

Greetings Saints of Emmanuel:

We celebrated our final outdoor service of the year. There, we heard that we do not want to neglect the Lord's Day, nor do we want to neglect what the Lord would have us do.

The ruler of the synagogue was indignant that Jesus had healed a woman--one who had a disabling spirit for eighteen years--on the Sabbath. In other words, he fundamentally misunderstands the Sabbath, the very day of rest. And so Jesus intervenes, heals the woman, and corrects the ruler: Shouldn't a woman who has been *in bondage for eighteen years* be freed?

Long ago, at the creation of the world, the Lord established the seventh day, consecrating it and making it holy, for rest. But to what end? In the redemption of the world, at the cross, we find out. For just before the Sabbath begun, the women and Joseph of Arimathea take our Lord's body from the cross, and place it in the belly of the earth in an unused tomb, and then the Sabbath begins. There, Jesus -- the one through whom the whole world was made -- rests. Ah! Now we see why our Lord made that day holy, long ago.

Jesus descended from heaven, to be born of Mary, precisely to *rest* on the Sabbath. No wonder our Lord takes such care to teach and heal on the Sabbath. He's preparing the world for salvation rest.

Watch this past Sunday's sermon [here](#) or read it [here](#).

And now that our outdoor services have concluded, we look forward to *Oktoberfest* (Sept. 27, 11AM-2PM) and the *Mission District Convocation* (Oct. 18, ~8AM-3PM).

In Christ our Lord,
+ Pastor Justin Baker

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Newsworthy

The pavilion is getting new shingles this week!

Updated information for the seminary student, Caitlin Nobile, and how to give directly to her, is posted on the Narthex signup board.

ELC women kindly ask for your monetary support for our graduate and youth for the quilting materials. Please mark "Quilts" on the check byline and on the envelope. The cash or checks can be made out to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women, the ELCW, or to the church. Thank you! ~ Jeanne Yargar

For a recap of Lutheran Week--including officers elected, constitution & bylaws updates, and the theme of being a disciple-making church body--[click here](#). And click [here for the NALC's mission & values](#), and to see the updated website.

Bulletin for this Sunday

[Click here to read](#). Don't remember when you're serving next? Check the second-to-last page of the bulletin. And listen to the Recessional Hymn, [We Plow the Fields and Scatter](#), [here](#).

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Upcoming

Today, August 27, 11AM, Zoom

Prayer Group

As it will be the fourth Wednesday of the month, join Zoom for *prayer group, led this week*

by Michele. Next Wednesday, the First Wednesday of the Month of September, will be the Prayer Service for families, in the Sanctuary.

Today, August 27, 1PM-3PM, Music Room
Stewardship Committee

Christianity on Film: Bonhoeffer, this Saturday, August 30
The Bakers, 1-3PM
Reach out to the Office if you need the Bakers' address.

Sunday School: Bible Study on Philemon

- On Sundays in September, we'll study Paul's letter to Philemon. This short letter is captivating, and is about the return to fellowship of a runaway slave.
- In other Sunday School class, we'll continue the Apostles' Creed

No Acts Bible Study on Labor Day, September 1

Bell Choir Practice, Tuesday, September 2, 9AM

Oktoberfeast, September 27, 11AM-2PM

Please sign up to volunteer. We'll need help with grilling, with drinks, with setup and cleanup, and, of course, for potluck of German-style food. Signup is posted in the Narthex.

Mission District Convocation, October 18, ~8AM-3PM

We're hosting the mission district convocation. This will be a big one, because we're finalizing the mission district's constitution to move from being a mission district to a mission region (composed of four districts). Bishop Dan Selbo will be the guest speaker for the convocation and will be preaching the following Sunday here at Emmanuel. As hosts, we'll need help grilling, greeting, serving. Signup to help will be posted. There will be a Stuff the Truck. More details to come.

Last Sunday's Service

[Click here to view the service.](#)

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Upcoming Anniversaries:

8/28 Rich & Sandie Lee (59 years)
8/29 John & Sandy Seidling (21 years)
9/19 William & Dana Sadler (3 years)

Upcoming Birthdays:

8/28 Mary Whipkey
8/29 Ron Smith
9/16 Cherie Wolovich

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Let Us Pray

Prayers for Mission Workers

- For the Omars and their ministry among Muslims in the Atlanta region; for the Thorstads in their work in Laos & Thailand; and for Dure Negassa the Rev. Gemachu in their ministry in Kenya among the Oromos.

More information about our mission workers here: The Rev. Dr. Thomas Thorstad and his wife "Moon" of Laos (follow [this link](#) to learn more about the ministry of the Thorstads); and Dure Negassa, representing the ministry and work of the Rev. Dagaga Gemachu of Kenya (follow [this link](#) to learn more about the ministry of Dure Negassa and the Rev. Gemachu). Follow [this link](#) for more information about the Omars.

Prayers for those in need of Intercession

David Weihe, Linda Casper, Vince Berardinelli, George & Donna Campagna, Gary Kral, Mary Lou McDonald, Gayle Wertz, June Ugen, Debbie Pritts, Dick & Sandy Lester, Lori, Aurelia, Rachael, Adam, Aria, Ray, Don, Jeff, 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.

Prayers of Bereavement

Most Blessed and Holy God, we implore you to remember the family of Rob Greenleaf. Fill all families who mourn with the strength to grieve, the comfort of your presence, and faith unto life everlasting.

Prayer for this Church

We pray that you will fill this congregation with the faith that endures unto life eternal. We pray that you make us one people united in prayer. We pray that you will send families, children, widows & widowers, the elderly, and any others into our midst, that they may also be filled with faith, encourage this congregation, and bring honor and glory and praise to your name.

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Have more pictures from any of our events? Send them our way -- don't want to leave you out!

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women

Wednesday Evening

September 3, 2025

Heritage Hall

6:30 PM Pie Night with Denni Grassel
**presenting *"My Faith Journey:
Replacing Darkness with Light"***

A sign-up sheet to provide refreshments
will be posted a few weeks prior to this event.
Please sign up on the Narthex bulletin board.



Devotions: Julie Schamber

Hostesses: MaryAnn Sinwell
Carol Wilson

Program Rep.: Danette Hunter

Donation Opportunities – Collections for Friends Thrift Shop

- Gently-used *hooded* winter coats (due by end of Oct)
- Gently-used prom dresses (collected through year)

*Items may be dropped off at the Thrift Shop or brought to
the church labeled for "Jeanne Yargar".*



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