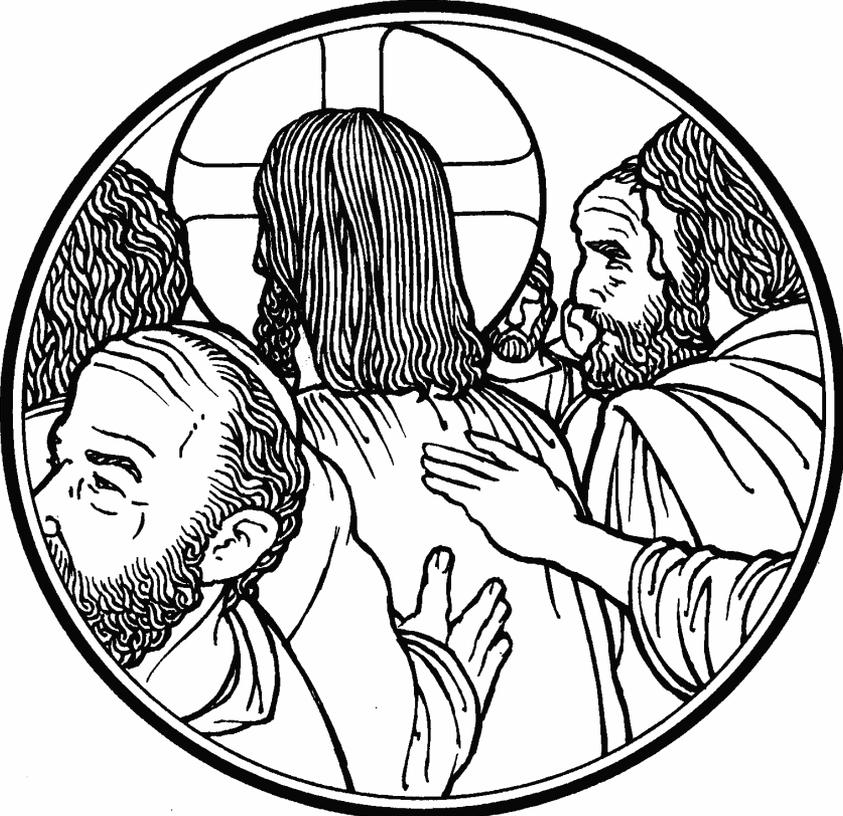


# Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod



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July 4, 2021

The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

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*Holy Communion is celebrated today. Holy Communion was instituted by Christ Jesus and given to His church as food for our faith. Christ's very body and blood is present in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine. This free gift of Christ Himself brings forgiveness of sins, new life and salvation to the faithful. All who are members of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation are invited to join us at the Communion table. Others desiring Holy Communion should visit with Pastor Peterson or an Elder prior to worship.*

## ***The Ministers of Christ Are Sent with His Authority to Forgive Sins and Give Life***

The prophet Ezekiel was raised up by the Spirit of the Lord and sent to speak an unpopular Word to the rebellious house of Israel. As a prophet, he was not to speak his own word, but to preach the Law and the Gospel: "Thus says the Lord GOD," whether the people "hear or refuse to hear" (Ezek. 2:4-5). So, too, in the footsteps of the prophets before Him, the Lord Jesus "went about among the villages teaching" (Mark 6:6). In His hometown, as elsewhere, "many who heard him were astonished," marveling at His wisdom and at the "mighty works done by his hands," and yet "they took offense at him" (Mark 6:2-3). The offense culminates in His cross, which is, ironically, the heart and center of His "authority over the unclean spirits" (Mark 6:7). It is by that authority of His cross that those He sends preach repentance, "cast out many demons" and heal the sick (Mark 6:12-13). Thus, the apostle Paul boasts in the cross of Christ and in his own weaknesses, knowing that God's grace is sufficient and that the power of Christ "is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. 12:8-9).

**Prayer** – O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**Order of Service – LSB 184**

**Opening Hymn – LSB 616 – Baptismal Waters Cover Me**

## Introit

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

**Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!**

For the LORD has chosen Zion;

**he has desired it for his dwelling place:**

“This is my resting place forever;

**here I will dwell, for I have desired it.**

I will abundantly bless her provisions;

**I will satisfy her poor with bread.**

Her priests I will clothe with salvation,

**and her saints will shout for joy.”**

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

**Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!**

**ALL SING: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 2:1-5

He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.”

And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.

## Epistle Reading – 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he

sees in me or hears from me. So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Of course for the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

### **The Holy Gospel – Mark 6:1-13**

[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.

And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

### **Apostles' Creed – LSB 192**

### **Sermon Hymn – LSB 965 – God Bless Our Native Land**

### **Sermon**

## **Distribution Hymns**

**LSB 609– Jesus Sinners Doth Receive**

**LSB 628 – Your Table I Approach**

**LSB 770 – What A Friend We Have In Jesus**

**Closing Hymn – LSB 966 – Before You, Lord, We Bow**

### **July 4**

**Elder** – Craig Wallace (606) 584-3221

**Acolytes** – Kennedy Reaman

Lily Peters

**Counters** – Deanna Cole

Barb & Larry Bundt

### **July 11**

Marlin Johnson (712) 210-0879

Adam Frank

Xander Hemer

Christina Caton, Amber Hadden

Julie Reaman

**In Our Prayers** – Judy Bromley, Darlene Wollesen, Wanda Freese, Faye Kruse, Roger Petersen, Sharon Comstock, Rick & Jessica Davis, Jessica Kramer, Jim McClellan

**VBS** - A big thank you to everyone who helped put on another great VBS! We had 57 different children attend and our largest day was about 48! God once again blessed our VBS through your help, donations, and time. Please give Helga Gross a great big “Way to Go” for the incredible job she did decorating and directing again this year! Next year, we enter the Laboratory so keep your eyes peeled for more information early in 2022.

**Parking** - Please remember to leave the parking spots near the front and back doors for our elderly members and those who struggle with walking. Thank you!

**Photo Directory** – Please take the time to have your picture taken in the Fellowship Hall. Poses aren’t necessary, just have someone take your picture on your phone and email it to lakeviewemmanuel@outlook.com Talk to Pastor if you want to help take pictures.

**Greeter Sign-Up** – If you are interested in being a greeter before worship, please sign up in the fellowship hall.

**The Annual Potluck** will be on July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Shelter House. This year there will be Pork Burgers and Hot Dogs. Everyone please bring a dish to share. It should be a delightful event for all after the last 18 months of the dreaded COVID! Sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

**Emmanuel Needs Your Help:** A service we offer grieving Emmanuel families is a lunch following funeral services. These meals are important because they let the families spend time together to reminisce, laugh, tell stories and take pictures. Another benefit is that leftover food is sent with the family for meals the next day. As members of Emmanuel, let's support each other by providing bars or salads or time serving for funerals. If you can commit (most of the time) to providing a salad (for 12 people) or bars (for 24 people), please contact Donna Smidt at 712-790-1694. Thank you!

**Camp Okoboji** – There are a wide variety of camp opportunities for youth of ages, adults, and families. Call (712) 337-3325 or visit [campokoboji.org](http://campokoboji.org) for more info.

**This Is the Life** – “Amazing Grace” – a man who has come from a poor beginning to a rich and full life must learn not to forsake his Christian faith. Worship Service – Rev. James Travis of Calvary Lutheran Church in Sioux City, IA, delivers the message “Does God Want Me to Have a Better Job?” based on Psalm 84. Additional information: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

**Lutheran Family Services**– Summer days are perfect for memory making! Making sandcastles at the beach, going for a bike ride, throwing a ball, or flying a kite are simple activities that make for great family time and memories. It's time to disconnect the electronics and reconnect as a family! *“Start children off in the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22:6*  
[www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

#### **Stewardship Corner for July 4 –**

Jesus placed great emphasis on the proper handling of our money. In Luke 16:11 we read, “So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?” If we are faithful with the money that God has entrusted to us, He will trust us with things of greater value, ultimately those of the spirit, the eternal. The improper use of our money can be an obstacle to our relationship with Jesus. With God's help, we can handle our money faithfully and enjoy the spiritual blessings that come from an intimate relationship with our Lord.

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**Weekly Giving**

Weekly budget needs: \$2,539

June 27 - Offering - \$1,548.75

**Weekly Attendance -**

June 27 – 71

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## Weekly Events

### Sunday

Divine Worship - 9:00 AM

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