



Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 20, 2017

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Welcome to Emanuel

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WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please help us to know you by filling out a worship attendance form (located in your bulletin) and placing it in the offering plate.

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(Please ask an usher)

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 20, 2017

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

John Travers

WELCOME

Pastor Lyn Crase

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW #434

ALL: v. 1, 3, 5; Women: v 2; Men: v. 4

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
full of compassion and mercy,
abounding in steadfast love.

C Amen

P Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Eternal God our creator,

C in you we live and move and have our being.

Look upon us, your children,

the work of your hands.

Forgive us all our offenses,

and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.

By your grace draw us near to you,

our refuge and our strength;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

God's love has been poured into our hearts

through the Holy Spirit given to us.

In the mercy of almighty God,

Christ died for us while we still were sinners;

and for his sake, God ✝ forgives you all your sins.

C Amen

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



*Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .*



*so - tros. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on*



*dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.*



*Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .*



*so - tros. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -
mer - cy. Christ, . . have mer - cy on*



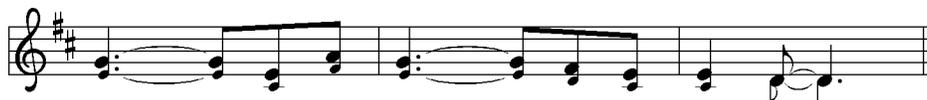
*dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Christ, have . . mer - cy.*



*Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .*



*so - tros. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on*



*dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.*

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra_a-que-llos que_a-ma_el Se - ñor.
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.



Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra_a-que-llos que_a-ma_el Se - ñor.
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together....

C God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

¹Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 67

PRAISE TO YOU, O GOD OF MERCY

ELW #208

SECOND READING: ROMANS 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable, so that while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

Paul writes: ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

a - le - lu - ya! A - le - lu - ya!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

P The Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 15

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

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 15:10-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be pagan and unclean approaches him for help.

¹⁰Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.”

¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles.

¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.”

²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s

food and throw it to the dogs.”²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Lyn Crase

SERMON HYMN

Gather Us In

ELW #532

APOSTLE’S CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle’s 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Response: ... Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Melodie

Cesar Franck

The offering is an act of worship; a response of gratitude and thankfulness.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Merciful God,
you open wide your hand
and satisfy the need of every living thing.
You have set this feast before us.
Open our hands to receive it.
Open our hearts to embrace it.
Open our lives to live it.
We pray this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen

SHARING THE PEACE

The sharing of peace is an individual and communal act of forgiveness.

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please return to your seat at the signal from the organ and remain standing after the Peace.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

A In recognition of God's forgiveness, mercy and grace let us continue with the Great Thanksgiving.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,
Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.
San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,
Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.
Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on
tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
earth. Blest is he who comes in the
nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth.
di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

Our Lord's body let us take together.

We practice continuous communion at the altar rail. All are welcome.

LAMB OF GOD

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

ELW #523

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
you have given us not only this bread and cup,
but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.
Filled again by these signs of your grace,
may we hunger for your reign of justice,
may we thirst for your way of peace,
for you are Lord forevermore.

C Amen

BLESSING

P May God, whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine,
grant you the gifts of faith and hope.
Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C Amen

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

P Let us pray:

C God of all creation, we offer you grateful praise for the Gift of Life, and especially the gift of the lives of our sisters and brothers who stand before us this day and who recall this month the day of their birth. They rejoice in your gifts of life and love, family and friends.

Bless them with your presence and surround them with your love that they may enjoy many happy years, all of them pleasing to you. We ask this grace and blessing for each one of them through Christ our Lord. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

ELW #650

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

Alfred V. Fedak

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister Pastor Lyn Crase
Assisting Minister Brett Shank
Acolyte.....
Ministers of the Word Bob Dailey, Bill Reinheimer
Communion Assistant..... Marilyn Rowland
Usher/Greeter Shank Family
Altar Care..... Waggoner/Castleberry

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Announcements

Please use your "soft" voice during and following the Prelude, as others may be in prayer and meditation. Thank you.



The flowers on the altar today were given by Lois Silva and family in honor of her grandchildren, Rosie, Eddie, Randy & Sadie's birthdays.



Congregational Meeting

TODAY after service

10:45 am

"A new thing!" Saturday evening worship. Every 1st Saturday of the month at 5:30 pm. An informal & interactive worship experience.

Quilting Bee Saturday, August 26 at 9:00 am in Katie's room.

Choir rehearsals begin Sunday, August 27, after the service.

Text Study continues to meet Tuesdays at noon in Katie's Room. All are welcome. Bring along your lunch.

Adult Education is on break for the summer.

Thursday Morning Bible Study is on break through August.

ELC & ELDC Reformation 500 will be here before you know it. We have a big celebration planned! We are taking contributions, which you can make weekly by marking your giving envelope. Just be sure to indicate "Reformation 500". Thank you in advance.

We have two Reformation events coming up, one September 23, and one October 7. There will be both a silent auction and an opportunity drawing at both. Please think about what you could donate for these two events. One suggestion might be if you have art work that you are no longer using, this could be something another person would like. You can bring your donations to church and give them to Suzanne Wilke, Rose Epting or Marti Strand. We will store them for you. Thank you.

There's a new way to make donations to Emanuel. Simply install **Give+Church** on your Apple or Android phone or tablet, or with your computer, visit www.emanuellutheran.org.

On the website, choose the “Contact Us/Donations” menu item. There will be an article in the July Echoes with more details, but you don't need to wait. Both options are extremely easy and walk you through the process.

October 27, 4-6 pm will be CPR/AED Training in Katie's room. Sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex or let Pr. Lyn know if you are interested. The cost is \$45.00 per person.





Love Our Cities GOLF TOURNAMENT October 2, 2017

LoveOurCities.com/golf

Please join us on October 2nd for our 3rd Annual Golf Tournament to support of our work in Modesto and over 60 other cities! For more information, registration and sponsorships, visit our website:

LoveOurCities.com/golf

Thank you so much,
Jeff Pishney, Executive Director
209.566.9343

FEATURING

“Hole-in-One” for a Brand New Car

“Beat the Pro” Par 3 Contest

Putting Contest

Food Vendors on Course (Complementary)

Raffle, Silent and Live Auction

Emanuel Lutheran Care Cupboard

The Plan B committee along with the Outreach committee has been working to devise a way to help and connect with students at MJC. We have met with Dr. George Boodrookas, who spoke here last month and James Todd, VP of Student Services. They showed us examples of Food Pantries that operate at UC Davis and Sacramento State.

Our plan is to combine this service with a supply of staples for emergencies, like the floods this year, and for any emergencies that come up within our congregation.

We plan to start slowly and see how this works. We will begin accepting donations this summer and open for serving the MJC Community on September 11 and every other Monday on going from 1 - 4 pm.

At this time, donations of bottled water, granola bars, peanut butter, tuna packs, raisins, Spam in foil packs, boxed juices and any other non-perishable items that do not require preparation or cooking can be brought in for the Care Cupboard.

Thank you for your support.



Reformation 2017 Martin Luther Iron-on Transfers Order-Form



Iron - on Sizes

Please indicate how many you want of each size:

Light Fabric Martin Luther Face: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____

Dark Fabric Martin Luther Face: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____

NAME _____

PHONE # _____

DATE _____

Suggested donation for this Iron on: Small (Clear or Dark): 2 for \$10
Medium or Large Clear: \$8
Large Dark: \$10

Total Enclosed Donation _____

Make checks payable to: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Send orders to Ms. Melissa Standish.

By text or email: lifelongstudent@sbcglobal.net

Phone: (209) 259-8701

On Behalf of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church- Nuestro Redentor, I would like to thank you for your donations that help us continue in our Mission and to assist those in our community. The generous Support of individuals like you makes it possible for our church to exist and to make the community a great place to do God's mission. Thanks you again for your support!!!



Celebrating 36 years of Emanuel Doves Women's Softball

Join players, coaches, scorekeepers and fans
of the Emanuel Doves Softball teams
who participated in The Church Softball League or
The Modesto City Women's Softball League
during the years 1976-2012

***Sunday, October 1, 2017
1-3 pm
Emanuel Lutheran Church
Luther Hall***

Light Refreshments will be served

Unveiling of the Emanuel Doves tee shirt quilt
commemorating the years of playing softball,
building friendships and glorifying God on the field of play.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 21	TUE 22	WED 23	THUR 24	FRI 25	SAT 26	SUN 27
4:30 pm Modesto Symphony Orchestra Youth Chorus Rehearsal— Luther Hall	10:30 am Day Care Yoga Class	7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's		OFFICE CLOSED		9:30 am Worship Service Interfaith Sunday
6:00 pm Girl Scout Leader Mtg.	12:00 pm Lectionary Study	10:00 am Weekly Staff Mtg.				
7:00 pm Lydia Circle @ M. Waggoner's						

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assistant Minister	Ministers of the Word	Cantor	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
August 27 Pentecost 12	Dan Johnson	M Epting B Crawford		Chris Schmidt	Alexandria Taylor	Clarke Family	Lois Silva
Sept. 3 Pentecost 13	Suzanne Wilke	G Knoll P Barton	Paula Barton		Gregory Taylor	Smith/ Knoll	Knoll/ Nelson
Sept. 10 Pentecost 14	Lois Owen	M Rowland Y Troedson		Rowland/ Henke	Addison Hoover	Owen Family	Knoll/ Nelson

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

August 27 Pentecost 12	September 3 Pentecost 13	September 10 Pentecost 14
Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20	Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26:1-8 Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28	Ezekiel 33:7-11 Psalm 119:33-40 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20



New Prayer Requests: Jason Smith—healing (Smith)

Our Members: Linda Nelson; Laurie Spinuzzi; Pat Smith; Sherm Petersen; Marilyn Rowland; Vera Eden; Millie Golding; Dr. Van Allen; Chuck Rowland & family

Our Homebound Members: Florence Broden, Shelda Fritts; Alice Hine; Marj Sample

Our Family: Joyce & Manuel Dillard (Scott); Horton (Crawford); Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer); Ian McKenzie (Schmidt); Megan Clarke (Clarke); Jane Tisdell (Tisdell); Donald Murray (Murray); Patsy Natvig (Hoover); Michelle Lee (Crawford); Barbara Pino (Pino); David Massingill (Reuter); Ingrid & Olof Bergstrom (Poston); Joe Cordiero (Nelson); Pastor Roger Lee and family

Our Friends: JoLyn Johnson (Crawford); Lois (Allen); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Art Ludke (Norquist); Jennifer Turner (Dieterich); Margaret Bustos, Priscilla Pino & family (Ixcot)

We Pray for Peace in the Middle East, and for all those serving in our armed forces:

T/Sgt. Ryan Dangerfield, USAF at Ramstein AB, Germany and **SSgt. Joey Sabel, USMC** at Camp Lejeune, NC (Marilyn & Chuck Rowland's grandson & grandson-in-law); **Ryan Powell** (grandson of Yvonne Troedson) USN, Connecticut.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Unite us, O God, so that all who worship receive assurance and nourishment by faith. Rescue those who suffer from religious persecution. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Teach us, O God, so that the holy mountains and peaceful valleys of your good creation can be restored to the health you intend. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Empower us, O God, to advocate for those on the margins. Open the hearts of leaders in every nation to serve those who are most vulnerable. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Equip us, O God, with your love for our brothers and sisters. Heal the sick, comfort the grieving, feed the hungry, and calm those in distress. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for your healing touch on those we name before you now, aloud or in silence (*pause for silence*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of hope, today we pray for the pastors & churches of Sierra Central Valley Conference. This morning we lift up Rev. Karen Johnson and Faith Lutheran Church in Murphys and Mountain Ranch Lutheran in Mountain Ranch. Sustain Rev. Johnson and enliven the leadership at Faith Lutheran Church and Mountain Ranch Lutheran; energize them for ministry in their communities, and enable bold witness for the sake of the Gospel. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Rouse us, O God, to praise you with gladness. We give thanks for musicians, worship leaders, intercessors, those who prepare the communion table, and all who make our worship express our joy. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks, O God, for the saints who have deepened our lives of prayer. Gather us with them in endless praise of you. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus.

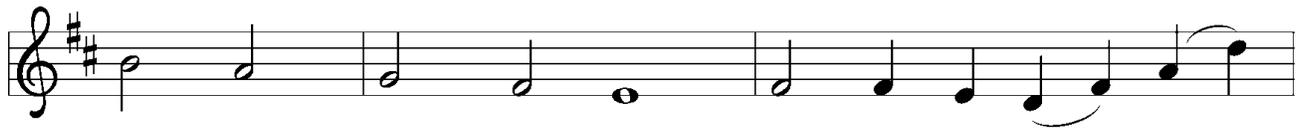
Amen

ENTRANCE HYMN #434

Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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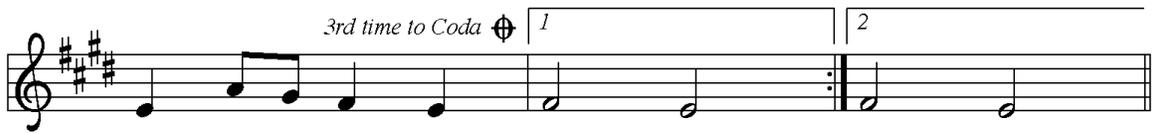
Praise to You, O God of Mercy



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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SERMON HYMN #532

Gather Us In

ALL: v. 1, 3, 5
Women: v. 2
Men: v. 4



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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SENDING HYMN #650

In Christ There Is No East or West



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949