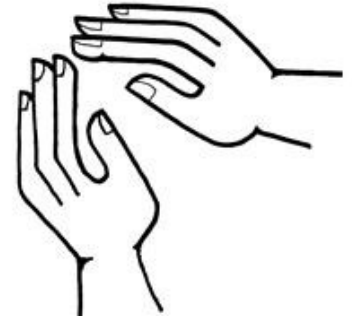


Sunday, July 27, 2025
7th Sunday After Pentecost
WELCOME to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

V: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

V: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Water may be poured into the font.

V: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

ELW 742

GREETING

V: 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.

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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

"Let All Things Now Living"

ELW 881

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together.

C: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our

conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

PSALM: Psalm 138

Congregation reads bold text.

¹I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶**The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸**You will make good your purpose for me;
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Colossians 2:6-19

L: A reading from Colossians.

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. ¹⁶Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you,

insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

V: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

V: Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."² So he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." ⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

V: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

2025 Puerto Rico Mission Team Participants

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

ELW 789

APOSTLE'S CREED

AM: Let us confess together 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: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world. Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience prayerful intimacy with you.

Response to each petition: AM: God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

AM: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

PEACE

V: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING HYMN

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

ELW 712

Giving information is located on the back of the bulletin.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

AM: 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.

AM: 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.

AM: 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,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

AM: 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.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

V: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

V: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

ELW 543

DISMISSAL

V: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Musician: Edward Workmon, organ

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, July 27, 2024: SERVICE OF THE WORD

Preaching: Vicar Rudy; **Assisting Minister:** Wayne Stalsworth; **Reader:** Fran Vinyard; **Ushers:** Tim Troell, Joe Kane, Deborah Almquist, Bev Seidenschwarz, Barbara McCall; **AV/Tech:** TBD; **Council Greeter:** Tim Kent; **Hospitality:** Deborah Almquist, Gerry Harrison, Sheila English; **Safety Attendants:** TBD

WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, August 3, 2025: Preaching: Vicar Rudy; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Elizabeth Jandt; **Communion Assistants:** Carrie Moseley, Jeannie Hall, Earlene Jarzombek, Jeanne Palmer, Barbara McCall; **Reader:** Nancy Meier; **Ushers:** Allan Bode, Bill Meier, Ron Schneider, Keith Vinyard; **Altar Guild:** Carrie Moseley, Jeanne Palmer; **A/V Tech:** TBD; **Council Greeter:** Darlene Zies; **Hospitality:** Nancy Meier, Bill Meier, Fran Vinyard; **Safety Attendants:** TBD

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 on the Level 2 hallway. Fees and submission forms are in the narthex, the church office, and online. Thank you to everyone who participates in this meaningful worship ministry.

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PASTOR MARCUS OUT of the office July 26-August 2 to attend the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. For pastoral emergencies during this time please call the church office (830-379-5046) or Vicar Rudy Salazar (210-387-5677).

SUNDAY STUDIES:

- **THE HERITAGE CLASS** (307): 9:15am. Seeking to unlock the wisdom of the Bible through fellowship and robust group discussion. Summer Study: "Living Faith."
- **JOY CLASS:** Bible stories and songs for adults with intellectual disabilities. Class meets the first Sunday of each month in the WMR at 9:00am.
- **WONDERFUL WORDS** (Family Life Center): 9:00am. August 31 Hymn Study with Thomas Engler.
- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** During worship Children's Ministry Assistant Charis leads our PK to 5th grade learners to the Children's Church room, just down the hall from the sanctuary, and returns as we share the peace.
- **THE COMPASS COOPERATIVE** 6th – 12th graders celebrate summertime with our four church partners- Emanuel's, St. Andrew's, Spirit of Joy, and Friedens Church. *VBS! Lock-Ins! Serve & Swim! And More!* Contact Hannah@elcsequin.org for more info.

WEEKDAY STUDIES:

The Wired Word (Family Life Center): Thursdays at 10:00

Faith Circle (Women's Ministry Rm): 3rd Tuesdays at 2:00

Joy Circle (Women's Ministry Rm): 2nd Thursday at 9:30, "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts" is the current study.

Ladies Aid (Women's Ministry Rm): 1st Wednesdays at 2:00, not in July

THE LUTHERAN LUNCH BUNCH is a lively group of post-worship food enthusiasts who gather at a local restaurant the first Sunday of every month. With full hearts from the service and empty stomachs ready for fellowship, you're invited to dive into hearty meals, laughter, and lively conversation. We have space at the table for you on **Sunday, August 3** at Los Cucos Mexican Café, 920 I-10, Seguin, TX 78155

SCHOOLYARD SOCIAL on **Tuesday, August 5** is the Gather & Grow Ministry Team's inaugural Congregational Care event. The Gather & Grow Team invites you, family, friends, and neighbors for a relaxed evening at the Seguin Schoolyard. Food trucks are open, the playground is ready, tables will be set and the pickleball court calling our name. Visit with us, eat with us, socialize with us, and maybe play pickleball (even if it's your first time!) with us. We'll gather around 6pm and stay until about 8pm or whenever the group is ready to head home. Stay the whole time, pop in and out, or drive by and honk! See you at the Schoolyard, 225 N Saunders Street, Seguin, 78155.

RALLY DAY CARNIVAL & MINISTRY FAIR is **Sunday, August 17** at 8:30am! Join the Education Ministry Team as we kick off another year of events, education, and gatherings! We will have games, bouncy houses, face painting, breakfast tacos, sno-cones, and chances to sign up with our ministry teams! Connect with ministry leaders to learn more about what we do and how you can support the growing ministries of our congregation. It will be a wonderful morning, and we hope you will join us!

LINE DANCING at Emanuel's! **Mondays** from 2-3pm in the Fellowship Hall, July 7 – August 25. Line dancing is a fun, healthy, and rewarding activity. Our enthusiastic instructor is Rob Kennedy. No previous dance experience is needed, just the desire to join us for some great exercise with a fun group of people. Bring water and be ready to boogie!

PATHWAYS TO HEALING support group reflects on the journey through grief while learning to navigate life with loss. They meet on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 2pm in the Family Life Center. Each gathering will highlight a different topic and invite open sharing in a safe and supportive environment. Please join us **Sunday, August 10**. Donna Simmons, Emanuel's Bereavement Care Coordinator, donna@elcseguin.org

LWR PERSONAL CARE KIT DONATIONS: It is that time of the year for items to be collected for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. We have plenty of school supplies but still need:

- Bath-size towels that are light-weight and dark color (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27")
- Single adult-size toothbrushes in original packaging
- Metal nail clippers
- Sturdy broad-tooth combs

LWR donation boxes are located in the Narthex and at the Mountain St. entrance. Thank you for supporting Lutheran World Relief, in its 80th year of faithful service to neighbors around the world.

THE WIRED WORD, a summertime weekly "drop-in" study, gathers on **Thursdays** at 10am in the Family Life Center. *The Wired Word* "... facilitates group discussions about important matters of faith raised by news of the week." Can't make a particular Thursday, or two? That's okay. Every lesson is unique. Just bring yourself and your favorite Bible whenever you can make it.

3C (Community-Connection-Conversation) is a time of gathering on the church lawn at the street **every Tuesday** morning from 7:30-8:30am as a way to share in fellowship with each other, inviting new faces to sit, share their stories, and welcome visitors who pass us on the street. Our format is open, very fluid, and provides a place to share, visit, and grow together as a community of faith. We always have room (and coffee!) for another friendly face. Bring a chair and join us!

DO YOU PLAY 42? A group of domino players play the game 42 at Emanuel's on **Thursdays** from 1-4 p.m. *Experienced players* are invited to pull up a chair and join in the fun. Please contact Alton Mattke at 433-1193 and he can answer all your questions.

EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL and Ministry Team Liaisons

President, Rissa Springs, *Worship Team*
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Bill Salt, *Education Team*
Darlene Zies, *Outreach & Service Team*

ALL TEAM MEETING NIGHT

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

5:30pm in the Women's Ministry Room

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.

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



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 - row share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In 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

Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
 2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892-1980, alt.
 Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847

Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing



- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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