

## ***Sixth Sunday after Pentecost***

*July 12, 2020*

## **Emanuel Lutheran Church**

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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# Welcome to Emanuel

## **WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!**

*Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please help us to know you by introducing yourself to those you encounter and please be sure to sign our guest book (located on the stand in the Narthex).*

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JULY 12, 2020

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**PRELUDE**

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

Dale Wood

**WELCOME**

Pastor Lyn Crase

**OPENING HYMN**

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty, verses 1-3*

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**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**Amen**

**P:** Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

**P:** Reconciling God,

**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 benefit.**

**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 Spirit, lead us;**

**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.**

**Amen**

**P:** Beloved of God,

by the radical abundance of divine mercy

we have peace with God through ✝ Christ Jesus,

through whom 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

through the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## THE FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:10-13

Marilyn Rowland

*God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.*

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

## PSALM: PSALM 65

## THE SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:1-11 (MSG)

Marilyn Rowland

*There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.*

<sup>1-2</sup>With the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah, that fateful dilemma is resolved. Those who enter into Christ's being-here-for-us no longer have to live under a continuous, low-lying black cloud. A new power is in operation. The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death.

<sup>3-4</sup>God went for the jugular when he sent his own Son. He didn't deal with the problem as something remote and unimportant. In his Son, Jesus, he personally took on the human condition, entered the disordered mess of struggling humanity in order to set it right once and for all. The law code, weakened as it always was by fractured human nature, could never have done that.

The law always ended up being used as a Band-Aid on sin instead of a deep healing of it. And now what the law code asked for but we couldn't deliver is accomplished as we, instead of redoubling our own efforts, simply embrace what the Spirit is doing in us.

<sup>5-8</sup> Those who think they can do it on their own end up obsessed with measuring their own moral muscle but never get around to exercising it in real life. Those who trust God's action in them find that God's Spirit is in them—living and breathing God! Obsession with self in these matters is a dead end; attention to God leads us out into the open, into a spacious, free life. Focusing on the self is the opposite of focusing on God. Anyone completely absorbed in self ignores God, ends up thinking more about self than God. That person ignores who God is and what he is doing. And God isn't pleased at being ignored.

<sup>9-11</sup> But if God himself has taken up residence in your life, you can hardly be thinking more of yourself than of him. Anyone, of course, who has not welcomed this invisible but clearly present God, the Spirit of Christ, won't know what we're talking about. But for you who welcome him, in whom he dwells—even though you still experience all the limitations of sin—you yourself experience life on God's terms. It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he'll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself? When God lives and breathes in you (and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus), you are delivered from that dead life. With his Spirit living in you, your body will be as alive as Christ's!

### **HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:1-23 (MSG)**

*In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.*

<sup>1-3</sup> At about that same time Jesus left the house and sat on the beach. In no time at all a crowd gathered along the shoreline, forcing him to get into a boat. Using the boat as a pulpit, he addressed his congregation, telling stories.

<sup>3-8</sup> "What do you make of this? A farmer planted seed. As he scattered the seed, some of it fell on the road, and birds ate it. Some fell in the gravel; it sprouted quickly but didn't put down roots, so when the sun came up it withered just as quickly. Some fell in the weeds; as it came up, it was strangled by the weeds. Some fell on good earth, and produced a harvest beyond his wildest dreams.

<sup>9</sup> "Are you listening to this? Really listening?"

<sup>10</sup> The disciples came up and asked, "Why do you tell stories?"

<sup>11-15</sup> He replied, "You've been given insight into God's kingdom. You know how it works. Not everybody has this gift, this insight; it hasn't been given to them. Whenever someone has a ready heart for this, the insights and understandings flow freely. But if there is no readiness,

any trace of receptivity soon disappears. That's why I tell stories: to create readiness, to nudge the people toward receptive insight. In their present state they can stare till doomsday and not see it, listen till they're blue in the face and not get it. I don't want Isaiah's forecast repeated all over again:

Your ears are open but you don't hear a thing.

Your eyes are awake but you don't see a thing.

The people are blockheads!

They stick their fingers in their ears

so they won't have to listen;

They screw their eyes shut

so they won't have to look,

so they won't have to deal with me face-to-face

and let me heal them.

<sup>16-17</sup> "But you have God-blessed eyes—eyes that see! And God-blessed ears—ears that hear! A lot of people, prophets and humble believers among them, would have given anything to see what you are seeing, to hear what you are hearing, but never had the chance.

<sup>18-19</sup> "Study this story of the farmer planting seed. When anyone hears news of the kingdom and doesn't take it in, it just remains on the surface, and so the Evil One comes along and plucks it right out of that person's heart. This is the seed the farmer scatters on the road.

<sup>20-21</sup> "The seed cast in the gravel—this is the person who hears and instantly responds with enthusiasm. But there is no soil of character, and so when the emotions wear off and some difficulty arrives, there is nothing to show for it.

<sup>22</sup> "The seed cast in the weeds is the person who hears the kingdom news, but weeds of worry and illusions about getting more and wanting everything under the sun strangle what was heard, and nothing comes of it.

<sup>23</sup> "The seed cast on good earth is the person who hears and takes in the News, and then produces a harvest beyond his wildest dreams."

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Lyn Crase

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*As Rain from the Clouds*, all verses

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## APOSTLE'S CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's 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

- 1) Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.....
- 2) Gracious God, your word has been sown in many ways and places. We pray for missionaries and newly planted congregations around the world. Inspire us by their witness to the faith we share. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.....**
- 3) Creating God, the mountains and hills burst into song and the trees and fields clap their hands in praise. We pray for the birds and animals who make their home in the trees, and for lands stripped bare by deforestation. Empower us to sustainably use what you have given. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.....**
- 4) Reigning God, we pray for our nation's leaders. Increase their desire for justice and equality. We pray for our enemies. Bridge the chasms that divide us and guide authorities to a deep and lasting peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.....**
- 5) Abiding God, care for all who are in need. For those who are doubting, renew faith. For those who are worrying, provide release. For those who are struggling, ease burdens. For those in fear, give hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.....**
- 6) Renewing God, revive your church in this place. Nourish and nurture the seeds you have planted, that we might grow as disciples. Replace what has been depleted. Sustain our ministries and deepen relationships with the wider community. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.....**
- 7) Eternal God, we give thanks for all who have died. Comfort us in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.....**

8) Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our LORD. **Amen**

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

*The sharing of peace is an individual and communal act of forgiveness.*

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

In recognition of God's forgiveness, mercy and grace let us continue with the Great Thanksgiving.

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

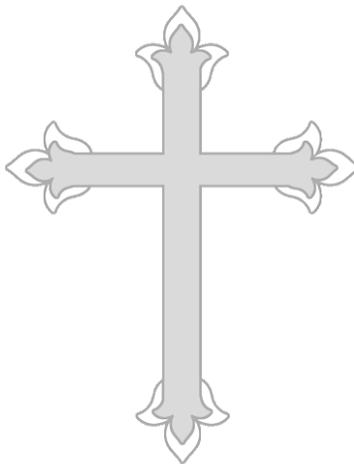
**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on the third day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY—SUNG

*San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,*  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

*Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.*  
 God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

*San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,*  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

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 God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

*Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la*  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on

*tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el*  
 earth. . . . . Blest is he who comes in the

*nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el*  
 name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

*cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -*  
 high - est, ho - san - na here on earth. . . . .

*di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.*  
 Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P:** Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
 Your mercy is everlasting  
 and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

**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.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.**

**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.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.**

**P:** For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this wine we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

**P:** Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

**P:** To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

## LAMB OF GOD—SUNG

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.  
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

**Commune now.**

### COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

### BLESSING

**P:** Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, ✝ Jesus, the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**Amen**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*, all verses

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## **SERVICE NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Announcements:** Please check [emanuellutheran.org](http://emanuellutheran.org) and remember to watch your email for updates & news from the church. If you have prayer requests, please call Pastor Lyn or the office.

**A BIG THANK YOU!** From Robert Reuter, Emanuel Lutheran Church treasurer

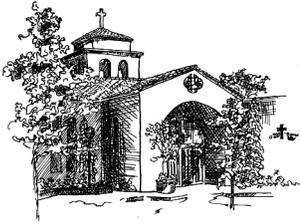
*It is very gratifying that many of the members of Emanuel have continued to financially support our church and staff. Pastor Lyn has been very active in maintaining her calling to lead her flock and keeping us all informed during this crisis with the help of Mike Epting and Barbara Vukich.*

*Our administrative assistant, Paula Braxton, and bookkeeper, Maria Ojeda, have continued to work in the office and help with Emanuel Day Care as needed. The operational bills such as utilities, insurance, and other monthly expenses all continue to be paid.*

*These are trying times – physically, financially and emotionally – and Emanuel is so fortunate to have a dedicated staff to maintain operations. So, again, a big THANK YOU for your continued financial support for the ongoing work of Emanuel Lutheran Church.*

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### **Our Mission**

*To share Christ's unconditional love with everyone.*

### **Our Vision**

*Emanuel's vision is to be loving, supportive, and welcoming, as we reach out in service and in witness to our neighborhood and the city beyond.*

*We share a passion to nurture people in all stages and circumstances of life.*

*We, as disciples of Christ, minister to our changing community in challenging cultural times.*

*God is calling us to joyfully follow the Holy Spirit in ministry to others.*

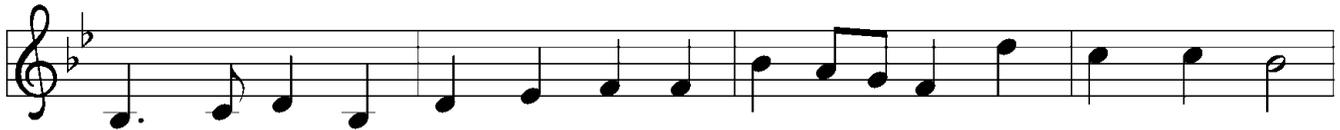


## Entrance Hymn, v. 1-3

### Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



- 1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
- 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
- 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
- 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.  
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

# Hymn of the Day, all verses

## As Rain from the Clouds



1 As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth,  
2 As grain that is scat - tered your word has been sown,  
3 As rays of the sun shall your word light the world,



as snow from the heav - ens re - fresh - ing the land.  
on rocks and on road - ways, in good earth and sand.  
a - wak - ing and warm - ing and heal - ing our land.



Then soft - en our soil that the good seed may grow  
Make fer - tile our soil that the good seed may grow  
Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow



and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.  
and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.  
and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.



We praise you, our God, for the dew of your word;  
We praise you, our God, for the seed of your word;  
We praise you, our God, for the light of your word;



we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.  
we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.  
we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.



We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,  
We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,  
We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,



for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.  
for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.  
for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.

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Music: AFTON WATER, Jonathan E. Spilman, 1812-1896  
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# Sending Hymn, all verses

## Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,  
the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—  
The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,  
the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.  
The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now  
reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.  
Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing  
to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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## Prayer Requests – July 12, 2020

*Prayers of comfort and strength for the family of Charlotte Wallis who passed away on July 6th. Charlotte is a friend of Marsha Waggoner.*

*Prayers of healing, strength & well-being for William Teaney who is recovering from a stroke and has on-going health concerns.*

**On-going Prayers:** Claire—comfort & peace in the midst of battling stage 4 cancer (Paulsen); Zach Cline—successful treatment & complete healing; Dwight & Pat Langhoff—peace as they adjust to changing needs regarding physical care and other life decisions (Barton); Fred Wiechmann—continued healing from a stroke (Waggoner)

### **Pray for the church, the world and all those in need:**

Doctors, nurses, technicians and all hospital personnel who care for patients & their needs.

For scientists, researchers, medical equipment manufacturers, corporations & employees who have stepped up to help during this crisis.

For those who are awaiting diagnostic tests results; for those already diagnosed with COVID-19 that healing will be complete.

For those who are dying and for those who grieve that they may be comforted with a sure and certain knowledge of Resurrection hope.

For all others who suffer from physical, emotional, mental or spiritual distress during this time we pray they may be sustained in love and grace.

For all this, and for whatever else you see that we need – we pray to you, O Lord.

In Jesus' name, Amen

