

Rally!



Day



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Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Souderton, PA

September 25, 2022



Welcome to Emmanuel ! Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 25, 2022

“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. If you would like to sing with music, books are provided in the racks on the back of the seat in front of you. The song or page number is provided for easy look up

UPDATED COVID-19 PROTOCOLS IN PLACE

Masking remains optional, but highly recommended for unvaccinated individuals and for those at an elevated risk of infection.

Masking is **REQUIRED** to sit in the balcony.

Please observe distancing, from anyone with whom you do not share a residence, when choosing seating or when standing in line for communion.

Anyone involved in distributing Holy Communion must wear a mask during distribution.

Windows will be opened unless the outside temperature would make it uncomfortable to do so.

If you are a visitor worshipping with us today, we are blessed by your presence. Please sign the guest book in the Gathering Space, so we can keep in touch.

This is a service of Holy Communion. All God's people are invited to the table by our Lord Jesus Christ. You will find instructions for Holy Communion later in the bulletin.

Coffee Hour will follow the worship service and will be held outdoors, weather permitting.

Restrooms are located in the hall off the Gathering Space immediately to the left. Please see a member of our host families for assistance.

Parents with children are welcome to use the children’s activity bags, located by the entrance to the Worship Space. If needed, our nursery room is at the end of the hall off the Gathering Space.

Please silence your phones, but feel free to post pictures, videos, tweets or texts to social media. We love using technology to share the Word of God!

Emmanuel Worship is Online

This worship service will be broadcast and live streamed through our Facebook page, and on our website. 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://www.elcsouderton.org>

By attending this worship service, you agree to be photographed or included on video recording and Emmanuel Lutheran Church reserves the right to include your image or likeness in promotional material, in print or online, related to its mission and ministry.

Please check the Facebook Page or Website for ongoing updates of all the great things happening at Emmanuel, including Pastor John’s daily GodCasts.

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

SERVICE OF HEALING



During the Distribution of Holy Communion, we will offer a service of healing for those who would like anointing or personal prayers. After receiving communion, you may visit the prayer station at the rear of the worship space where you will be met by a prayer partner.

Introduction to the Day

“The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.”

The letter to Timothy exhorts him to avoid the temptation that has befallen so many – that money and wealth is the source of salvation and we need not pay attention to those who are in need.

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,”) is an essential component of good stewardship and the emerging Kingdom of God.

It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. In sharing our wealth, we learn what it means to follow our Lord’s commandment – “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

THE SERVICE

*“I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God
while I have my being.”*

(Psalm 146: 2)

PRELUDES

“Hymn to Joy” - A. Travis

“Carillon and Fugue” – M. Van Den Gheyn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able and face the font at the
entryway of the worship space.*

DEDICATION OF THE BAPTISMAL FONT

*(Celebrants join Pastor John
at the font for the dedication)*

Friends in Christ:

Today we give thanks to God and we seek God’s blessing as we gather to dedicate this baptismal font to the praise and glory of God.

A reading from the Gospel of John

Jesus answered, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

You made the whole earth for your glory; all creation praises you.

We lift our voices to join the songs of heaven and earth, of things seen and unseen.

Throughout the ages we have heard the stories of the life-giving waters you provide us - through the waters of creation, the flood, and the exodus, the water gushing from the rock, and onward to cleansing of Naaman the Syrian, the baptism of Jesus and the vision of the heavenly river of life, you quench our thirsty spirits with your living water.

We give you thanks, O God, as we dedicate this baptismal font to your glory and praise just as it served your glory and praise for the time it stood as a reminder of your living water to the congregation at St. Luke’s of North Wales.

As the people of Emmanuel see this font, and the water held therein, let it be an ongoing remembrance of their passage through the waters of salvation at their baptisms, and their sure and certain hope that they will one day cross the river of life to the source of living water, our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray

Amen.



THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning
your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.**

Through the waters of the flood
you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel
from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word
you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We praise you
for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you
for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives
with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Crown Him with Many Crowns (855)

**1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.**

**2 Crown him the virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose,
yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows,
the babe of Bethlehem.**

**3 Crown him the Lord of love--
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.**

**4 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.**

**5 Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.**

GREETING

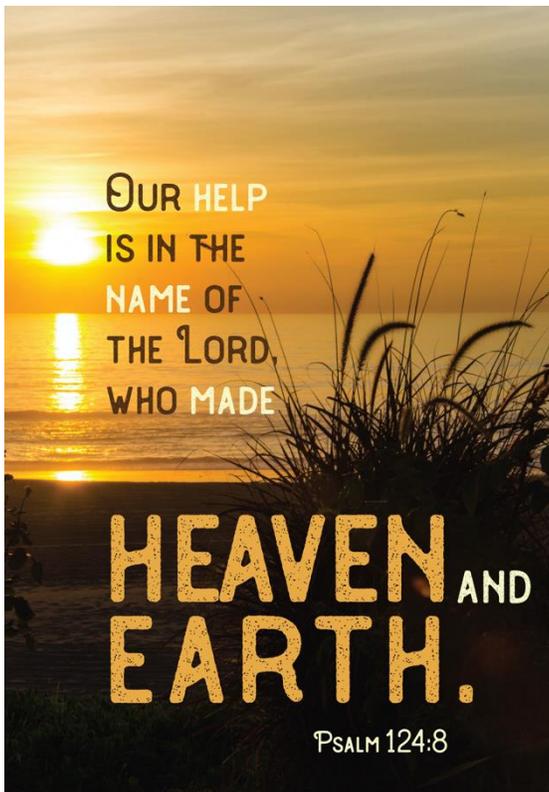
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

SONG OF PRAISE *(Please Sing Twice)* *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (857)*

**Lord, I lift your name on high.
Lord, I love to sing your praises
I'm so glad you're in my life.
I'm so glad you came to save us.**

**You came from heaven
to earth to show the way.
From the earth to the cross,
my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave.
From the grave to the sky.
Lord, I lift your name on high.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

A reading from Amos.

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure
on Mount Samaria,

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David
improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Therefore, they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146 (*Read Responsively*)

Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God
while I have my being.**

Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.

**When they breathe their last,
they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

Happy are they
who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

**who made heaven and earth,
the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.

**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
the LORD lifts up
those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion,
throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

A reading from 1 Timothy.

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil (512)

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow
and peace is understood.**

**When my heart is hard,
break the stone away.
When my heart is cold,
warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost,
lead me on your way.**

**Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'

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He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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SERMON

The Rev. John T. Heidgerd

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SONG OF THE DAY

Canticle of the Turning (723)

**1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?**

Refrain

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.**

**2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain***

**3 From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain***

**4 Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. *Refrain***

LITANY FOR RALLY DAY

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Hear the prayers your people raise to you today.

In Jesus name we pray

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it.

Hear us, O Christ

O God of wisdom, in your goodness you provide faithful teachers for your church. By your Holy Spirit give all teachers and helpers, especially those that lead our Sunday's KIDS program and First Friday youth ministry, insight into your holy word, lives that are examples to us all, and the courage to know and do the truth – for the sake of the smallest among us.

Hear us, O Christ

Almighty God, with a mother's love and a father's care you have blessed us with the joy and responsibility of children. As we bring them up, give us gracious love, calm strength, and patient wisdom, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Hear us, O Christ

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Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. Grant that we may use them to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love. Make us ready to live the gospel and eager to do your will, and generous in supporting Emmanuel's growing and impactful ministries through sharing our time, energies and financial resources.

Hear us, O Christ

God, our creator, by your holy prophet Jeremiah you taught your ancient people to seek the welfare of the cities in which they lived. We commend Souderton, Telford and the Indian Valley to your care, that it might be kept free from social strife and decay. Give us strength of purpose and concern for others, that we may create here a community of justice and peace where your will may be done.

Hear us, O Christ

O God, source of all goodness: we give you thanks for the gift of reason and the opportunity for education. Bless our schools, especially the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Pre-School programs, that they may be places of learning and safety where teachers challenge the minds and nurture the hearts of students. Grant that teachers, students, administrators and the community may work together in ways that uplift and support each other.

Hear us, O Christ

God of compassion, whose Son became poor for our sake: Help us to see the face of Christ in those who are poor, and in serving them to serve you. Give us generous hearts so that those living in poverty may have adequate food, clothing, and shelter both here at home and in our sister nation, Honduras. By your grace enable Emmanuel's E-Meal Ministry to provide food and hope to those in need. By your Spirit, inspire us to share out of our abundance, to help the people of Honduras continue to rebuild their homeland.

Hear us, O Christ

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Hear the prayers your people raise to you today.

In Jesus name we pray

Amen.

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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please place your offering in the plate on the table at the entrance to the gathering space. Offerings may be submitted electronically using the link on Emmanuel's website, by US Mail, or by delivery to the office during E-Meal distribution hours

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

*(Children are asked to come forward
with their backpacks to be blessed)*

Today, we have before us backpacks to be carried to and from school by the children gathered here.

These backpacks hold books, notebooks and other tools for learning. Many things will make their way into and out of these blessed carriers.

Some days, so much stuff will fill these backpacks that the student may find it difficult to walk. Other days, they will be light and nearly empty. But on each and every day, these backpacks are tokens of God's blessings to the children and to all of us, signs of knowledge, wisdom, and life in community with others. We therefore bring these children and their backpacks before God for blessing at this time.

Let us pray together:

Gracious God,

we lift to you today, these students. They stand here ready to receive your blessings and they commit themselves to study and learning in the school year ahead. We ask your blessing on each of them and on these backpacks which will be used to transport the tools of learning back and forth from home to school.

As these students carry these backpacks, may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation that surrounds them each school day.

We pray as well for the teachers and administrators in our schools. May they also be sustained by your blessing. May they be reminded that this congregation embraces their call to teaching and learning and surrounds them with love and care as well.

We pray this all in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

OFFERING SONG

As the Grains of Wheat (465)

Refrain

**As the grains of wheat
once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one
to become our bread;
so may all your people
from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.**

**1 As this cup of blessing
is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love.**

Refrain

**2 Let this be a foretaste
of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you.**

Refrain

OFFERING PRAYER

Together, Let us pray,

Gracious God,

**in your great love
you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share
with all in need;
through Jesus Christ,
who sets a table for all.**

Amen.

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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ACS 1089)

**Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of might and mercy,
your glory fills all heaven and earth.
You are holy, God.**

**Blessed be the Savior,
the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest.
You are holy, God.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus 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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as
Jesus taught us.

**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.**

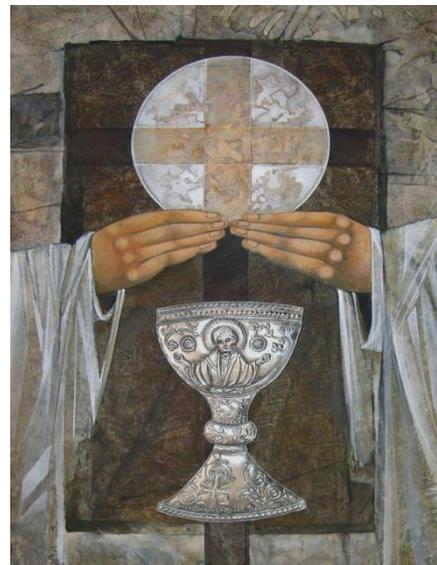
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.**

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.
Come, taste and see.

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 with both
bread and wine. Lutherans hold to the
understanding that Christ's Real Presence in body
and blood is there with the bread and wine and the
gathered community of saints.*

*Please approach the chancel area, starting with the
first row and using the middle aisle. All wine or
grape juice is in individual cups.*

*On your way to the chancel area, please pick up a
cup of wine or grape juice. Then proceed to the
Pastor or Assisting Minister where you will receive a
communion wafer.*

*The Pastor or Assisting Minister will place the wafer
in your cupped hand, after which you may consume
the wafer, and the wine or juice in your individual
cup. As you return to your seat via the side aisles,
please deposit the used communion cup in the
designated container.*

*If you wish to receive gluten-free bread, please
signal to the Pastor or Asst. Minister.*

*If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you
may receive a brief blessing. As you approach,
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)*

COMMUNION SONG

We Come to the Hungry Feast (479)

**1 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied
the love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.**

**2 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a world released
from hungry people of ev'ry kind,
the poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.**

**3 We come to the hungry feast
hungry that the hunger cease,
and knowing, though we eat our fill,
the hunger will stay with us; still
we come, we come to the hungry feast.**

COMMUNION SONG

Let Us Break Bread Together (471)

**1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.**

Refrain

**When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees.**

Refrain

**3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees.**

Refrain

Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

(Please be seated)

(The Eucharistic Ministers gather at the front of the worship space with Pastor John)

The following persons have discerned a holy call to eucharistic ministry and have received training for the purposes of visiting and administering holy communion to those who are not able to receive communion in our worship service.

Ginger Hoyt
Deacon Marlene Natali
Jane Reagan
Anita Vogel

A reading from Acts: While the congregational leaders at Antioch were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

(continued in next column)

In the presence of this assembly will you accept this commission and commit yourselves to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you endeavor in all things to conduct yourselves as is fitting for an ambassador and servant of Jesus Christ?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be faithful, understanding, and loving as you accompany the people among whom you will live and work?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

(The assembly stands as each is able)

People of God,

will you support these servants of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you pray for them, help them and honor them and in all things strive to live in peace and unity in Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

PRAYER

Let us pray.

Gracious God, as you have called workers to varied tasks in the world and in your church, so you have called Ginger, Marlene, Jane and Anita to this ministry. Grant them joy and a spirit of bold trust, that their work may stir up each of us to a life of fruitful service; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, + one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

SENDING SONG (VERSE 1)

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises (535)

Refrain

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

Repeat

1 Christ the Lord to us said:

**I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread,
give to all who thirst and hunger.**

Refrain

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. With Christ at your side.

Thanks be to God!

SENDING SONG (VERSE 2)

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises (535)

Refrain

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

Repeat

**2 Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful gospel.**

Refrain



Host Families – Blaich and Renner Families

Leading and Preaching – Pastor John

Music Leader – Linda Beck

Asst. Minister – Julie Freed

Sound – Fred Crouthamel

Video – Ryder Higgins

Singers – Jen Casta and Jane Vogel

Healing Prayer Minister –
Dcn. Marlene Natali

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The Latest on Director of Music Ministries

Good news this week – we have secured an organist for the 7:30 PM Christmas Eve service. We have also begun discussions with two candidates to direct voice choir, bell choir and special music for Christmas.

The Church Council reviewed the job description for the Director of Music Ministries and a search is now ongoing. We still hope to bring someone on for Advent and Christmas, but that may be ambitious given how difficult it is for many churches to find regular music leadership.

We'll have more to report as that process develops.

+ Pastor John +



Emmanuel Worships



Hope always faces forward.

Maybe that sounds obvious – a bit on the nose, even, but in my observation, not everyone looks forward in hope. And when hope is facing backward, that is a sign of trouble.

It is why I witness a lot of hope from people who are dying - from those who know that they can do nothing about the past, and are looking ahead to the hope of life eternal.

Now, I'm not saying that our only hope is in the afterlife. That would be to deny the part of eternity that includes our present day, and all the days to live after that.

What we do today, tomorrow and the next day matters every bit as much as what happens after we die, and it reflects the hope we have been given - The hope that comes every morning when we realize what a wonderful God we have, and what a wonderful life we have yet to live.

Indeed, Hope always faces forward, as we hear from the prophet Jeremiah, in this passage from Lamentations.

*My soul is bereft of peace;
I have forgotten what happiness is;
so I say, "Gone is my glory
and all that I had hoped for from the Lord."
The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!
My soul continually thinks of it
and is bowed down within me.
But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
"The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."*

Hope always faces forward.

And I hope that I always feel that way about hope. Because when hope looks backward, there is usually great disappointment.

Hope is never wistful or nostalgic.

Hope never longs for a bygone day, even one that may have been filled with peace, or remembered as a time of prosperity.

That kind of backward facing hope is a false hope. A hope that denies the promised emergence of the kingdom of God that his happening all around us as we speak; A hope that weakens God to have only been great in the past.

Now, don't get me wrong. I'm not saying that our history isn't important. In fact, the history of God acting in love for God's people is the source of our hope. It is only because God has done it before that we can have confidence that God will do it again.

But not because God's love exists only in those past events, not because God is only a God of history, but that God's relentless and patient love has been the one constant in the lives of all people. We learn by remembering God's work in the past, that God's love will always be the source of life for years to come.

When we linger in the past; when our hope is backward facing, that is a hope that limits God to acting in ways that God has done before. It is a hope that speaks only from what it knows. It is a hope without vision for God will do today – tomorrow – and throughout our future.

My friends, as we mark Rally Day 2022, we mark a day of hope – of facing forward into the future – remembering our past blessings and confident in our hope that God will bring us even greater things in the future, with new blessings and mercies every morning.

+ Pastor John +





Emmanuel Nurtures !

SAVE THESE DATES
It's a busy few months
at Emmanuel



October 16

Celebrate the blessings of Harvest

Launch Community Food and Fund Drive for E-Meal



Help for Honduras Food and Cultural Festival

Saturday, Nov. 12
5PM - 8PM

To Benefit "Drive for Desks"

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Sunday, Nov. 20

Reception Of New Members



Souderton's Premier Halloween Event

Saturday, October 29
1PM - 4PM

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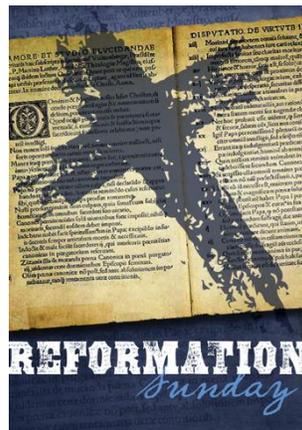
Friday, Dec 9
6 - 8PM

Get the church ready for Christmas

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Sunday, October 30 - 10 AM

A Day to Wear Red



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Sunday, Dec 11
2 - 4PM

Community Advent Festival

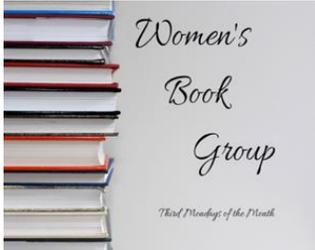




Emmanuel Nurtures !

Children and Youth Ministries at Emmanuel

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Next Meeting
Monday
October 17, - 7PM
Lessons in Chemistry
By Bonnie Garmus



Returns
TODAY,
September 25th
@10 AM

Join the ladies of Emmanuel for fun conversation and fellowship – and always a good read!

For information, e-mail Mary Anne Morral
morral@verizon.net

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Knitters and Crocheters



*“Come and gather
to make shawls
for those in need
of comfort.”*

Next Meeting:
Sunday, October 2 – 1PM
And every first Sunday of the month

In Emmanuel’s Parlor
Instruction available for all who are interested.

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**Are you
interested in
becoming a
member of
Emmanuel?**

We are putting
together a new member group to be
received into membership
on November 20, 2022,
Christ the King Sunday.

Please contact Pastor John
for more information.



Next Event,
Friday, October 7:
6PM – 8PM

FALL FESTIVAL
EVENING

**An outing at one of the
great local fall events.**

For middle and high school youth.
Fun – Faith – Friends

Every First Friday of the month!

Contact Amanda Higgins
for details.

Mark your calendars for upcoming
“First Friday” events:

October 7th
November 4th
December 2nd



Emmanuel Nurtures !



Special Prayer Concerns

- + For our Bishop, Rev. Patricia Davenport and her staff. For Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the ELCA Churchwide staff.
- + For Victims of Hurricane Fiona in Puerto Rico and the surrounding region of the Caribbean
- + For hurricane victims in Honduras and other Central American countries.
- + For an end to the war in Ukraine and for a spirit of comfort and peace to surround the victims of violence and uprooting.
- + For the victims of mass shootings throughout our nation and for our nation to come to grips with the problems of gun violence in our communities.
- + For those experiencing homelessness, that they may find safe and adequate shelter. For the success of "Sanctuary Village" a program to provide individual housing for those in need.
- + In thanksgiving to God for our partnership with Worthwhile Wear and the redevelopment of Meleny's House, a place of refuge for those who have survived trafficking.
- + For our Children and Youth Ministries, their leaders, Ann Marie Heidgerd and Amanda Keller, and for the children to be enriched and sustained in the love of Christ this year.
- + In thanksgiving for God's guiding spirit and providence as we continue the work being done through the E-Meal and Bread Drop Ministries – and for the volunteers, donors and partners that give so much so that people don't go hungry.

For Members Serving in the Military

Philip Coll – if you want to send a message, letter, or a care package to Phil, please contact Kathleen Coll

For our Homebound Members

Dominick De Salvo	Betty Frese	Richard Landis
Helen De Turk	Louella Gehringer	Dorothy Rodemer
Norma Detweiler	Faye Landis	Faye Wetzel

For Health and Healing Members of Emmanuel

Roy Becker	Bette Christman	Lester Hallman
Anthony Campolei	Marilyn Detwiler	Carole Thompson
Elaine Cash	Richard Fritz	Ruth Yothers

For Friends of Emmanuel

- John Becker Sr. (Roy Becker's Father)
- Dennis Beer (friend of the Kulpes)
- Craig Benner (Vanessa Benner's father-in-law)
- Lee Bruder (friend of the Koinonia Group)
- Josh Butler (friend of the Mc Elwees)
- Ann Coleman (Rev. Bill Coleman's Mother)
- Luca Condo (friend of Ruth Miller)
- Alicia and Mike Daniels (friends of Julie Freed)
- Lou Farrell (Director of Bread Drop Ministries)
- Helen Freed (Evan Freed's Grandmother)
- Sharon and John Garner (Jen Casta's Parents)
- Collins Gibson (Grandniece of Rev. Serena Sellers)
- Sabrina Haap (Ruth Miller's Niece)
- Kathy Heckler (Heckler's Daughter in Law)
- Eric Heckler (Grandson of Gloria & Gerry Heckler)
- Mary Rose Himes (friend of Pastor John)
- Ed Ianarelli (friend of the Harubins)
- Alan Keel (friend of Caren and Doug Landis)
- Michael Kelly (Friend of the Slemmers)
- Tom Krupp (Friend of the Beckers)
- Hildegard Lamparter (Mother of Priscilla Lamparter)
- Valerie Landis (daughter-in-law of Caren and Doug Landis)
- Christopher Marley (Son of Juanita Marley)
- Richard Moore (friend of Ruth Miller's Daughter)
- Todd McDaniels (Friend of the McElwees)
- Ed Natali (David's Brother)
- Neal Maiers (Friend of Deb & Patrick McElwee)
- Katie Parsons (Friend of the McElwees)
- Alayna Pagano (Friend of Jane Vogel)
- Connie Petrie (Friend of the Harubins)
- Patrick Family (Friends of Julie Freed)
- Richard Plinke (friend of Gerry and Dave Blaich)
- Alicia Ranberg (Friend of the Crouthamels)
- Ari Richter (Friend of Caren and Doug Landis)
- Stewart Schrauger (Julie Freed's Brother)
- Michael Smith (friend of Cheryl Starke)
- Rusty Voaks (nephew of Rev. Serena Sellers)
- Bill Wenner (friend of Werner Buschmann)
- Chase Ziegler (Christman's Great-Grandson)

Please help us manage the prayer list by letting us know when God has granted healing and wholeness so we can rejoice and remove a name that no longer needs to be especially recognized.



Emmanuel Serves !



at Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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For Those in Need.

Volunteers
Always
Needed



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Emmanuel E-Meal Update

275,000 Meals “Handed Up”

Thanks be to GOD!

The first day of autumn has come and there is a bit of a chill in the air. We’ve entered a time for the next six months where the hours of darkness in the day will be more than the hours of light.

In spite of that, most people really love the fall, especially those of us who reside here in the northeastern US. Fall is a time of change – of beautiful colors – of crisp mornings – of light being seen at different angles in the sky – and of the end of harvest time.

This year’s harvest has been a bountiful one, particularly for Emmanuel’s E-Meal Ministry. We have received so many wonderful distributions of produce from local farms and gardens, and especially through the work of our partner in ministry – The Garden of Health Food Bank. This last Saturday was one of the best distributions all summer – loaded with corn, squash, cucumbers, peppers, broccoli and more.

The photo on the next page shows Terry, one of our new volunteers standing next to a row of boxes, filled with fresh, healthy vegetables that were “handed up” to people in need last Saturday. With a harvest like this, all we can say is “Thanks Be to God”



But as we turn toward winter, we know that harvest comes to an end until next year when we pray that the fields will once again flourish with life sustaining food.

Emmanuel will give thanks for the blessings of Harvest on October 16. At that time we will begin our fall food and fund drive, asking our community to help support the E-Meal Ministry as we enter a time when our food supplies will be lessened. We’ll share more information about that in the weeks to come.

Meanwhile, there are always opportunities for volunteers and donations.

E-Meal Volunteers Are Needed!

Please take time today and sign up to volunteer. Dates are available through **December 31, 2022**. Signing up is easy.

Click the following link to sign up.

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

E-Meal Donations Are Needed!

And, if you can support the E-Meal ministry financially, please click here for a link to do so easily and securely:

[Online Giving to Emmanuel](https://bit.ly/3iRyXn2)
(bit.ly/3iRyXn2)



**Emmanuel
Serves !**

**Only 2 Days left
until our next
Red Cross Blood Drive**



Help save a life.

Schedule your
blood donation
appointment today.



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

SEPTEMBER Blood Drive

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

2PM – 7PM

Emmanuel's Gathering Hall

69 West Broad St. Souderton PA, 18964

"Enter through rear entrance on Lumber St., one block north of Broad St."

Thank you for considering the Gift of Life!

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org

Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



**Emmanuel
Reaches Out !**

**An Event You
Don't Want to Miss
Sign Up Coming Soon!**

Trunk-or-Treat

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Saturday, October 29

1 PM - 4 PM

**The Indian Valley's BEST
Halloween Event!**



**Safe Halloween Fun
For all ages!
It's all FREE!**

Pumpkin Patch
Pumpkin Decorating
Costume Parade
Win Prizes
Halloweenies

Decorate your Cars
Pumpkinata
Halloween Crafts
Tattoos and Stickers
And More...

And lots of candy!

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Emmanuel Reaches Out !

LAST WEEK OF SOUDERTON PARK CAMPAIGN

Check out these photos of the progress underway at the Park

Souderton Community Park RENOVATION

Families from the Indian Valley and all over the region have enjoyed the Souderton Community Park for decades. Please consider supporting the park renovation.



Emmanuel's Goal

Can we shoot for \$10,000

Includes a \$2,500 matching contribution.

\$5,555 Raised as of Sept 18
WOW!

CAMPAIGN CONTINUES THROUGH SEPT. 30!

If you've recently walked or driven by the Souderton Borough Park, you can't help but notice the major work that is being done to modernize and enhance the park for generations to come. The Souderton Telford Rotary has taken a leadership role in raising funds to support the renovations. It is the first major improvement effort for the park in over 35 years, and is scheduled to be completed in 2025.

[CLICK HERE](#)

To make your gift online or go to our website and click the **Donate Now** button

Emmanuel's Council has set a goal of \$5,000 to raise for renovations at the park. And – we have a major donor already committed who will match every dollar raised up to \$2,500. Let's show our thanks to God for the Souderton Park and generously support this effort.





**Emmanuel
Reaches Out !**

**Help Support the Drive
for 1000 Desks**



Fall 2022 Fundraiser

*The Drive
for
1000
Desks*



Central American Food and Cultural Festival

Includes home-made food, folk dancing, local celebrity singer from Santa Barbara, Honduras, and Central American handcrafts (for sale)

Saturday, November 12th: 5PM – 8PM

*An evening to celebrate the diversity of Souderton
and to help build 1,000 desks for students in Honduras*

Tickets - \$56

(Sponsors 4 rebuilt desks for students in need)



***Will you help?
← Turn that
Into this →***



To Purchase Tickets

Online: *Click this link or go to* <https://donorbox.org/events/366461>

E-Mail: emmanuel@emmanuelchurch.net

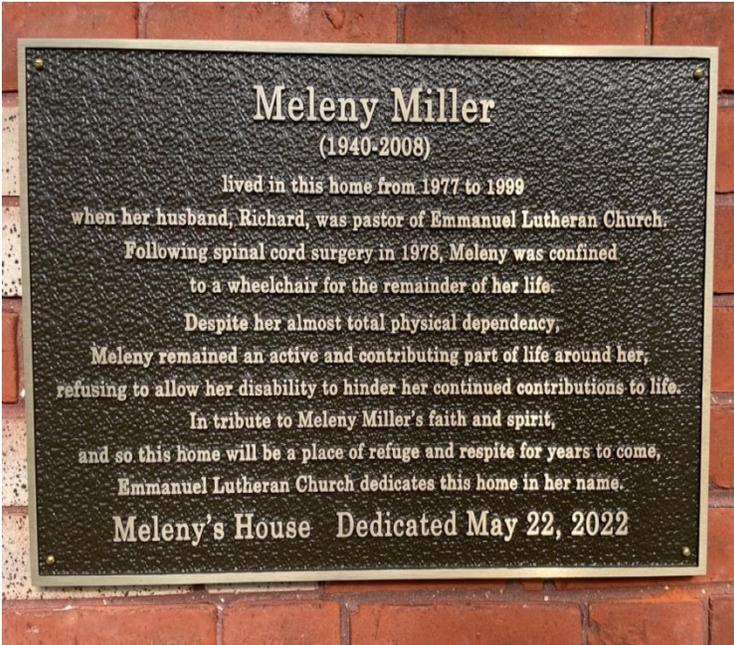
Phone: 215-723-7514 (leave voice message)

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Emmanuel Reaches Out !

Getting Ready for Rally Weekend



Meleny's House Plaque Mounted

This week, a beautiful bronze plaque acknowledging the dedication of Meleny's House in the memory of Meleny Miller, was mounted on the front of the home in which she lived in for 22 years of her life. We dedicated the residence back in May 2022.

Worthwhile Wear has let us know that at least two more women will make Meleny's House their home over the next months, so a total of three women will reside there by the end of 2022.

Thanks be to God for this wonderful partnership and legacy, so that future residents of this home will find healing and refuge within it



At Third Friday 9/16

At 2022 Hope Festival 9/17



Preparing Crafts for the Carnival

Pumpkins and Mums for the Fall Season

(Thanks, Bill Morral for the Pumpkins!)





Emmanuel Reaches Out !

Why the urgency around boosters?

Vaccines and boosters are your **best protection** against severe COVID illness and death — even from highly contagious COVID variants.



Find vaccines and boosters near you at [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov)



One of our Bread Drop partner churches is raising money for Sanctuary Village

You're Invited to Our Harvest Festival & Fundraiser to Benefit Sanctuary Village

(Philadelphia's Future Tiny House Community)
<https://www.tinyhousecommunity.org/>

October 2, 2022 | 12 - 3 p.m.
Resurrection Lutheran-Horsham
620 Welsh Road

Live Acoustic Music • Food Truck • Beer Tasting
Wine Tasting • Specialty Auction Baskets

HARVEST TREATS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN

Ticket price \$25.00

100% of ticket proceeds goes directly to Sanctuary Village
Payable to Resurrection Lutheran Church or through
Paypal on our website www.rlchorsham.org



FDA Authorizes Updated COVID-19 Boosters

Last week, FDA authorized bivalent COVID-19 vaccines, or updated boosters, to protect against COVID-19 caused by the omicron variant.

Montgomery County Office of Public Health (OPH) expects to offer appointments for the new bivalent COVID-19 booster starting later this week. Check our [COVID-19 vaccine website for more information](#), updates will continue to be posted as they come in. A full listing of area vaccine clinics can be found at [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov).

Who is eligible?

Individuals 18 years of age and older are eligible for a single booster dose of the **Moderna Bivalent COVID-19 Vaccine** if it has been at least two months since they have completed primary vaccination or have received the most recent booster dose with any authorized or approved monovalent COVID-19 vaccine.

Individuals 12 years of age and older are eligible for a single booster dose of the **Pfizer-BioNTech Bivalent COVID-19 Vaccine** if it has been at least two months since they have completed primary vaccination or have received the most recent booster dose with any authorized or approved monovalent (original formula) COVID-19 vaccine.



The Rich Man and Lazarus



S&S link: Christian Life and Faith: Biblical and Christian Foundation: Jesus, God's Son-1e

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Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Current Sunday Schedule

Adult Discussion Forum – 9:00 AM
(Resumes October 2)

Online and In-Person Worship – 10:00 AM

Sunday's KIDS – 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour – 11:00 AM

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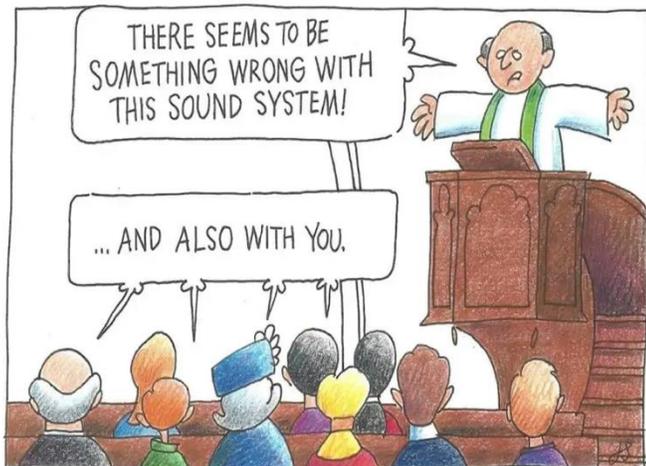
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Rev. Richard G. Miller, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

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E-Meal Volunteers Please sign up online

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What's Happening @ Emmanuel 9/25/22 – 10/2/22

Sun 9/25	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	16th Sunday After Pentecost Rally Day Worship Service Sunday's KIDS Coffee Hour and Rally Day Celebration
Mon 9/26	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution Bushi Karate Property Ministry Meeting AA Group
Tue 9/27	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution Bushi Karate
Wed 9/28	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution Bushi Karate
Thu 9/29	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution Bushi Karate
Fri 9/30	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution
Sat 10/1	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution
Sun 10/2	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 1:00 PM	17th Sunday After Pentecost Adult Discussion Forum Worship Service Sunday's KIDS Coffee Hour Prayer Shawl Ministry

You Are Invited

Serve With Us



Worship With Us



Grow With Us



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