



## *Holy Cross Day*

*September 14, 2014*

**Emanuel Lutheran Church**

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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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# HOLY CROSS DAY

SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

9:30 AM

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## PRELUDE

*Toccata and Fugue in D Minor*

J.S. Bach

## WELCOME

## GATHERING SONGS

*Let There Be Praise*

Purple Book #87

*I Will Sing, I Will Sing*

Purple Book #73

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Please rise.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(A brief silence for reflection.)* Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**C Amen**

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

**C Amen**

*(See next page for the Kyrie)*

# Kyrie

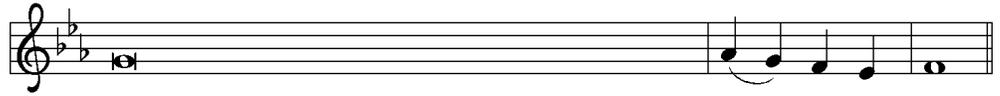
## Setting 1



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



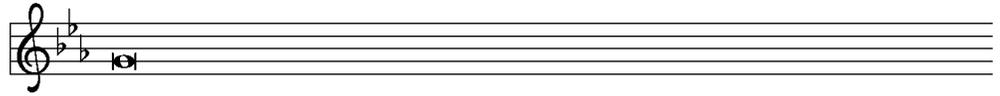
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



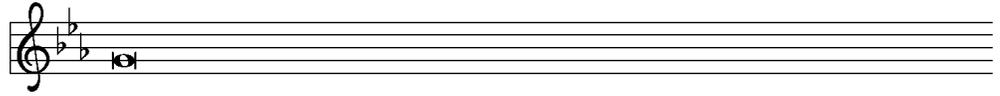
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men, a - men.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

P Please be seated.

## **FIRST READING**

*Numbers 21:4b-9*

Bible page 138-139

L A reading from Numbers.

*When the people spoke against God and Moses, the Lord sent poisonous snakes against them. Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord ordered him to erect a serpent of bronze on a pole. All who looked at it after having been bitten by a serpent would live.*

<sup>4b</sup>But the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

## Psalm 98:1-4

*The LORD has done marvelous things. (Ps. 98:1)*



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<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done <sup>1</sup> marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have <sup>1</sup> won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made <sup>1</sup> known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness  
in the sight <sup>1</sup> of the nations**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the <sup>1</sup> house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory <sup>1</sup> of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, <sup>1</sup> all you lands;  
lift up your voice, re- <sup>1</sup> joice, and sing.**

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 1:18-24*

Bible page 1038

L A reading from First Corinthians.

*At the heart of the Christian message is the word of the cross. This proclamation seems foolish to many because it reveals true divine power in the absolute weakness of Christ's crucifixion. True wisdom understands how ours is a God who suffers for and with humankind in the cross.*

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

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**

*John 3:13-17*

Bible page 968

P The Holy Gospel according to John, chapter 3.

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

*After explaining to Nicodemus that one must be born of water and Spirit, Jesus speaks of being lifted up on the cross, with reference to the bronze serpent lifted up by Moses in the desert. Here the Son of God is revealed as the source of healing.*

<sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**GOSPEL RESPONSE** (*See above for Gospel Acclamation*)

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### SERMON

Dianne Finnecey

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

Red Book #335

### APOSTLE'S CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith in 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

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. You are invited to kneel. (*A brief silence.*)

For the whole church of God: its leaders, missionaries, youth workers, chaplains, pastors, bishops, and all the baptized. Help us proclaim Christ crucified. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A For all creation: seeds that are sown, fields that are harvested, winds that blow, rains that fall, animals that roam, and the fruits of the earth. Fill us with thanksgiving for these gifts. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A For the leaders of this world: presidents, prime ministers, monarchs, parliaments, elected representatives, and heads of corporations. Inspire them to do what is right and just even if it looks foolish. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A For all who suffer in mind and body: the bullied and the shamed, the brokenhearted and the beaten-down, the sick and the dying. Heal them with the encouragement of the gospel. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A For the mission of this congregation, its ministries, stewardship, fellowship, outreach, homebound, children, volunteers, staff, and council. Make us a beacon of your love. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A In thanksgiving for the blessed dead: those martyred and those who gave themselves in love, those who died alone and those who died tragically, that they, together with all your saints, be lifted up in your glory. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Trusting in your mercy and goodness, we bring before you these prayers and whatever else you see that we need, in the name of the one who sets us free, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C Amen**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

P Please rise.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

P Please be seated as we collect the offering.

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

*There in God's Garden*

David Cherwien

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor Roger Lee

P Please rise.

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

P 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 this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with the choirs of angels, with the church on earth 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. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. 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.

**C 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**

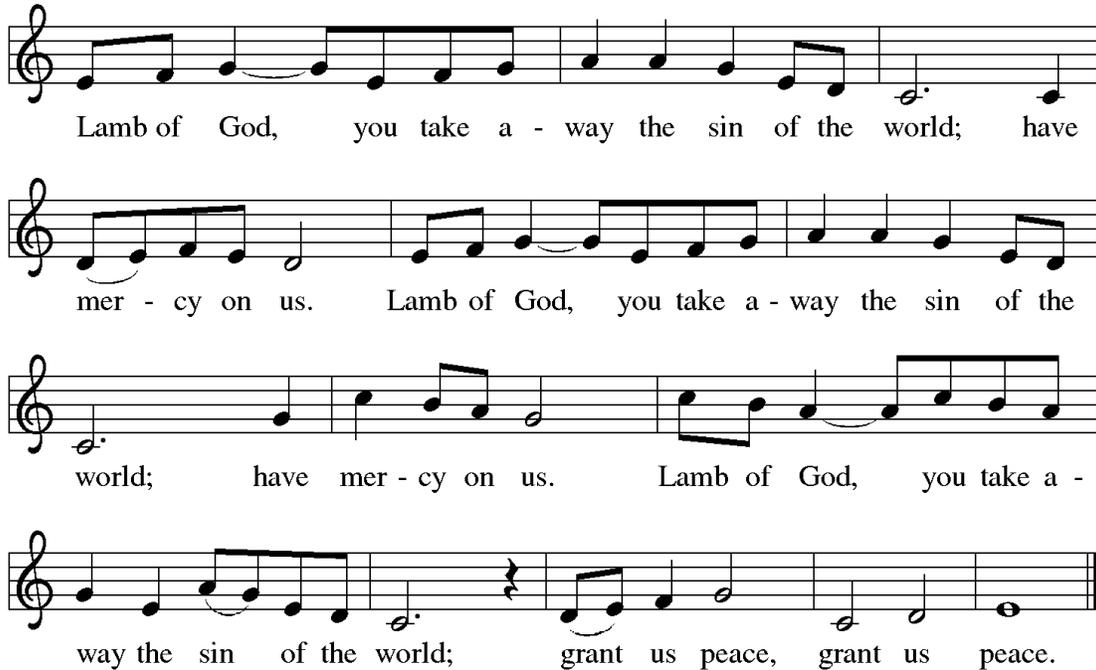
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The reign of God is at hand. Come, taste the joy prepared for you.

Please be seated.

*We will practice continuous communion at the altar rail. All baptized Christians are welcome to commune.*

## 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, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

<i>There in God's Garden</i>	Red Book #342
<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	Red Book #803

## COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen



# *Announcements*

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Flowers on the altar are given by Bill and Carol Fox in celebration of their 60th anniversary.

## **Animate: Faith**

We begin a new adult "Sunday School" TODAY, **September 14th at 8:30 am**. Yes, we know that's too early in the morning, but this series looks so interesting and informative that it will likely wake you up immediately. Animate: Faith is an imaginative exploration of Christianity's big questions. This curriculum is designed for creative, thinking adults and includes expert video presentations on each of seven issues plus individual journals for each participant. Please join us!

**Confirmation Class** with Pastor Roger Lee will begin on Tuesday, September 16 from 6:30-7:30 in the Youth Room.

## **All God's Creatures**

Be sure to join us "Blessing of the Animals" by Pastor Roger on this Saturday, September 20 at 5:30 pm for our **Stewardship Kick-Off**. It's a special time for all ages to bring any or all of the animals in your household. Even if you're not bringing an animal, come for the fellowship. Emanuel's Youth will be serving root beer floats. Mark your calendar so you won't miss it!

"All God's creatures got a place in the choir. Some sing low and some sing higher, some sing out loud on a telephone wire; some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got, now."

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

1 Peter 4:10

Have you found your place in the choir? Pray for God's direction.

~ A message from your Stewardship Ministry

## **YOUTH**

On next Sunday, September 21st at 5 pm, Chuck and Marilyn Rowland will host a "Travelog of Israel" for Emanuel's youth (and young at heart).

**Emanuel's Women of the ELCA Steering Committee** will meet at 8:30 AM on Sunday, September 21 in the church office.

## **Pilgrimage Planning Committee Meeting**

"Would you like to sink your teeth into a long term project? Ready to put your creative juices to work? Then roll up your sleeves and join us in planning/organizing/creating the upcoming **Summer 2015 Church Retreat** (Pilgrimage). Our first meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 23rd at the home of Roger and Karen Lee at 7:00 P.M.** See you there!"

Emanuel's Women of the ELCA of many generations

*Isaiah 58:12 "Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in."*

Would you like to know more about the Triennial? Would you like you have lunch in a lovely garden?

You're invited to Ila and Bill's beautiful back yard for fellowship and lunch on **Saturday, Sept. 27th at 11 am.** Marsha and Kristine will be sharing their adventures from the 9th Triennial Gathering in Charlotte, NC.

The cost of the lunch will be \$10. Please reserve your place by giving your name and money to Susan McCready, Marsha Waggoner, or Kristine Kraft by Sept. 21st.



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
		7 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	9:30 am Adult Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED		9:30 am Communion Service  BIRTHDAY BLESSING
	6:30 pm Confirma- tion Class  Youth Room	6 pm CANA	1:30 pm Leah Circle @ V. Dall's		5:30 pm Blessing of the Animals	10:30 am Fellowship: Leah Circle  10:45 am Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm Lydia Circle @ S. Wilke's		7 pm Council Mtg.				5 pm Youth @ Rowland's for Travelog

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Presiding Minister	Assistant Minister	Lector/CA	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Sep 21	Pastor Bill Ruth	Sergio Alvarado	Kathleen Reuter	Dave Henke		Dieterich/ Reuter	Pat Norquist
Sep 28	Pastor Lee Heim	Kathleen Reuter		Lori Skustad	Alora Skustad	Clark Family	Lois Silva
Oct 5		Eric Obermeyer	William Teaney	Susan McCready		Owen Family	Rue Knoll

Weekly Bible Readings	
September 21 Time After Pentecost	September 28 Time After Pentecost
Jonah 3:10—4:11 Psalm 145:1-8 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-9 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32



**Update:** Debbie Van Diepen shares that “Roland Loeffler is recovering fine, however, please keep him in prayer as he had hernia surgery on Friday.”

**New Prayer Requests:** Steve Jeske—health & well-being (B. Norquist); Roger Warner—healing and rehabilitation (Schmidt); Donna—a positive outlook in the midst of a cancer diagnosis (Waggoner); Ian McKenzie—healing, Marian McKenzie—patience (Schmidt); Geraldine Walton—surgery (Hollmann); Don Harlow—healing and recovery from serious car accident (Virginia Dall’s son-in-law); Esther Johnson—healing

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

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

**Our Family:** Angela (Dieterich); Sharon & Harold (Owen); Meghan Ewald (Smith); Torri & Nathan (Teaney); Marsha Schlipman (Nelson); Stan Schmidt (Schmidt)

**Our Friends:** Lorena Loftis (P. Norquist); Dawn, Keith and Ed (Dieterich); Doyle Williams, Gene Loftis (Teaney); Nancy (Owen); Lisa Nixon (Ixcot)

**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.



## In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
 love up - on my way, from the cross the  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872  
 Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867