

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

### LORD'S PRAYER

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.

### BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

### CLOSING SONG

*Heaven Is In My Heart*

*Chorus: Oh! Heaven is in my heart! Oh! Heaven is in my heart! Repeat*

The Kingdom of our God is here. Heaven is in my heart!  
The presence of His majesty. Heaven is in my heart!  
And in His presence joy abounds. Heaven is in my heart!  
The light of holiness surrounds. Heaven is in my heart!

*Chorus*

His precious life on me He spent. Heaven is in my heart!  
To give me life without an end. Heaven is in my heart!  
In Christ is all my confidence. Heaven is in my heart!  
The hope of my inheritance. Heaven is in my heart!

*Chorus*

We are a temple for His throne. Heaven is in my heart!  
And Christ is the foundation stone. Heaven is in my heart!  
He will return and take us home. Heaven is in my heart!  
The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!" Heaven is in my heart!

*Chorus*

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# *The Gathering*

## The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022



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### **Vision Statement**

Emanuel Lutheran Church is a united and growing family of Christians joyfully dedicated to furthering God's Kingdom.

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**FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY** ~ Everyone, please sign in! We ask guests to please include your address, zip code & phone number so that we may acknowledge your visit.

**AS WE GATHER** ~ In the traditional “learning trio” of reading, writing, and arithmetic, the first two of the listed disciplines deal with words. Spoken and written communication are vital throughout life. But learning numbers and how to work with them, understand them, and use them well is also important. The books of the Bible include many numbers, each of which has special significance. The fourth book of the Old Testament is called Numbers because it contains the results of two censuses of the Hebrew people taken after the exodus from Egypt, one beginning in the first chapter and the second beginning in chapter 26. The Lord God demanded that each of His people was accounted for and known. His care for each of us continues, as is reflected in His Word through the prophet Isaiah, “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine” (Isaiah 43:1b). God sees each of us as “number one” in His loving view!

## **PRE-SERVICE PRAISE**

*Reckless Love*

**Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me;**

**You have been so, so good to me.**

**Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me;**

**You have been so, so kind to me.**

*Chorus:*      **Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.  
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine.  
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still, You give Yourself away;  
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.**

**When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me;**

**You have been so, so good to me.**

**When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me;**

**You have been so, so kind to me.    *Chorus***

**There's no shadow You won't light up,  
Mountain You won't climb up, coming after me.**

**There's no wall You won't kick down,**

**Lie You won't tear down, coming after me.    *Repeat 3 more times, then Chorus***

## **WELCOME/SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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## **OPENING SONG**

*Open Our Eyes*

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus**

**To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.**

**Open our ears, Lord, help us to listen.**

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.    *Repeat***

## **INVOCATION**

**Pastor:**      In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:**      **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

(Psalm 90:1, 12; 86:11–12; 119:159–160)

**Pastor:**      Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**People:**      **Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

**Pastor:**      Consider how I love Your precepts! Give me life according to Your steadfast love.

**People:**      **The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your just and righteous decrees endures forever.**

**Pastor:**      Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.

**People:**      **I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your name forever.**

**Pastor:**      It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on “Confession” in the Small Catechism by Dr. Martin Luther instructs us with these words:

**People:**      **Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

**Pastor:**      Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

**People:**      **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and**

merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

Pastor: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

### PSALM 146

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: **I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Pastor: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

People: **When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.**

Pastor: Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

People: **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;**

Pastor: who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

People: **the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

Pastor: The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

People: **The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!**

All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### SONG OF PRAISE

#### *We Bow Down*

**You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life, Lord of the land and the sea. You were Lord of the heavens before there was time, Lord of all lords You will be.**

**We bow down and we worship You, Lord.**

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**We bow down and we worship You, Lord. Lord of all lords You will be!**

**You are King of creation and King of my life, King of the land and the sea.**

**You were King of heaven before there was time, King of all kings you will be.**

**We bow down and we crown You the King.**

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**We bow down and we crown You the King. King of all kings You will be!**

### SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Amos 6:1-7 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,  
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,  
the notable men of the first of the nations,  
to whom the house of Israel comes!

<sup>2</sup>Pass over to Calneh, and see,  
and from there go to Hamath the great;  
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.  
Are you better than these kingdoms?

Or is their territory greater than your territory,  
<sup>3</sup>O you who put far away the day of disaster  
and bring near the seat of violence?

<sup>4</sup>“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory  
and stretch themselves out on their couches,  
and eat lambs from the flock

and calves from the midst of the stall,  
<sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp  
 and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,  
<sup>6</sup>who drink wine in bowls  
 and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
 but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
<sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,  
 and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

### **EPISTLE READING**

#### **1 Timothy 3:1-13 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup>Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup>not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. <sup>4</sup>He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, <sup>5</sup>for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s church? <sup>6</sup>He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup>Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

<sup>8</sup>Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. <sup>9</sup>They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. <sup>10</sup>And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. <sup>11</sup>Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. <sup>12</sup>Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. <sup>13</sup>For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

### ***THY WORD***

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.** *Repeat*

### **GOSPEL LESSON**

#### **Luke 16:19-31 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup>[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup>and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.

<sup>24</sup>And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ <sup>30</sup>And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

### ***THY WORD***

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.** *Repeat*  
**You’re the Light unto my path.**

### **SONG OF THE DAY**

#### ***Father Welcomes***

*Chorus:* **Father welcomes all His children to His family through His Son,  
 Father giving His salvation, life forever has been won.**

**Little children come to me, for my kingdom is of these;  
 Life and love I have to give, mercy for your sin.**

*Chorus*

**In the water, in the Word, in His promise, be assured:  
 Those who are baptized and believe shall be born again.**

*Chorus*

**Let us daily die to sin; let us daily rise with Him,  
 Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, live in the peace of God.**

*Chorus*

### **MESSAGE**

#### ***So, Where Are You Going?***

### **STATEMENT OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**