

Emanuel Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

241 S. Prospect Street, Marion, OH 43302

740.383.2184 ~ www.emanuellutheran.net

Praise Team Worship *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost* *Sunday, September 6, 2026*



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:** Glen Campbell*

***Usher:** Steve Andrews & Scott Inskeep*

Acolyte:

All Music Rights Reserved. Used by Permission CCLI #2577047

2026 Congregational Watchword -

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

**"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

Psalm 119: 33-40

Read Responsively

L: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

**C: Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

L: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my
desire.

C: Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.

L: Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

**C: Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who
fear you.**

L: Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgements
are good.

**C: Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness
enliven me.**

Gathering Song

"Only a God Like You"

Congregation

For the praises of man, I will never ever stand

For the kingdoms of this world, I'll never give my heart away

Or shout my praise; My allegiance and devotion

My heart's desire and all emotion, Go to serve the Man

Who died upon that tree

Only a God like You, Could be worthy of my praise

And all my hope and faith, To only a King of all kings

Do I bow my knee and sing, Give my everything

Only a God like You, Could be worthy of my praise
And all my hope and faith, To only a King of all kings
Do I bow my knee and sing, Give my everything
To only my Maker, my Father, my Savior
Redeemer, Restorer, Rebuilder, Rewarder
To only a God like You, Do I give my praise.
For the praises of man, I will never ever stand
For the kingdoms of this world, I'll never give my heart away
Or shout my praise; My allegiance and devotion
My heart's desire and all emotion, Go to serve the Man
Who died upon that tree

Only a God like You, Could be worthy of my praise
And all my hope and faith, To only a King of all kings
Do I bow my knee and sing, Give my everything
Only a God like You, Could be worthy of my praise
And all my hope and faith, To only a King of all kings
Do I bow my knee and sing, Give my everything
To only my Maker, my Father, my Savior
Redeemer, Restorer, Rebuilder, Rewarder
To only a God like You, Do I give my praise.

Only a God like you, Only a God like you
Only a God like you, Only a God like you
Only a God like you, Only a God like you
Only a God like you, Only a God like you
Only a God like you, Only a God like you
Only a God like you, Only a God like you
To only my Maker, my Father, my Savior
Redeemer, Restorer, Rebuilder, Rewarder
To only a God like You, Do I give my praise.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Compassionate God,

C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

L: People of God, Hear this good news: We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. May God's healing gift of grace fall on us all.

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

First Reading

1 Corinthians 16:1-24

Pew Bible pg. 816

Children's Sermon

Song of the Word

"Not To Us"

Congregation

The cross before me, The world behind,
No turning back, Raise the banner high.

It's not for me, it's all for You.

Let the heavens shake and split the sky,
Let the people clap their hands and cry.

It's not for us, it's all for You

Not to us, But to Your name be the glory.

Not to us, But to Your name be the glory.

Musical Interlude

Our hearts unfold before Your throne,
The only place for those who know.

It's not for us, it's all for You.

Send Your holy fire on this offering,
Let our worship burn for the world to see.

It's not for us, it's all for You.

Not to us, But to Your name be the glory.

Not to us, But to Your name be the glory.

The earth is shaking, The mountains shouting, It's all for You.

The waves are crashing, The sun is raging, It's all for You.

The universe spinning and singing, It's all for You.

Your children dancing, Dancing, dancing,

It's all for You, it's all for You.

All glory and honor and praise, All glory and honor and praise,

All glory and honor and praise, All glory and honor and praise.

All glory and honor and praise, All glory and honor and praise,

All glory and honor and praise, All glory and honor and praise.

Not to us, But to Your name be the glory.

Not to us, But to Your name be the glory.

Not to us, But to Your name be the glory.

Not to us, But to Your name be the glory.

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. Almighty God,

C: You made known your gracious reward for the poor, the lowly, and the despised. Grant us grace to receive your Word in humility, and so to be made one with you and Christ, and the Holy Spirit. You provide for us abundantly. Inspire us to return to you all that was already yours, in proportion to how we receive, that your Kingdom may receive. Amen.

Sending to Service

Blessing

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen**

Song of Dedication *"Give of Your Best to The Master"* Congregation

Give of your best to the Master;

Give of the strength of your youth;

Throw your soul's fresh, glowing ardor,

Into the battle for truth.

Jesus has set the example,

Dauntless was He, young and brave;

Give Him your loyal devotion;

Give Him the best that you have.

Give of your best to the Master;

Give of the strength of your youth;

Clad in salvation's full armor,

Join in the battle for truth.

Give of your best to the Master;

Give Him first place in your heart;

Give Him first place in your service;

Consecrate every part.

Give, and you shall be given;
God His beloved Son gave;
Gratefully seeking to serve Him,
Give Him the best that you have.
Give of your best to the Master;
Give of the strength of your youth;
Clad in salvation's full armor,
Join in the battle for truth.
Give of your best to the Master;
Naught else is worthy His love;
He gave Himself for your ransom,
Gave up His glory above.
Laid down His life without murmur,
You from sin's ruin to save;
Give Him your heart's adoration;
Give Him the best that you have.
Give of your best to the Master;
Give of the strength of your youth;
Clad in salvation's full armor,
Join in the battle for truth.

Dismissal

- L: May the Lord bless us as we walk with integrity in His instructions.
- C: May the Lord give us a whole and undivided heart to seek Him every day.**
- L: May His Word be a clear lamp for our feet and a bright light on our path to keep us from stumbling.
- C: May He direct our steps to stay steadfast in His truth, filling our hearts with deep joy and lasting peace. Amen**

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: Mary Ellen Swartz, Jane Scroggins, Jim Gerfen, Sandy Mitchell, Kimberly Griffith, Mark Woodrum, 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, and Alli.

We Extend our Sympathy and Prayers to Marissa, Isla and Miles Ingram and the family and friends of Michael Ingram.

Theology on Draft - Join our Marion Lutheran Pastors for an evening of fellowship and conversation. They are meeting at the G&R Wednesday, September 9th at 7pm. Come prepared for Good Theology, Good People, and a Good Time. All are welcome!

Volunteers Needed! On September 10, 11, and 12 we will need your help in the POPCORN FESTIVAL PARKING LOT. This is our advance fund raiser for the Youth Gathering next summer. There are many ways to serve in this project.... popping popcorn, making snow cones, monitoring the parking lot, and greeting our guests. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space.

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.

Emanuel's First Annual Oktoberfest! Saturday, September 19th from 5pm-7pm: Tickets for the meal are \$20 (all you can eat), Drink tickets are \$6. Beer Steins are \$50 which includes 2 drink tickets. The menu will be: Pork schnitzel, Bratwurst with or without sauerkraut, Hot Dogs, Homemade Potato Salad, Homemade Pretzels, Chips, Cream Puffs. Pop and Water are included with the meal price. The Board of Fellowship is also looking for a few volunteers to help with the event. Sign Up Sheets will be in the Gathering Space.

Quilt Silent Auction

In conjunction with the Oktoberfest on Sept 19, we will have a silent auction for three quilts and 2 runners. There are pictures of these quilts in the gathering space on the bulletin board. The money will be used to purchase restaurant quality kitchen equipment. Any questions ask Lori Campbell or Dee Rinehart

Holy Cross Day Worship Continuing our Joint Conference Worship Services, Holy Cross Day is being hosted by St. Paul's Waldo on Sept 14 at 7pm. They are going to do a simple service around their sand cross with candles, music and prayer.

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.

God's Work. Our Hands. Our project display for the ELCA GWOH is up in the Gathering Space. There are 10 community projects for you to choose from. You may do them individually, as a group or as a family. Simply sign out the card and pick up the instruction sheet for that project.

God's work...Our Hands Event

On September 13 during the Sunday school hour (10-11:00), we will be working on a service project for Sole Hope. This organization takes denim fabric pieces and turns them into shoes. These shoes are distributed to people in Uganda, to help prevent jigger bites. These bites lead to many issues. For our part we will be using patterns to cut up denim. Everything needed is provided. You just cut up fabric and enjoy other people's company.

Feed the Need Wishlist for September 2 & 9: Meatballs, French Fries, Pudding Cups, and quart size Ziplock baggies.

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 6th at Emanuel:

Mon.	Labor Day - EELC & Office Closed
Tues. 9/8	8:30a.m. Quilters 9:00a.m. MAPP Meeting (lounge) 1:00p.m. Feed the Need Prep 6:00p.m. Praise Team 7:00p.m. Marionaires
Wed. 9/9	9:30a.m. Bible Study 10:30a.m. Feed the Need 6:00p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00p.m. Bell Rehearsal 7:00p.m. Theology on Draft (G&R)
Thurs. 9/10	11:30a.m. Book Study 5:00p.m. Community Meal (carryout)
Fri. 9/11	Waldo Fresh Food Distribution EELC Closed 11:00a.m. Chair Yoga
Sun. 9/13	God's Work. Our Hands. 8:45a.m. ELW Worship 10:00a.m. Sole Hope Project (parlor) 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.**



I am
fearfully
and
wonderfully
made

PSALM 139:14

