

## *Peter and Paul, the Apostles*

June 29, 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: Keith Frey

*Minister of Music:* Rodney E. Warfield

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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**

Today we celebrate two great figures of the early church, Peter and Paul, who represent the spread of the gospel to both Jews and Gentiles and, according to tradition, were martyred on this date. The witness of Peter and Paul inspires us as we seek ways to faithfully proclaim the gospel in our contemporary context.

## **GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:**                      **Faith of Our Fathers**                      **James Mansfield**

### **† THE GATHERING †**

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

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## **THE CONFESSION (ELW p. 94)**

A: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.*

A: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by**

**what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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**

**Glories of Your Name are Spoken**

**ELW 358**

## Glories of Your Name Are Spoken



- 1 Glo - ries of your name are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
- 2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring-ing from e - ter - nal love,
- 3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov-'ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
- 4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a mem - ber am,



he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed you for his own a - bode,  
 well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move.  
 for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
 let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in your name.



On the Rock of A - ges found-ed, what can shake your sure re - pose?  
 Who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage?  
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,  
 Fad - ing are the world-ings' plea-sures, all their boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur-round-ed, you may smile at all your foes.  
 Grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.  
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them on their way.  
 sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sures none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

Music: AUSTRIA, Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732–1809

## 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.*

Almighty God, we praise you that your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdoms. Grant that your church throughout the world may always be instructed by their teaching and example, be knit together in unity by your Spirit, and ever stand firm upon the one foundation who is Jesus Christ our Lord, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*The congregation is seated.*

### † THE WORD †

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

#### **FIRST READING: Acts 12:1-11**

*King Herod had James killed and had Peter put in prison, under heavy guard. In what Peter first believes is only a vision, an angel leads him past unseeing guards, out of prison, and to freedom.*

L: A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup> About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. <sup>2</sup> He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. <sup>3</sup> After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) <sup>4</sup> When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. <sup>5</sup> While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

<sup>6</sup> The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. <sup>7</sup> Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and

a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, “Get up quickly.” And the chains fell off his wrists. <sup>8</sup> The angel said to him, “Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.” He did so. Then he said to him, “Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.” <sup>9</sup> Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel’s help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. <sup>10</sup> After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. <sup>11</sup> Then Peter came to himself and said, “Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.”

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 87:1-3, 5-7**

L: The Psalm for today is taken from Psalm 87. It will be read responsively between the lector and the congregation.

On the holy mountain  
stands the city God has founded;

**C: the LORD loves the gates of Zion  
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.**

L: Glorious things are spoken of you,  
O city of our God.

**C: Of the city it shall be said, “Everyone was born in Zion,  
and the Most High shall sustain the city.”**

L: Enrolling the nations, the LORD records:  
“These also were born there.”

**C: The singers and the dancers will say,  
“All my fresh springs are in you.”**

**SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18:**

*Paul has faithfully persevered in the mission the Lord had given to him. Near life's end he rests in the promise of eternal life, confident that the Lord who has rescued him in the past will bring him into the heavenly kingdom.*

L: A reading from 2 Timothy.

<sup>6</sup> As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So, I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup> The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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)**



### **GOSPEL: John 21:15-19**

*Jesus invites Simon Peter to declare his love for him three times, in a manner reminiscent of the three times that Peter earlier denied Christ. Jesus commissions him to feed his sheep and predicts that he will die as a martyr for God.*

A: The holy gospel according to John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know

everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”<sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.”<sup>19</sup> He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

### **GOSPEL:**

**A:** The gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

### **A CHILDREN’S LESSON**

#### **MESSAGE: Peter and Paul, the Apostles**

A reading adapted from a poem entitled Peter and Paul by Patrick Dolan written in 2017.

Narrator: Mary Kay Mulcahy

Saint Peter: Keith Frey

Saint Paul: Marcus Thomsen

*Time for reflection*

*Please stand as you are able.*



**HYMN OF THE DAY: Faith of Our Fathers**

**ELW 812**

## Faith of Our Fathers



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
 2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and  
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
 con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate  
 all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

*Refrain*



when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word.  
 if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,  
 by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain

## **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.



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: May the Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us all now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



**SENDING HYMN:      This is My Song      ELW 887**  
**Sung in recognition of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Patriotic holiday.**

## This Is My Song



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
 your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
 O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 my - self I give you; let your will be done.

Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912–1993, sts. 1–2; Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, st. 3

Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957

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## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE            The Faithful Heart Rejoices            Gerald Peterson**

**Please feel free to take the bulletin home.**

## *The Weekly Messenger*

### **Worship Leaders for Today**

Assisting Minister-----Keith Frey  
Ushers-----Christianah Alagbe, Mary Royer  
Lector-----Phyllis Strittmater  
Acolyte -----Praise Alagbe  
Offering Counters-----Judy Deichert, Mark Moffett  
Set Up for Fellowship-----Margaret Thomsen  
Clean Up for Fellowship-----Nancy Lynn

### **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**  
**Beginning July 1, 2025**

**Office Hours: Tuesdays: 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 [warfieldrodneym@gmail.com](mailto:warfieldrodneym@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 30 -----No Events Scheduled\*  
Tuesday, July 1-----No Events Scheduled\*  
Wednesday, July 2-----10:00 am -----Bible Study\*  
Wednesday, July 2 -----11:15 am-----Social Ministry Committee\*  
Thursday, July 3-----No Events Scheduled\*  
Friday, July 4-----No Events Scheduled\*  
Saturday, July 5 -----No Events Scheduled\*  
Sunday, July 6 -----9:00 am ----- Fourth Sunday after Pentecost\*

*\*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:

**Sunday, June 29**

**Peter and Paul, Apostles**



These two are an odd couple of biblical witnesses to be brought together in one commemoration. It appears that Peter would have gladly served as the editor of Paul's letters in a letter attributed to him. Peter says that some things in Paul's letters are hard to understand. Paul's criticism of Peter is more blunt. In Galatians he points out ways that Peter was wrong. One of the things that unites Peter and Paul is the tradition that says they were martyred together on this date in 67 or 68. What unites them more closely is their common confession of Jesus Christ. Together Peter and Paul lay a foundation and build the framework for our lives of faith through their proclamation of Jesus Christ.

**Tuesday, July 1**

**Catherine Winkworth, died 1878; John Mason Neale, died 1866;  
Hymn Translators**

Neale was an English priest associated with the movement for church renewal at Cambridge. Winkworth lived most of her life in Manchester, where she was involved in promoting women's rights. These two hymnwriters translated many hymn texts into English. Catherine Winkworth devoted herself to the translation of German hymns, nineteen of which are included in the *Evangelical Lutheran*

*Worship*; the fourteen hymn translations of John Mason Neale in the collection represent his specialization in ancient Latin and Greek hymns.



Catherine Winkworth



John Mason Neale

### **Thursday, July 3** **Thomas, Apostle**



Thomas is perhaps best remembered as “Doubting Thomas.” But alongside his doubt, the Gospel of John shows Thomas as fiercely loyal: “Let us also go, that we may die with him” (John 11:16). And John’s gospel shows Thomas moving from doubt to deep faith. Thomas makes one of the strongest confessions of faith in the New Testament, “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28). From this confession of faith, ancient stories tell of Thomas’ missionary work to India, where Christian communities were flourishing a thousand years before the arrival of sixteenth-century missionaries.

## 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](mailto: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. 