

# Emanuel First Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)*

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## Notes for Visitors:

- **Welcome!** If you are a guest this morning, please fill out a cream colored card. These cards are placed in every pew. One side of the card is for members receiving communion, the other side is for visitors. You may place the card in the collection plate. Feel free to also speak with one of the pastors to introduce yourself or ask any questions.
- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway north of the sanctuary.
- **Difficulty hearing?** Tune headphones to 103.3FM (closed circuit broadcast of service). Ask for a portable FM radio and headphones if you need some.
- **Difficulty reading small print?** Magnifying readers with light are available by the bookshelf in the narthex and in the ramp by the pulpit.
- **Nursery Room:** If you need a quiet place for your children, we have a room near the church offices. If you need help finding the room, please ask an usher for assistance.
- **Hymnals:** Use the blue hymn books in the rack ahead of your pew to follow along in the service. If you need help or guidance, please ask someone nearby to assist you.
- **Bibles:** Available at the bookshelf in the narthex and on the ramp by the pulpit.
- **Holy Communion:** The Sacrament of Holy Communion (The Lord's Supper) will be celebrated in our church services today. If you are not yet a member of our church, we ask you to honor our Biblical practice of close communion and refrain from coming forward until you have completed doctrinal discussions with one of our pastors. (Please read "Attending the Lord's Supper" for more information. Pamphlets are in the Capitol Ave. entryway.)

## September 8, 2024

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

### *The Pastors' Notes*

Jesus Christ is the perfect leader of our congregation, our home, our lives. When we find things awry in those places, what we need is better *follower-ship*. For several weeks, our services center on *The Need for Followership*. May the Lord fill us with his Holy Spirit in order that we better follow his lead and serve him and our neighbor better.

Followers of Christ See the True Purpose of His Power:

Power is neither inherently good nor bad. What matters is the purpose of the one who has power. Jesus has limitless power, as the numerous accounts of his miracles demonstrate. Those who witnessed those miracles understood that Jesus used his power for good. That doesn't mean they all understood Jesus' true purpose. Some thought Jesus' purpose was to make this temporal life better. And while Jesus did that at times, his ultimate purpose was to save us from sin and give us the gift of eternal life.

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### *Your God Will Come*

### Prayer Of The Day

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

- 4 Tell those who have a fearful heart:  
     Be strong.  
     Do not be afraid.  
     Look! Your God will come with vengeance.  
     With God's own retribution, he will come and save you.
- 5 Then the eyes of the blind will be opened,  
 and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged.
- 6 The crippled will leap like a deer,  
 and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy.  
 Waters will flow in the wilderness,  
 and streams in the wasteland.
- 7 The burning sand will become a pool,  
 and in the thirsty ground there will be springs of water.

## Psalm 146

### Second Reading: Acts 3:1-10

1 Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, an hour of prayer. 2 A certain man who was lame from birth was carried there every day and placed at the temple gate, which is called Beautiful, so that he could beg for donations from those entering the temple. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter the temple, he asked them for a donation.

4 Peter looked directly at him, as did John. Peter said, "Look at us." 5 So the man paid close attention to them, expecting to receive something from them.

6 But Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I will give

you. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!” 7 Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately the man’s feet and ankles were made strong. 8 Jumping up, he stood and began to walk. He entered the temple courts with them, walking, jumping, and praising God.

9 All the people saw him walking and praising God. 10 They recognized him as the one who used to sit begging for money at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

*(Seasonal Verse: God’s Love)*

*Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. Let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. (Isaiah 25:9)*

### **Gospel: Mark 7:31-37**

31 Jesus left the region of Tyre again and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of the Decapolis.

32 They brought a man to him who was deaf and had a speech impediment. They pleaded with Jesus to place his hand on him. 33 Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then he spit and touched the man’s tongue. 34 After he looked up to heaven, he sighed and said, “Ephphatha!” (which means “Be opened!”) 35 Immediately the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was set free, and he began to speak plainly. 36 Jesus gave the people strict orders to tell no one, but the more he did so, the more they kept proclaiming it. 37 They were amazed beyond measure and said, “He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!”

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