

Sunday, May 5, 2024
6th Sunday of Easter

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



PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Children's Church: Kindergarten to 5th Grade gathers in the Chapel.

GATHERING HYMN

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

ELW 650

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together.

C: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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

READING: 1 John 5:1-6

L: A reading from 1 John.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus said:] ⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and

bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Seminarian Rudy Salazar

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Great God, Your Love Has Called Us”

ELW 358

APOSTLE’S CREED

AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Apostle’s 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: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners.

Response to each petition: AM: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

AM: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING HYMN

“Awake, My Heart, With Gladness”

ELW 378

Giving information is located on the back of the bulletin.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray.

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P: Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

P: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

P: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

P: we give you thanks and praise.

C: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

P: Amen.

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.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

ELW 836

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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MUSICIAN TODAY: Edward Workmon, organ

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, May 5, 2024: Preaching: Seminarian Rudy Salazar; **Assisting Minister:** Melissa Barbre; **Acolyte:** Ellie Hepp; **Reader:** Nancy Meier; **Ushers:** Allan Bode, Bill Meier, Ron Schneider, Keith Vinyard; **A/V Tech:** Steve Anderson; **Council Greeter:** Sheila English; **Hospitality:** Nancy Meier, Bill Meier, Fran Vinyard, Keith Vinyard; **Safety Attendants:** Allan Bode, Charles Jobe

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, May 12, 2024: Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Wayne Stalsworth; **Communion Assistants:** Rissa Springs, Bill Elley, Stephanie Robbins, Karen Weinstein, John Van Deusen; **Acolytes:** Bella Jo Schultze; **Reader:** Bella Jo Schultze; **Ushers:** Doug Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; **Altar Guild:** Sandra Schneider, Nancy Meier, Faye Van Deusen, John Van Deusen; **AV/Tech:** TBD; **Council Greeter:** Melissa Barbre; **Hospitality:** Cathy Anderson, Carol Hamilton, Rachel Abrameit; **Safety Attendants:** Brandon May, Dave English

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.

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHURCH NURSERY is available for children 4 and under on the 2nd Floor Hallway anytime between 9-Noon with Khris Garcia.

WEEKDAY STUDIES:

- **Faith Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 3rd Tuesdays at 2:30
- **Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 2nd Thursday at 9:30. On **May 9th** we meet at the home of Elaine Giesber as we learn about women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus and Tamar's story.
- **Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Rm): 1st Wednesdays at 2:00

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.
- **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE LUTHERAN?** (Family Life Center): 9:00am. April 7-May 12. Take a dive into the Reformation, the writings that shape our Lutheran witness, the people that wrote them, and the events that changed the world.
- **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 CHURCH** is for PK to 5th grade learners. During worship the Vicars lead students to designated classrooms, just down the hall from the sanctuary, as we begin the "Gathering Hymn" and then guide them back as we "Share the Peace." We hope you will make this a part of your family's weekly worship rhythm!

SYNOD ASSEMBLY WEEKEND, May 3-5. Our voting members, Susan Yeatts, Darlene Zies, Paul Sims, and Pastor Marcus are in Corpus Christi this weekend undertaking the work of our Synod. They are hearing reports and updates from staff and ministries, approving budgets and mission plans, and hearing from ministry partners near and far. Additionally, this weekend also plays host to the election of the next bishop of our Synod. Please hold all of these leaders in your prayers.

GRADUATE & CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, May 19. We thank God for our high school, college, and post-graduate graduates and the beginning of their new chapters in life. During this special service, we will pray for and bless each of our graduates. Tables in the Narthex will feature memorabilia of each's story and future. We will also have a special moment to celebrate our 8th grade confirmand as she affirms the promises of her baptism. AND it's Pentecost! (Wear red!) You won't want to miss this wonderful Sunday.

WELCOMING SUNDAY, May 26. If you are interested in joining the mission and ministry of Emanuel's, then this Sunday is for you. For months now, our Council has prayerfully received numerous new and returning faces to our congregation. This unique service will center on the liturgy of welcome and affirmation and will be the time we formally receive all of these new and renewed faces. Please email Pastor Marcus, or fill out a blue card, if you would like to be a part of this "Welcoming Sunday!"

THE COMPASS COOPERATIVE gathers weekly at Spirit of Joy for our weekly gathering on **Sundays @6pm** for 6th to 12th grade students, hosted by our four church partners - Emanuel's, St. Andrew's, Spirit of Joy, and Friedens Church- and held on Spirit of Joy's campus. We eat, worship, play games, and enjoy each other's company. Join us!

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP gathers **today, May 5** at Noon for lunch and conversation in the Women's Ministry Room. Everyone is to bring a favorite dish to share. This ministry is for widowed, divorced, and separated people. Contact is Donna Simmons.

CAREGIVER CAFÉ: Join other caregivers over a cup of coffee and refreshments. Share with others who understand and care. At Spirit of Joy the first Thursdays of each month at 9am and at Emanuel's the third Sunday of each month at 2pm. For more information contact Donna Simmons at 830 556 3542.

NAMI "YOUR BEST LIFE FESTIVAL" is **Saturday, May 11** at the Seguin Coliseum from 10am to 3pm. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Guadalupe County is one of Emanuel's Partners in Service with offices on the 3rd floor of the church. At their free community health and wellness event families can learn about community resources, health insurance, mental health, nutrition, physical fitness, safety, and more.

SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB is meeting on **Thursday, May 16** at 11:30 for their regular monthly luncheon. Everyone is to bring sandwiches, salads, sides, or desserts to share. We'll play Bingo with treats for the winners! May is a busy month so, unfortunately, the Bus Trip to Fredericksburg is cancelled. Stay tuned for future fun outings with this fantastic group of seniors. See you on the 16th in the Women's Ministry Room!

GIVING ENVELOPES: The church office is in the process of updating our Giving Envelope program. If you are currently receiving Emanuel's giving envelopes in the mail but no longer need them, having transitioned

to our on-line giving platform, please call or email the church office. Also, if you are not part of the program and would like to receive weekly giving envelopes, please let us know as well! To access the on-line giving platform, please use this link: <https://onrealm.org/EmanuelslutheranChurch/give/now>

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS May 15 – 18. Here are some tips and ideas to prepare for and get the most out of your photo session.

- Solid colors work best. Avoid busy patterns and choose a color theme that unifies the look of your family. If you wear glasses all the time, wear them in your portrait. Pets welcome.
- Please arrive a few minutes early to ensure you are ready for your photo session and so we can stay on schedule for everyone. Allow 45-60 minutes for photography and portrait previewing. You will receive an 8x10 photo and directory at no cost, but other package options are available.
- All appointments are booked. The schedule is posted in the Narthex by the coffee pot. If you have questions or need to cancel then please text, phone, or email Sharon Kane and leave a message—979-482-6486 or skane49@att.net.
- **HOSTS NEEDED** on portrait days to assist with paperwork and help at the Mountain Street entrance. Let Sharon know if you are available.

MAKING YOUR GRIEF COUNT is a three-week grief program for those who have experienced loss of any kind to work through their grief, learn about healthy coping tools, and discover a path to healing in a supportive environment. Pastor Darwin Huartson facilitates this program at Emanuel's in the Family Life Center on **Sundays, May 26, June 2, and June 9** from 2-4pm.

END OF YEAR SPLASH is **Sunday, May 26**, immediately following worship at Park West. We have reserved the large pavilion and invite all of our youth, their friends, and our church families to a picnic and water time in the splash pad. Hamburgers, hotdogs, all the fixings, assorted drinks, and ice cream sundaes provided. Please bring a chair, swimsuit, sunscreen, and any umbrella or outdoor covering you might need. There's no need to RSVP, so please, just come as you are. This will be a marvelous time to celebrate the end of our school year and the beginning of our summer!

ELC "ALL CHURCH" BEACH TRIP in Port Aransas is **June 6-9, 2024**. Come for the entire time, for just the weekend, or even just a single evening. Individuals, groups, and families are all invited to call Pioneer Beach RV Resort, 361-749-6248, which has cabins or RV slots, or local hotels or AirBnB for lodging. Once you have made your reservation or if you have any additional questions, please email or call Pastor Marcus so that future planning information can be shared.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FRIEDENS "SCUBA: diving into friendship with God"

Emanuel's is partnering again this year with Friedens Church, Spirit of Joy, and St. Andrew's where kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about. Get it on your calendar now: **June 17-20**, 5:30pm, Friedens Church, 2555 Friedens Church Rd, Seguin, TX 78155. Online Registration opens May 5.



GOD'S EXPLORERS

An epic adventure for 3rd through 8th graders!

Our exploring takes place **July 15-18** from 8:30 – 3:30 where we will head underground touring four of God's most beautiful cave system creations in Texas. Each day will feature a Bible study, games, activities, food, and, of course, an awesome cave tour! Registration closes June 30th.

CAMP CREATION (K-5th) at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. If your family is unable to attend VBS at Friedens with us in the evenings on **June 17-20**, then please consider the morning VBS at St. Andrew's from 9am – Noon that week. Early drop off at 8:30. RSVP at secretary@standrewseguin.org or 830-372-4330. Snacks and T-shirt provided.

EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL

President, Rissa Springs, *Worship Team*
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In memoriam, Aaron Jenke

ALL MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT Wednesday, June 5 at 5:30pm

All of Emanuel's Ministry Teams gather on a single evening each month to share a meal, collaborate, plan, and schedule upcoming events and ministry projects. Join us in the Women's Ministry Room!

EMANUEL'S STAFF

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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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In Christ There Is No East or West



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us



1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: RYBURN, Norman Cocker, 1889-1953

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Awake, My Heart, with Gladness



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, see what to - day is done;
2 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, of all their pow'r are shorn;
3 This is a sight that glad - dens—what peace it does im - part!
4 Now I will cling for - ev - er to Christ, my Sav - ior true;
5 Christ brings me to the por - tal that leads to bliss un - told,



now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, comes forth the glo - rious sun.
now I am safe from e - vil, and sin I laugh to scorn.
Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens the joy with - in my heart.
my Lord will leave me nev - er, what - e'er he pass - es through.
where - on this rhyme im - mor - tal is found in script of gold:



My Sav - ior there was laid where our bed must be made
For Christ a - gain is free; in glo - rious vic - to - ry
No gloom shall ev - er shake, no foe shall ev - er take,
He rends death's i - ron chain; he breaks through sin and pain;
“Who there my cross has shared finds here a crown pre - pared;

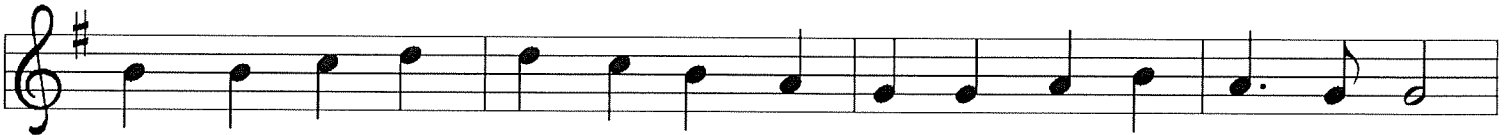


when, as on wings in flight, we soar to realms of light.
he who is strong to save has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
the hope which God's own Son in love for me has won.
he shat - ters hell's grim thrall; I fol - low him through all.
who there with me has died shall here be glo - ri - fied.”

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.