



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Pastor: Solveig A.H. Zamzow
Lay Reader: Judy Trenhaile

Organist: Marena Henkle
Acolyte: Brooklyn Hackbart

**13th Sunday of Pentecost
August 19, 2018**

Prelude

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.**

The Gathering Song: *Praise and Thanksgiving* LBW # 409

P: You are the treasured people of the Lord **C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

P: Keep the words of the Lord in your hearts; teach them to your children.

C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

P: One does not live by bread alone

C: But by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Prayer of the Day: **Almighty and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The First Lesson: Proverbs 9:1-6

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:15-20

The Gospel Acclamation: *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* WOVS # 612

The Holy Gospel: John 6:51-58

The Sermon

The Sermon Hymn: *Take My Life, that I May Be* LBW # 406

The Apostolic Creed WOVS p. 19

The Collection of the Offering

The Offertory: *For the Fruit of All Creation (verse 1)* WOVS # 760

The Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Blessing

Announcements

The Closing Hymn: *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises* WOVS # 722

Chimes and Postlude

A Special Welcome and "Thank you" to Pastor Weeg for leading our worship today. May God bless our time together in prayer, praise, song, thanksgiving and God's Word. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service for fellowship and refreshments.

Our condolences to the family of Virginia Walk, may God comfort them in their sorrow. Virginia's Memorial Service will take place at Emmanuel on Saturday, August 25th at 1:30pm with visitation beginning at 12:30pm.

The Altar flowers are given by Gene and Betty Rosenberg in memory of loved ones.

Pastor Z will be on Vacation Monday-Wednesday this week. You may call her cell phone at all times as she will be "around".

Campfire Service at St. John's, 4 miles East of Grafton on Saturday, August 25. Hot dog meal served at 5:30pm with service at 6:15pm and S'mores served after the service.

Needed School Supplies- 70 sheet Notebooks-Wide or college ruled, Ball Point Pens (no gel ink), Rulers, Pencil Sharpeners and Scissors. If you would like to donate money towards school supplies please contact Clarice Bartz at 641-748-2384.

This Week at Emmanuel August 20-26		
Thursday, August 23		PZ returns from vacation
Saturday, August 25	1:30 pm	Virginia Walk's Memorial Service
Sunday, August 26	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Fellowship

Offering – August 12, 2018 Attendance: 82

Current: \$1,872 Benevolence: \$15 Building: \$30

Gifts & Memorials: \$373.50 Food Bank: \$20

Noisy Offering- \$94.79

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Our offerings have not been as limited as one would think based on the negative variance and we have been faithful in making sure that many of our building needs have been taken care of. Thank you for all the special offerings you may have contributed to those matters! As far as our Current Fund is concerned, we have encountered a number of expenses we could not realistically foresee when we set the budget. From our LP bills to administrative concerns, we have had to face some unexpected bills and even the infusion of a limited amount from our Savings account has not yet brought the hoped-for result.

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Your feedback is always welcome and we encourage all of us to prayerfully consider how we as individuals and households can help elevate this time of fiscal strain. Thank you for all you do. Please be assured that we endeavor to be as faithful as possible with your shared gifts.

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