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

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

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C We confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. "In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW #705 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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 Lord have mercy.

C Lord have mercy.

P Christ have mercy.

C Christ have mercy.

P Lord have mercy.

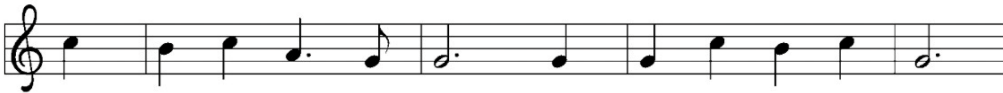
C Lord have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

When Morning Gilds the Skies



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

o



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING 1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a

wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.”

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 119:129-136

¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.

¹³⁰ **When your word is opened it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.**

¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments.

¹³² **Turn to me and be gracious to me, as you always do to those who love your name.**

¹³³ Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴ **Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.**

¹³⁵ Let your face shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶ **My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your teaching.**

SECOND READING Romans 8:26-39

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

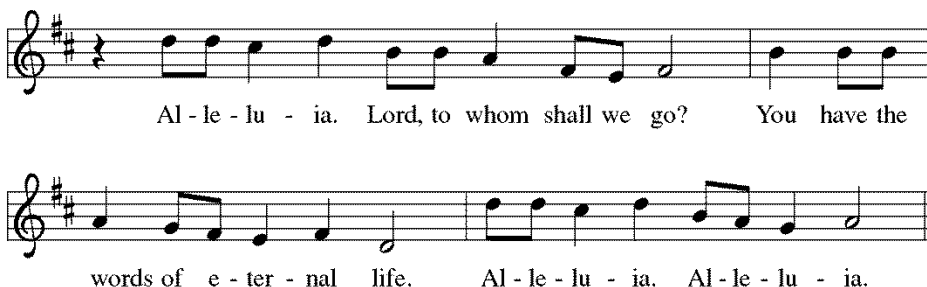
²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against

God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

³¹[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;
⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 793 *Be Thou My Vision*

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 OF INTERCESSION

A Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A God our wisdom and our song, we pray for bishops, candidacy committees, those preparing for seminary, those awaiting call as deacons or pastors, and all who seek to lead your disciples in any way. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God our breath and our heartbeat, help us to recognize signs of your presence among us. Protect and support diverse ecosystems, from national parks to family farms, from ranches to wild places. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God our peace and our guide, help civic leaders hear all their peoples' stories with compassion and curiosity, and remind us of your love from which we can never be separated. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God our intercessor and our lawgiver, dismantle the barriers to care and recognition of all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and uncertainty. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God our redeemer, may we trust your love above and beyond all else that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God who seeks, finds, and saves, for our community's part in the ongoing gift of creation, and for the riches of faith and hope which came before, we give you thanks. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we
cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

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 

Our Father, which 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 debts as we
forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the
Glory, forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN ELW # 545 *Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*

POSTLUDE

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This week please hold in prayer: Mary Lou Zwiebel, Paul & Connie Long, Ed
Panning, Lee Weirauch, Bob Lulfs, Ken Lange, Oneta Wiechers, Matt Von
Seggern, Jude Gerken, Linda Hill, Scott Vasher, Terry Roehl, Joanne Neu,

Natalie Long, Nancy Bressler, Cheryl Huffman, for all those on our hearts and minds, and for peace in our nation and the whole world.

Altar Flowers

In honor of Maggi Mohler.

Altar Flower Price Increase

Due to rising costs, the altar flowers will now be \$35 each starting July 5th. Please make note of this and increase your payment. If you're unable or unwilling to make this price jump, just let us know and we will update the list. Additionally, remember to bring the container back to Emanuel so it can be reused. On weeks that flowers have not been ordered, we will use a silk arrangement that matches the season. Thank you!

Helping Hands Are Needed!! for Soul Food! We serve a free community meal the first, third, and fifth Wednesday of every month. With summer vacations, surgeries and healings, grandparents going to grandkids' events, and normal "interruptions" to "schedules", we are working short-handed many weeks, and we could use some help! We usually gather at 3 to prepare things, we serve from 5 to 6, and with help, we're usually done and cleaned up by 6:30. Come enjoy the good food, good fellowship, and good fun!

Summer Sunday Coffee Hour is in the Bible Study Room off the overflow...look forward to spending some time with your church family and enjoy some breakfast treats as well! Church Council is the Host July 26.

On August 2 the Host is Adult Choir Sopranos and Tenors.

Caring Corner for July and August will be collecting school supply items as well as LWR kits. Here are the items we will be collecting: 70 notebooks wide rule or college rule, 30 centimeter rulers, hand pencil sharpeners, blunt safety scissors, #2 pencils with eraser, black or blue point pens, box of crayons (16 or 24), 2 1/2 inch erasers. Instructions for making the kits are on the Caring Corner table. Thank you all for your continued support of the caring corner.

Old Hymnals We have many of our old green hymnals that we no longer need. You are welcome to take as many as you like for free. They will be located at the

front and the back entrances of the church. Any questions please see Peggy Snyder.

Summer Office Hours

As we shift into summer patterns, Emanuel's office hours will be MWF 12:30pm-5:00pm and TTh 7:30pm-2:30pm. Sally will be here hours beyond official office hours, but those times shift day to day. Pastor and Vanessa are around, too, at times beyond office hours. It's easiest to schedule with Pastor and Vanessa via email or text to make sure they are available. Stop by and say hi!

Summer Office Hours Are Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:30-5:00 and Tuesday and Thursday 7:30am-2:30 pm.

Church Attendance 7/16/26 26, 7/19/26 53, 87 online.

*The number used is the Viewers number at the beginning of the week. This reflects anyone who has watched it up until then.

This Week

Tuesday	7/28/26	10am	A Space To Grieve
Wednesday	7/29/26	4pm	Mutual Relations ch4
Thursday	7/30/26	9:30am 7:00 pm	Bible Study Worship
Sunday	8/2/26	9am	Worship

