



***Eighth Sunday after Pentecost***  
*July 26, 2020*

**Emanuel Lutheran Church**  
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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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## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 26, 2020

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**PRELUDE**

*Gather Us In*

Jeffrey Honore

**WELCOME**

Pastor Lyn Crase

**OPENING HYMN**

*Gather Us In*, all verses

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**CONFESION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, <sup>☩</sup> 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 <sup>☩</sup> 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: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

## THE FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 3:5-12

Susan McCready

*Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.*

<sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

<sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

## PSALM: PSALM 119:126-137 (Reading from NRSV, NIV and MSG)

## THE SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:26-39 (MSG)

Susan McCready

*These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.*

<sup>26-28</sup> Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our pregnant condition, and keeps us present before God. That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.

<sup>29-30</sup> God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him. After God made that decision of what his children should be like, he followed it up by calling people by name. After he called them by name, he set them on a

solid basis with himself. And then, after getting them established, he stayed with them to the end, gloriously completing what he had begun.

<sup>31-39</sup> So, what do you think? With God on our side like this, how can we lose? If God didn't hesitate to put everything on the line for us, embracing our condition and exposing himself to the worst by sending his own Son, is there anything else he wouldn't gladly and freely do for us? And who would dare tangle with God by messing with one of God's chosen? Who would dare even to point a finger? The One who died for us—who was raised to life for us!—is in the presence of God at this very moment sticking up for us. Do you think anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ's love for us? There is no way! Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not backstabbing, not even the worst sins listed in Scripture:

They kill us in cold blood because they hate you.

We're sitting ducks; they pick us off one by one.

None of this fazes us because Jesus loves us. I'm absolutely convinced that nothing—nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable—absolutely *nothing* can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us.

### **HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:31-35, 44-53 (MSG)**

*Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.*

<sup>31-32</sup> Another story. "God's kingdom is like a pine nut that a farmer plants. It is quite small as seeds go, but in the course of years it grows into a huge pine tree, and eagles build nests in it."

<sup>33</sup> Another story. "God's kingdom is like yeast that a woman works into the dough for dozens of loaves of barley bread—and waits while the dough rises."

<sup>34-35</sup> All Jesus did that day was tell stories—a long storytelling afternoon. His storytelling fulfilled the prophecy:

I will open my mouth and tell stories;  
I will bring out into the open  
    things hidden since the world's first day.

<sup>44</sup> "God's kingdom is like a treasure hidden in a field for years and then accidentally found by a trespasser. The finder is ecstatic—what a find!—and proceeds to sell everything he owns to raise money and buy that field.

<sup>45-46</sup> "Or, God's kingdom is like a jewel merchant on the hunt for excellent pearls. Finding one that is flawless, he immediately sells everything and buys it.

<sup>47-50</sup> "Or, God's kingdom is like a fishnet cast into the sea, catching all kinds of fish. When it is full, it is hauled onto the beach. The good fish are picked out and put in a tub; those unfit to

eat are thrown away. That's how it will be when the curtain comes down on history. The angels will come and cull the bad fish and throw them in the garbage. There will be a lot of desperate complaining, but it won't do any good."

<sup>51</sup> Jesus asked, "Are you starting to get a handle on all this?"

They answered, "Yes."

<sup>52</sup> He said, "Then you see how every student well-trained in God's kingdom is like the owner of a general store who can put his hands on anything you need, old or new, exactly when you need it."

<sup>53</sup> When Jesus finished telling these stories, he left there, and returned to his hometown.

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

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Lyn Crase

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Be Thou My Vision*, 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) Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.....
- 2) Merciful God, your reign is revealed to us in common things: a mustard shrub, a woman baking bread, a fishing net. Help your church witness to the surprising yet common ways you encounter us in daily life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.....**

- 3) When your word is opened, it gives light and understanding. Increase our understanding and awe of your creation; guide the work of scientists and researchers. Treasuring the earth, may we live as grateful and healing caretakers of our home. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.....**
- 4) As the birds of the air nest in branches of trees, gather the nations of the world into the welcoming shade of your merciful reign. Direct leaders of nations to build trust with each other and walk in the way of peace. (*Here a particular world struggle may be named.*) Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.....**
- 5) Your Spirit helps us in our weakness and intercedes for the saints according to your will. Help us when we do not know how to pray. Give comfort to the dying, refuge to the weary, justice to those who are oppressed, and healing to the sick. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.....**
- 6) You show steadfast love and direct us to ask of you what we need. Help this congregation ask boldly for what is most needed. Refresh us with new dreams of being your people in this place and time. Hear us, O God. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.....**
- 7) In you our lives are never lost. Strengthen us by the inspiring witness of your people in all times and places. Embolden our witness now and one day gather us with all your saints in light. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.....**
- 8) In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; 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

The musical score consists of eight staves of music in G clef, 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are in both English and Spanish, alternating between the two languages. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some sustained notes and rests.

San - to, san - to, san - to<sub>es</sub> el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

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

San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to<sub>es</sub> el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to<sub>es</sub> el Se - ñor.  
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

The musical score consists of five staves of music in G major, common time. The lyrics are in both Spanish and English, alternating between the two languages. The music features eighth and sixteenth notes, with several measures grouped by brackets labeled '3'. The lyrics are:

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, <sup>†</sup> Jesus, the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen

**SENDING HYMN**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*, all verses

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## **SERVICE NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Announcements:** Please check 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

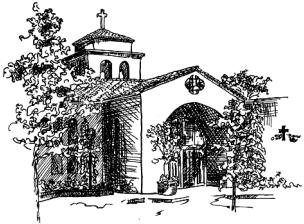
*It is very gratifying that many of the members of Emanuel have continued to financially support our church and staff. Pastor Lyn has been very active in maintaining her calling to lead her flock and keeping us all informed during this crisis with the help of Mike Epting and Barbara Vukich.*

*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, all verses

### Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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## Hymn of the Day, all verses

### Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, after victory won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, art.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

## Sending Hymn, all verses

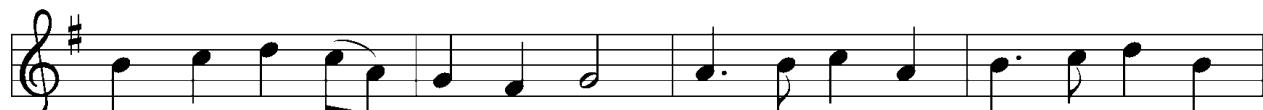
### God of Grace and God of Glory



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age  
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss your king-dom's goal, lest we miss your king-dom's goal.  
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

## **Prayer Requests – July 26, 2020**

*Prayers of recovery and well-being for Bill Beasley, who is recuperating after surgery.*

**On-going Prayers:** William Teaney—healing & well-being; 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

