Sunday, June 26, 2022
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast" Walter Pelz

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 "Will You Come and Follow Me" ELW 798

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: Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

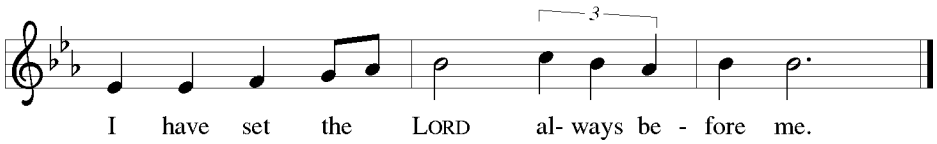
L: A reading from 1 Kings.

15Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. 16Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. 19So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. 20He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" 21He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 16 *The congregation is invited to sing the bold verses and the refrain.*



1Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all other."
2**All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land,**
upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.
3But those who run after | other gods
shall have their troubles | multiplied.
4**I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods,**
never take their names up- | on my lips. R
5O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup;
it is you who up- | hold my lot.
6**My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;**
indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.
7I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night | after night.
8**I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;**
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken. R
9My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;
my body also shall | rest in hope.
10**For you will not abandon me | to the grave,**
nor let your holy one | see the pit.
11You will show me the | path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore. R

SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

L: A reading from Galatians.

[1]For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. [13]For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. [14]For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." [15]If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. [16]Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. [17]For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. [18]But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. [19]Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, [20]idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, [21]envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. [22]By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, [23]gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. [24]And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. [25]If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[51]When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. [52]And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; [53]but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. [54]When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" [55]But he turned and rebuked them. [56]Then they went on to another village. [57]As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." [58]And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." [59]To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." [60]But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." [61]Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." [62]Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Marcus

HYMN OF THE DAY "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" ELW 470

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: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need. God of faithfulness, set the face of your church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the church find freedom in loving our neighbors.

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

AM: God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.
C: Amen.

PEACE
P: The peace of Christ be with you.
C: And also with you.

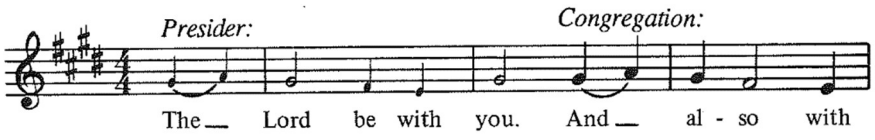
OFFERING HYMN **"O Jesus, I Have Promised"** **ELW 810**

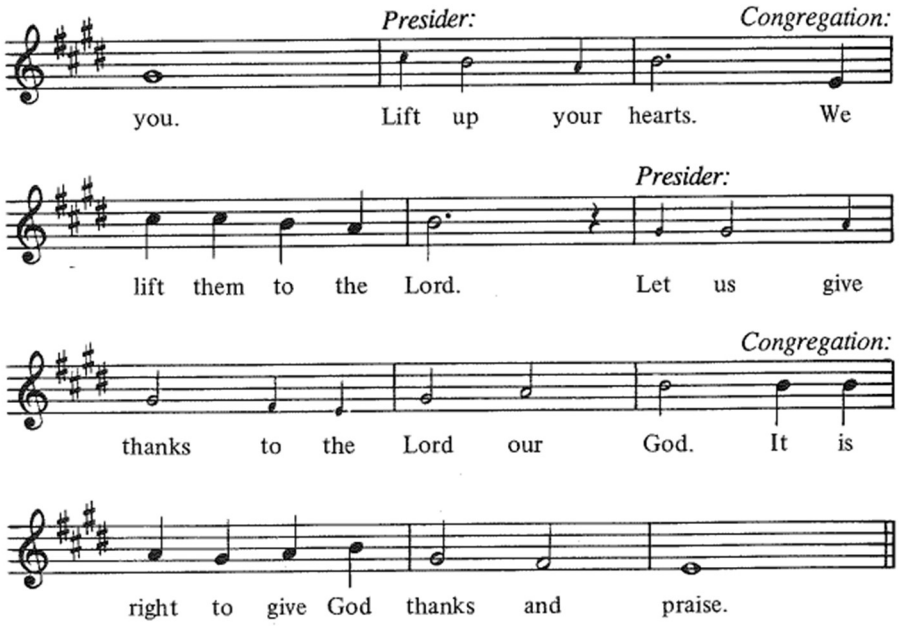
MEAL *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

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.

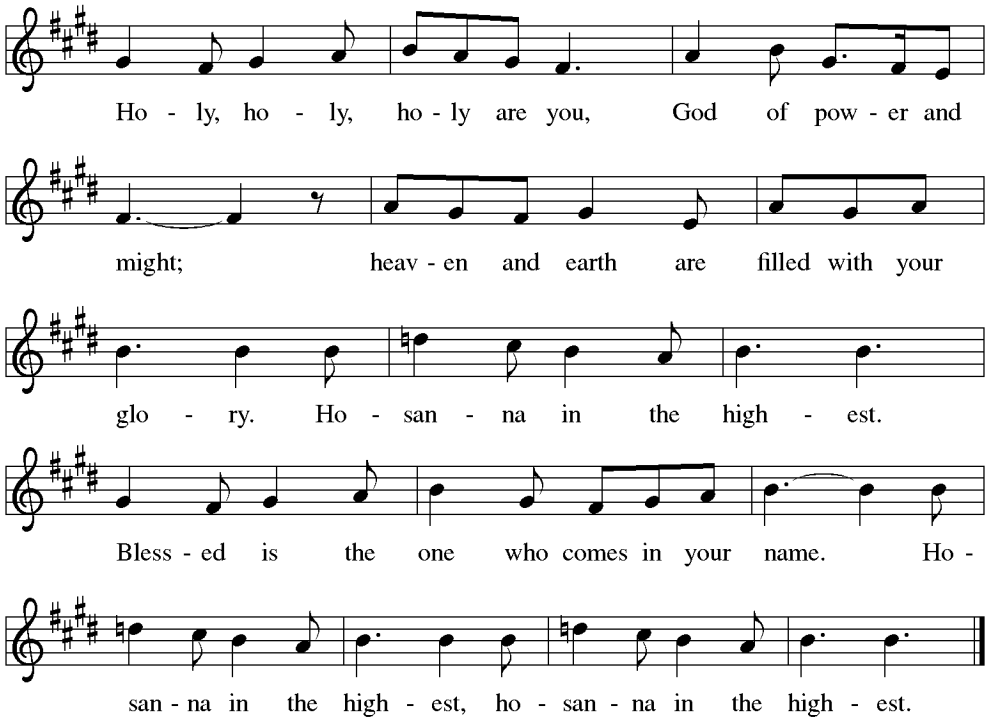
GREAT THANKSGIVING



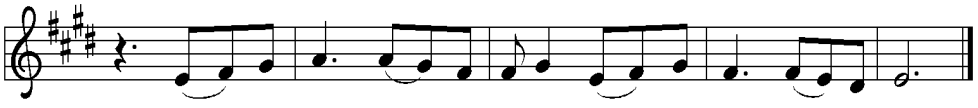


PREFACE *Sung by the pastor*

SANCTUS **"Holy, Holy, Holy"** **ELW 191**

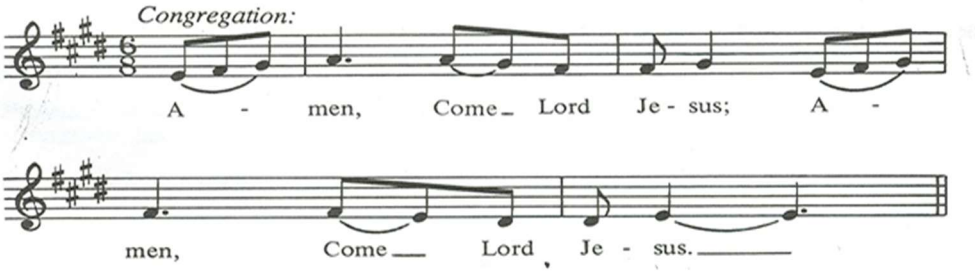


EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *Pastor sings first then congregation repeats*



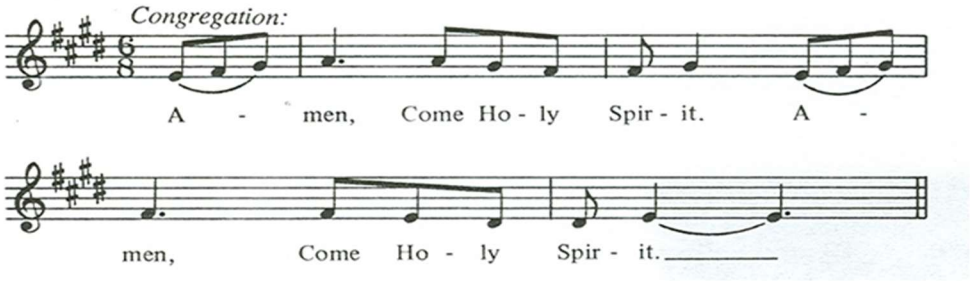
P: You are indeed holy … we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

Pastor sings first then congregation repeats

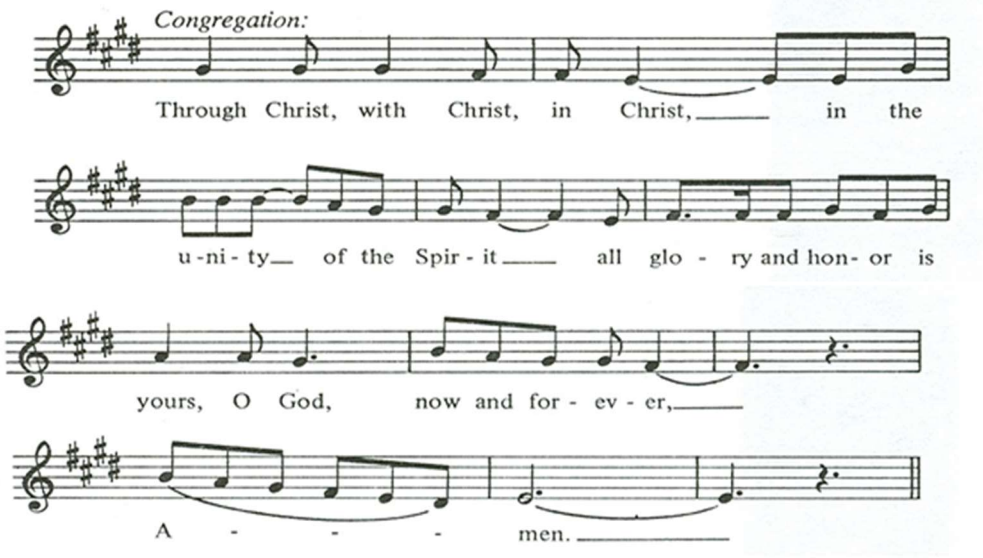


P: Send now, we pray … and your whole creation.

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: 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 **"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"** **ELW 697**

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 **"Lead Me, Guide Me"** **ELW 768**

DISMISSAL
P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" Mark Sedio

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MUSICIANS TODAY: Summer Singers; Wayne Stalsworth, cantor; Chris Teague, guitar; Tom Engler, piano; Gayle Morris, organist

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, June 26, 2022: Preaching: Pastor Marcus; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Elizabeth Jandt; **Communion Assistants:** Deb Haug, Steve Anderson, Bill Salt, Emily Prochnow; **Reader:** Keith Vinyard; **Ushers:** Tim Troell, Joe Kane, Deborah Almquist; **Altar Guild:** Cathy Anderson, Elizabeth Jandt; **AV/Tech:** Walter Seidenschwarz; **Council Greeter:** Emily Prochnow; **Hospitality:** Deborah Almquist, Gerry Harrison, Carolyn Blumberg

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, July 3, 2022: Preaching: Pastor Kelsie; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Marsha Schroeder; **Communion Assistants:** Carrie Moseley, Jeannie Hall, Earlene Jarzombek, Jeanne Palmer; **Reader:** Carolyn Blumberg; **Ushers:** Allan Bode, Bill Meier, Ron Schneider; **Altar Guild:** Elizabeth Jandt, Jeanne Palmer; **AV/Tech:** Matt Clardy; **Council Greeter:** Lindsay May; **Hospitality:** Nancy Meier, Bill Meier, Fran Vinyard, Keith Vinyard

SING IN THE SUMMER CHOIR! Beginning June 12th, join us in the sanctuary by the piano at 10am on Sunday mornings for rehearsal. Summer is a great, informal time to try something new. Please try us! Questions? Reach out to the Director of Music Tom Engler at Thomas@elcseguin.org or catch him after worship.

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

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.

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! Contact PK about how you can become more involved in our students' faith formation on Sunday mornings!

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

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who made VBS 2022 a success. From kitchen folks to classroom folks to folks who simply joined for dinner, thank you for taking part in our week of engaging "God's Call." Our Education Team is hard at work getting ready for the fall and all the great things that will come with a new year of learning together. Stay on the lookout!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Marsha Schroeder and Allan Bode for their willingness to serve as Synod Assembly voting delegates to this year's assembly; the first in-person assembly in two years! The weekend was full of Synod business, keynote presentations and workshops, and time for fellowship, meals, and worship. Make sure to connect with them if you have questions!

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP meets next on **Sunday, July 3** at Noon in the Women's Ministry Room. This ministry is fore widowed, divorced, and separated people. Bring a favorite dish to share.

HEALING THROUGH CONVERSATION is a support group for those who have lost a loved one to death. The group meets on **First Thursdays** at 11 a.m. in the Family Life Center. If you have questions, please contact Donna Simmons at donna@elcseguin.org.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY is set for **Sunday, July 17**. If you are interested in formally joining in the mission and ministry of Emanuel's, you are invited to reach out to Pastor Marcus for further information and details. During these special Sunday services, we give thanks to God the ministry we share and lift up our prayers for the missional work we will accomplish together with the newest faces in our midst.

ALL-MINISTRY MEETING NIGHT is **Monday, July 18**. Join the Emanuel's Ministry Teams in the Women's Ministry Room at 6:30 to collaborate, plan, and schedule upcoming events and ministry projects.

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.

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.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS from the pen of the Mission Interpreter. Bible reading and praying daily don't gain us any brownie points with God, but both are important faith practices. That we pray is important, but how we pray is even more so. If we only pray for what we need and want, we are shaping ourselves to be narrow and selfish. If we pray for the things of God's kingdom, we will be drawn into the realities of that kingdom. Bible reading can help lead in that direction. *How we practice our faith helps us grow.* Read vol 2, issue 23 of *Sharing the Good News* in our Weekly E-News or a narthex copy.

KEYBOARD LESSONS WITH TOM: I am offering up to 8 free keyboard lessons to any congregation member who would like to familiarize themselves with the fundamentals of this wonderful "window to the world of music." The book that I will use is available on Amazon.com. Contact Tom Engler, Director of Music.

SYNOD YOUTH GATHERING: July 24-29, 2022, in Houston! Youth who have completed 8th grade through 12th grade are invited to register. Let PK know!

SUMMER CAMP WITH CROSS TRAILS MINISTRY: **June 19-29** and **June 26-July 1**. If your youth is interested in attending camp, please contact PK ASAP to get registered.

YOUTH HANDBELL CAMP: July 11-15 from 8:30-Noon. Emanuel's Music Ministry presents a Handbell Camp for youth entering grades 3-7. The group will present a piece of music on Sunday, July 17 during worship at 10:30 a.m. *Director of Music Tom Engler* can answer your questions. Please register by July 6. Forms in the office.

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. We appreciate everyone's input as we learn to be the church in new ways.

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