

*Lift Every Voice*



*And Sing!*

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

July 5, 2020 – 10:00 AM



## Welcome to Emmanuel !

### 5th Sunday After Pentecost

July 5, 2020

*“It is wonderful to worship with you today!”*

**All are welcome** here at Emmanuel regardless of your faith affiliation.

All parts of today’s worship service are printed in this bulletin, including words for the songs.

Today's worship is scheduled to be outdoors as a "tailgate worship". We ask you to observe rules of social distancing and gather only in your assigned spaces and indicated areas. For those who are not driving to church, or are parking in the church main lot, there will be an area designated for seating - but social distancing guidelines must be maintained throughout. There will also be activities for children separate from the worship gathering.

This is a service of Holy Communion. Procedures for distribution of the Lord's Supper are on page 8.

This worship service will be broadcast and live streamed through our Facebook page, and on our website while containment measures are in place. Even if you are not able to watch live, the services will be recorded. You can find us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/EmmanuelSouderton/>

and on our website at:

<http://emmanuellutheranchurch.net>

You can also check the Facebook page or website for ongoing updates, for daily devotion videos with Pastor John, and for information regarding Emmanuel’s E-Meal program, including what to donate, how to volunteer and the number of meals being served during the crisis.

During this time of containment, in-person pastoral care is limited. If you need to contact Pastor John, please call or text his mobile phone at 914-275-3106 or email him at [jheidgerd@gmail.com](mailto:jheidgerd@gmail.com).

## Introduction to the Day

This weekend, we celebrate our nation’s independence from the British Empire and the freedom that has been fought for by so many over these last 244 years. Our freedom has come at a cost – a very dear cost.

As Christians, we have no freedom apart from God and that which has been given to us by God’s grace, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This too is a freedom that has come at a cost – a very dear cost.

We also remember today that not all have been able to take part in our freedom as Americans or as Christians in the same way. We are reminded that the ideal of freedom remains illusive until we can be sure that every voice can be lifted to join the song of freedom and we are all marching in the light of God.

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*Then afterward, I will pour out  
my Spirit on all flesh.*

**(Joel 2: 28)**

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## THE SERVICE

### PRELUDE –

*“Lift Every Voice and Sing”*

*“America the Beautiful”*

*-Arr. – Ethel Geist*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

*America the Beautiful (888)*

**1 O beautiful for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain:  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea.**

**2 O beautiful for heroes proved  
in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved,  
and mercy more than life:  
America! America!  
May God thy gold refine,  
till all success be nobleness,  
and ev'ry gain divine.**

**3 O beautiful for patriot dream  
that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam,  
undimmed by human tears:  
America! America!  
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self-control,  
thy liberty in law.**

**4 O beautiful for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain:  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea.**

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

A reading from Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!  
Lo, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant  
with you, I will set your prisoners free from the  
waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 145:8-14 (read responsively)

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**LORD, you are good to all,  
and your compassion  
is over all your works.**

All your works shall praise you, O LORD,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

**They shall tell of the glory  
of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**

that all people may know |of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your dominion endures  
throughout all ages.  
You, LORD, are faithful  
in all your words,  
and loving in all your works.**

The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**Amen**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a**

A reading from Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it.

For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.

Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand.

For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you,  
and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*please be seated*

## **SERMON**

*The Rev. John Heidgerd*

*After the sermon, please stand as you are able for the Hymn of the Day.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*At the end of each petition, the minister will say*

*"Come, Holy Spirit."*

*The congregation responds:*

*"Come Holy Spirit, Come."*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also, with you.**

Let us now share a sign of God's peace with each other.

*please be seated*

## OFFERING

*Offerings will not be collected. Please place your offering in the collection plate as you leave.*

*Please remember that the expenses of the church go on, even during this time disease containment. The best way for you to keep your contributions current is to do so through our online giving program, which is found on our website, and can be accessed using the following link:*

[Online Giving to Emmanuel](#)

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Together, let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lift Every Voice and Sing (841)*

**1 Lift ev'ry voice and sing  
till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.**

**Sing a song full of the faith  
that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope  
that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.**

**2 Stony the road we trod,  
bitter the chast'ning rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our parents sighed?**

**We have come over a way  
that with tears has been watered;  
we have come, treading our path  
through the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.**

**3 God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.**

**Lest our feet stray from the places,  
our God, where we met thee;  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine  
of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever  
stand, true to our God, true to our native land.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you,  
almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way  
of everlasting life.

And who, in the night in which he was betrayed,  
took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

*This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

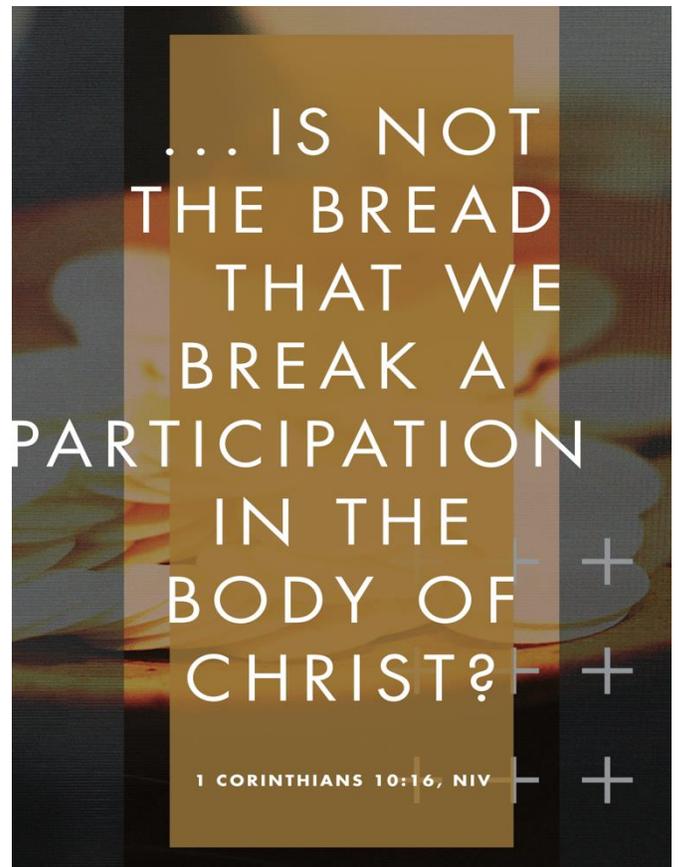
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

**Thanks be to God.**



## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All God's people are invited by our Lord Jesus Christ to receive Holy Communion.*

*We receive these gifts of Christ's body and blood in faith, trusting that in this meal our Lord comes to us, forgives our sins, renews us in faith and leads us into new life.*

*Today, the Lord's Supper will be offered "in one kind", that is with bread alone. Lutherans have always held that a communion "in one kind" is the same as if both bread and wine are offered.*

*You will not be asked to come to the altar to receive communion. Instead the Pastor will walk around to each person and offer the sacrament. The Pastor will be masked for our protection and will remove a wafer from the chalice using tongs.*

*If you wish to receive communion, please form a cup with your hands and the wafer will be dropped inside your hands, after which you may consume the wafer.*

*If you wish to receive gluten-free bread, please signal to the Pastor as he approaches.*

*If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you may receive a brief blessing. As the Pastor approaches, please place your hands across your chest in the form of the St. Andrew's cross. (X)*

*(when all have been communed, please rise as you are able)*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Together, Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

Go out into God's world filled with the spark of the Holy Spirit.

Let love of Christ guide your actions.

Listen for the Spirit of Truth.

Spread forth the peace of Christ

and remind everyone you meet that each is a beloved child of God.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*We Are Marching in the Light* (866)

**We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching--oo--  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching--oo--  
we are marching in the light of God.**

**Additional stanzas ad lib:**

**We are dancing...  
We are praying...  
We are singing...**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Lift your voice to sing the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

"We Are Marching In the Light" (*Reprise*)

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# Emmanuel Worships !

## *An Update from Pastor John*

Friends – Last week, we entered the “Green Phase” of the plan to reopen Pennsylvania. I was troubled by the color green being used in this way – because it conveyed a sense that we were out of the woods. Green – of course – means “GO”.

But this shade of green does not mean step on the gas and motor on. It’s time to move ahead but in a zone where the speed limit is capped at 10 MPH.

I hope you’ll forgive the driving metaphor, but it’s a good way to describe the tenseness and tentativeness as we move into “Green Phase” but the pandemic rages on in other parts of our nation and our world.

Even here in PA, hot spots have emerged in Philadelphia and Allegheny Counties. The result is that Health Commissioner Levine issued a new order on July 1, mandating that masks be worn in all public places, including outdoor areas where social distancing cannot consistently be observed.

Our communities have done remarkably well during the Covid-19 crisis – but it is a relative appraisal – meaning that we’ve done well because other communities have done far worse. And that means the virus is still around – still spreading – still making people sick – still killing. We cannot ignore the data. We cannot ignore the science.

The Return to Worship Task Force is in the process of issuing its final recommendations to Church Council regarding how and when we will return to indoor, in-person worship. I can’t share all the details here just yet, but we don’t expect that return to happen until August 1. And if it does begin then, it will begin with a series of pilot worship services that will allow us to gather safely and to learn from those gatherings before we (hopefully) resume a fuller schedule in September. We had hoped to begin these pilots in July, but the recent trends suggest we observe at least one more month of online only worship, except for our outdoor gathering on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

I know many of you want to get back together, to see each other, to catch up with each other, to worship with each other. It’s been a hard 3 ½ months on

everyone’s spiritual health. For safety’s sake – for the sake of loving our neighbor, let’s give it just a little more time.

Most of what follows is a reminder of what we’ve been doing to stay connected since March, with some small changes or additional information.

1. There will be no Emmanuel “office hours” until further notice. Kathie Afflerbach will be in the office on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, but not for in-person work.
2. If you want to speak with Pastor John, please call Pastor John directly at **914-275-3106**.

3. We will continue worship Services by live streaming or recorded video on our website or Facebook Page, both of which are listed on the inside front cover of this bulletin. The Sunday Schedule will continue as follows:

Sunday’s Kids Online @ 9:30 AM

Sunday Worship @ 10AM

Online Coffee Hour @ **11:00 AM**

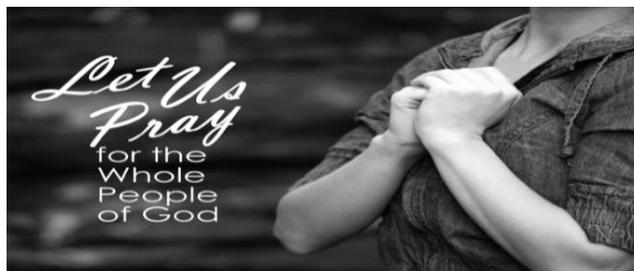
\*\*Note time change\*\*

4. We are allowing some small groups to meet starting July 1. We’ll be in touch with those groups to see how or when they’d like to resume activities. Bushi Karate will resume classes on a limited basis, starting July 7.
5. The E-Meal Ministry has surpassed **20,000 meals** served. More information may be found on page 12. Please remember that distribution hours are now Mon. - Sat. 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM.
6. We are in need of more **E-Meal volunteers** to cover packaging and distribution shifts. Now that we are in “Green Phase”, please consider stepping up to serve and sign up on our SignUpGenius page <https://rb.gy/47vkgh>
7. Thank you for keeping up your offerings. Electronic giving has more than doubled from pre-Covid tiems. If you haven’t enrolled, I invite you to do so by clicking the link on our website.
8. Join me each day at 8AM (Mon-Sat) on Facebook, for a morning “GodCast”, a 5-10 minute devotional where we gather for prayer, scripture reading and reflection on God’s Word.

+Pastor John +



# Emmanuel Nurtures !



### For our Homebound Members

Doris Alderfer	Louella Gehringer
Jacqui Bond	John Kemmerer
William & Helen De Turk	Jane Niemczyk
Norma Detweiler	Kathryn Stover
Betty Frese	Faye Wetzal
Rita Fritz	Dorothy Wohlgemuth

*Current addresses for our homebound are posted in the Gathering Space*

### For Health and Healing Members of Emmanuel

Roy Becker	Bob Renner
Anthony Campolei	Kermit Schnable
Elaine Cash	Harry Thompson
Pat Conard	Floyd Yothers
Dominick De Salvo	Ruth Yothers
Faye Landis	

### Friends of Emmanuel

George Balzer (friend of Deb & Pat McElwee)
Karen Bauer (friend of Deb & Pat McElwee)
Steve Buschmann (son of Werner Buschmann)
Donna Clemens (friend of Janel and Barry Gibson)
Dennis Beer (friend of the Kulpes)
Jim Clark (friend of Caren and Doug Landis)
Luca Condo (friend of Ruth Miller)
Doug Eschbach (former Emmanuel Intern)
Helen Freed (Craig Freed's Mom)
Sabrina Haap (Ruth Miller's Niece)
Rev. Marvin Henk (Colleague of Pastor John)
Donald Heller (Shirley's Brother-in-law)
Dixie Kephart (Darlene's Mother)
Marvin Krupp (Friend of Roy Becker)
Ed Natali (David's Brother)
Neal Maiers (Friend of Deb & Patrick McElwee)
Alicia Ranberg (Friend of the Crouthamels)
Stewart Schrauger (Julie Freed's Brother)
Michael Smith (friend of Cheryl Starke)
Eric Sykes (Anita & Joe's Son)
Pam Valenti (Lou Gehringer's Sister)
Alexander & Sylvia Wagwicz (Friends of DeSalvos)
Kristina Wesch (daughter of Pastor Erika Wesch)
Suzanne Willauer (Ed Cash's Sister)
Chase Ziegler (Christman's Great-Grandson)

### While Away at School - Samantha Plinke

*In order to keep our Prayer List up to date, names will remain for four weeks unless otherwise notified*

**Monday - Saturday  
@ 8AM**

**Look for a daily  
Soul Café GodCast  
on our Facebook Page**

**"A great way to stay  
connected to  
God's Word."**



**"A New Kind of Sunday School"**

**Sunday's Kids Is Online  
Sundays @ 9:30 AM  
Don't Miss Sunday's Kids**



# Emmanuel Nurtures !



## “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

### *A truly American Hymn of Freedom*

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*, Hymn number 841 in the ELW and Hymn number 562 in the LBW (Green Book) was written as a poem by NAACP leader James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938) and then set to music by his brother John Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954) in 1899. At the time of its writing, Southern Reconstruction had ended two decades before, and in the Jim Crow South, lynchings were on the rise, especially in Florida.

Initially asked to prepare a speech, James Weldon Johnson decided he would write a poem instead. Starting with a simple, yet powerful first line, he paced back and forth on his front porch, agonizing over each line of the poem. Tearfully, he recalled the struggle and resilience of his ancestors in pursuit of freedom.

It was first performed in public in the Johnsons’ hometown of Jacksonville, Florida as part of a celebration of Lincoln’s Birthday on February 12, 1900 by a choir of 500 schoolchildren at the segregated Stanton School, where Johnson was principal. The song quickly took off and became a collective prayer for black communities in the South. After twenty years of being sung in churches and school assemblies, the NAACP adopted “Lift Ev’ry Voice” as its official song in 1920, and thereafter become known as the “black national anthem”.

While this great hymn had its origin in southern black communities, its message set amid soaring, majestic tones, resonates with all people of all faiths and backgrounds.

The Johnson brothers intended to not only uplift black communities still healing from slavery but also to send a message to the white public, to illuminate the suffering African Americans had endured for generations. In a 1928 letter to the Johnsons, New York City Rabbi, Stephen Wise referred to their hymn as:

*“the noblest anthem I have ever heard, a great upwelling of prayer from the soul of a race wronged but with faith unbroken”*

Over the passing decades, “Lift Ev’ry Voice” has accompanied the civil rights movement of the 1960s and 1970s, and was recited at President Barack Obama’s inauguration in 2009. It has also been used as a political protest anthem in recent years to show solidarity in the “Black Lives Matter” movement.

James Weldon Johnson contributed much more to our society than just this great hymn. Johnson is widely celebrated for his leadership of the NAACP, where he began working in 1917. In 1920 he was the first African American to be chosen as executive secretary of the organization. He served in that position from 1920 to 1930.

Johnson established his reputation as a writer, and was known during the Harlem Renaissance for his poems, novels, and anthologies collecting both poems and spirituals of black culture.

He was appointed under President Theodore Roosevelt as US consul in Venezuela and Nicaragua for most of the period from 1906 to 1913.

In 1934 he became the first African-American professor to be hired at NYU. Later in life he served as a professor of creative literature and writing at Fisk University, a historically black university.

*(information gathered from the NAACP website, and the Washington Post, April 16, 2018)*

## Pastor John on Vacation July 12 - 24

After worship on July 12, Pastor John and Ann Marie will be taking some vacation time and will be traveling out of the area. While he can be reached in an emergency, local pastoral care needs will be covered during that time by: Rev. Janet Peterman and Rev. Erika Wesch. If you have a need for urgent Pastoral Care, please contact Pastor Peterman at 215-327-8727 or Pastor Wesch at 617-909-3940.



# Emmanuel Serves !

## Emmanuel's E-Meal Ministry Serves its 20,000<sup>th</sup> Meal



# Thanks be to God!



On the bottom left of the photo is our super-partner, Carol Bauer who is the director of the Garden of Health Food Bank. Carol is a tireless worker for the elimination of hunger in our community. The Garden of Health Food Bank has provided the E-Meal ministry with so much healthy and nutritious food including fresh fruits and vegetables, gluten-free snacks, shelf-sustainable milk and his always there when we call. We were so pleased that she was on hand to take part in this celebration, because Carol and her team at Garden of Health have been so instrumental in what we have done.

While there is a commitment to continue to serve our community for the long-term, we are a volunteer-based ministry, and rely on the great work of our volunteers to provide the volume of food at very low cost. Our roster of volunteers needs a boost!

I am making a special appeal to you to volunteer – or to recruit others to serve as volunteers. As we enter the summer months, some of our wonderful corps of volunteers are less available due to work obligations and family vacations. This ministry can only grow with the help of volunteers – people like you!

If you would like to serve as a volunteer or serve more often – please visit our SignupGenius page at:

<https://rb.gy/47vkgH>

We work at safe distances from each other. Most of the work requires no heavy lifting. Food distribution is outside, with limited interaction. Our operations are efficient, and you will make new friends and reconnect with some you haven't seen in a while.

Please keep our ministry in your prayers as we move forward through the summer.

+ Pastor John +

The plan to reopen Pennsylvania may have hit a new phase, but that doesn't mean the needs of our neighbors will suddenly go away – or leave us any time soon. If there was any doubt, we turned it around on Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> when we handed “up” our 20,000<sup>th</sup> meal to our neighbors in need.

Feeding Ministries, like our E-Meal program, are part of a healthy community's safety net – and they will be even more important in the coming months as we support a strong community as we have in the Indian Valley. Knowing that there is a place where people can get food for their families keeps a strong workforce in place, supports public education, and helps to keep crime under control.

Average Daily Meals Served per Month	
March	93
April	163
May	244
June	197

Even though the daily meal averages have dropped, the number remains high at nearly 200 per day. The biggest reason for the drop from May is not the reduction

in need, but in May we had some large shipments of food that we had to distribute or risk spoilage. So, we were pushing out more large family meals to the neighbors who were coming.

The volunteer crew on site for Thursday, July 2 were thrilled to welcome the neighbor who received the 20,000<sup>th</sup> meal in just 3 ½ months of ministry. Tong, a neighbor who is originally from Viet Nam was thrilled as well. He is at the bottom right of the photo below, along with Joey, Kathie, Krieg, Brenda and Caren.



# Emmanuel Reaches Out !

## To Register –

Please Send an E-Mail to Pastor Wagner at  
[pastor.stpetersnorthwales@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.stpetersnorthwales@gmail.com)  
At least 3 days prior to each event.

### **Tender Shoots of Righteousness: Rediscovering Religious Civil Rights Leaders**

**A Jewish/Protestant conversation in the Black Lives Matter Era**

This conversation began between Rabbi Danielle Parmenter from Tiferet Bet Israel, Blue Bell, and Pastor Andreas Wagner from St. Peter's Lutheran, North Wales. We were compelled by external events to re-visit an old subject. The weeks after the killing of Mr. George Floyd seemed like a sequel to the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960's. We hope that recent protestations and the broader moral awakening to the issue of racism - reaching even white suburban neighborhoods, will lead to a more just and fair society for people of color and for all. We felt it might be helpful to re-introduce our congregations to some of our leaders who walked the walk and talked the talk.

#### **Abraham Joshua Heschel**

with Rabbi Danielle Parmenter

**July 7 6:30pm-7:30pm \*\***

*"When I marched in Selma my feet were praying."* - A Jewish mystic on a journey toward justice - what he can teach us and what we can learn while praying with our feet.

#### **The Civil Rights Movement In Our Front Yard**

with Associate Professor Emeritus, Practice of Ministry, Dr. Richard Stewart

**July 21 6:30pm-7:30pm \*\***

Black leaders in Philadelphia from 1963 to 1985 and the Move Bombing.

#### **Lessons learned? Reinhold Niebuhr & the Civil Rights Movement**

with Pastor Andreas Wagner

**August 4 6:30pm-7:30pm \*\***

With excerpts from 1954 until late 1968, written by one of the foremost Civil Rights Ethicists of the time.

#### **The Prophets: Living with Integrity**

with Rabbi Eric Woodward

**August 18 6:30-7:30 pm \*\***

Sometimes we see the prophets as telling us that the work of righteousness is more important than the work of faith. But really, they are telling us that a life of faith, if it is to be legitimate, must involve the work of righteousness. Join us as we look at prophetic text and what it can tell us about our social moment today.

\*\* ZOOM links will be forwarded



# Emmanuel Reaches Out !

## Counties Reopen As PA COVID Cases Increase

*'Our Highest Priority Is To Do No Harm,' -  
Bishop Davenport*

### Advocacy Tools for Loving Your Neighbor



*Our thoughts and prayers inform our actions.*

“Advocacy Tools for Loving Your Neighbor” on **Thursday, July 9 from 12:30-2 p.m.** is an online training event jointly hosted by The Episcopal Church and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to equip you.

Both Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, plus advocacy leaders from both denominations, will be part of this time of exploring the nature of faith-based advocacy, the issues to which we can speak, and the ways we can make our voices heard. Rostered ministers, Lutherans, Episcopalians and friends are welcome to the free webinar and will leave with tools and inspiration to make a difference.

Registration: <https://bit.ly/advocacyforlove>

As our suburban counties move into the “Green” phase of reopening, both the state as a whole and the city of Philadelphia in particular are seeing rising new cases of COVID-19.

The city remains in a modified “Yellow” phase and health officials now require the wearing of masks in public to reduce community spread. Moving into the “Green” phase is likely to be pushed back from the planned target this Friday. Health officials are also noting spikes in cases among younger people, apparently due to social gatherings.

“Our highest priority is to do no harm” in the process of reopening churches, says Bishop Patricia A. Davenport. The synod itself is taking a deliberate approach to resuming work at the office in Mt. Airy, with staff continuing to work remotely as protocols are developed for how to safely share and sanitize the space and equipment, airflow and related issues.

“In this new abnormal, our concerns are for our rostered ministers and members who are vulnerable because of their age and/or underlying conditions,” the bishop said. “We want everyone to be safe and show Christ’s love for their vulnerable neighbors as we learn whether our area will see new outbreaks.”

The bishop is encouraged by congregations’ commitment to online worship and by upcoming experiments with outdoor worship.

*(from MinistryLink – June 29, 2020)*



Thank you, God, for helping me.



# Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Bulletin Sponsors are available for the month of July. If you are interested, bulletins may be sponsored for \$15.00

## Sunday Schedule

Sunday's KIDS Online – 9:30 AM

Worship Online – 10 AM

Online Coffee Hour – 11 AM



## What's Happening

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Sun	10:00 AM	<b>Fifth Sunday of Pentecost</b> <b>Outdoor Worship Service</b>  Livestream – Worship Service
Mon	10:30 AM – 1PM	E-Meal Distribution
Tue	10:30 AM – 1PM	E-Meal Distribution
Wed	10:30 AM – 1PM	E-Meal Distribution
Thu	10:30 AM – 1PM	E-Meal Distribution
Fri	10:30 AM – 1PM	E-Meal Distribution
Sat	10:30 AM – 1PM	E-Meal Distribution
Sun	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>Sixth Sunday of Pentecost</b>  Livestream - Sunday's KIDS Livestream – Worship Service Zoom Coffee Hour

## E-Meal Volunteers – please sign up online

<https://rb.gy/47vkgh>