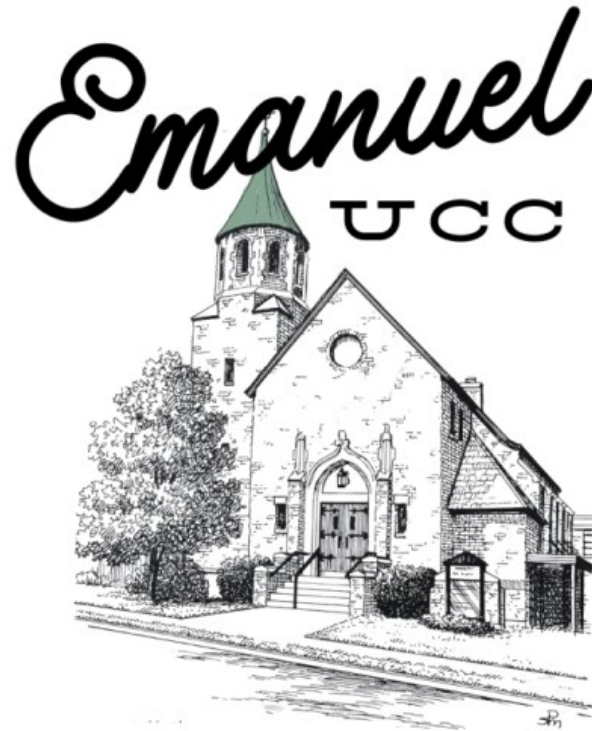




Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 19, 2025

Pastor Joshua W. Rau

A warm welcome to all today!

May this time of worship strengthen your faith and desire to serve the Creator who loves us with everlasting love in Christ Jesus.

Children are welcome in this worship service, and encouraged to participate in any way they are able to. Teach the children sitting around you how to use their bulletins, and sing & speak loudly!

We value the noise made by our children! We have a nursery available in our education building with a video feed of our service.

Visitors, we are glad you are here! Please sign our Guest Register and feel free to fill out a “welcome slip” in the pews.

Please come again!!



Visitor Info



Ways to Give

† **SERVING IN WORSHIP** †

Organist: *Christy Shinn*

Guest Choir Director:
Emily Cothorn

Reader: *Cathy Sievers*



Greeting You Today

*Shawn, Jodi & Parker
Peetz*



Given By:

Shirley McCormack

We Keep in Prayer

Please keep in your prayers those who are in need of healing and our shut-ins and home-bound members. May God's grace surround them with comfort and care.

Mary Lou Abernathy, Pat Abernathy, LaDonia Beggs, June Borgfield, Larry Brockmire, Alice Koeppel, Robert Loos, Junior Peetz, Marvin Peetz, Helen Poston, Alice Quigley, Alyssa Rau, Cindy Smith

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ORDER FOR WORSHIP

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Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type

GATHERING

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

RINGING OF THE BELL ~ WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***TRINITY CHIMES** *(at the sound of the chimes, please stand)*

***INTROIT** *“Seek Ye First”*

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and it shall be opened unto you
Allelu Alleluia

POEM FOR PASTOR APPRECIATION

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In this month of Pastor Appreciation, we gather to give thanks and praise for the faithful ministry of our pastor.

We thank you, O God, for your shepherd who leads and guides us.

We thank you for the words of instruction and counsel that our pastor offers from your sacred Word.

We thank you for the vision and courage to be a people of faith and service.

We thank you for the pastor's diligent time in prayer, his fervent desires, and his commitment to your will.

Thank you for a pastor who prays without ceasing and stands in your presence for us.

We thank you for our pastor's compassionate heart and willingness to comfort and care.

Thank you for a caring and faithful pastor who pours out his life for the good of the church.

We thank you for the pastor's family, who shares in his ministry and offer them loving support.

Thank you for his family, who become ours in Christ.

Bless our pastor, O Lord, with strength, wisdom, and courage. May the love of Christ be shown through his life and ministry to all the world. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus told them to pray always and not lose heart.

We come, seeking the God who hears our prayers.

Like Jacob, we wrestle with God in the night.

Yet we will not let go until we receive God's blessing.

Come, people of God, for the Lord is near.

We lift our hearts in hope and our voices in praise.

***GATHERING HYMN** *"Joyful, Joyful"*

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***GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

Loving God, **You are our help and our keeper, watching over us day and night. Fill us with Your love in Christ, that we may love one another and walk in Your light. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Beloved in Christ, God's word reminds us that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, yet God's mercy is new every morning. Let us come before the Lord with humility and faith, trusting in the One who forgives and makes us new.

Silence is kept.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not lived as your faithful people. We have been quick to judge others, slow to forgive, and reluctant to trust your power to heal and restore. Our faith has faltered; our love has grown cold. Forgive us, Lord. Increase our faith. Teach us to walk in your ways of justice, mercy, and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hear the good news! Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. When we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just forgives us and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***GLORIA PATRI**

WORD

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Leader Marcie Brown

MESSAGE IN MUSIC “*Be Thou My Vision*”

(Please hold applause so we may continue in a spirit of worship)

FIRST READING

Psalm 121

“Psalm 121 is a song of trust and assurance. The psalmist lifts their eyes to the hills, not to find help in the mountains themselves, but to be reminded that help comes from the Lord—the Maker of heaven and earth. It is a psalm that speaks to God’s constant presence, His protection, and His faithful watch over us in every step of life’s journey.”

I will lift up my eyes to the hills—From whence comes my help?

² My help *comes* from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

³ He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴ Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ The Lord *is* your keeper; The Lord *is* your shade at your right hand.

⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷ The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul.

⁸ The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

¹⁴ But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, ¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

4 I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: ² Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. ³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴ and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. ⁵ But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

***SERMON READING**

1 John 4:7—5:5

“In this passage, John reminds us that love is the very essence of God. To love one another is to show that we are born of God and know God. This love is revealed fully in Jesus Christ, who overcomes the world and gives us victory through faith.”

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

¹² No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *as* Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love Him because He first loved us.

²⁰ If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? ²¹ And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God *must* love his brother also.

5 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. ² By this we know that we love the

children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith. ⁵ Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"God Is Love"*

***SERMON HYMN** *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* #506

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

God's gifts move us to respond with grateful words and actions.

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY** #780

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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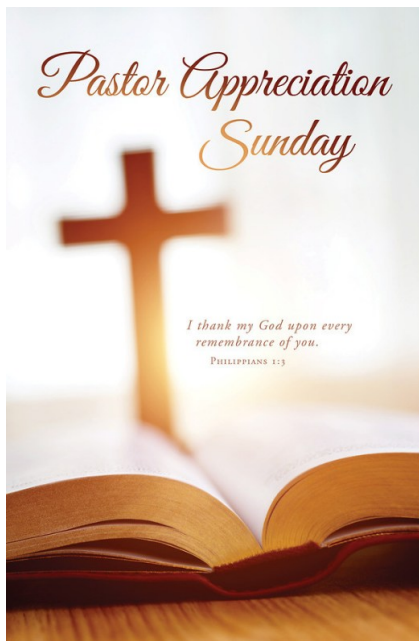
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***SENDING HYMN** “Great is Your Faithfulness” #423

***BLESSING**

***CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION** “Eagles’ Wings” #775

***POSTLUDE**



Potluck Dinner
Sunday, October 19
Following Worship

Please join us as we recognize
Pastor Josh, share our gratitude,
and lift him up in prayer for his
continued ministry among us.

A Poem for Pastor Appreciation

You stand before us, strong and true,
A guiding light in all we do.
With faithful heart and gentle hand,
You lead us to God's promised land.

Through words of wisdom, you inspire,
And set our spirits all afire.
You feed our souls with truth divine,
A shepherd tending God's own vine.

You walk with us through joy and care,
A loving presence, always there.
Your lessons build our faith anew,
And help us see God's love in you.

For every sermon, prayer, and deed,
You plant the Gospel's vital seed.
We thank you for your tireless grace,
And for the love you show this place.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

OCTOBER 26, 2025
After Worship

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Elections:
 - Church Council Nominees-3 positions
 - Matt Roethemeyer—run for 2nd term
 - Pat Holley—run for 2nd term
 - Ann Fields
 - Nominations from the floor
 - CBE Nominees-3 positions
 - Morgan Hoffman
 - Amber McCormack
 - Lydia Shinn
 - Nominations from the floor
 - Conference Delegates
 - Alyssa Rau
 - Nominations from the floor
4. Budget/Financial report
5. Buildings & Grounds report
6. Business from the floor
7. Adjourn



Your Help is Needed

The highlight of the event is our **Trunk-Or-Treat**—We're inviting church members, families and groups to volunteer to host a trunk. It's simple:

- Decorate your car trunk in a fun, family-friendly theme
- Bring candy or small prizes to share with children
- Enjoy an evening of fellowship, fun, and outreach!

Whether you go all-out with a big display or keep it simple, your participation will help create special memories for kids in our church and community.

Contact a member of the JOY class to reserve your spot.

Let's join together to make this Fall Festival a joyful time of celebration and welcome for ALL!

EMANUEL UCC'S ANNUAL

Sausage SUPPER

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
4PM-7PM**

\$15 TICKETS

COME ENJOY SOME AMAZING
SAUSAGE WITH ALL THE FIXINGS!

Dine In or Carry Out Available

Questions/Sausage Sales Contact
Geoff Shinn 573-979-4428

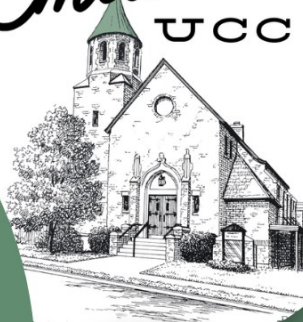
Raw and Cooked Sausage Available

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November 1

Sausage Supper Reminders

- We will get started early that morning. This year the committee will provide breakfast for those volunteering that morning.
- Contact Catheryn to sign up to volunteer and/or to bring a dessert.
- Fry Shack set up Contact Jimmy to help set up the fry shack - tentatively set up on Wednesday, October 29, backup date is the next day on Thursday the 30th.

Sausage Sales:

- Raw \$5 per pound
- Cooked \$7 per pound

Bread Sales:

\$8 per loaf

THIS WEEK

Today

Potluck Dinner after Worship

Tues., October 21

6:30 pm-“Meeting God” Bible Study

Wed., October 22

Meditations from Emanuel on Facebook and YouTube

12:30 pm-Eastern Association Care Team meeting in Conference Room

6:00 pm-Choir Practice

Thur., October 23

6:00 pm-Stewardship Committee

Sat., October 25

5:30 pm-Ignite Worship Experience

Sun., October 26

9:00 am-Faith and Fellowship

10:10 am-Traditional Worship

Congregational Meeting after worship

4-6 pm-Fall Festival

Please be advised that our services are livestreamed to YouTube and Facebook. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.

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**Women's Fellowship
Butter Braids Fundraiser
October 12-November 2**

See Ann Fields or Barb Chaney to place an order.
If you would like to sell the Butter Braid items,
contact Catheryn Hartle for an order form.