

The Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 22, 2025

**Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lancaster, Pa.**



Welcome to worship at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We believe “Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink.” (Small Catechism, Martin Luther) Children who do not yet receive Holy Communion are welcome to come forward to the altar rail for a blessing. **During the Celebration of Holy Communion**, we offer two alternatives: a gluten free wafer and grape juice. If you would like the gluten free wafer, please inform the pastor when he/she comes to offer you the body of Christ. If you would like grape juice, please inform the assisting minister as he/she offers the blood of Christ. Please note you will still need a cup for the grape juice. Any questions please ask an usher.

The worship service for this morning is printed in this booklet. Hymn numbers refer to the hymnal Evangelical Lutheran Worship found in the pew rack.

Are you worshipping with us for the first time? Please use a “Welcome Card” and let us know who you are. If you would like to receive additional information about our congregation, write us a note on the back of the card.

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Today’s Service will be led by the Assistant Minister: Marcus Thomsen

Minister of Music: Rodney E. Warfield

Emmanuel Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We are a companion congregation with Mbalizi Lutheran Church in Mbeya, Tanzania, a congregation of the Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

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A Celebration of Word & Sacrament
(Based on Setting 10)

Bold type following “C:” is spoken/sung by the congregation.

P = Presiding Pastor

A = Assisting Minister

L = Lector

Introduction to the Day

This Sunday's twist paints startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

Only Trust Him

Gilbert M. Martin

† THE GATHERING †

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Please stand, as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

A: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

A: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C:Amen.

A: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
The congregation may kneel, sit, or stand. Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves to the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

A: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

Gathering Hymn

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

ELW 510



Word of God, Come Down on Earth



1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625-1673

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GREETING (ELW p. 138)

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

C: And also, with you.

KYRIE (ELW 203)



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW 204)



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before prayer.

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The congregation is seated.

† **THE WORD** †

God speaks to us in Scriptures read, sung, and preached.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65: 1-9

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

L: A Reading from Isaiah.

¹ I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.

² I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

³ a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;

⁴ who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself,

do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.”
These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.
⁶ See, it is written before me:
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their laps
⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors’ iniquities together,
says the LORD;
because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,
I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.
⁸ Thus says the LORD:
As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, “Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,”
so I will do for my servants’ sake,
and not destroy them all.
⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 22:19-28

L: Today’s Psalm is taken from Psalm 22. The Psalm will be read responsively between the Lector and the Congregation.

But you, O LORD, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.

**C: Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.**

L: Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

**C: I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

L: You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off-spring of Israel.

**C: For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

L: From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

**C: The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

L: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

**C: For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.**

SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able, to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

A: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

²⁶ Then Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to

your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

A: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

A CHILDREN’S LESSON

MESSAGE

A Hymn Sing – Why?

Portions of the following are taken from, “What is the point of singing hymns? An article published by the Hymn Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

Time for reflection

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLE’S CREED (ELW p. 105)

A: We confess our faith.

**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

*Each prayer petition will end with; “God of Grace,”
Please respond with; **“Hear our Prayer”***

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace and may say
Peace be with you or similar words. A wave or a bow may be preferable to a
handshake or hug in light of public health concerns.*

Please be seated.

OFFERING

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Lord, Hear My Prayer Lani Smith



THE GATHERING OF GIFTS

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory—ELW p. 182

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER ELW p. 144

A: Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all

may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

A: 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, we give you thanks and praise. 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, we give you thanks and praise. 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, we give you thanks and praise. 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. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Amen.

† THE SENDING †

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

BLESSING

A: Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us all now and forever.

C: Amen.



SENDING HYMN: Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

ELW 445

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

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

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Grand Choeur Theodore Dubois arranged by Steven Scott

Please feel free to take the bulletin home.

The Weekly Messenger

Worship Leaders for Today

Assisting Minister-----Marcus Thomsen
Ushers-----Bill Hannegan, Tom Lyman
Lector-----Keith Frey
Acolyte -----Mary Kay Mulcahy
Offering Counters-----George Ehemann, Keith Frey
Set Up for Fellowship-----Margaret Thomsen
Clean Up for Fellowship-----LeeLee Nissly

Worship Times

Worship services will be at 9:00 a.m. for the remainder of the summer.

Pastoral Care

If you are in need of Pastoral Care during this time of transition at Emmanuel, please contact the Church Office (717-397-6195) and leave a message. Messages are checked several times a day. A Pastor will be provided to you.

The Church Office

Office Hours: Wednesday: 8 am – 12 noon, 1 pm – 5 pm

If you need assistance from the church secretary outside of normal business hours, please contact him at warfieldrodney@gmail.com. Please adhere to all deadlines.

Sunday Morning Adult Class

The Sunday Morning Adult Class will be on summer hiatus until the Fall semester kicks off September 7.

Wednesday Bible Study

Meets every Wednesday from 10-11 AM in the Fireside Room

A packaged deal: coffee, fellowship, and Bible study! June 4 – July 9, a six session Bible Study on the Fruit of the Spirit lead by Mary Kay Mulcahy.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, June 23 -----No Events Scheduled*
Tuesday, June 24 -----5:45 pm -----Property Committee*
Wednesday, June 25 -----10:00 am-----Bible Study*
Thursday, June 26-----No Events Scheduled*
Friday, June 27 -----No Events Scheduled*
Saturday, June 28-----No Events Scheduled*
Sunday, June 29-----9:00 am-----Peter and Paul, Apostles*

**Every day of the week AA will be meeting from 3:30 to 5:30 pm in the basement of the chapel.*

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Blessed by God++Grounded in Faith++Serving in Love

Commemorations this Week by the Lutheran Church

Take a moment to acquaint yourself with these individuals who were:

Tuesday, June 24, John the Baptist



The birth and life of John the Baptist is celebrated exactly six months before Christmas Eve. For Christians in the Northern Hemisphere, these two dates are deeply symbolic. John said that he must decrease as Jesus increased. According to tradition, John was born as the days are longest and then steadily decrease, while Jesus was born as the days are shortest and then steadily increase. In many countries this day is celebrated with customs associated with the summer solstice.

Wednesday, June 25, Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530



On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg confession were presented to Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg confession was written by Philipp Melanchthon and endorsed by Martin Luther and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their

teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time. In 1580 when the ***Book of Concord*** was drawn up, the unaltered Augsburg confession was included as the principal Lutheran Confession.

Wednesday, June 25 - Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, died 1560

Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melanchthon is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melanchthon was a brilliant scholar, known as “the teacher of Germany.” The University of Wittenberg hired him as its first professor of Greek, and there he became a friend of Luther. Melanchthon was a popular professor – even his classes at six in the morning had as many as six hundred students. As a reformer he was known for his conciliatory spirit and for finding areas of agreement with fellow Christians. He was never ordained.



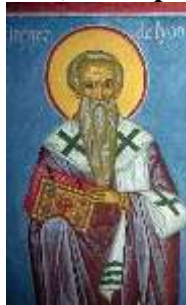
Philipp Melanchthon

Friday, June 27 – Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, theologian, died 444



Remembered as an outstanding theologian as well as a contentious personality, Cyril defended the orthodox teachings about the person of Christ against Nestorius, bishop of Constantinople. Nestorius taught that the divine and human natures of Christ were entirely distinct, and therefore Mary could not be referred to as the *theotokos*, or bearer of God. This conflict, which also has roots in a rivalry for preeminence between Alexandria and Constantinople, involved all of the major Christian leaders of the time, including the patriarchs of Rome, Antioch, and Jerusalem, and finally also the emperor. In the end it was decided that Cyril's interpretation, that Christ's person included both divine and human natures, was correct.

Saturday, June 28 – Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202



Irenaeus believed that the way to remain steadfast to the truth was to hold fast to the faith handed down from the apostles. He believed that only Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John were trustworthy gospels. Irenaeus was an opponent of Gnosticism and its emphasis on dualism. As a result of his battles with the Gnostics, he was one of the first to speak of the church as “catholic.” By catholic he meant that local congregations did not exist by themselves but were linked to one another in the whole church. He also maintained that his church was not contained within any national boundaries. He argued that the church's message was for all people, in contrast to the Gnostics and their emphasis on “secret knowledge.”

Emmanuel Lutheran Intercessory Prayer List

In order to follow church procedures as well as privacy laws, Emmanuel Lutheran's Worship & Music Committee has established the following procedures for the weekly Prayer List read during the Intercessory Prayers of our services.

Names placed on the prayer list will be lifted up during the Sunday services for four weeks (unless the situation indicates otherwise). Names of those who have died and their families will be shared for two weeks. Those requesting prayers related to long-term care, hospice, accidents, other life events, may request that names be included for a period of 12 weeks. All requests may be renewed at their conclusion of the relevant time period.

People or concerns to be held in prayer may be submitted to the Church Office (717-397-6195 or office@elclanepa.org) by email or in writing to the Chair of the Worship & Music Committee or the Pastor. Prayer list request forms may be found in the pew hymnal racks and placed in the offering plates as well.

Please include the following information:

1. Your name and phone number or email
2. The person who is to be added to the prayer list and their relationship to you (family, friend, acquaintance, etc.).
3. Reason for adding the name to the list. (Optional)
4. Is this person a member of Emmanuel?
5. And most important, Emmanuel is aware of societal trends and policy developments and procedures that encourage the appropriate sharing of prayer needs, while protecting the privacy of congregants, their extended families and community members. Does this person agree to have their name added to this public list?

If you have questions, please contact the Church Office, the Pastor, or the Committee Chair. 