

Sunday, May 8, 2022  
Fourth Sunday in Easter  
**WELCOME** to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!  
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



Philip Bliss

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**PRELUDE**

"It is Well With My Soul"

**TEMPLE TALK**

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come. We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"**

**ELW 385**

**GREETING**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

**"In peace, in peace"**

**ELW 157**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

AM: Let us pray together.

**C: O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all**

**that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**WORD** *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43**

L: A reading from Acts.

<sup>36</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner. The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 23**

*The congregation is invited to sing the bold verses and the refrain.*



The LORD is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD<sup>1</sup> is my shepherd;  
I shall not <sup>1</sup> be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down <sup>1</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be- <sup>1</sup> side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my <sup>1</sup> soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways <sup>1</sup> for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall <sup>1</sup> fear no  
evil;**

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they <sup>1</sup> comfort me. R**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence <sup>1</sup> of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is <sup>1</sup> running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days <sup>1</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the <sup>1</sup> LORD forever. R**

**SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17**

L: A reading from Revelation.

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL: John 10:22-30**

P: The holy gospel according to John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."

The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON**

Pastor John

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Blessing and Honor"**

**ELW 854**

### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and**

was buried; he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
**Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation. Gentle Shepherd, enable your church to respond to the voice of Jesus. Give us unflinching trust, unafraid to join in Jesus' work of renewing all things.

*Response to each petition:* AM: God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

AM: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

### OFFERING HYMN

### "I Received the Living God"

**ELW 477**

### MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### OFFERING INFORMATION

For online giving: <https://tinyurl.com/emanuelsgiving>

Mailing Address: Emanuel's Lutheran Church, 206 N. Travis Street Seguin, TX 78155

### OFFERING PRAYER

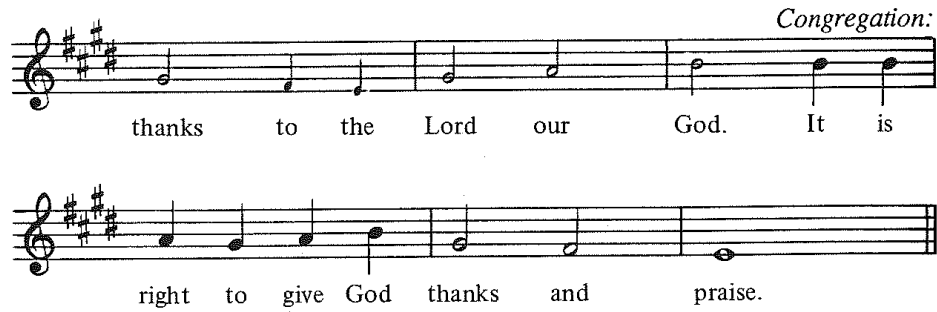
AM: Let us pray.

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give". The first staff is labeled "Presider:" and "Congregation:". The second staff is labeled "Presider:" and "Congregation:". The third staff is labeled "Presider:".

*Congregation:*



thanks to the Lord our God. It is  
right to give God thanks and praise.

**PREFACE**

*Sung by the pastor*

**SANCTUS**

**"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

**ELW 191**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*Pastor sings first then congregation repeats*



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come, come a-gain.

P: You are indeed holy ... we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

*Pastor sings first then congregation repeats*

*Congregation:*



A - men, Come Lord Je - sus; A -  
men, Come Lord Je - sus.

P: Send now, we pray ... and your whole creation.

*Pastor sings first then congregation repeats.*

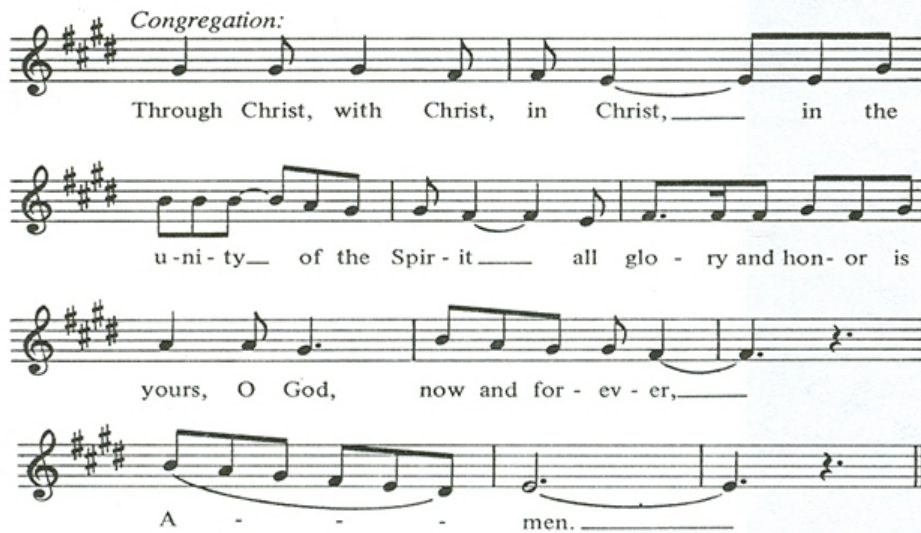
*Congregation:*



A - men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it. A -  
men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it. \_\_\_\_\_

P: This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

*Congregation:*



Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
u-ni-ty\_ of the Spir - it \_\_\_\_\_ all glo - ry and hon - or is  
yours, O God, now and for - ev - er, \_\_\_\_\_  
A - - - - men. \_\_\_\_\_

### LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C: 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

P: Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

### AGNUS DEI

### "Lamb of God"

**ELW 195**

### COMMUNION

Communion will take place via continuous line (right side) and continuous kneeling (left side). We welcome all baptized persons to the Lord's Table who believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. Children are also welcomed to be brought forward to receive a blessing. For those taking communion via continuous line, please make your way up the right-hand side of the main aisle.

Participants will be offered a wafer and invited to eat with these words, "the body of Christ given for you." If you would like a gluten free wafer, please ask the pastor or communion assistant for one and they will present you with a plate where you may retrieve the wafer. Each will then step, to the right, to the silver tray that contains glasses of white grape juice at the center and outer empty glasses for wine. Lastly, participants will step to the last assistant who will pour the wine and share these words, "the blood of Christ shed for you." Place your glass in the small silver bowl at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat. If you wish to come forward and not receive either element, please cross your arms for a blessing. For those kneeling for communion, please make your way up the left-hand side of the main aisle. The bread and wine will be presented to you as you kneel, following the outline above. Please place your communion glass in the small tray on the back side of the kneeler after you have drunk the juice or wine before departing from the rail as you are ready and return to your seat.

**COMMUNION HYMN**                      **"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"**                      **ELW 484**

### **TABLE BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

AM: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING**                                      *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

P: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ☩ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**SENDING HYMN**                      **"Have No Fear Little Flock"**                      **ELW 764**

### **DISMISSAL**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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**MUSICIANS TODAY:** Jubilation Singers; Thomas Engler, cantor; Jarrett Batey and Thomas Engler, violins, Evelyn Dittmar, piano.

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, May 8, 2022: Preaching:** Pastor John; **Presiding:** Pastor Kelsie; **Assisting Minister:** Carolyn Blumberg; **Communion Assistants:** Bill Elley, Natalie Alexander, Barbara McCall, TBD; **Acolyte:** Allison Shelnut; **Reader:** Fran Vinyard; **Ushers:** Doug Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; **Altar Guild:** John Van Deusen, Faye Van Deusen; **AV/Tech:** Steve Anderson; **Council Greeter:** Emily Prochnow; **Hospitality:** Cathy Anderson, Susan Yeatts, Judy Sagebiel

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, May 15, 2022: Preaching:** Pastor Marcus; **Presiding:** Pastor Kelsie; **Assisting Minister:** Elizabeth Jandt; **Communion Assistants:** Liz Witten, Denise Hufnagl, Bev Seidenschwarz, Cherryl Bathge; **Acolytes:** Liam Teague; **Reader:** Carol Hamilton; **Ushers:** Jacqueline Springs, Rissa Springs, Ilene Cherry, Darlene Zies; **Altar Guild:** Denise Hufnagl, Cherryl Bathge; **AV/Tech:** Walter Seidenschwarz; **Council Greeter:** Garry Miller; **Hospitality:** Gloria Hanna, Carol Hamilton, Doris Jefferies.

## EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY WORSHIP** is in-person, online, and aired on KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m.

**COVID-19 SAFETY UPDATE: Masks are encouraged but no longer required on the church campus.** Masks are strongly encouraged, regardless of vaccination status, but no longer required while participating in campus events. Please refer to the entire updated *2022 Emanuel's Covid-19 Policy* on our website.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

#### SUNDAY MORNINGS

**Ignite! KIDS** (First Floor): Gather in the IGNITE! KIDS room in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Green Classroom at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday Mornings for song and Bible stories. Youth Sunday School will wrap up on May 29<sup>th</sup> and resume in the fall.

**The Heritage Class** (307): Augsburg Fortress Quarterly Adult Bible Study led by various class members during the winter quarter. Spring study is *God Frees and Redeems*. 9:15 a.m.

**Pastor Marcus' Class** (Family Life Center): "A Study of Martin Luther, the Reformation, and the Theology that Created Change." 9:00 a.m. Please bring your Small Catechism.

**Joy Class** (Women's Ministry Room): Bible stories and songs for adults with intellectual disabilities. Gathering at 9:15 on the First Sundays of the month.

#### WEEKDAY STUDIES

**Faith Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 3rd Tuesdays at 2:30; **Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 2nd Thursday at 9:30; **Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Rm): 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays at 2:00

**SHARING THE GOOD NEWS** from the pen of the Mission Interpreter. **Repast:** A quantity of food taken or provided for one occasion of eating We've all participated in funeral dinners, a culmination of the grief shared with the decedent's family and friends. Jesus invites us to a different kind of repast. Read vol 2, issue 16 of *Sharing the Good News* in our Weekly E-News or a narthex copy.

**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP DAY is Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.** Join the Outreach & Service Team at the Chili's Grill & Bar parking lot off I10 at 8am. Wear long pants, boots or closed-toe shoes, hat, and gloves. We are going to make our stretch of highway look awesome and welcoming for our Seguin neighbors!

**YOUR BEST LIFE FESTIVAL is Saturday, May 14** from 10-3pm at Central Park in downtown Seguin. This free to attend event sponsored by our partner in service NAMI Guadalupe County is for the whole family. Come play and learn about community resources for mental health and more!

**KOSCIUSKO, CESTOWA & PANNA MARIA CHURCH TOURS: RSVP BY MAY 11<sup>th</sup>.** On **May 21<sup>st</sup>** the Senior Social Club and friends will tour some of the historic churches in the Panna Maria area south of Seguin. We will meet at the Emanuel's parking lot at 8:45 am and carpool to St Ann's Church in Kosciusko, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Cestowowa, and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Panna Maria. We'll stop for



lunch after the second church. There is no cost to tour the churches, but they do ask for donations. Please **RSVP by Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** to Donna Simmons at [donna@elcseguin.org](mailto:donna@elcseguin.org) or 830-379-5046.

**COOKIES NEEDED!** During worship on Sunday, May 22 we will be honoring our frontline healthcare workers and presenting them with gift baskets. The Congregational Care Team is asking our fabulous Emanuel's bakers to bring homemade cookies, brownies, or other goodies (3 to a bag) to the church office the week of **May 16-19**.

**LITTLE FREE LIBRARY:** On **Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** there will be a celebratory ribbon cutting and dedication of Emanuel's new Little Free Library following worship. The Little Free Library is for friends and neighbors of Emanuel's to share books, build community, and inspire readers. Learn more at [www.littlefreelibrary.org](http://www.littlefreelibrary.org)

**MINISTRY TEAM MEETING NIGHT** is **Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm in the Women's Ministry Room. All of Emanuel's Ministry Teams now gather on a single each month to collaborate, plan, and schedule for upcoming events and ministry projects. Ministry Teams are coordinated by Council Members but participation is open to everyone in the congregation. Please join us!

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP:** Emanuel's hosts a community Support Group for Caregivers currently caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Dementia, and other aging issues. Meeting next at 10am in the Family Life Center on **Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**. Contact: Rev. John at 830-305-5658 or Faye at 830-305-8851.

**GRADUATE SUNDAY:** We will be honoring our graduates on **May 29<sup>th</sup>**. Keep an eye out for cards and giving trees for our four high school graduates and our college graduate. Join us at the potluck lunch following worship as we celebrate these amazing young people.

**FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK!** Join us in the Fellowship Hall on **May 29<sup>th</sup>** for an all-church potluck lunch right after worship. Please bring your favorite dish and/or dessert to share. Looking forward to a delicious meal, great camaraderie, and time to celebrate our graduates. Check the sign-up sheet in the Narthex for help after the meal. The goal is to "Go Green" and not use disposable plates and utensils.

### **JUBILATION SINGERS GO ON SUMMER HOLIDAY; SUMMER SINGERS TAKE OVER**

On June 5, the Day of Pentecost, the Jubilation Singers will sing their last service for the summer. This group has given tirelessly of their time and talents since September of 2021, and they will take a much deserved rest. Their work will be taken up by the Summer Singers on Sunday, June 12, and will continue until the first Sunday of September.

During the months of June, July, and August, the Summer Singers will meet at 9.58 am Lutheran Daylight Time at the grand piano on the Nave to rehearse their music. We will try to let our creative selves really show through. I will communicate with them often to keep them abreast of what they will be doing. I invite any of you who are interested in choral singing to please join us in Summer Singers.

Remember that there is no Wednesday rehearsal; just on the Sundays that are designated for their singing. It is a good way for you to introduce yourself to singing in a choir! Come one. Come all. No age limit. And, there are no auditions! Please feel free to contact me at [thomas@elcseguin.org](mailto:thomas@elcseguin.org) or catch me after worship.

I hope to see you there and then! Tom Engler, Director of Music

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS and RADIO BROADCASTS** are sponsored by Emanuel's members. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one in this way, please call the church office or sign up on the calendar in the office. Thanks to all who participate in this memorable ministry.

**SYNOD YOUTH GATHERING:** When the national youth gathering was canceled, youth workers from our synod banded together to create a national gathering-like experience for our youth on the same dates, **July 24-29, 2022**, in Houston! We will be traveling to Houston where we will be involved with service, worship, learning, fellowship, and FUN! Faith Lutheran Church in Bellaire, TX will be our home base. Youth who have completed 8th grade through 12th grade are invited to register [here](#) using the discount code ELC22.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER BREAK:** May is the last month of Sunday School as we enter into summer. We will relaunch with a new format in the Fall featuring new ways of learning about the Bible including art, music, cooking, and science! Keep an eye out for more information. If this has piqued your interest, contact PK about how you can become more involved in our students' faith formation on Sunday mornings!

**SUMMER CAMP WITH CROSS TRAILS MINISTRY:** We've got youth attending camp during two different weeks this summer, June 19-29 and June 26-July 1, with PM at camp the second week. There are still spots available in most programs. If your youth is interested in attending camp, please contact PK ASAP to get registered.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** We're partnering with Spirit of Joy and First Presbyterian again this year to put on VBS **June 13-16** from 5:30 -7:30 pm. VBS includes dinner and is fun for the whole family! Registration forms are in the office. Parents of children who have not yet completed Kinder will be required to attend. Check back next week to see how you can volunteer!

**FORWARD IN FAITH** Statements of Intent may still be turned in today, Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>, if you have not already done so.

**EMANUEL'S MISSION STATEMENT:** "To be the church God is calling us to be by declaring God's love, serving others, and embracing all."



Today we honor and pray for:

- The seasoned pro moms
- The new moms
- The pregnant moms
- The single moms - you are amazing
- The moms who have lost children
- The moms who we have lost
- The women who yearn to be a mom
- The young women who will one day be moms
- The wonderful men who play mom and dad

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