



Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2017

9:30 am

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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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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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 21, 2018

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

A Christmas Suite

John Leavitt

WELCOME

Pastor Lyn Crase

OPENING HYMN

Brightest and Best of the Stars

ELW #303

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who stretches out the heavens,
who sends light to the nations,
who gives breath to us all.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Loving God,

**C we confess that we have turned from your way
to follow our own ways.**

**Forgive us for the times
we have spoken or acted too quickly;
we have not spoken or acted at all;
we have hurt those closest to us;
we have hurt those we have yet to know;
we have thought more about ourselves than others;
we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.**

**Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,
so that we can live again as your children. Amen**

P Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.
Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.
God's love never runs out.
God never tires of calling us beloved children.
Hear God say to you now:
Your sins are forgiven,
for the sake of ✝ Jesus Christ our Savior.

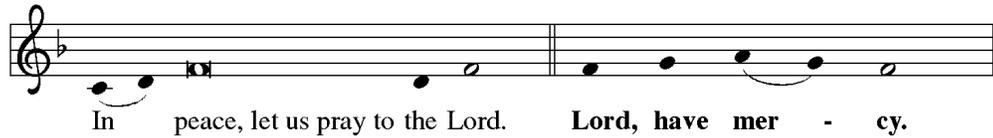
C Amen

GREETING

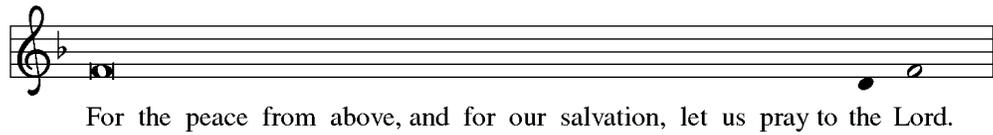
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

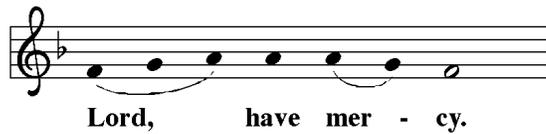
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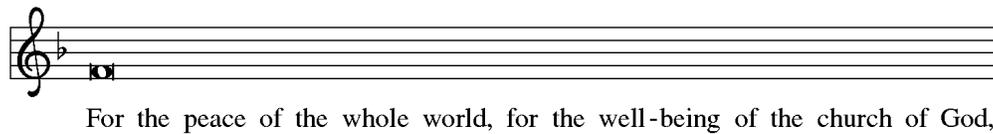
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



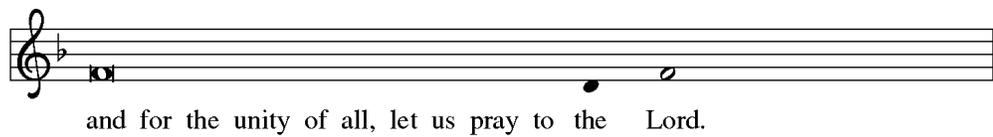
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



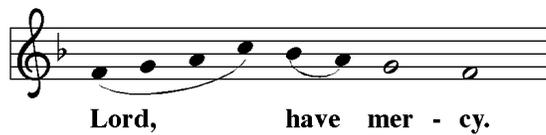
Lord, have mer - cy.



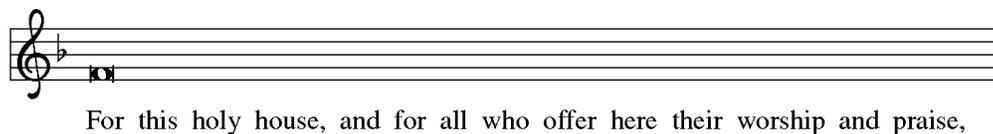
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



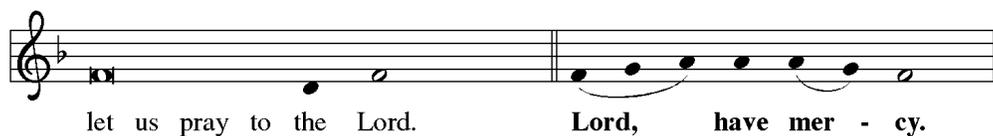
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



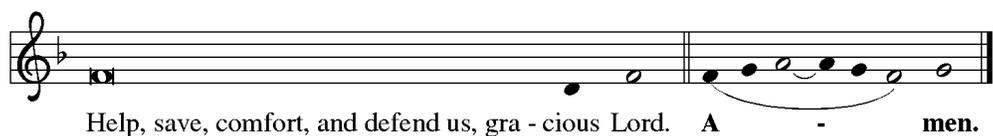
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together....

**C Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen**

FIRST READING: JONAH 3:1-10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you. ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

⁶When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. ⁸Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. ⁹Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish."

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 62:5-12



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⁵For God alone I | wait in silence;
truly, my hope | is in God.

⁶**God alone is my rock and | my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall nev- | er be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance | and my honor;
God is my strong rock | and my refuge.

⁸**Put your trust in God al- | ways, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who | is our refuge.**

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate can- | not be trusted.
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less | than a breath.

¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.**

¹¹God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it,
that power be- | longs to God.

¹²**Steadfast love belongs to | you, O Lord,
for you repay all according | to their deeds.**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 1

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

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:43-51

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,
¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

SERMON

Pastor Lyn

SERMON HYMN

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

ELW #817

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 Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

Response: ... Let us pray,,

Have mercy, O God.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

I Love to Tell the Story

Emma Lou Diemer

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

OFFERING PRAYER

A Merciful God,
receive the gifts we bring,
our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Through this meal unite us as your body,
shining with the light of your justice and mercy;
for the sake of him who gave himself for us,
Jesus 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.

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.

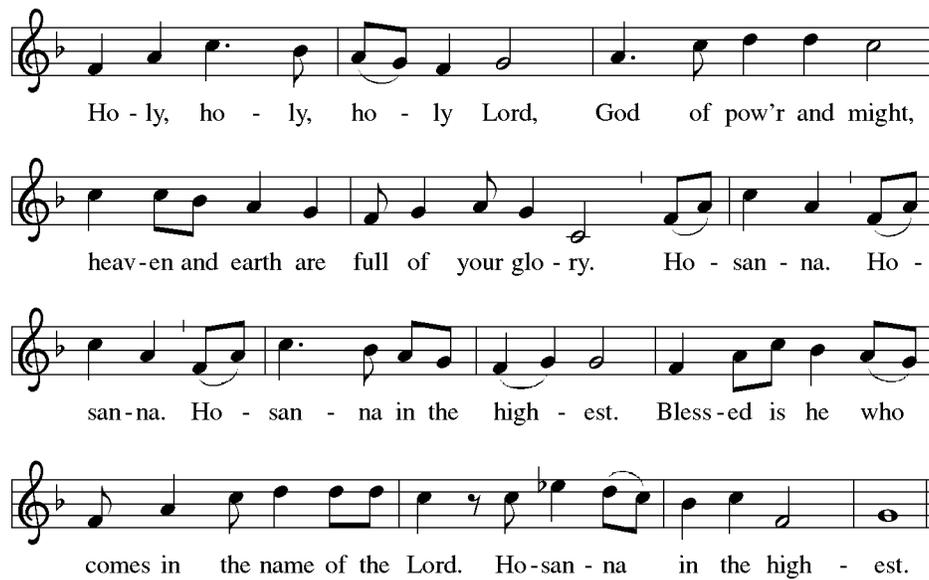
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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 We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.
Come. Be filled with light and life.

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

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*We Are Called
I Love to Tell the Story*

ELW #720
ELW #661

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 O Morning Star, fair and bright,
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.
You are our dearest treasure.
Go with us now—
today, tomorrow, every day—
that we tell the story of your never-ending love
and sing your praise both now and forever.

C Amen

SENDING

P God's mission includes the gifts of grace that we share in worship and take also to the absent; now, we are sent to continue our participation in God's mission. With the blessing of God, we go out to live as Christ's body in the world.

C **To be your presence is our mission here,
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,
to be your heart of mercy ever near,
alleluia!**

**We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,
to serve your people is our call and choice,
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice,
alleluia!**

ELW #546

BLESSING

P The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

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

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light

ELW #815

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light

Wayne L. Wold

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister Pastor Lyn Crase
Assisting Minister Marilyn Rowland
Acolyte..... Gregory Taylor
Ministers of the Word Suzanne Wilke, David Holtz
Cantor David Holtz
Communion Assistant..... Mike Epting
Usher/Greeter Smith/Knoll
Altar Care..... Obermeyer/Johnson

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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 are given to the glory of God by Chuck & Marilyn Rowland.



This life therefore is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness; not health, but healing; not being, but becoming; not rest, but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it. The process is not yet finished, but it is going on. This is not the end, but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified. (Defense and Explanation of all the Articles (1521), LW vol. 39.)

Join Pastor Lyn for discussion on the recently released Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice from the ELCA. The task force is asking for feedback on this statement. Meets TODAY and on next Sunday, 28th at 4:30 pm in Katie's room. The document can be found on the ELCA's website.

Choir rehearsals will resume January 28.

First Saturday Worship. Every 1st Saturday of the month at 5:30 pm. An informal & interactive worship experience.

1st Sunday Care Cupboard

Bring your donations for the Care Cupboard –see list in the announcement box on page 15 of the bulletin. Donations will be accepted anytime.

Next Care Cupboard date is (tomorrow) January 22.

Young Adult Bible Study meets on Mondays at 1:15 pm in the Meditation Room near the Care Cupboard.

Tuesday Breakfast has begun. If you'd like to volunteer, please come and observe any Tuesday at 7 am.

Text Study Tuesdays at 12:00 noon. All are welcome. Bring along your lunch.

Thursday Morning Bible Study, will continue with “Grace in a Tree Stump” by J. E. Kalas. All are welcome!

Emanuel will again participate in the **Point-in-Time census** (unsheltered homeless in our city) on Thursday, January 25. If you'd like to volunteer please see Pastor Lyn. Training is required. We will be collecting warm hats and gloves to hand out during the census. Also needed are snack items such as granola bars, individually packaged crackers, and individually package peanuts/nuts.

Please remember new financial pledges begin in January. Thank you for your support, financially and through the giving of your time and creative energy!

There's a convenient 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. Both options are extremely easy and walk you through the process.

If you have decided to tithe on your yearly pledge, below are some suggestions as to where/how to target that donation:

*Audio/visual technology upgrade
Care Cupboard
Katie's Kitchen
Piecemakers Quilting
Sanctuary Arts Team*

*Modesto Shower Shuttle
12 New Lutheran Study Bibles
Education (VBS curriculum)
Family Promise Modesto
Advertising*

Emanuel Lutheran Care Cupboard

Thank you! Thank you! The 1st Sunday each month is Care Cupboard Sunday, but donations are accepted every week. Some suggestions/popular items are: Individual servings of tuna/crackers boxes, small jars of jam, small jars of peanut butter, cans of soup, chili or vegetables, single-serve cracker packets, individual servings of mac 'n cheese, small boxes of cold cereal or individual servings of oatmeal, fruit or jello cups, pudding cups, packets of hot chocolate or apple cider, and Capri Sun juices. We are also in need of pet food.

Thanks so much for your generosity! =)



Family Promise – January 21-27

It's not too late to secure a volunteer spot to be part of our hosting Family Promise guests, January 21-27. There are several empty spots on the chart – Sunday dinner, overnight male (Sun. + Thurs.), overnight female (Tues. + Thurs.) and pickups/drivers to transport beds Sunday morning, January 28th. Can you help? The signup chart is in the narthex.



The Endowment Fund

ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund received an anonymous gift of \$4,500. The committee is very appreciative of this donation and thanks the donor.

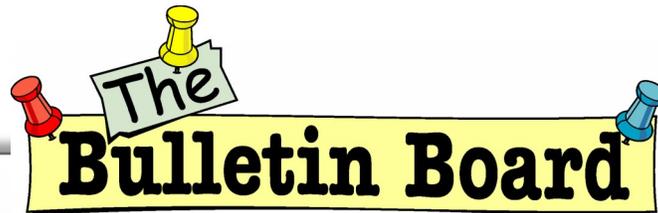
The earnings of the Endowment fund help finance all capital expenses and also help finance different ministries of Emanuel Lutheran Church.

The fund also tithes 10% to the Synod. The Endowment Fund earned \$14,776 in 2017.

*Robert Reuter, Treasurer
ELC*

Office Hours

*Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 3:30 pm
and Friday from 8 am to 2:30 pm.*



The Bulletin Board

Photographs needed. The Emanuel bulletin board features periodic displays of church activities, special events, and miscellaneous family, community, and religious images. I suspect that many wonderful pictures are hiding inside a lot of member's smart phones, pictures that yearn for release from their electronic imprisonments.

If you have photographs that you would like to share with the Emanuel community, please send them to me or drop them off at the church office. Prints are welcome, but e-mail transmission will work too (I can do the printing). Please accompany your photos with a description of what they are about...this will enable the production of accurate descriptive captions for their display.

Thanks, *Mike Clarke*

Fellowship Committee Updates

Potluck >>Do you have the winter doldrums? Is the weather getting you down? We have the remedy for you! Bring a dish and share a meal and fellowship at the **After-Church Potluck—Sunday, February 4, 2018** following the service.

Lenten Soup Suppers are planned for the following dates: >>**February 21, February 28, March 14, and March 21, 2018**. The evening will start with sharing our meal at 6:00 pm, working on a craft at 6:30 pm, and worship at 7:00 pm.

Just a reminder to check the Coffee Hour Sign-ups Sheet >>Please consider volunteering to host a Coffee Hour, especially the 1st, 4th, and 5th Sundays of the month.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 22	TUE 23	WED 24	THUR 25	FRI 26	SAT 27	SUN 28
FAMILY PROMISE ECHOES DEADLINE 1:00 PM Care Cupboard	FAMILY PROMISE 7:00 am Tuesday Breakfast in Katie's Kitchen	FAMILY PROMISE 7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's 10:00 am Weekly Staff Mtg.	FAMILY PROMISE 9:30 am Adult Bible Study	FAMILY PROMISE	FAMILY PROMISE Set-up 10:00 am Organ Practice	9:30 am Worship Service Interfaith Sunday
1:15 pm Young Adult Bible Study	12:00 pm Text Study					
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
Jan 28 Epiphany 4	Peter Cousins	Fanney B. S Gierhan	Kathleen Reuter	Fanney B.	Addison Hoover	Holtz/Salonen	Lois Silva
Feb 4 Epiphany 5	David Holtz	Susan McCready		Dave Henke	Emma Hoover	Owen Family	Knoll/Nelson
Feb 11 Transfiguration	Garry Hayes	B Crawford D Johnson		Crawford/Johnson		Clarke Family	Knoll/Nelson

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

January 28 Epiphany 4	Feb 4 Epiphany 5	Feb 11 Transfiguration
Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28	Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39	2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9

Prayer Requests

New Prayer Requests: .Joyce Morgan & Manual Dillard—well-being, healing, seeing Christ (Scott); Julia Pollilo—health & healing (Silva); Fran Beatty—healing (Reuter); Pat Smith—healing after surgery; Corinne Haglund (Pr. Victor’s mother)—home recuperating from illness

ELC member and dear friend, Virginia Dall has passed away. Memorial services are pending.

Our Members: Linda Nelson; Laurie Spinuzzi; Sherm Petersen; Dr. Van Allen; Joanne Trana; the Tisdell family; Jennaca Hollinger; Rev. Ralph Herman; Roland Loeffler; Bill Beasley; Teri Scott; Rue Knoll; Mary Murray; Joyce Bachmann; Carolyn Cranwelge; Ron Silva

Our Homebound Members: Florence Broden, Shelda Fritts; Alice Hine; Vera Eden

Our Family: Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer); Ian McKenzie (Schmidt); Jane Tisdell (Tisdell); Patsy Natvig (Hoover); Pastor Roger Lee and family; Janet Barkley (Deutsch); Nancy Jones’ brother-in-law; the Hunwardsen family, Hazel Holyfield; Joyce & Manuel Dillard (Scott); Michael Bach (Scott); Moira & Ron Wilhelm (Clarke); Billie Cannon (Cannon); Carolyn & Jake Strand Maret (Strand); Nick Berlin (L. Skustad); Mabel Kraft (Kraft); Lisa Schenewark (Martin); George and Glenn Massingill (Reuter); Art Ludke (Norquist); Joyce Inell, Alley Taylor (Scott); Joy, Manuel & Hazel (Scott); Ali Moraitis (Watkins); Zoe Diaz (T. Layne); Terry Petersen (Petersen)

Our Friends: Roger Warner (Schmidt); Jennifer Turner (Dieterich); Priscilla Pino (Ixcot); Tyler (Norquist); Dawn & Alexander Piscitello (Watkins); Charlie Wilson, churches and families in Napa Valley & Santa Rosa affected by the fires; Kathy & Lee van Boven (Reinheimer); Shey’s family (Billie Cannon); the Vogelzang family; Judy Darby (Schmidt); Julie Moore (Barton); Ken Jensen (Norquist); the Ellsworth family (Wagonner); Sandy & Chris (Hooper); Bill Leshner (Hoaglund); Charlotte Yardy (ELDC); Abram Hilterbrand (G. Layne); Lindsay Turner (Crawford)

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)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

For the church in all its forms, for unity in Christ, and for those who proclaim the good news in word and deed, that all trust that the kingdom of God has come near, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For clean water and air, for fertile lands, so that all creatures and people have enough food, nourishing drink, and breathable air, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For public defenders and district attorneys, for the armed forces and international peace organizations, and for all public leaders, that those in authority work for the well-being of all people, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the poor and oppressed, for the sick and bereaved, for those living with HIV and AIDS, and for all people in need, that your power and compassion will be visible to those who need care and those who provide care, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

We pray for your healing touch on those we name before you now, aloud or in silence (*pause for silence*). Let us pray,

Have mercy, O God.

For this congregation and its ministries, for visitors in our midst, and for students returning to school, that your Holy Spirit will guide us in all our endeavors, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for those who have died, that their lives of faithful service point us to the steadfast love of Christ, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

ENTRANCE HYMN #303

Brightest and Best of the Stars



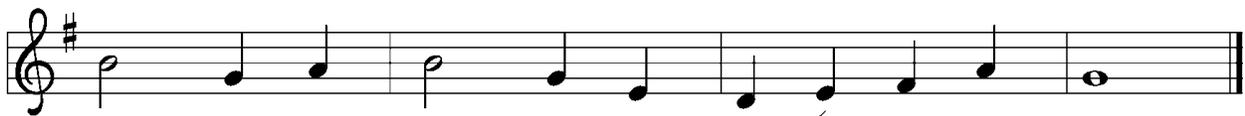
1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Shall we bring in - cense and of - f'rings di - vine,
vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;
dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.



Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,
Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.
mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.
myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?
dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
Music: MORNING STAR, James P. Harding, 1850–1911, adapt.

SERMON HYMN #817

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore *Tú has venido a la orilla*



1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -
1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



ca - do ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos; tan só - lo
nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my
love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's
long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



quie - res que yo te si - ga.
ask - ing for me to fol - low.
fish nets and will for work - ing.
will - ing to go on lov - ing.
Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain / Estribillo



Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,
Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



has di - cho mi nom - bre. En la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi
you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



bar - ca; jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

Text: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1936–1991; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946
Music: PESCADOR DE HOMBRES, Cesáreo Gabaráin

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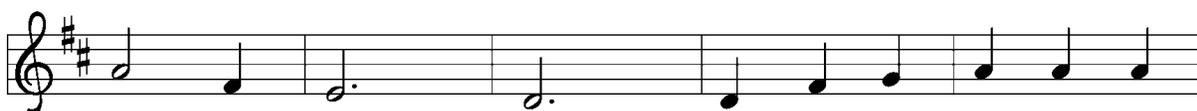
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SENDING HYMN #815

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson
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