

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
July 6, 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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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

God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat. . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: **With this Cup and with this Bread** **Ben Logan**

† THE GATHERING †

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

Please stand, as you are able.

THE CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

**C: you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace.
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

P: We belong to Christ Jesus
and we are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✝ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
our sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, we are a new creation.

C: Amen



Please stand as you are able.

Gathering Hymn Give me Jesus

Give Me Jesus



1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
 2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
 dark . . . mid-night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
 oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
 and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual

GREETING

P: 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



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



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

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before prayer.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, 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 66:10-14

Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.

L: A reading from Isaiah.

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her—
¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious bosom.

¹² For thus says the LORD:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,
and dandled on her knees.

¹³ As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴ You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;
and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants,
and his indignation is against his enemies.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 66:1-9

L: Today's Psalm consists of the first nine verses of Psalm 66. The Psalm will be read responsively between the Lector and Congregation.

¹ Be joyful in God, all you lands;
be joyful, all the earth.

**C: ² Sing the glory of God's name;
sing the glory of God's praise.**

L: ³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

**C: ⁴ All the earth bows down before you,
sings to you, sings out your name.**

L: ⁵ Come now and see the works of God,
how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

C: ⁶ **God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot,
and there we rejoiced in God.**

L: ⁷ Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;
let no rebels exalt themselves.

C: ⁸ **Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of¹ praise be heard.**

L: ⁹ Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.

SECOND READING: Galatians 6:1-16

In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."

A reading from Galatians.

¹ My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads.

⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.



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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-20

Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that

person; but if not, it will return to you.⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you;⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say,¹¹ ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’”

¹²I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town.¹³ Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.¹⁴ But at the judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you.¹⁵ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades.

¹⁶“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!”¹⁸ He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning.¹⁹ See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you.²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

A CHILDREN’S LESSON

Mary Kay Mulcahy

SERMON

Time for reflection

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: We all are One in Mission

We All Are One in Mission



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love,
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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APOSTLE'S CREED

P: In trust and hope 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: The Open Bible James Southbridge

THE GATHERING OF GIFTS

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory

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

A: Let us pray.

Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,

that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

† GREAT THANKSGIVING †

DIALOGUE

(The dialogue will be spoken.)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God,
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals,
the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.
When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore,
his acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.
Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those**

who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The kingdom of God is set before us. Come, for all is now ready.



COMMUNION SONG

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on the journey of faith, you are welcome at this communion table.

P: The body of Christ, given for you.

A: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond **Amen.***



MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

As a Mother Comforts Her Child

Wash, O God, our Sons and Daughters

HYMN SUNG DURING DISTRIBUTION:

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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Please stand, as you are able after all have communed:

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Caring God,

You gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.



† THE SENDING †

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

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

Go to the World

Go to the World!



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Postlude Francois Couperin arranged by Todd Kendall

Please feel free to take the bulletin home.

The Weekly Messenger

Worship Leaders for Today

Assisting Minister-----Gini Horn
Ushers-----Karl and Marilyn Soutner
Lector-----Mary Kay Mulcahy
Acolyte -----Marcus Thomsen
Offering Counters-----Diane Ehemann, Mark Moffett
Set Up for Fellowship-----Mary Kay Mulcahy
Clean Up for Fellowship-----Tom Lyman

Worship Times

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

Pastoral Care

Pastor Michael can be reached at 717-609-3176 or rev.mfischer@gmail.com. If you receive his voicemail, please leave a message and you will receive a call back.'

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MICHAEL

Pastor Michael will be away Sunday, July 13, through Saturday, July 19, participating in a flood recovery service trip to Kentucky with LutheranHands. He will return to Emmanuel on July 20.

MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

Contribution statements for the first six months of 2025 will be available on the table in the rear of the nave on Sunday, July 6. Please pick up your copy before or after church. Thank you for your support of our ministry and programs.

The Church Office

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 warfieldrodney@gmail.com or office@elclancca.org.

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, July 7-----No Events Scheduled*
Tuesday, July 8-----10:00 am -----Worship and Music Committee*
Tuesday, July 8-----2:30 pm-----Executive Committee Meeting*
Wednesday, July 9-----10:00 am -----Bible Study*
Thursday, July 10-----No Events Scheduled*
Friday, July 11-----No Events Scheduled*
Saturday, July 12 -----No Events Scheduled*
Sunday, July 13 -----9:00 am -----Fifth 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.*



Attendance: June 29, 2025. Worship --- 27
Blessed by God++Grounded in Faith++Serving in Love

AUGUST PARISH HELPER DEADLINE: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 (Second Wednesday of the month.)

Commemorations this Week by the Lutheran Church

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

Sunday, July 6 -Jan Hus, martyr, died 1415



Jan Hus was a Bohemian priest who spoke against abuses in the church of his day in many of the same ways Luther would a century later. He spoke against the withholding of the cup at the eucharist and because of his stance was excommunicated, not for heresy but for insubordination toward his archbishop. He preached against the selling of indulgences and was particularly mortified by the indulgence trade of two rival claimants to the papacy who were raising money for war against each other. He was found guilty of heresy by the Council of Constance and burned at the stake. The followers of Jan Hus became known as the Czech Brethren and eventually continued as the Moravian Church.

Friday, July 11 -Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, died around 540



Benedict is known as the father of Western monasticism. He was educated in Rome but was appalled by the decline of life around him. He went to live as a hermit, and a community of monks came to gather around him. In the prologue of his rule for monasteries, he wrote that his intent in drawing up his regulations was “to set down nothing harsh, nothing burdensome.” It is that moderate spirit that characterizes his rule and the monastic communities that are formed by it. Benedict still encourages a generous spirit of hospitality in that visitors to Benedictine communities are to be welcomed as Christ himself.

Saturday, July 12-Nathan Soderblom, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1931



In 1930, this Swedish theologian, ecumenist, and social activist, received the Nobel Prize for peace. Soderblom (zay-der-blom) saw the value of the ancient worship of the church catholic and encouraged the liturgical movement. He also valued the work of liberal Protestant scholars and believed social action was a first step on the path toward a united Christianity. He organized the Universal Christian Council on Life and Work, one of the organizations that in 1948 came together to form the World Council of Churches.