

Sunday, July 31, 2022
8th Sunday after Pentecost
WELCOME to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



PRELUDE "Two 2-part Invention by J.S. Bach: No. 1 in C Major and No. 4 in D Minor"

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C: Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "When Peace Like A River " **ELW 785**

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

KYRIE "In peace, in peace" **ELW 157**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE "Now the Feast and Celebration" **ELW 167**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together.

C: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

L: A reading from Ecclesiastes.

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. ^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.
The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 49:1-12

The congregation is invited to sing the bold verses and the refrain.



¹Hear this, ¹ all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell ¹ in the world,
²**you of high de- ¹ gree and low,
rich and ¹ poor together.**
³My mouth shall ¹ speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on ¹ understanding.
⁴**I will incline my ear ¹ to a proverb
and set forth my riddle up- ¹ on the harp. R**
⁵Why should I be afraid in ¹ evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my ¹ heels surrounds me,
⁶**the wickedness of those who put their trust in ¹ their own prowess,
and boast of ¹ their great riches?**
⁷One can never re- ¹ deem another,
or give to God the ransom for an- ¹ other's life;
⁸**for the ransom of a life ¹ is so great
that there would never be e- ¹ nough to pay it,**
⁹in order to live forev- ¹ er and ever
and never ¹ see the grave.
¹⁰**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu- ¹ pid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come ¹ after them.**
¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation
to ¹ generation,
though they had named lands af- ¹ ter themselves.

¹²**Even though honored, they cannot | live forever;
they are like the | beasts that perish. R**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

L: A reading from Colossians.

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Marcos

HYMN OF THE DAY

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

ELW 678

APOSTLES CREED

AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Apostles Creed.

C: 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

AM: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer. O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, Sunday school teachers, seminary professors, and all who provide instruction for the building up of your church.

Response to each petition: AM: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

AM: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING HYMN

"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"

ELW 691

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Giving information is located on the back of the bulletin.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray.

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: Congregation:
The Lord be with you. And also with

Presider: Congregation:
you. Lift up your hearts. We

Presider:

lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation:

thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

Sung by the pastor

SANCTUS

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

ELW 191

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor sings first then congregation repeats

Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come, come a-gain.

P: You are indeed holy ... we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

Pastor sings first then congregation repeats

Congregation:

A - men, Come Lord Je - sus; A -
men, Come Lord Je - sus.

P: Send now, we pray ... and your whole creation.

Pastor sings first then congregation repeats.

Congregation:

A - men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it. A -
men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it.

P: This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the
u-ni-ty of the Spir - it all glo - ry and hon - or is
A - - - - - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"

ELW 195

COMMUNION

Communion will take place via continuous line (right side) and continuous kneeling (left side). We welcome all baptized persons to the Lord's Table who believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. Children are also welcomed to be brought forward to receive a blessing. For those taking communion via continuous line, please make your way up the right-hand side of the main aisle. Participants will be offered a wafer and invited to eat with these words, "the body of Christ given for you." If you would like a gluten free wafer, please ask the pastor or communion assistant for one and they will present you with a plate where you may retrieve the wafer. Each will then step, to the right, to the silver tray that contains glasses of white grape juice at the center and outer empty glasses for wine. Lastly, participants will step to the last assistant who will pour the wine and share these words, "the blood of Christ shed for you." Place your glass in the small silver bowl at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat. If you wish to come forward and not receive either element, please cross your arms for a blessing. For those kneeling for communion, please make your way up the left-hand side of the main aisle. The bread and wine will be presented to you as you kneel, following the outline above. Please place your communion glass in the small tray on the back side of the kneeler after you have drunk the juice or wine before departing from the rail as you are ready and return to your seat.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

TABLE BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM: Let us pray.

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: The God of peace, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

ELW 705

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Allegro Moderato"

Carl Maria von Weber

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS and **RADIO BROADCASTS** are sponsored by Emanuel's members. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one in this way, please call the church office, or sign up on the calendar in the office. Thanks to all who participate in this memorable ministry.

MUSICIANS TODAY: Camron Colwell, pianist; Chris Teague, guitar; Thomas Engler, cantor
We welcome Camron Colwell, a student of Thomas Engler. He will be a Junior at Lifegate Christian School in Seguin. Please welcome him today.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, July 31, 2022: Preaching: Pastor Marcus; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Bill Salt; **Communion Assistants:** Keith Vinyard, Fran Vinyard, Carrie Moseley, Linda Salt; **Reader:** Carolyn Blumberg; **Ushers:** Allan Bode, Bill Meier, Ron Schneider; **Altar Guild:** Marsha Schroeder, Jeanne Palmer; **AV/Tech:** Jonathan Zitelman; **Council Greeter:** Allan Bode; **Hospitality:** Bev Seidenschwarz, Walt Seidenschwarz

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, August 7, 2022: Preaching: Pastor Wes Cain; **Presiding:** Pastor Wes Cain; **Assisting Minister:** Wayne Stalsworth; **Communion Assistants:** Carrie Moseley, Jeannie Hall, Earlene Jarzombek, Jeanne Palmer, Elizabeth Jandt; **Reader:** Darlene Zies; **Ushers:** Allan Bode, Bill Meier, Ron Schneider; **Altar Guild:** Elizabeth Jandt, Jeanne Palmer; **AV/Tech:** Jonathan Zitelman; **Council Greeter:** Melissa Barbre; **Hospitality:** Nancy Meier, Bill Meier, Fran Vinyard, Keith Vinyard

SING IN THE SUMMER CHOIR! Join us in the sanctuary by the piano at 10am on Sunday mornings for rehearsal.

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP is in-person, online, and aired on KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m.

COVID-19 SAFETY UPDATE: Masks are encouraged but no longer required on the church campus. Please refer to the entire updated *2022 Emanuel's Covid-19 Policy* on our website.

EMANUEL'S MISSION STATEMENT: "To be the church God is calling us to be by declaring God's love, serving others, and embracing all."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER BREAK: We will relaunch with a new format in the Fall featuring new ways of learning about the Bible including art, music, cooking, and science!

The Heritage Class (307): Augsburg Fortress Quarterly Adult Bible Study led by various class members during the winter quarter. Summer study is *Partners in a New Creation*. 9:15 a.m.

Joy Class (Women's Ministry Room): Bible stories and songs for adults with intellectual disabilities. Gathering at 9:15 on the First Sundays of the month.

WEEKDAY STUDIES

Faith Circle (Women's Ministry Rm): 3rd Tuesdays at 2:30; **Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 2nd Thursday at 9:30; **Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Rm): 1st Wednesdays at 2:00 except in July

IN THE PULPIT: We welcome The Rev. Wesley Cain, Campus Pastor at Texas Lutheran University, to preach and preside on **Sunday, August 7** as Pastor Marcus is away at the ELCA National Assembly in Columbus, Ohio. We give thanks for Pastor Wes' willingness to be among us and are grateful for his continued ministry at TLU. Make sure to take a moment to greet and welcome him before and after worship.

PASTOR MARCUS will be in Columbus, Ohio, attending the ELCA National Assembly, from **Sunday August 7 through Friday, August 12**. Pastor John will be available for any and all pastoral care needs. If something should arise, please contact Pastor John at 830-305-5658, or Council President Allan Bode at 830-305-1325.

UPCOMING OFFICE HOURS	
DATE	HOURS
Monday, Aug 1	9-Noon
Tuesday, Aug 2	8-5
Wednesday, Aug 3	8-5
Thursday, Aug 4	8-5
Friday, Aug 5	Closed

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are limited this week as staff is traveling or on vacation. Please be extra nice to Donna 😊.

LADIES AID looks forward to beginning their 123rd year of *service, study, and fellowship* on **Wednesday, August 3** from 2-4:30 pm in the Women's Ministry Room. The group warmly invites all women of the church to join them on the 1st Wednesdays of each month. August's meeting will offer a preview of the year ahead, a presentation by Pastor Marcus titled "Walking the Gospels Through Pictures", and refreshments.

HEALING THROUGH CONVERSATION is a support group for those who have lost a loved one to death. The group will meet on next on **Thursday, August 4** at 11 a.m. in the Family Life Center. If you have questions, please contact Donna Simmons at donna@elcsequin.org.

NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK: Students and Families are invited to join Emanuel's Lutheran to watch the San Antonio Missions take on the Wichita Wind Surge in a late summer Texas League matchup on **August 6th** at 7pm. Come out to Nelson Wolff Stadium and enjoy the game, sing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game", eat a hotdog or two and hopefully enjoy the fireworks after a Missions Win!. Families are responsible for transportation, parking fees, and concessions. First 20 people to RSVP get a ticket on us. All others are \$13 a person. RSVP to Connor at vicarconnor@elcsequin.org or 210-426-5343

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP gathers **Sunday, August 7** at Noon in the Women's Ministry Room. Please bring a favorite dish to share! This ministry is for widowed, divorced, and separated people. [Donna Simmons](#) is the contact.

ACOLYTE TRAINING & REFRESHER: New and returning acolytes are invited to join Pastor Marcus in the Sanctuary on **August 14** at 9:15am for an overview of the Acolyte ministry, including procession Sundays, how to get on a robe, how to tie the belt, how to light the candles, wear to stand and sit, etc. This is not only a great time for the seasoned professional to dust off the summer rust of this vital worship ministry, but to invite the brand new and interested youth to come and see what it is all about!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS/VOCATION SUNDAY: Everyone is invited to bring their backpack, their work bags, their tools of the trade, whatever represents your vocation, for a special Sunday blessing on **August 14**. We will take a special moment to pray for our students, teachers, and school staff, as well as lifting up prayers for all the vocations to which God calls us.

PRAYER IN THE PARK: Schools in Seguin resume classes mid-August. Guadalupe County Ministerial Association invites you to *Prayer in the Park* as our community prays for students, teachers, and our schools before they return to the classroom. Please join us **Sunday, August 14** at 3:30pm at Seguin Central Park.

FROM CROSS TRAILS MINISTRY: PLAN NOW FOR THE END OF SUMMER! Don't miss out on our end of summer family opportunities. Space may be available in in our Family & Friends Labor Day Retreat **Sept. 2-5**. Campership financial aid is available. Learn more about what is happening at [Cross Trails here](#). Or go to www.CrossTrails.org.

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER gathers in the chapel each **Thursday morning at 10am**. You are invited to lift in prayer our church, community, and the world every week during this special time.

UPDATE: LWR SCHOOL KIT & PERSONAL CARE KIT supplies can be donated in July at the Mountain Street and Travis Street entrances. Monetary donations also welcome. Make checks payable to *Emanuel's Lutheran Church* with a note for *LWR Kit Supplies*. Most needed items in bold: **70-80 page spiral notebooks, ball point pens, 16/24 count crayons, pink erasers, blunt children's scissors, unsharpened pencils, pencil sharpeners, 12' metric and US measurement rulers, new dark colored bath towels**, bath size bars of soap in original wrapping, single adult size toothbrushes in original packaging, **sturdy wide-toothed combs, metal nail clippers**.

RALLY DAY CARNIVAL

Sunday, August 28

9:15 am on the church lawn.

Come one, come all! We will be celebrating the new Sunday School year for all age groups! *Fun and Faith* is the carnival theme, and we will have a bounce house, snow cones, and lots more! Information about plans for the new Sunday School year will be shared!

RALLY DAY DONATIONS NEEDED. Donations of the following items are welcome to make our morning successful!

- **20oz plastic bottles** of soda, sports drinks, sparkling or regular water
- Loan of pop-up **canopy tents** to shade game areas. 10'x10' type.
- Adult and teen **volunteers** to run the booths! (You will have a blast.)

Please bring drink donations to the box located in the church office marked for Rally Day. If you have a pop up canopy that we may borrow for that day, please let [Vicar Connor](#) or [Emily Prochnow](#) know so that we can arrange to get it before set up time on August 28th

GIVING AT EMANUEL'S: Donations and tithes to the church may be given in several ways. Offering envelopes are available in the pews, offerings may be mailed to Emanuel's Lutheran Church, 206 N. Travis Street Seguin, TX 78155, or given online through <https://tinyurl.com/emanuelsgiving> or scanned with QR Code below. Please contact the church office to discuss other means of giving.



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