The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost



Worship Service Emmanuel Lutheran Church

> 10:15 AM, Sanctuary July 20, 2025

Visitors & Saints of Emmanuel:

Welcome! You'll find announcements, contact information, and more on the back of this bulletin. If you'd like to speak with Pastor Justin and/or request prayer, let him know, contact him directly, and/or fill out a Card and place it in the offering.

The liturgy (our worship service) comes from Scripture. The whole service is ordered and designed to use God's Word to bring praise and thanks and glory to God. The earliest Christian churches gathered to pray, to hear teaching, and to partake in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion.

All those who are baptized, in good standing with their home congregation, and who hold that the bread and the wine are the Lord's body and blood are welcome to partake of Holy Communion. All others may come forward for a blessing.

What are we to make of the story of Mary and Martha? Mary, it seems to Martha, is ignoring her responsibility to help serve. Martha has been left to do all the work. While Mary gets to enjoy the company and teaching of Jesus, Martha does not – there is just too much to do!

Or is there? Is Martha unaware of Jesus' miracles or life? Is she unaware that Jesus has fed the 5000 from just a bit of bread and fish? Is she unaware that Jesus often (or always?) has no place to lay his head? Unlikely. Martha would know these things about Jesus. Perhaps she simply wants to make elaborate preparations to honor her highest of guests. Perhaps she wants to make every detail right.

In doing so, Martha misses the key detail that Mary has gotten. Mary, sitting at the feet of Jesus, being in presence, hearing him, has understood that Jesus – even there! – is the one who is serving the household. Jesus came to serve, not to be served. Martha is missing Jesus serve her.

Holy God, bless us with gifts, strength, and your Holy Spirit to always serve you. Let us not forget that in so doing, you serve us. This we ask by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

+ Pastor Justin Baker

+ Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Two +

Prelude

ORGAN & VIOLIN

Prelude on John 14 A Biblical Poem

Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

Invocation & Order of Confession

- In the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **C** Amen
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence follows for confession.

- P Most merciful God,
- We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen
- P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen

Processional Hymn | Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

ELW 520



Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt. Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **G** And also with you.



men

A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- P Let us pray,
- Almighty and Merciful God, let neither comforts, responsibilities, nor relationships come before our love for you, for you are our first love and always worthy of time and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Genesis 18:1-10

A Reading from Genesis.

¹And the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³ and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵ while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁶ And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁶ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." ¹⁰The Lord said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him.

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

Psalm 15 (read responsively by whole congregation)

- ¹O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill?
- ²He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart;
- ³ who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend;
- ⁴ in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the Lord; who swears to his own hurt and does not change; ⁵ who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

The Second Lesson

Colossians 1:15-28

A Reading from Colossians.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

Children's Sermon

Moses, in Deuteronomy 6, records the following:

⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

All little ones – and any others – are invited forward for a message and for prayer.

The Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

- $[\mathbf{P}]$ The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 10th chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord. C
- ³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." 41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, 42 but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."
- \mathbf{P} The Gospel of our Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ. C

Sermon	Pastor Justin Baker			
A large print copy of this sermon is available from the ushers.				



- 5 Give us lips to sing thy glory, tongues thy mercy to proclaim, throats that shout the hope that fills us, mouths to speak thy holy name.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 May the light which thou dost send fill our songs with alleluias, alleluias without end!
- Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–1976 Music: Евенеzer, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944 Text © 1969 Concordia Publishing House

6 God the Father, light-creator, to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity!

P The following persons, having been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership, are asked to come forward as their offices and names are read:

President: Scott Wilson; Vice President: Holly Pelusi; Treasurer: Dan Hunter; Secretary: Steve Cehovin; Worship: Debbie Weigold; Discipleship: Scott Gustafson; Fellowship & Evangelism: Danette Hunter; Stewardship: Ross Nese

- In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ liberated you from sin and death and made you members of his Church. Through Word and Sacrament you have been nurtured in faith. I ask you, together with all who are here gathered, to confess the faith of the Church, that in which we are baptized.
- **P** People of God, in whom do you believe?
- 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

- St. Paul writes: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all. (1 Cor. 12:4-7) You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.
- P You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect him in whose name we gather.
 - You are to work together with other members to see that the worship and work of Christ are done in this congregation, and that God's will is done in this community and in the whole world.
 - You are to be diligent in your specific area of serving, that the one Lord who empowers you is glorified.
 - You are to be examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation.
- On behalf of your brothers and sisters in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?
- **Solution** Yes, by the help of God.
- People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the shared ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?
- **Q** Yes, by the help of God.
- P I now declare you installed as officers of this congregation. God bless you with Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ.

The Peace

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **And also with you.**



Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882-1963, alt.

Music: KREMSER, A. Velerius, Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck, 1626

The Prayers

(A) "O Lord, who shall sojourn in your sanctuary? Who shall dwell on your holy hill? Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak truth in our hearts." This is who we, your people, seek to be, as we call to you in prayer.

A brief silence is kept.

- Me lift up, silently or aloud, those names and things and requests which you, O Lord, have heard and answered. A pause is kept that thanksgiving for answered prayers may be offered.
 - Thank you for always hearing us and thank you for answering us. Give us faith for those responses which we have not yet understood or heard, or in which you have answered differently than our understanding allows. Lord, in your mercy,

© hear our prayer.

A Gracious Father, we pray for your holy Church. Bless this congregation, her people, and her work. Cause all things to be done for your glory and for the benefit of your people. We pray for the North American Lutheran Church, area congregations, Brighton Heights Lutheran Church of Pittsburgh, and Reverend Parker Kantos. Lord, in your mercy,

© hear our prayer.

Almighty God, give your gifts of faith, wisdom, and righteousness to all people, especially to those who take counsel for the nations. Bless those who hold office in the United States, in Pennsylvania, in Murrysville, and in all the towns from which we hail. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon the officers of this Church, and upon all who serve and enter here, that we may faithfully love and serve you. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

A Equip parents and families to nurture faith and discipleship within their homes. Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

A Protect the farms, businesses, and homes of those affected by flood, fire, wind, or drought. Keep safe all who work to repair and strengthen bridges, roads, dams, and levees. Open wide the hands of all your people, to help provide for those whose homes and livelihoods have been washed or shriveled away. Lord, in your mercy,

© hear our prayer.

Me lift up before you those whom we know are in need of your healing, your comfort, your presence, and our prayers, especially:

Linda Casper, Vince Berardinelli, George & Donna Campagna, Gary Kral, Mary Lou McDonald, Gayle Wertz, June Ugen, Debbie Pritts, Dick & Sandy Lester, David, Cathy, Leila, Grace, Darin, Alice, Keith, Victoria, Zachary, Kevin, Levi, Mervin, Shawn, Lynn, Ginny, Roger, Betty, Zac, Les, Kenny, Gary, Linda, Michael, Missy, Jim, Bonnie, Tony, Sarah, Denise, Harry, Millicent, Stephanie, and Ruthie

We also lift up the names of those for whom we now pray, silently or aloud. A pause is kept that other names and supplications may be offered.

Pour out your Spirit upon them, that they may be granted the faith to endure. Lord, in your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

- Most Blessed and Holy God, we implore you to remember *the family of Rob Greenleaf, the family of Lois, and the family of Beverly.* Fill the families with faith, comfort, and the strength to grieve. Lord, in your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- Into your hands, gracious Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **C** Amen

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

A I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession round your altar, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds. Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides. (Ps. 26:6–8)

Offertory

You Are the Image and the Hope

ORGAN & VIOLIN

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

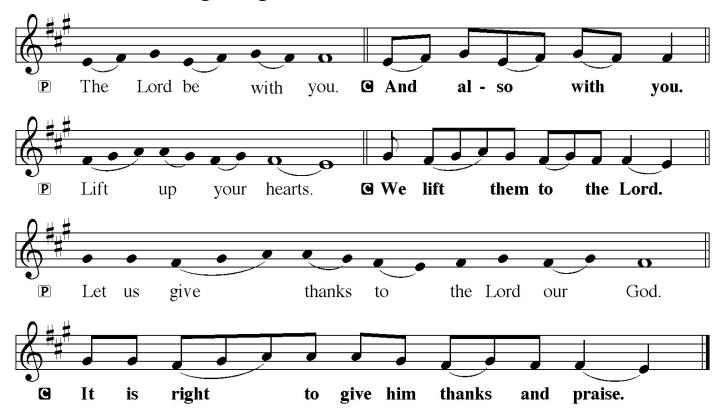
Offering of Praise | On What Has Now Been Sown

ELW 550



- **A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given usour selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving



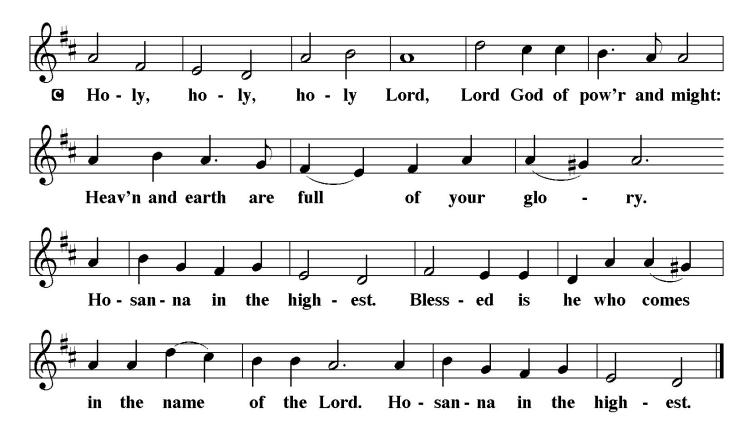
Preface for Sundays after Pentecost

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord;

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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus



Eucharistic Canon

P Wondrous are your deeds, gracious Father, and mighty are your acts.

You fashioned all of life and created mankind in your image.

Though we had fallen into fear and despair, you did not abandon us, but sent your Son, our Lord Jesus, born of woman, to take human tribulation to the cross, thereby redeeming us and claiming us as your own, bringing to us holy comfort and joy.

This same Lord Jesus, on the night of His betrayal, took bread; when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said:

Take and eat, for this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for my remembrance.

When supper had ended, He took the cup; when He had given thanks, He gave it to them and said:

All of you, drink of this, for this cup is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this for my remembrance.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

- Christ has died.
 - Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

- As we now celebrate our Lord's presence, send your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon this Bread of Life and this Cup of Salvation, that we who receive our Lord's true body and blood in this holy communion may be filled with the peace of sins forgiven, and the promise of life and salvation.
- Through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

 Amen
- P As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now boldly pray:
- 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,

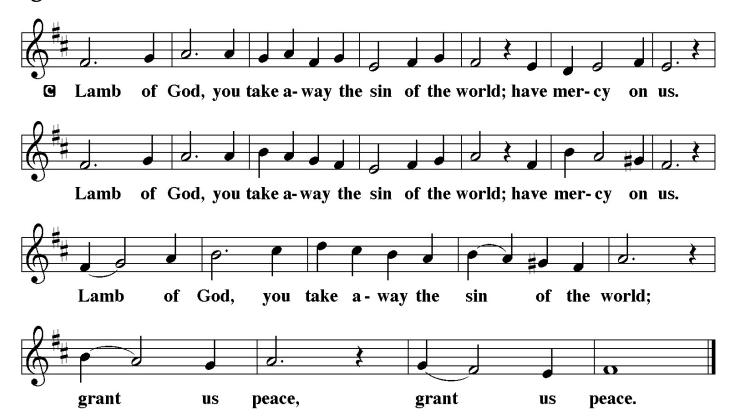
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

- P Our Lord Jesus says, "Whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."
- **G** Lord, give us this bread always.

Agnus Dei



Opportunity for the Laying On of Hands Healing Prayer

Anyone who desires healing for the sick through the anointing of oil may request this from Pastor Justin. This may be done during Holy Communion or immediately following the service.

Our Practice of Holy Communion

All those who are in good standing in their home congregations, who are baptized, and who hold that this meal of bread and wine is our Lord's body and blood are welcome to partake of Holy Communion here. All others may nevertheless come forward for a blessing, signaling this by crossing your arms over your chest.



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908



- 1 You moved on the wa ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to mor row, you break an-cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land; then you whis-pered in si - lence when the whole world was still; From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



called to thing: and the each o - ver ons you and when they were blind with lies, ed i - dols and called once and down in cit gain, the you y vi men clear their wom - en sions. our our see eyes.



"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings." then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes. when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind. With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940 Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley

Text and music © 1978 James K. Manley, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

Post-Communion Blessing

- May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
- **G** Amen

Post-Communion Hymn | On My Heart Imprint **ELW 811** On my heart im - print your im - age, king of grace, bless-ed Je - sus, that life's trou-bles nor its plea-sures ev - er may your work e - rase. Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, is my life, my hope's foun-da-tion, all my glo-ry and sal - va tion!

- A Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with his endless life, now and forever.
- **G** Amen

P 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, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Recessional Hymn | The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve WOV 723



Dismissal

- A Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God; rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen. Let us go forth in this way.

Postlude ORGAN

God of Grace and Glory Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

+ + +

The Altar Flowers are given by Ross & Lisa Nese

To the Glory of God &

In celebration of our 41st wedding anniversary!

Thank you to **John Giansante** (**Violin**) & **Homer Adams** (**Organ**) for our special music during the service.

LITURGICAL DAY	The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
DATE	7/20/2025	7/27/2025	8/3/2025
	10:15AM	10:15AM	10:15AM
ORGANIST	Homer Adams	Homer Adams	Homer Adams
PASTOR	Pastor Justin	Pastor Justin	Pastor Justin
	Baker	Baker	Baker
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Karla Gustafson	Holly Pelusi	Elizabeth, Hannah, & Lisa Yothers
COUNTER TEAM	Ed Datemasch &	Ed Datemasch &	Cherie Wolovich
	Stan Casper	Cherie Wolovich	& Jeanne Yargar
GREETERS	Stan & Linda Casper	Bill Primozic	Sally Seidling
USHERS	Elizabeth Yothers	Dave & Mary	Stan Casper & Ed
	& Mary Whipkey	Whipkey &	Datemasch &
	& Serenity Wee	Serenity Wee	Serenity Wee
ACOLYTE	Lou Hiener	Kaleb Wee	Faith Palmer
CRUCIFER			Matthew Yothers
ALTAR GUILD	Kathy & Karla Gustafson	Donna Berardinelli &	Donna Berardinelli &
ALTAR		Jeanne Yargar	Jeanne Yargar
FLOWERS	Ross &Lisa Nese	Ed Zinkan	Ed Zinkan
COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS	Danette Hunter	Danette Hunter	Danette Hunter

This Week at Emmanuel

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9AM – 1PM

Church Phone: (724) 327-2190

Pastor: pastor@elcnalc.org | Office: office@elcnalc.org

Announcements:

- Signup for Brunch after the outdoor service
- Seminar on the Nicene Creed on the Last Saturday of the Month
- Bible Study & Sunday School resume in August

Sunday July, 20 Monday - Friday	10:15 AM	Worship: The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost The Office is Closed	Sanctuary
Monday, July 21	11:00 AM	Fellowship & Evangelism	Luther Hall
y v	6:30 PM	AA Start The Week	Luther Hall
	6:45 PM	Boy Scouts	Luther Hall
Wednesday, July 23	9:00 AM	Tech Wiring	Music Room
	7:00 PM	AA Steps and Stories	Luther Hall
Thursday, July 24	6:45 PM	Boy Scouts	Luther Hall
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon Families	Heritage Hall
Saturday, July 26	12:00 PM	Set-up for Outdoor Service	Pavilion
	1:00 PM	Christianity on Topic: Seminar on the Nicene Creed	Sanctuary
Sunday, July 27	8:00 AM	Set-up for Outdoor Service	Pavilion
	10:15 AM	Worship: The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost	Pavilion
	Following Service	Fellowship Brunch	Luther Hall

Today's music used with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-730330 (reprint and streaming) and CCLI #21815732 (reprint) and #21815749 (streaming). All rights reserved. LBW setting two worship music, the Creed, and bulletin art used with permission from Sundays & Seasons at sundaysandseasons.com. Copyright © 2024 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Cover art taken either from Sundays and Seasons or from Full of Eyes, used with permission: https://www.fullofeyes.com/ Eucharistic Canon Reprinted by permission from A Little Book of Canons by Rod L. Ronneberg, STS ©1997 and ©2010