

## EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost August 20th, 2023

Prelude

Invocation:

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 Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (See insert)

**Matins** (Abbreviated)

P: O Lord, open my lips

C: and my mouth shall declare your praise. Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P: Give glory to God, our Light and our life.

C: Oh, come let us worship Him. Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord; Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In His hands are the caverns of the earth, the heights of the hills are also His. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands have molded the dry land. Oh come, let us bow down and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Hymn: Children of the Heavenly Father LBW # 474

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (See insert)

Prayer of the Day:

P: O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day: preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome in adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The Second Lesson: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 The Holy Gospel: Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28

P: In many and various ways God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C: But now in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; He has come to His people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of His servant David. Through His holy prophets He promised of old that He would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship Him without fear, holy and righteous in His sight all the days of our life. You, my child shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare His way, to give His people knowledge of salvation by forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Childrens' Sermon: *Put Your Hand in the Hand\** (Lyrics printed on insert) sung by Will Bartz Sermon

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service Hymn:

LBW # 423

Collection of the Offering

The Offertory: For the Fruit of All Creation (verse 1)

**WOV # 760** 

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

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P: Let us bless the Lord C: Thanks be to God

P: The Lord almighty bless us, and direct our days and our deeds in His peace. C: Amen.

Announcements

The Closing Hymn: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

LBW # 559

Chimes and Postlude

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Welcome... in the name of Jesus. May our time together be blessed and may we become blessings to one other. Please join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for light refreshments and conversation.

For Pastoral Care...contact Pastor Paul Weeg at 641-381-0675 or Sharon at the office or 641-425-7775.

Today we welcome into the family of God's children and our faith community, *Alvina Mae Peterson*, *daughter of Cierra (Dalluge) and Aaron Peterson*. Alvina was born on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Her sponsors are Jackie Dalluge, Leah Nelson, Kelsey Slagle, Justin Peterson, and Trevor Varner. We pray blessings and peace upon the family of Alvina and rejoice in God calling this precious child by name and making her His own.

**Congratulations...**to Ken & Linda Kroneman on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, August 18<sup>th</sup>. The couple will celebrate with family and friends today.

The AWANA club... will have their open house on *Wednesday August 23rd* at 5:30 PM. Come in to try on and order your uniform, pay your dues (cost of handbook, uniform, and awards), meet your leader, and get your questions answered. For the most up to date information please follow our Facebook page ELC AWANA club. We are excited to start this new ministry at ELC and look forward to impacting the lives of our youth. We are still looking for 1-4 people to be assistants. A key part of the AWANA curriculum is the memorization of scripture. The assistants' main job would be to listen to kids recite their verses and potentially fill in as needed when a leader is unable to attend in a given week. Small group time will be from approximately 6-6:30, so if you could not stay for the full 5:30-7, we could still use your help for just 1/2 hour a week. Please talk to Brittany Bartz if this is something you may be able to help with.

Next Sunday...in Pastor Weeg's absence, we will have Kim (Thorsfeldt) Katuta share in our worship. Kim is the general manager of Dayspring Children's Village in South Africa- a non-profit organization providing Christian education to the most vulnerable children. In 2019, for our Mission Fest, Kim and other local ladies shared their experience working with the village. Kim is originally from Northwood and is in the area until the end of August, before returning, and wishes to give us an update. Please join us as we learn more about the village and the good that is happening there.

**Saturday, August 26**th ...the Trinity/Bolan U. M. Women will be hosting a **Bazaar** from **8-1 p.m.** at the Bolan Schoolhouse (which is celebrating 100 years this year!) – lower level: Bake Sale, Produce, Crafts, White Elephant Table, Greeting cards and Dish cloths. There will be a **Luncheon 11-1 p.m.**: Scalloped potatoes and ham, Coleslaw & Fresh Baked Bread, Homemade Jam, and Beverages. Drive In-Take Out offered. Adults \$8.00 K-12 yrs. \$5.00 Pre-school Free. (See poster on bulletin board).

**Ice Cream Social...Sunday, August 27**<sup>th</sup> from **4-6 p.m.** at the **Bethlehem Lutheran Church** in Manly. Serving Homemade Ice Cream, maid-rites, hot dogs, potato salad, beans, pie, brownies, and beverages. Take-out available! Free-will Offering (Funds go toward building updates.)

**Sunday School...** will begin in September. Rally day is being planned for Sept 10<sup>th</sup> in the park. Here is a code to scan to sign up for Sunday School for the 2023/2024 year.

**Reminder to college students...**Erna Pagel grant applications are due before the end of August. A copy of the application can be downloaded from the church website.

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Pray for all	Wednesday, August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5:30 p.m.	AWANA Open House	
those returning	Sunday, August 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 a.m.	Worship w/ Kim Katuta	
to school		10:30 a.m	Fellowship	

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The ENALCW...is collecting school

Offering: Sunday, August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Attendance: 67	
General Fund: \$1,990	Building Fund: \$120	
Food Bank Fund: \$50		

supplies for our LWR activity kits. If you'd like to donate money or items, contact the office or Clarice Bartz to see what is needed

**September Epistle deadline...** is August 24th. We have sponsorships for both September and October so far-thank you to those who are being sponsors!

## \*Put Your Hand in the Hand

REFRAIN: Put your hand in the hand of the man who stilled the water
Put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea
Take a look at yourself and you can look at others differently,
By puttin' your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee.

- 1) Ev'ry time I look into the Holy Book I want to tremble
  When I read the part where the carpenter cleared the temple
  For the buyers and the sellers were no different fellas than what I profess to be
  And it causes me shame to know I'm not the person I should be. (*Refrain*)
- 2) My Mama taught me how to pray before I reached the age of seven When I'm down on my knees that's when I'm close to heaven, Daddy lived his life with two kids and a wife, you do what you must do But it showed me enough of what it takes to get you through. (*Refrain*)