

# *Emanuel Lutheran Church*

*A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

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## *Praise Team Worship* *Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost* *Sunday, September 20, 2026*



*...How hard it is for those  
who have wealth to enter  
the kingdom of God!*

LUKE 18:24

**Rev. Michael L. Poole Jr. - Senior Pastor**

**Rev. Br. Ian Boden, OLF - Associate Pastor**

### **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*

*Carolyn Bailey, Cindy & Steve deWeber,*  
*Juanita Oiler, Bethany Rice, Jean Yake*

### *Audio Visual Team*

*Steve Andrews & Scott Inskeep, Carolyn Fox, Betty Jo Lill,*  
*Dee & Darren Rinehart, Teri Turner*

*Lay Reader: Teri Turner*

*Usher: Scott Inskeep & Steve Andrews*

*Acolyte:*

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### **2026 Congregational Watchword -**

**"Be merciful just as your Father is merciful" - Luke 6:36**

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

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.

## Gathering of Community

### Congregational Watchword

Luke 6:36

L: Be merciful,

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

### Call to Worship

L: Power and might and majesty belong to God who created and is creating.

**C: Thanks be to God for God's mighty wonders.**

L: Like the image of the powerful wind, and heavens as a garment, God's majesty is revealed in all creation.

**C: We look around us at the wonders and marvel at the infinite variety and beauty which God has created.**

L: Who are we, that God should pay attention to us?

**C: We are God's beloved children, the stewards whom God has selected to care for the world. Amen.**

by Nancy C. Townley

### Gathering Song

"Be Unto Your Name"

Congregation

We are a moment, You are forever,

Lord of the ages, God before time.

We are a vapor, You are eternal,

Love everlasting, Reigning on high.

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

Highest praises, honor and glory

Be unto Your name, Be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer,

Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save.

You are the love song we'll sing forever,

Bowing before You, Blessing Your name.

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

Highest praises, honor and glory

Be unto Your name, Be unto Your name.

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

Highest praises, honor and glory

Be unto Your name, Be unto Your name.

### Confession and Forgiveness

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

**C:** **Amen.**

**L:** 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**

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

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

**L:** 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.**

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

C: **Amen.**

### Passing of Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with You**

L: Let us take this time to share a sign of God's peace with one another.

### Proclamation of the Word

#### Scripture Readings

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.

Children's Sermon

Song of the Word

"Come to Jesus"

Congregation

**Solo:** *Weak and wounded sinner, Lost and left to die;*

*O raise your head, For Love is passing by.*

*Come to Jesus, Come to Jesus, Come to Jesus and live!*

**All:** Now your burden's lifted and carried far away;

And precious blood has washed away the stain.

So sing to Jesus, Sing to Jesus,

Sing to Jesus and live!

**Interlude**

Like a newborn baby,

Don't be afraid to crawl;

And remember when you walk,

Sometimes we fall.

So fall on Jesus, Fall on Jesus,

Fall on Jesus and live!

Sometimes the way is lonely,

And steep and filled with pain;

So if your sky is dark and pours the rain,

Then cry to Jesus, Cry to Jesus,

Cry to Jesus and live!

And when the love spills over,

And music fills the night,

And when you can't contain your joy inside;

Then dance for Jesus, Dance for Jesus,

Dance for Jesus and Live!

**Solo:** *And with your final heartbeat Kiss the world goodbye;*

*Then go in peace, And laugh on Glory's side,*

*And fly to Jesus, Fly to Jesus,*

*Fly to Jesus and live!*

**All:** Fly to Jesus, Fly to Jesus, Fly to Jesus, and live!

Response to the Word

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.

Offering

Special Music

## Offering Prayer

L: 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.

## Sending to Service

### Blessing

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

C: **Amen.**

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

C: **Amen.**

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

C: **Amen.**

### Sending Song

### *"I Will Follow"*

### Congregation

All Your ways are good,  
All Your ways are sure  
I will trust in You alone,  
Higher than my sight  
High above my life,  
I will trust in You alone  
Where You go, I'll go,  
Where You stay, I'll stay  
When You move, I'll move, I will follow You  
Who You love, I'll love,

How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah,  
I will follow You, yeah  
Light into the world,  
Light into my life  
I will live for You alone,  
You're the one I seek  
Knowing I will find,  
All I need in You alone.  
Where You go, I'll go,  
Where You stay, I'll stay  
When You move, I'll move, I will follow You  
Who You love, I'll love,  
How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow You,  
yeah, I will follow You, yeah  
In You there's life everlasting,  
In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy, unending joy,  
And I will follow  
Where You go, I'll go,  
Where You stay, I'll stay  
When You move, I'll move, I will follow you  
Who You love, I'll love,  
How You serve, I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow.  
Where You go, I'll go,  
Where You stay, I'll stay  
When You move, I'll move, I will follow you  
Who you love, I'll love,  
How You serve, I'll serve

If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah  
I will follow You, yeah,  
I will follow You, yeah,  
I will follow You, yeah

### Sending

- L: You have been called to serve the Lord with gladness. Go from this place knowing that God's blessings have been poured on you so that you may be a blessing to others. Be at peace and bring the good news of God's love and peace to all whom you meet.
- C: **AMEN.**

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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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 21<sup>st</sup>. If the weather is bad the group will meet at the church. Please contact Ann Thomas is 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 20<sup>th</sup> at Emanuel:**

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|-------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 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.  | Marionnaires        |
| 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     |



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