

# Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon, Ohio

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## **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost    †    September 10, 2023**

P - Pastor    ♦    C - Congregation    ♦    A - Assisting Minister

**LBW**-Lutheran Book of Worship-Green    ♦    **WOV**-With One Voice-Blue

**ELW**-Evangelical Lutheran Worship-Red

**\* Please stand as you are able**

**PRELUDE**    *Children's Medley* arr. Mark Hayes

### **WELCOME AND GRATITUDE STORIES**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**    *Jesus Loves Me! This I Know* arr. Todd Marchand    -Brass Ensemble

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P    Blessed be God, the one who forms us, Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**C    Amen.**

P    Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.  
Steadfast and faithful God,

**C    you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P    Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**C    Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN ELW # 731** - Red    *Earth and All Stars* accompanied by Brass Ensemble

### **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**

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.

We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

### **FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11**

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of

Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 119:33-40**

<sup>33</sup>Teach me, O Lord, the way | of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it | to the end.

<sup>34</sup>**Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your teaching;  
I shall keep it with | all my heart.**

<sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of | your commandments,  
for that is | my desire.

<sup>36</sup>**Incline my heart to | your decrees  
and not to | unjust gain.**

<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;  
give me life | in your way.  
<sup>38</sup>**Fulfill your promise | to your servant,  
which is for | those who fear you.**  
<sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach | that I dread,  
because your judgments are good.  
<sup>40</sup>**Behold, I long for | your commandments;  
by your righteousness enliven me.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became

believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

**\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  *(please stand as you are able)*

**I love to tell the story: ‘twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

**\* GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples: <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If that member of the church refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen

even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY ELW # 772** - Red *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Deep and Wide/Down in My Heart* -Rainbow Ringers

## PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders - CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SPECIAL MUSIC** My Faith Looks Up to Thee arr. Dale Grotenhuis  
-Brass Ensemble

**\* APOSTLES' CREED** *(please stand as you are able)*

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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** *(you may be seated)*

**A** Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick especially those on our hearts and minds. Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment. In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith. May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**P** Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

\* **LORD'S PRAYER** *(please stand as you are able)*

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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**

## **BENEDICTION**

### **DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**SENDING HYMN ELW # 543** - Red *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

**POSTLUDE** *Prelude in E Flat Major BWV 552* by J. S. Bach

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### **Altar Flowers**

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Brian & Dea Plummer in honor of their wedding anniversary; and by Mary Wesche in loving memory of Donnie Daman.

### **Presentation of Bibles**

Congratulations to the following 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders who are receiving their very own Bibles this morning: 2<sup>nd</sup> graders ***Parker Borstelman, Vivian Groll, Lilah Long, Lainey Martin*** and ***Madelyn Schwab***. 5<sup>th</sup> graders ***Lucas Helberg*** and ***Thomas Schwab***.

**This week please hold in prayer:** Mary Lou Zwiebel, Paul Long, Ed & Betty Panning, Garrick Walker, Ronald Hoops brother of Mary Lou Streicher, Lee Weirauch, Bob Lulfs, Nancy & Ken Lange, Terry Lacy, Matt Von Seggern, Dezarea Harshman, for all those on our hearts and minds, and for peace in our nation and the whole world.

**Thursday Bible Study:** Please join us weekly on Thursday at 9:30am in the adult Sunday school room.

**Year of Gratitude:** This week we give thanks for Rally Day. It's great to gather together to celebrate the Sunday School year beginning again. We are so thankful for all the folks who helped plan the day and for all of the participants. This is going to be a great year of learning, fellowship, and fun! Thank you to everyone who makes it possible.

**Caring Corner for September** - We are collecting size 5 diapers and all sizes of pull-ups to be distributed at "Together We Can Make A Difference Initiatives" in recognition of Diaper Need Awareness Week. September 19-24.

**Dartball beginning on September 19.** Schedules are on the bulletin board across from the office.

**Flower Chart**

The new flower chart for 2024 is hanging in the narthex. Pick your special day and sign up early!

**Chairs Available**

Some of our old metal folding chairs are available for you to take for a free will donation to Emanuel.

**This Week**

Wednesday, September 13	1:30-3pm	Open Office Hours at Pocket Park or Coffee Shop
	6pm	Brass Ensemble
	7pm	Choir
Thursday, September 14	9:30am	Bible Study
	5:30pm	Zoom Bible Study
	7pm	Worship
Sunday, September 17	9am	Worship in person or online
	10am	Sunday School