Mon. 9/21	5:00p.m.	Pray & Study Picnic
Tues. 9/22	1:00p.m.	Feed the Need Prep
	6:00p.m.	Praise Team
	7:00p.m.	Marionaires
Wed. 9/23	9:30a.m.	Bible Study
	10:30a.m.	Feed the Need
	6:00p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00p.m.	Bell Rehearsal
Thurs. 9/24	11:30a.m.	Book Study
	12:00p.m.	City Cleanup Lunch
Fri. 9/28	11:00a.m.	Chair Yoga
Sun. 9/27	8:45a.m.	ELW Worship
	10:00a.m.	Sunday School
	11:15a.m.	Praise Team Worship
	7:00p.m.	Evening Worship