Sunday, July 23, 2023 8th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME to Emanuel's Lutheran Church! It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



PRELUDE

"It Is Well With My Soul"

Spafford/Bliss

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: Henry Hudson Mahoney and

ELW p. 227

Oliver Anthony Anderson

GATHERING HYMN

"Spirit of Gentleness"

ELW 396

Selected by Gloria Hanna.

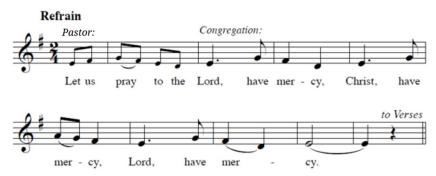
GREETING

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

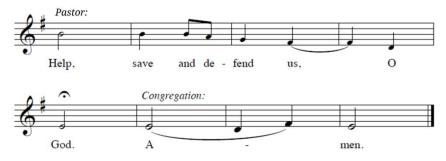
C: And also with you.

KYRIE

P: In peace, in peace ...

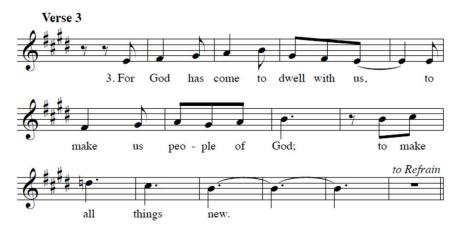


- P: For the Reign of God, and for peace through the world, for the unity of all... (to Refrain)
- P: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (*to Refrain*)



NOW THE FEAST





PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together.

C: 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.

READING: Romans 8:12-25

L: A reading from Romans.

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." ³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen! The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Marcus

HYMN OF THE DAY "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

ELW 742

Selected by Wayne Stalsworth and Darlene Zies.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation. O God, you call your church to announce the gospel of reconciliation and truth both near and far. Guide your church as it seeks your wisdom and shares it, trusting your Spirit bearing witness among us.

Response to each petition: AM: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

ELW 853

Selected by Keith Vinyard.

OFFERING HYMN

"As the Grains of Wheat"



OFFERING

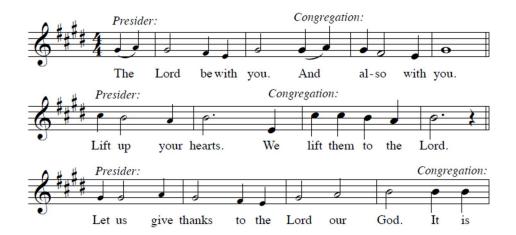
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OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray. God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING





PREFACE

Sung by the pastor

SANCTUS



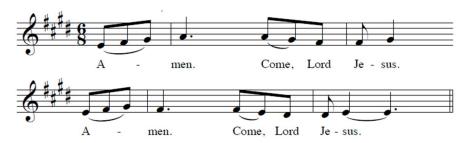


EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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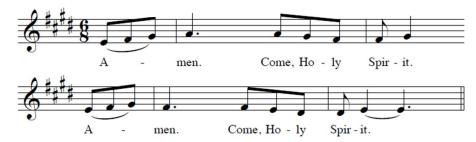


P: You are indeed holy ... we pray for his coming again, even as we cry: Pastor sings first then congregation repeats

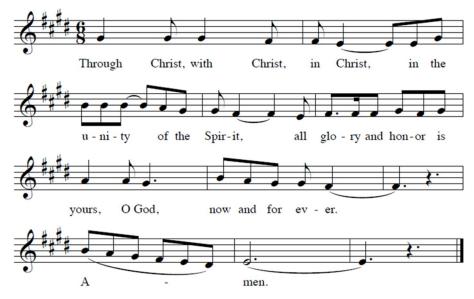


P: Send now, we pray ... and your whole creation.

Pastor sings first then congregation repeats



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



LORD'S PRAYER

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

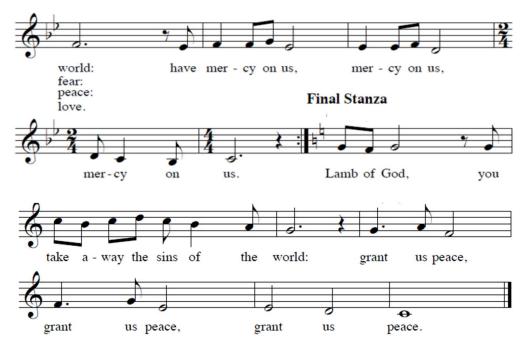
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.





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

"When Peace Like a River"

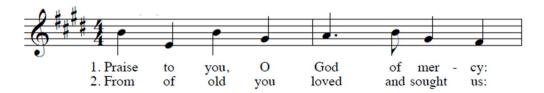
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Selected by Nancy Meier.

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST COMMUNION HYMN "Thanks be to You"





PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM: Let us pray. We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed \oplus bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **C: Amen**

SENDING HYMN "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" ELW 536
Selected by Elaine Giesber and Faye Van Deusen

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Hawks/Lowry

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PULPIT and LECTERN FLOWERS are placed today in honor of Hudson Mahoney and Oliver Anderson by their grandparents Steve and Cathy Anderson.

ALTAR FLOWERS and RADIO BROADCAST are given in memory of Jeannine Greiner Schwartz from the John Schwartz Family.

MUSICIANS TODAY: Jarrett Batey, violin; Zach Dennis, quitar; Tom Engler, piano

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, July 23, 2023: Preaching: Pastor Marcus, Presiding: Pastor Marcus, Assisting Minister: Elizabeth Jandt; Acolytes: TBD; Communion Assistants: Marsha Schroeder, Steve Anderson, Darlene Zies, Keith Vinyard, Fran Vinyard; Reader: Hayden Kennedy; Ushers: Tim Troell, Joe Kane, Deborah Almquist, Bev Seidenschwarz, Steve Tschoepe; Altar Guild: Marsha Schroeder, Elizabeth Jandt; A/V Tech: Paul Sims; Council Greeter: Debby Richardson; Hospitality: Deborah Almquist, Gerry Harrison, Carolyn Blumberg

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, July 30, 2023: Preaching: Pastor Marcus; Presiding: Pastor Marcus; Assisting Minister: Lory Alves; Acolytes: TBD; Communion Assistants: Liz Witten, Bill Salt, Karen Weinstein, John Van Deusen, Elizabeth Jandt; Reader: Emily Prochnow; Ushers: Allan Bode, Bill Meier, Ron Schneider, Keith Vinyard; Altar Guild: Marsha Schroeder, Jeanne Palmer; A/V Tech: Allan Bode; Council Greeter: Garry Miller; Hospitality: Potluck in the Fellowship Hall

SING IN THE SUMMER CHOIR! Join us at the Sanctuary piano, 9:30am every 1st and 3rd Sundays until September. Director of Music Tom Engler, thomas@elcseguin.org.

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SUNDAY MORNING STUDIES:

THE HERITAGE CLASS (307): 9:15am. Participants explore the deeper meaning found in the Bible and seek to unlock its' wisdom through fellowship and robust group discussion. The aim is to make the Bible relevant and applicable to daily life.

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.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (1st Floor Green Room): Preschool to 5th graders are invited to join the Education Team for a rotation style Sunday morning education program starting at 9:15am. **SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** Sign up online or talk with Vicar Jordana.

Summer Unit 2: Abraham and Sarah, 7/16 – Music; 7/23 – Cooking; 7/30 – Multi Media

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

COMPASS COOPERATIVE BRAINSTORMING: All youth 6th to 12th grade and their parents and guardians are invited to Spirit of Joy Lutheran, **Sunday, July 23** at 6pm. This will be a time to build, shape, and kick-off our shared middle and high school ministry. Food will be provided!

FELLOWSHIP HALL DEDICATION POTLUCK

Sunday, July 30 following worship

We finally did it! Your generous and faithful donations made it possible to create a beautiful space for recreation, worship, and to share with our Seguin community. Thanks be to God!

All the hard work calls for a grand celebration. The Dirty River Jazz Band will join us for worship and Fellowship Hall festivities. Sign-up sheets for potluck sides are in the narthex and at the chapel door. Pulled pork, slider buns, rice, and coleslaw provided.

SCHOOL SUPPLY AND CARE KIT COLLECTION. Check the back-to-school sales for bargains in July/August to fill the Lutheran World Relief School Kits and Personal Care Kits. Supplies can be donated at the Mountain Street and Travis Street entrances. Monetary donations are also welcome. Make checks payable to *Emanuel's Lutheran Church* with a note for *LWR Kit Supplies*. Needed: 70 page spiral **notebooks**, NO SUBJECT notebooks (35¢ at Walmart. Need 650); pencil **sharpeners** (need 135); pink **erasers** (need 89); 16/24 count **crayons** (need 87); new adult bath **towels** (need 69); metal **nail clippers** (need 18); **combs** (need 91); single adult size **toothbrushes** in original packaging (need 61).

A NOTE ABOUT FLOWER VASES: The flower committee would like to remind the folks who take the arrangements to share with family and friends to kindly return the vases and containers to the flower room within the next two weeks, even the small plastic ones. Some of these containers are one-of-a-kind, while others are part of a set we want to keep intact for large gatherings. Thank you!

THE DAY SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS are looking for 2 ELC members willing to fill board member positions. Position 1- Term begins August 2023 and ends January 2025. Position 2- Term begins January 2024 and ends January 2027. No experience required, only a desire to help support and guide one of our beloved ministries in person monthly. Sarah Kennedy (281)734-3844, eldsboard@elcseguin.org

GWOH T-SHIRT sign-up sheets are in the narthex and church office. We want to look sharp on "God's work. Our hands." day of service **Sunday, September 10**th. (Same gold shirts as years before.)

Emanuel's Lutheran Church welcomes
Henry Hudson Mahoney
son of Erika and Patrick Mahoney
and
Oliver Anthony Anderson
son of Samantha and Ian Anderson
into the body of Christ and into the mission we share as
new members of Emanuel's Lutheran Church
through the Sacrament of Baptism.
Thanks and praise to God.

Hudson's sponsors are Ian and Samantha Anderson. His proud grandparents are, Steve and Cathy Anderson, the late Maurice Henry Mahoney, Jr. and the late Katrina Lynn Fain.

Oliver's sponsors are Jeremy and Amanda Morgan. His proud grandparents are, Steve and Cathy Anderson, and Tony and Jan Catalano.

EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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Garry Miller, Stewardship Ministry
Debby Richardson, Stewardship Ministry
Gwyneth Tallier, Education Ministry

ALL MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT Monday, August 21, 2023

6:30 p.m.

Women's Ministry Room

All of Emanuel's Ministry Teams gather on a single evening each month to collaborate, plan, and schedule upcoming events and ministry projects. Council Members act as team leaders/coordinators, but Ministry Teams are open to, and run by, everyone in the congregation. Please join us!

EMANUEL'S STAFF

Senior Pastor, The Rev. Marcus Bigott, 830-377-8643 cell, pastormarcus@elcseguin.org
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Church Custodian, Pauline Zunker

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

GIVING AT EMANUEL'S: Donations and tithes to the church may be given by envelopes in the pews, mailed to the church, online, or scanned with QR Code below.



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Spirit of Gentleness



Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940

Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley Text and music © 1978 James K. Manley, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



- 1 What a friend we have in Je sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri als and temp ta tions? Is there trou-ble an y where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav-y lad en, cum bered with a load of care?



What priv - i - lege to car - ry 'ry - thing to God in prayer! ev dis - cour - aged—take We should nev - er be it the Lord in prayer. to Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge— take the Lord in prayer. it to



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share? Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

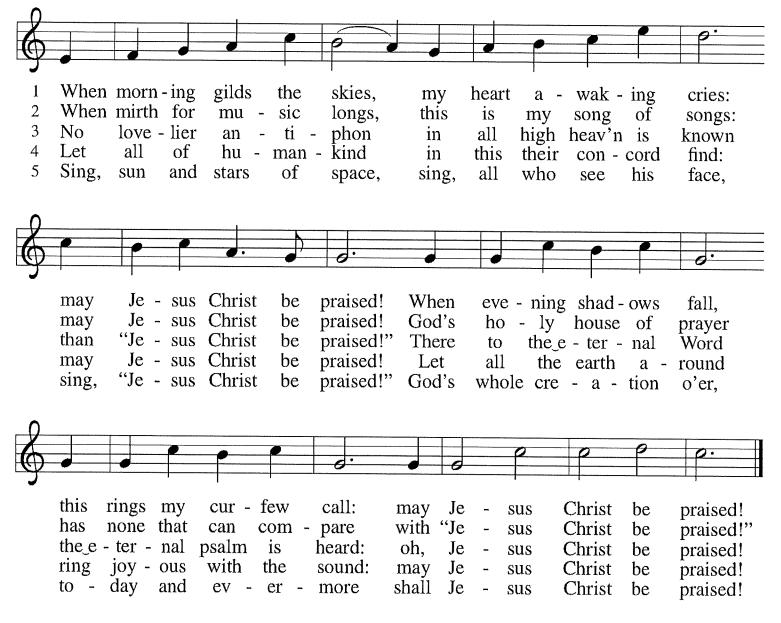


all be - cause we do ev - 'ry-thing to God in not car - ry prayer! ev - 'ry Je - sus knows our weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer. his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918

When Morning Gilds the Skies



Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt. Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

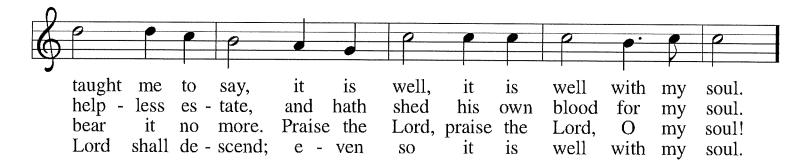
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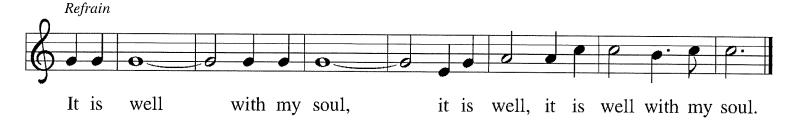


- 1 When peace like a riv er at tend eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa tan should buf for though tri els should some
- 2 Though Sa tan should buf fet, though tri als should come, let
- 3 lives— oh, He the bliss of this glo ri - ous thought; my 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



bil - lows roll, - rows like sor sea what - ev er my lot, thou hast this Christ hath re - gard - ed blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that my sin. not in part, but the whole, nailed is to his cross and Ι clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the





Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

Music: VILLA DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

God Be with You Till We Meet Again



- 1 God be with you till we meet a gain; by good coun-sels guide, up hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a gain; ho ly wings se cure ly hide you,
- God be with you till we meet a gain; when life's per ils thick con-found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you; dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain. put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;





Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833-1896