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June 4, 2025

Psalm 104 is appointed for Pentecost this year. Verse 30 says "You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth." *May the Holy Spirit renew and guide us so that we are able to recognize and do the ministry you call us to. Amen.*

Pentecost – this Sunday, June 8

Red is the color of the day. On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit appeared like tongues of fire over the head of the believers. Therefore, **red**.

Thank you to those who ordered **red** geraniums: Marsha Kennedy, Sandy Loughery, Sandi McMaster, Darlene Neill, Pastor Linda Theophilus, and Helen Williams.

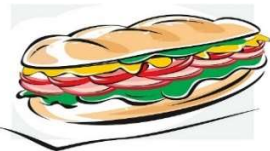
WEAR RED!!

We welcome Johann Diaz, violist, who returns as guest musician.

After worship, we will enjoy cheesecake with red fruit toppings.

People receiving instruction about Holy Communion include Maryori and Jordana.

Gracious God, you bless your servants with many achievements. We give thanks especially for the milestones that Danielle Neal, Caleb Mayhood, Samantha Kuroso, Braelin O'Leary, Lana Daini, and Arantza Ortega Blanco have attained. As they begin new phases of their lives, may they also know your love and experience your peace in all the experiences they encounter. Bless also the parents of these students, who have raised their children and nourished them in the Christian faith. Give them strength in your continuing presence and give them many joyful reunions with their children, who may be leaving home soon to begin new and varied ventures, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Meals for Friends Hoagie Sale – Thursday, June 12

Cost is \$7.00 for an Italian Hoagie (with or without onions) and chips.

Hoagie pick up is June 12 from noon to 2 pm in the fellowship hall.

Orders are due **this Monday, June 9**. Call 412-824-2400 or contact Darlene Neill.

BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH ENDS WITH PSALMS 73-106 IN JUNE

We conclude the Bible Book of the Month this month with Psalms 73-106.

The introduction to Psalms 73-106 is included with this week's letter.

We began the Bible Book of the Month in January of 2021. Usually, the featured book was included in the Sunday worship for the month. The introductions to all the Bible Books of the Month will continue to be available on the home page of our website, www.emmanuelutheraneastmont.org



Sunday, June 8 – Pentecost
Monday, June 9, 10 am – WIHP meeting
June 12-14, 12:30 pm – Synod Assembly at LaRoche University
Sunday, June 15 – Holy Trinity Sunday
Tuesday, June 17 – Commemoration of the Emanuel Nine
Tuesday, June 17, 1 pm – Church council meeting
Sunday, June 22, 10 am & 2 pm – Juneteenth Celebration at Bethel AME
Tuesday, June 24 – Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Sunday, July 13, 10 am – Bishop Kusserow visits Emmanuel
July 14-18, 9:30 am-noon – Vacation Bible School



Worship and pray

Come in person at 10 am every Sunday

By phone: Call 312-626-6799. When prompted, enter the meeting ID 923 3815 0341.

By computer or smartphone: Go to www.zoom.us. Enter Meeting ID 923 3815 0341.

At home without technology: Read the bulletin. Read the Scripture. Pray. Meditate.

Sunday evening Lutheran worship in Spanish (The Welcoming Table)

In person only at 6:00 p.m.

Held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 1516 Beechview Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15216.



PRAYER REQUESTS: Call Pastor Theophilus for yourself or others to be included in prayer. Contact Marsha Kennedy also; she sends cards to let people know that we are praying for them. You can reach Marsha at 412-824-4966 or Marsha_Kennedy@verizon.net or 415 Kingston Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235.

To order altar flowers for our weekly worship services, contact Judy Mayhood (412-760-0986), call the church office, or sign up on the Flower Chart in the entry way. The cost is \$50, or \$25 per vase. You can pay for flowers online or by check.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING. You may give in person, send a contribution in the mail or donate online.

Go to <https://www.emmanuelutheraneastmont.org/> and you'll see the link.

Or use the QR code for easy connection on your smart phone.



Thursday, June 12 – Saturday, June 14
La Roche University

Gracious God, you bless your people with a variety of gifts. Guide with your wisdom those voting members who will elect a bishop of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA, that we may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



The assembly offering is designated for Levi Fund, a dedicated synod fund, to underwrite the salaries of critical synod staff positions so that the next bishop is able to have the necessary support to fulfill the duties of the office.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 14-18, 2025

Monday-Friday, July 14-18, from 9:30 am to noon
JESUS: BABY, SAVIOR, GOD

Join us for worship, music, games, crafts and snacks each day, organized around one Bible story that reveals who Jesus is. Ages 3 through completed grade 6 (adult companion needed for 3-year-olds); teen helpers eagerly welcomed. Call the church office at 412-824-4525 to register; registration deadline is July 6, and the registration fee is only \$5.00 per family.

GATHER BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

This summer, join women from other congregations in our area on the 4th Tuesday of June, July, and August (June 24, July 22, and August 26) for a Bible study from GATHER Magazine on the topic "Where Two or More are Gathered: Flourishing in Relationships." The conveners are Helen Williams and Rev. Linda Theophilus. We will meet from 1:00-2:30 pm in an air-conditioned room at Zion Lutheran Church, 11609 Frankstown Road.



Stewardship Reflection by Dennis Orsen

This reflection is a sequel to last week's reflection quoting Dr. Alvin Rogness emphasizing that the first step in being a good manager of money is holding onto it. In the same devotional reading containing last week's quote, he concludes with these words:

Money, like all other gifts, is ours to manage for God, the owner. If we gather it well, but hold it fast, we fail him. If we let it go, but for that which is harmful or useless or selfish, we fail him. If we use it wisely and generously, we shall be accounted good stewards.

Dr. Rogness served the church in several parishes before becoming president of Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN.

JUNETEENTH WORSHIP SAVE THE DATE

2025

JUNE 22ND

Bethel AME Church
2720 Webster Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
Rev. Dr. Dale B. Snyder, Sr., Pastor

Morning Worship: 11:00am

Afternoon Worship: 2:00pm


Guest preacher:
Bishop Kurt Kusserow
Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod


Guest preacher:
Bishop Stafford J.N. Wicker
3rd Episcopal District, AME Church

PSALMS 73-106

(Books 3 and 4)

Sorrow and joy. Longing and fulfillment.
Remembrance of the past and the wisdom of the ages.

The Bible Book of the Month series concludes with the third and fourth sections of the Psalms.

The division of the Psalms into five sections (or books) is very ancient. They are Psalms 1-41, Psalms 42-72, Psalms 73-90, Psalms 90-106, and Psalms 107-150. Each section concludes with a doxology or psalm of praise. Psalm 150 is a concluding doxology for the whole book. *Let everything that breathes, praise the Lord!*

The reasons for the divisions are lost in time. Perhaps they were collected at five different time periods. Author may be a factor. Book 3 is primarily Psalms identified as “of Asaph” (73-78) or “of the sons of Korah” (84, 85, 87, 88). Book 4 begins with a psalm attributed to Moses followed by nine without any names above the verses. Books are not divided by type of Psalm, for each contains many types and yet different books seem to have distinctive emphasis.

Book 3 has many Psalms, which express the sorrow of hard times and the feeling that God has turned away. *Stir up your might, and come and save us. . . . How long will you be angry with your people’s prayer? You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure,* is read from Psalm 80 on the first Sunday in Advent (Year B) once every three years (see below). These Psalms also voice hope in God’s promises and longing to see them fulfilled. Psalm 85, appointed for the second Sunday of year B, says: *Surely his salvation is at*

hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Psalm 80, for the fourth Sunday (Year A), remembers God said: *I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David, I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.*

Christmas answers Advent: Jesus has come in holy mercy – and he will come again in glorious judgment. The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Psalms (96, 97, 98) are included in a series of joyful Psalms, which emphasize God as victorious king. (93, 95-99, 100.) Biblical scholars have named these “enthronement” Psalms, and they are especially appropriate for the celebration of our newborn King. *O sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord, all the earth . . . Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.* 96:1,2

The Psalms of Book 4 are the answer to Book 3. Agonizing questions are put in perspective. Psalm 90, subtitled a Prayer of Moses, begins: *Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.* Psalms 102-106 also draw hope and instruction from the past.

Psalm 104:24-35 is read every Pentecost: Verse 30 says, *You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.*

This is the last month for the Bible Book of the Month series.

Congratulations to everyone who has participated!

Congratulations to everyone who has read all 66 books!!

What will you do now? The oldest, most often used habit is to read/pray at least one Psalm each day. I can also give you schedules for daily reading, guided courses through the bible, and the writings of humble pray-ers (they do not call themselves great, although they are) sharing their experience and wisdom. ASK!

The Bible Book of the Month is a five-year Bible reading program which is organized around the bible readings assigned for Sunday worship. There is a three-year cycle called the Revised Common Lectionary. This set of readings (lectionary) identifies the years as A, B and C. It is used internationally by Roman Catholic and many Protestant congregations including the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The introductions are written by Pastor Linda Theophilus to help you benefit from your Bible reading alone or during worship.