



LBW - Lutheran Book of Worship  
 WOV - With One Voice  
 CH - Celebration Hymnal

**EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost  
 September 3, 2017**

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 Lay Reader: Val Bork

Organist: Marena Henkle  
 Acolyte: Zach Badker

Prelude

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness .....LBW p. 77

Entrance Hymn: **Lift High the Cross**.....LBW # 377

Greeting & Kyrie .....LBW p. 78

Hymn of Praise: *This is the Feast* .....LBW p. 81

Prayer of the Day: **O God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

First Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15

Second Lesson: Romans 12:9-21

Verse: **Alleluia...** and Gospel Acclamation .....LBW p. 83

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

Sermon

Sermon Hymn: **When Israel was in Egypt's Land**.....WOV # 670

Nicene Creed .....LBW p. 84

Prayer of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

The Collection of the Offering: Sheila Lundon- *"Come unto Him, all ye that labour"*

Offering Response: **Let the Vineyards** .....LBW p. 86

Prayer: *Merciful Father...* .....LBW p. 87

The Great Thanksgiving .....LBW p. 88

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) .....LBW p. 89

The Words of Institution .....LBW p. 89

The Lord's Prayer .....LBW p. 91

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) .....LBW p. 92

*Note to our guests: As your church's tradition and your conscience may allow, we welcome all who are baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and who believe in the real presence of Christ in, with and under the bread and wine to participate in the celebration of Holy Communion.*

The Distribution

**Bind us Together** .....WOV # 748

**What Feast of Love** .....WOV # 701

The Post-Communion Canticle: *Thank the Lord* .....LBW p. 92

The Post-Communion Prayer .....LBW p. 94

The Benediction and Amen .....LBW p. 97

Announcements

Closing Hymn: **Son of God, Eternal Savior** ..... LBW # 364

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**Welcome to worship at Emmanuel!** We praise God for this day and the opportunity to hear His word. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments- and then let us walk into the world, living as disciples of the Lord.

**Thank you to Sheila Lundon and Charlotte Cole for the special music today.**

**Our Sunday School Rally Day event will take place on Sunday, September 10th at 9:30 am with worship, games, fellowship and a potluck at the Grafton Park and Community Center.** Our band will be playing some special music and the Y&E Committees have lots of fun ideas 'up their sleeves'! For those who are not ready to run, juggle or twist themselves into pretzels: bring along a board game, cards or something you can do with your friends in the Community Room. If the weather turns inclement, we would let you know whether we will remain at the Community Center or move everything back to church. Let's hope that will not be a concern. So, bring yourself, your family, your food and your willingness to enjoy a wonderful day with old and new friends from Emmanuel.

**We are looking for two delegates to the Iowa Mission District Convocation** on Saturday, September 16th at Waterville, IA. If you can consider serving in that capacity, please see Pastor for details.

**Thank you to those who gave altar flowers for the month of August. -The Altar Guild**  
**Last Items needed for school kits: 70 sheet notebooks- 26 of them are needed.**

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Wednesday, September 6	4:15 pm	First Day of Confirmation Class
Thursday, September 7	9:30 am	First Day of Bible Study
Sunday, September 10	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Fellowship

Sunday Offering for August 27, 2017		Attendance: 73
Current- \$ 1,592	Benevolence- \$ 55	Building- \$ 25
	Food Bank- \$ 70	

**TEXAS FLOOD:** Our prayers are needed for families who are impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Our NALC Disaster Response is responding to the massive flooding, providing supplies and support through the South Texas Mission District congregations. Mary Bates, our Disaster Coordinator, will be on site when possible, to coordinate volunteers. If you wish to help with monetary donations through the NALC, you may mail your check directly to the *NALC Disaster Response*, PO Box 860565

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Please note: We cannot take the responsibility to forward your personal checks to other entities or cash checks that are made out to Emmanuel and another agency. You may place your checks or cash in the gold-covered box in the narthex throughout the month of September. For additional information and to help in other ways, please go to the website of the NALC. Thank you for your generosity ♥

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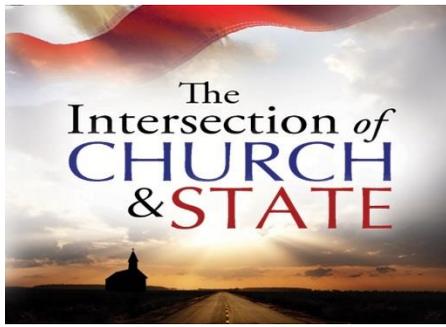
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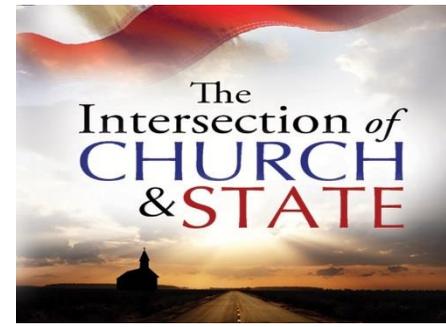
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In THE INTERSECTION OF CHURCH AND STATE, we will discuss the how religious freedom has been an issue of paramount importance since the founding of this great nation. As the nation has grown and changed, so has the relationship of the federal government with the many religions that comprise the community of faith throughout the land. This Bible Study examines this vital relationship to see what is working well and how we can improve the rough spots at the intersection of church and state.

The Study is accompanied by videos and with the help of those and some discussion guides tough questions are raised that help us understand the demanding balance between Church and State. Politics and religion often separate people in sharp and defining ways, dividing a country along shifting lines. Yet, no matter what one's perspective is, for the Christian his or her citizenship is an opportunity to serve in both, the affairs of earthly government and the mission of the Christian Church on earth – Martin Luther's "Two Kingdoms." The study also examines the oft-made claim that the United States is a Christian nation by taking a close look at what that statement means and what is crucial to living as a Christian in society.

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