Sunday, May 12, 2024 7th 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

"God is Here!"

ELW 526

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: Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 5:9-13

L: A reading from 1 John.

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you

have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth." The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Marcus

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

ELW 655

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. You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacons (*especially*) to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments.

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

"Come to the Table"

ELW 481

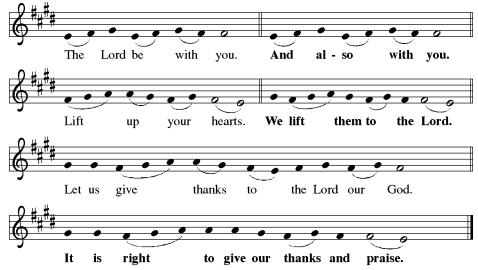
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OFFERING PRAYER

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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

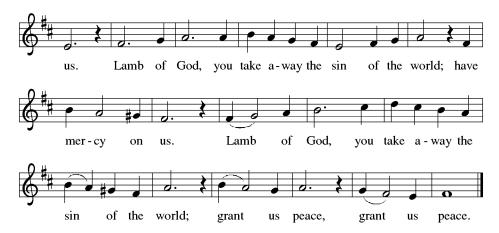
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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 welcome to be brought forward to receive a blessing. Participants to the right will be offered a wafer and invited to eat with these words, "the body of Christ given for you." Gluten free wafers are available. Next, 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, simply cross your arms for a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" ELW 494

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.

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **C: 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

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

ELW 855

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 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

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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; **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.
- **PENTECOST: What Even are Tongues?** (Family Life Center): 9:00am, May 19.
- HYMNS
- **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!

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. 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!

Altar Flowers are given today in honor of all mothers by Emanuel's Ladies Aid. **Radio Broadcast** today is sponsored by the Heritage Bible Class in honor of Mother's Day.

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 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!

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

MAKING YOUR GRIEF COUNT is a three-week grief program for those who have experienced loss of any kind to work though 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 3^{rd} through 8^{th} 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 30^{th} .

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

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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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God Is Here!



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Son of God, Eternal Savior



- Son of God, e ter nal Sav ior, source of life and truth and grace,
- 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth ers, so may we for oth ers live.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
- 4 Son of God, e ter nal Sav ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race, Free - ly have your gifts been grant-ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give. hush the storm of strife and pas-sion, bid its cru-el dis - cords cease. Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev plead: the gold and yours the sil-ver, yours the wealth of land Yours sea; your pa-tient years of toil-ing, by Bvyour si - lent hours of pain, your will-ing that your peo-ple should be by your pray-ing, by one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need. we but stew-ards of your boun-ty held in sol - emn trust will be. quench our fe-vered thirst of plea-sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain. grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710

Come to the Table



Come to the ta-ble of mer-cy, pre-pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun-gry and thirst-y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re-ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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For the Bread Which You Have Broken



- 1 For the bread which you have bro-ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom-ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re-stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n ly board,
- 4 In your ser vice, Lord, de fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord. by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord. may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord. in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.

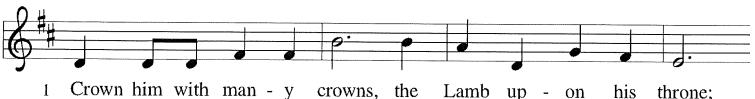
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Music: OMNI DIE, Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch, Nürnberg, 1631

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Crown Him with Many Crowns



- 2 Crown him the vir gin's Son, the God in car nate born,
- Crown him the 3 Lord loveof be - hold his hands and side. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po ten tate of time.



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own. whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn: ble a - bove, in beau-ty rich wounds, yet vis - i glo - ri - fied. and vic - to - rious strife for those he came rose in the to save. cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.





and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty. the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem. but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys-ter-ies so bright. who died. to bring, and e - ter - nal lives that death may die. life thy praise glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty. and

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893