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

ELW-Evangelical Lutheran Worship-Red ♦ WOV-With One Voice-Blue

PRELUDE

WELCOME

SPECIAL MUSIC Playing a duet -Tom Jenny and Brad Shearer

CONFESSION AND 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.

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 You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW # 858 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. ¹³If you refrain

from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:1-8

¹ Bless the LORD, ¹ O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's ¹ holy name.

² **Bless the LORD, ¹ O my soul,
and forget not ¹ all God's benefits—**

³ who forgives ¹ all your sins
and heals all ¹ your diseases;

⁴ **who redeems your life ¹ from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast ¹ love and mercy;**

- ⁵ who satisfies your desires ¹ with good things
so that your youth is renewed ¹ like an eagle's.
- ⁶ **O LORD, you provide ¹ vindication
and justice for all who ¹ are oppressed.**
- ⁷ You made known your ¹ ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.
- ⁸ **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in ¹ steadfast love.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵See that you do

not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time the voice of God shook the earth, but now has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things— so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a dominion that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please rise in body or spirit)*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³When Jesus laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising

God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or your donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom

Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷When Jesus said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the

wonderful things being done by Jesus.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW # 556 *Morning Has Broken*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

APOSTLES' CREED *(please rise in body or spirit)*

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 Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence.

A You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and congregation leaders as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy, so that all persons may experience abundant life. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illness especially those on our hearts and minds. Manifest your healing presence in their midst. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A With all your apostles, prophets, and saints, we give thanks and bless your holy name. As they now rest from their labors, guide us by the witness of their lives to pursue your reign, which can never be shaken. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

C Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC Playing a duet -Tom Jenny and Brad Shearer

THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING  (please rise in body or spirit)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

LORD'S PRAYER (please rise in body or spirit)

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

SENDING

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN ELW # 886 *Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

POSTLUDE

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Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Louis & Mary Lou Streicher.

This week please hold in prayer: Mary Lou Zwiebel, Paul & Connie Long, Ed Panning, Lee Weirauch, Bob Lulfs, Nancy & Ken Lange, Oneta Wiechers, Matt Von Seggern, Phil Bowen, Jude Gerken, Linda Hill, Scott Vasher, Terry Roehl, Leo Clausen, Jamie Bostelman, Joanne Neu, Natalie Long, Nancy Bressler, for all those on our hearts and minds, and for peace in our nation and the whole world.

Summer Coffee Hour

Thank you to our coffee hour hosts this morning, the Adult Sunday School. Please plan to stay after worship as we gather for some refreshments and fellowship in the overflow area.

Caring Corner for August

Please pick up instruction sheet(s) for any of the 3 Mission Kits for Lutheran World Relief. LWR collects these kits and sends them to communities/countries that need them. **Fabric Kits** supply fabric and supplies needed for individuals to sew clothing for themselves or others.

Personal Care Kits provide items needed for personal hygiene. **School Kits** provide needed school supplies. There are Mission Kit lists placed at the 3 entrances of the church for each of the kits. Items can be placed in the Caring Corner & we will put the kits together. We will also gladly take monetary donations for this cause; simply make your check out to Emanuel Lutheran Church and write LWR KITS in the Memo line. This is our project for the month of August. As always, thank you for your generous support of the projects!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES are OUT @ Walmart! We will be collecting school supplies for our September Caring Corner project as well as we are collecting them now for LWR kits! If you would like to pick some extras up now while the prices are better & the supplies are plentiful, we will divide them up between our Caring Corner projects for July, August and September. We appreciate all you do to help the causes in the Caring Corner!

Ordained into the Ministry

By the grace of God and the call of the Church **RACHEL SOSEBEE** will be ordained into the ministry of Word and Service on Saturday, August 30th, 2025 at 2pm at Zion Lutheran Church, 9535 Clarence Center Road, Clarence Center NY. Live stream available:

www.youtube.com/@zionclarencecenter Preservice music by local musicians will begin at 1:40pm.

THANK YOU!

Dear Emanuel Lutheran Church,

Jeff and I wanted to extend a HUGE thank you for being a part of our beautiful bridal shower. We are truly grateful for your love and support as we begin this new chapter together. And we were blown away with the show-stopper flower arrangements that perfectly captured our "Love is in Bloom" theme!

Big thanks to Pastor Janine and Barb for putting together the events and the list goes on with thank yous... We are slowly making our way around with thank-you cards, but I wanted to say now how deeply we appreciate your kindness, generosity, and support. Your presence made the day unforgettable, and we are truly blessed to have such a loving church family as we begin this new chapter together.

-Vanessa & Jeff

This Week

Wednesday, August 27	1-2:30pm	Open Office Hours
	6pm	Brass Ensemble
	7pm	Choir
Thursday, August 28	9:30am	Bible Study
	4pm	Staff Meeting
	5:15pm	Zoom Bible Study
	7pm	Worship
Sunday, August 31	9am	Worship

Offering

We have another option for giving now through Emanuel's Paypal and Venmo account. You are welcome to give that way if you would like. If you don't typically use Paypal or Venmo, the way you're giving now is perfectly fine! Donations through Paypal or Venmo will go to where it is most needed now-- the general fund (unless otherwise specified).



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