



*5th Sunday after Pentecost*

*July 13, 2014*

**Emanuel Lutheran Church**

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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# Welcome to Emanuel

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### ***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 filling out a worship attendance form (located in your bulletin) and placing it in the offering plate.*

- ***LARGE PRINT BULLETINS*** are available. •

*(Please ask an usher)*

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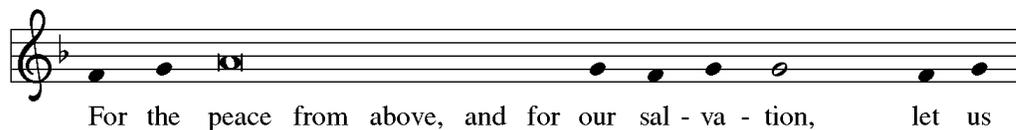
Pat Norquist, Rob Shank, Bill Reinheimer



# Kyrie—Setting Two



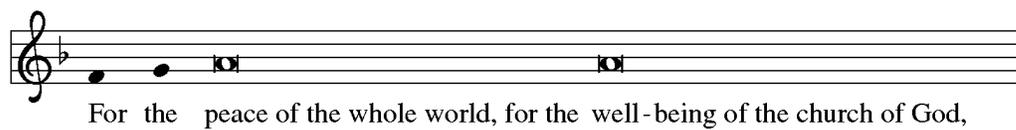
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



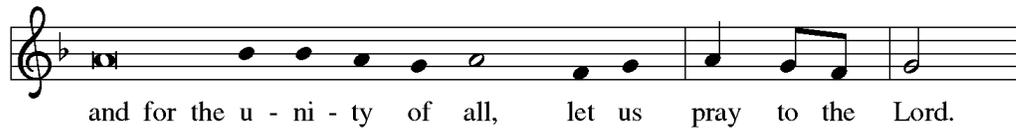
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



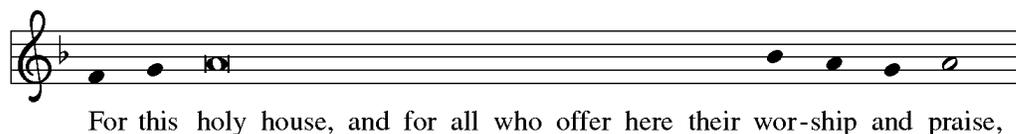
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



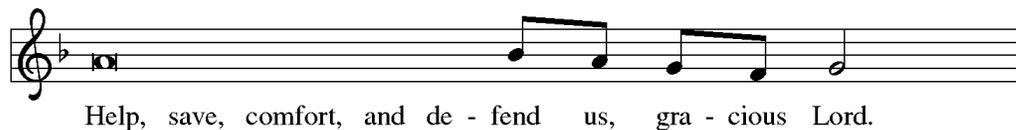
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



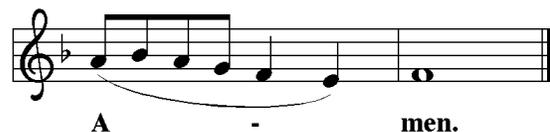
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



**A - men.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

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.

**C Amen**

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 55:10-13*

Bible page 672

L A reading from Isaiah.

*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.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalms 65:1-8, 9-13*

*Your paths overflow with plenty. (Ps. 65:11)*

Pulpit Side:     <sup>1</sup>You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;  
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

Lectern Side:   <sup>2</sup>To you, the one who answers prayer,  
to you all flesh shall come.

Lectern Side: <sup>3</sup>Our sins are stronger than we are,  
but you blot out our transgressions.

**Pulpit Side: <sup>4</sup>Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!  
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,  
by the holiness of your temple.**

Lectern Side: <sup>5</sup>Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God  
of our salvation,  
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

**Pulpit Side: <sup>6</sup>You make firm the mountains by your power;  
you are girded about with might.**

Lectern Side: <sup>7</sup>You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and  
the clamor of the peoples.

**Pulpit Side: <sup>8</sup>Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your  
marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for  
joy.]**

Lectern Side: <sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very  
plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain,  
for so you provide for the earth.

**Pulpit Side: <sup>10</sup>You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with  
heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

Lectern Side: <sup>11</sup>You crown the year with your goodness,  
and your paths overflow with plenty.

**Pulpit Side: <sup>12</sup>May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the  
hills be clothed with joy.**

Lectern Side: <sup>13</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;  
let them shout for joy and sing.

## SECOND READING

*Romans 8:1-11*

Bible page 1029

L A reading from Romans.

*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 slavery. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law — indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

P Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**THE GOSPEL**

*Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

Bible page 889-890

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 13.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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.*

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!"

<sup>18</sup>Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

P The gospel of our Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**GOSPEL RESPONSE**      (*See previous page for Gospel Acclamation*)

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**SERMON**

Janna Mikkelson

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

Red Book #512

## APOSTLES CREED

A 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; 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

A Strengthened by the Spirit who gives us words to speak and hearts that care, let us bring our hopes and needs to God who listens. (*You are invited to kneel or sit, as you are able.*)

*A brief silence.*

A Merciful God, you give your word to guide, correct, teach, and inspire. Draw us into your story, and give us wisdom, understanding, and obedient hearts as we follow your Son Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A The amazing cycle of birth, growth, and death sustains your creation. Bring forth an abundant harvest, keep farmers safe, and teach us to cherish life in all its forms and stages. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A In places of war, bring peace, and in places of hatred, sow love. Help world leaders set aside their prejudices, put down their weapons, and work together for the good of all people. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A We live in a land of plenty, and still there are those without enough to eat. Give us generous hearts to those who are hungry. Bless the hands of those who work so that others might eat. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Raise up leaders for your church who will tend to your harvest. We lift up seminaries and church colleges, bishops and synod staffs, Lutheran World Relief and the Lutheran World Federation, as they live out their callings to serve. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A Bless the memory of those who now worship at your eternal throne and bless those who worship in hopeful expectation of your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A We lift our prayers to you, God of mercy, confident that all things are in your hands. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C Amen**

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## **TITHES & OFFERINGS**

*Cornet Voluntary*

George Berg

## **OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

**C Amen**

P Please stand.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Janna Mikkelson

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

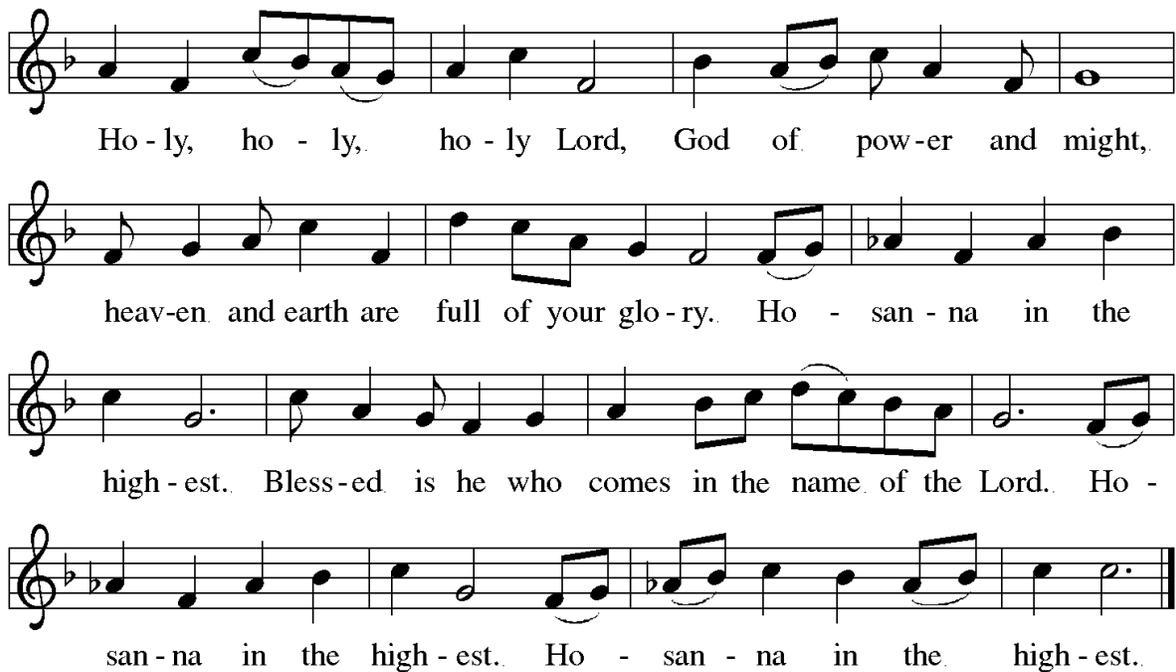
**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who after his resurrection sent forth the apostles to preach the gospel and teach all nations, and promised to be with them, even to the end of the age. And so, with Peter and Paul and the glorious company of the apostles, with the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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. 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P 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**

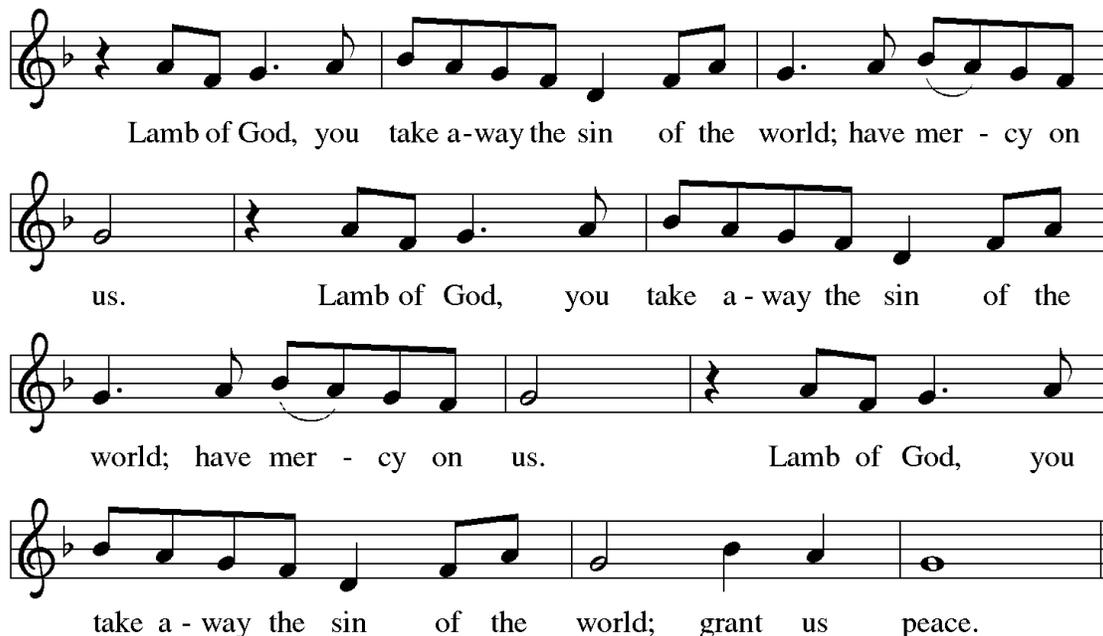
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Everyone who hungers, come to the table. Eat what is good, that you may live.

*Please be seated.*

*We will practice continuous communion at the altar rail. All baptized Christians are welcome to commune with us. Children who do not commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please come to the first available place at the altar rail, where you are invited to kneel if you are able. We receive the elements by intinction: please keep the bread when you receive it, and dip it in either the red wine or the white grape juice to receive the cup. The ministers will serve you as they pass, after which you are welcome to remain at the rail and finish your prayers. When you are ready, please return to your seat so that the next person in line may take your place.*

## LAMB OF GOD



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.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore* Red Book #817  
*As Rain from the Clouds* Red Book #508

## BLESSING

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

**C Amen**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** We thank you, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have fed us in a way our hearts can understand, with the saving body and blood of Jesus Christ. Enliven us by your presence in this meal, that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

**SENDING OF COMMUNION MINISTERS** (*if needed*)

P Let us Pray...

**C O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are *homebound*. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**BLESSING**

P May God the sower make you good and fertile soil. May Christ the seed bloom and grow in your words and actions. May the fruitful Spirit bring forth a bountiful yield in your lives. God the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C Amen

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING HYMN**      *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*      Red Book #551

**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**      *Toccata on "Old Hundredth"*      Gordon Young

**THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY**

Presiding Minister .....	Janna Mikkelson
Assisting Minister .....	Sergio Alvarado
Lector.....	Dianne Santana
Cantor.....	Kathleen Reuter
Communion Assistant .....	Dave Henke
Usher/Greeter .....	Fox Family
Altar Team.....	Van Diepen, Bauman and Rudolph

# *Announcements*

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## *Today's Events*

8:30 AM – Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM – Communion Service

Flowers on the altar are given by Mary Dieterich in honor of Bob's birthday.



Join us for Adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings at 8:30 A.M. in Luther Hall.



**Church Council** will meet on Wednesday, July 16 at 7:00 pm

**Where in the World is Jesus?** Remember Jesus in your travels and be sure to mark the map in the Narthex.

## The UN-VBS

# PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

We're currently taking reservations for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This unique opportunity is intended for all members and friends of Emanuel of all ages, including families, couples and singles.

Prayers at the Wailing Wall, a Seder meal in the Upper Room, and a feast beside the Sea of Galilee are just a few of the many excursions scheduled on the tour. Travelers will have a rare opportunity to experience kibbutz-style living, as they share the tasks of cooking, serving, and clean-up during the trip. Departure time is noon, July 26th. We'll return to Modesto at noon on July 27th.

For more information about this once in a lifetime congregational event, and to reserve your ticket, check the travel poster in the Narthex, or contact one of our travel agents who are waiting to assist you: Lois Owen ~ 577-8868, Paula Barton ~ 988-3169, or Karen Lee ~551-5048.

**Message from the Stewardship Ministry Team**

“Summertime, and the livin’ is easy. Fish are jumpin’... Vacation time is here. The mountains, lakes, ocean, and God’s country is calling. But, don’t leave home without your Emanuel’s Survival Kit.

**Emanuel’s Survival Kit: Prayer Requests List** (Found in your weekly bulletin or Monthly Echoes) and **Our Daily Bread** devotional (Found in the hymn rack of each pew in church. They are placed there by Emanuel’s WELCA for **your** taking.) Pray for God’s desire for our congregation and Emanuel’s calling.

Reflection and prayer can happen anytime and anyplace. “What a privilege we have to fellowship with God in prayer and to wait for the answer in the fullness of His time. —Anne Cetas “Pray on! Pray on! Cease not to pray, And should the answer tarry, wait; Thy God will come, will surely come, And He can never come too late.” —Chisholm

“Pray all the time.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Don’t forget your pledges to Emanuel before you go on vacation.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
		7 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	9:30 am Adult Bible Study <b>will resume in August</b>	OFFICE CLOSED		9:30 Communion Service
6:30 pm Confirmation Class		6:30 CANA	1:30 pm Rebecca Circle @ J. Riddick's			
7:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ R. Knoll's	7 pm PFLAG Social Evening	7 pm Council Mtg.	7 pm Leah Circle @ L. Owen's			

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Time	Lay Assistant	Lector/ CA	Comm. Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Jul 20	9:30	Bill Reinheimer		Chris Schmidt	Kailyn Knoll	Smith/ Knoll	Marsha Wagner
Jul 27	9:30	Kathleen Reuter	Mary Dieterich	Susan McCready		Fox Family	Lois Silva
Aug 3	9:30	Barbara Crawford		Lori Skustad	Alora Skustad	Clarke Family	Owen Family

Weekly Bible Readings	
July 20 Time After Pentecost	July 27 Time After Pentecost
Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 86:11-19 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	1 Kings 3:5-12 Psalm 119:129-136 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



**Praise Report:** Marilyn Rowland has received good news and says, “Thanks for everybody’s prayers and concerns” and Lois Owen shares that, “Daphne is doing well.”

**New Prayer Requests:** Florence Broden—surgery (Hoaglund)

**Our Members:** Drew Shank; Ben Knoll; Lori Knoll; Susan Hayes; Dianne Santana; Carolyn Crenwelge

**Our Homebound Members:** Harvey Hardel, Florence Broden, Kay Altmas, Shelda Fritts; Alma Johnson

**Our Family:** Steve & Nancy Jeske (B. Norquist); Melody Saldivar (Saldivar); Joyce Shockley (Nelson); Sharon (Owen); Sarah Robertson (Murray); James Sullivan (Hollmann); Marsha Schlipman (Nelson); Geraldine Walton (Hollmann); Boyce and Norma Lutes (Teaney); Julia Polillio (Silva); Tami Garza (J. Johnson); Ali Moraitis (Watkins); Jennifer Turner (P. Smith); Giovanni King (Santana); Harold Graff (Owen); George Reinheimer and family (Reinheimer); Doug Gilbert (Jones); Angela (Ixcot)

**Our Friends:** Devon (Fritts); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Barbara (Owen); Rosie Equesdal (Nelson); Jeanne (Watkins); John Turner (Turner); Tim O’Roerk (Murray); Bud Stone & family (Reinheimer); Jennifer (Watkins); Donna Thayer (Peterson); Linda and Dave (Watkins); Shawn Knutson (Wilke); Rev. Benny and Regina Bush; Jordan (K. Dailey); Irene Whitmore (Rowland); Karen & Michelle (Watkins); Bonnie Vincent (Norquist); Scott Farrel (Crawford); Bill and Marcia Webb (Reinheimers); Kevin Davis (Hollmann); Donna Roninger (Wilke); Richard Anderson (Jones)

**We Pray for Peace** in the Middle East, and for all those serving in our armed forces.



**Ryan Dangerfield, USAF** in Lakenheath Air Base, England and **Joey Sabel, USMC** in Louisville, Kentucky (Marilyn & Chuck Rowland’s grandson & grandson-in-law), **Timothy Kramer** in Afghanistan (Megan Armes’ brother), **Ryan Powell** (grandson of Yvonne Troedson) USN, Connecticut.

## The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
 joy like seed and, all our days, to  
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
 share a dream and help the blind to see.  
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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