



Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 11, 2018

9:30 am

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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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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TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

9:30 AM

PRELUDE	<i>O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!</i>	Dietrich Buxtehude
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>Praise the Lord, You Peoples</i>	Michael Burkhardt
WELCOME		Pastor Lyn Crase
OPENING HYMN	<i>O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!</i>	ELW #308
BAPTISM of Presley James Layne		ELW pg. 227

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.

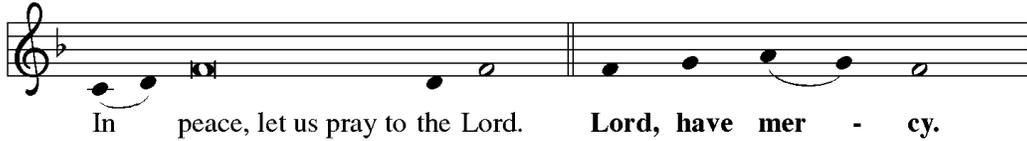
C Amen

GREETING

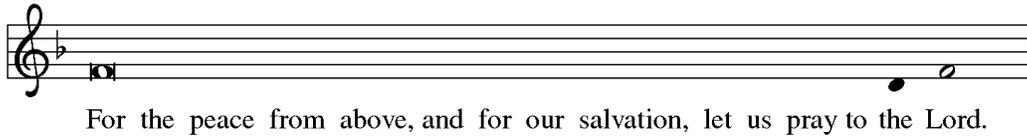
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

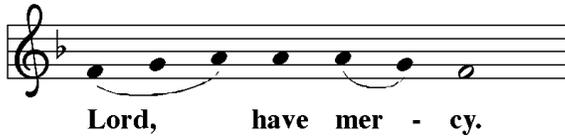
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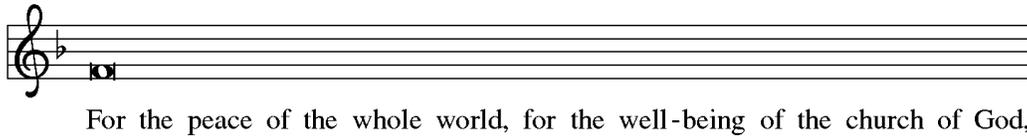
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



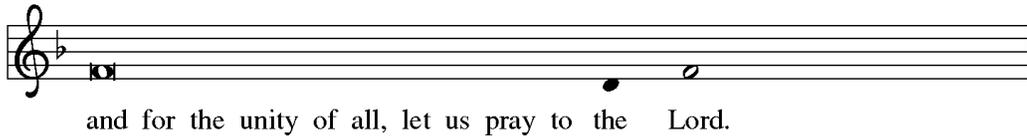
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



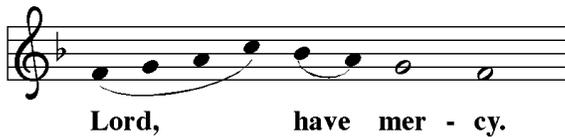
Lord, have mer - cy.



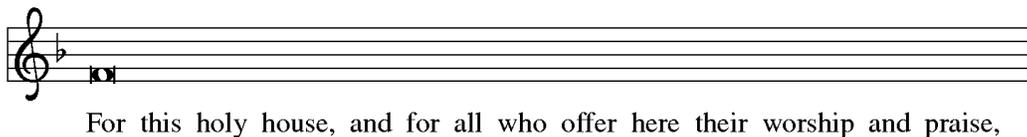
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



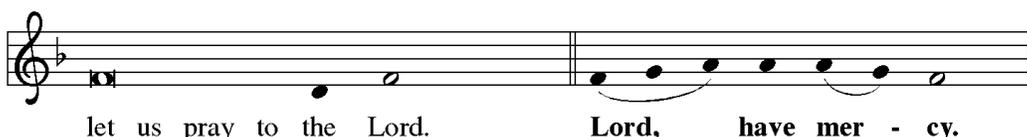
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



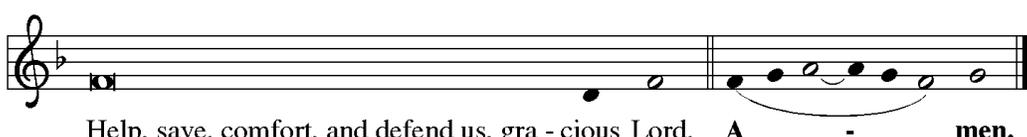
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



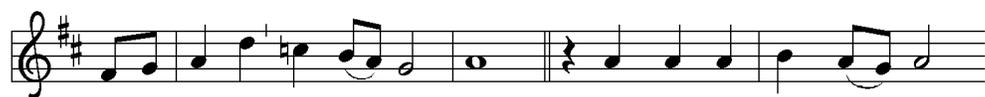
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and

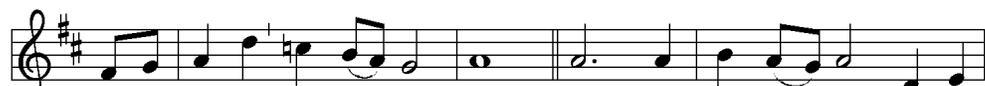


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

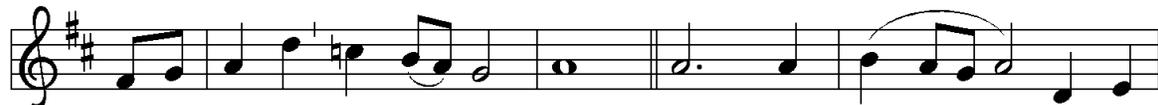
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THIS IS THE FEAST (cont.)

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together....

C Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: 2 KINGS 2:1-12

Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 50:1-6



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- ¹The mighty one, God the | LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.
- ²**Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,
God shines | forth in glory.**
- ³Our God will come and will | not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a | raging storm.
- ⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth | from above
to witness the judgment | of the people.**
- ⁵“Gather before me my | loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with sacrifice.”
- ⁶**The heavens declare the rightness | of God’s cause,
for it is God | who is judge.**



SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-7 (NRSV)

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine out of darkness at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

¹Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-7 (The Message)

¹⁻²Since God has so generously let us in on what he is doing, we're not about to throw up our hands and walk off the job just because we run into occasional hard times. We refuse to wear masks and play games. We don't maneuver and manipulate behind the scenes. And we don't twist God's Word to suit ourselves. Rather, we keep everything we do and say out in the open, the whole truth on display, so that those who want to can see and judge for themselves in the presence of God.

³⁻⁴ If our Message is obscure to anyone, it's not because we're holding back in any way. No, it's because these other people are looking or going the wrong way and refuse to give it serious attention. All they have eyes for is the fashionable god of darkness. They think he can give them what they want, and that they won't have to bother believing a Truth they can't see. They're stone-blind to the dayspring brightness of the Message that shines with Christ, who gives us the best picture of God we'll ever get.

⁵⁻⁶ Remember, our Message is not about ourselves; we're proclaiming Jesus Christ, the Master. All we are is messengers, errand runners from Jesus for you. It started when God said, "Light up the darkness!" and our lives filled up with light as we saw and understood God in the face of Christ, all bright and beautiful.

⁷ If you only look at *us*, you might well miss the brightness. We carry this precious Message around in the unadorned clay pots of our ordinary lives. That's to prevent anyone from confusing God's incomparable power with us.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 9

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

GOSPEL: MARK 9:2-9

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

SERMON

Pastor Lyn

SERMON HYMN

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

ELW #317

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

Christ upon the Mountain Peak

Paul Bouman

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

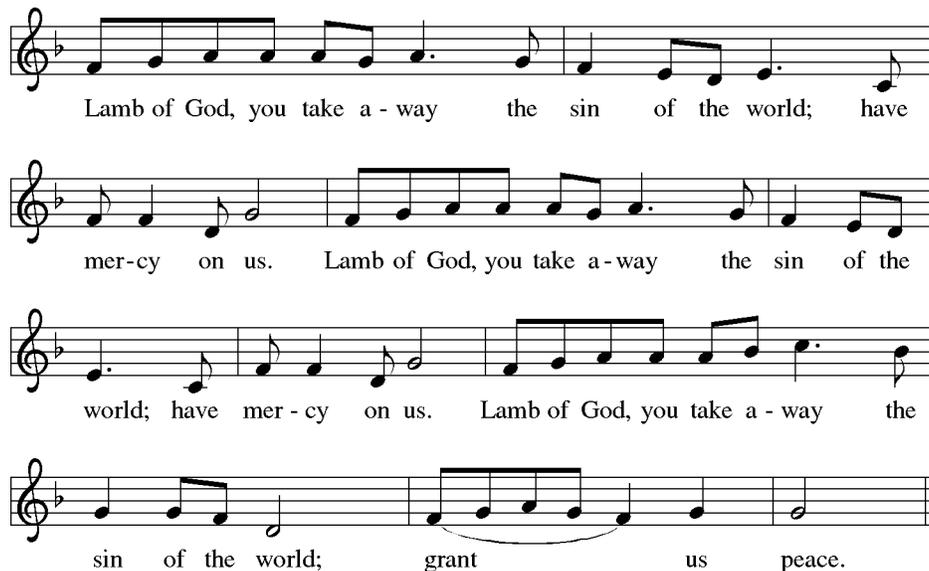
P We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.
Come. Be filled with light and life.

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

HEALING PRAYER

Healing prayer and anointing are available during communion at the side kneeler.

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

*Beautiful Savior
In Thee Is Gladness*

ELW #838

ELW #867

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

BURYING OF THE ALLELUIA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

We Are Marching in the Light

ELW #866

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

In Dulci Jubilo

J.S. Bach

DEDICATION OF NEW AFTER-SCHOOL CLASSROOM

Please gather at the classroom

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

- Presiding Minister** Pastor Lyn Crase
- Assisting Minister** Garry Hayes
- Acolyte**..... Emma Hoover
- Ministers of the Word** Barbara Crawford, Dan Johnson
- Communion Assistant**..... Crawford/Johnson
- Usher/Greeter** Clarke Family
- Altar Care**..... Knoll/Nelson

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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 by Marsha Waggoner to honor her grandchildren in their journey of faith.



Today at 4 pm Discussion on the draft document: Women and Justice.

Adult Ed. “Fresh Air: Time with the Holy Spirit”, 5:30 pm.

Choir rehearsal today after the service.

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 the next page of the bulletin. Donations will be accepted anytime.

Next Care Cupboard date is (tomorrow) February 12.

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

Tuesday Breakfast with MJC in Katie’s Kitchen 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!

Watch for Earth Day information coming soon from the Outreach Team! April 21.

Watch for Love Modesto Day coming soon, also April 21.

Ash Wednesday is February 14

12:00 noon Communion Service with imposition of ashes

7:00 pm Liturgy of the Word with ashes imposed

Wednesday Lenten Services begin February 21

6:00 pm Soup Supper/Family Service Activity

7:00 pm Evening Prayer and Worship

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

Perhaps you noticed a cart filled with books in the Narthex. Please feel free to grab a few (or many) for your children, grandchildren, the neighbor's children, or any one else you know that enjoys reading. However, be sure to leave the cart behind—it belongs to Laura and the Day Care. Thanks! 😊

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, individual servings of mac 'n cheese, ramen noodles, and/or any other non-perishable food items. We are also in need of diapers and dog food.

Thanks so much for your generosity! =)

Lenten Soup Suppers dates: >>**February 21, February 28, March 7, March 14, and March 21, 2018.** The evening will start with sharing our meal at 6:00 pm, service project at 6:30 pm, and worship at 7:00 pm.

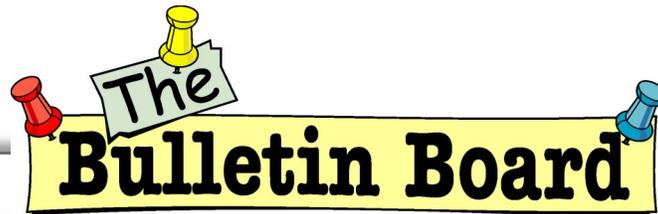
Just a reminder to check the Coffee Hour Sign-up Sheet >>Please consider volunteering to host a Coffee Hour, especially the 1st, 4th, and 5th Sundays of the month.

The Fellowship Committee

Next month, the Jewish community of Modesto and Stanislaus County celebrates its 100th birthday! We'll have a number of events to celebrate this exciting milestone: Shabbat Dinner on Friday, February 16th, a Shabbat Lunch on Saturday, February 17th, followed by a free Walking Tour of the Old Jewish Neighborhood of Modesto. There will also be a Gala at the Gallo Center with music, dinner, and presentations about 100 years of Jewish life in the region, on Saturday night February 24th. I hope that you will join us for these momentous gatherings.

Office Hours

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

The Modesto Symphony Orchestra is seeking students between the ages 6 and 17 to join our Youth Chorus in preparation to sing with the Modesto Symphony Orchestra on April 13 & 14, 2018 at the Gallo Center for the Arts. The MSYC is led by Chorus Director, Dr. Yejee Choi, and rehearsals are held on Mondays from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Modesto.

All information and registration forms can be found at modestosymphony.org/youthchorus or call Education Manager, Joel Warkentin at 209.523.4156 Ext 101.

Brooks Schramm & Kirsi Stjerna



Luther against Luther

*Scripture and Christian anti-Semitism:
past realities and future remedies*

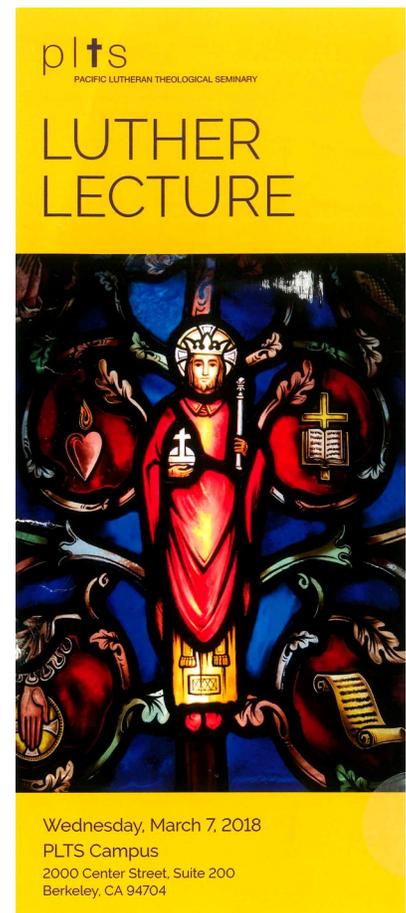
Wednesday, March 7, 2018
9 am—1 pm

To register or for more information, visit: PLTS.edu/events by March 1 to reserve a seat. The cost is \$20 per person in advance, \$30 at the door (if there is space available).

Event contacts:

Jane Phillips (510) 559-2732
jphillips@plts.edu

Kirsi Stjerna (510) 559-2760
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Love Modesto begins at 8:00 am on April 21 -- I & 10th Streets, right in front of the Gallo Center (BEFORE going to your project location)

- FREE "Love Modesto" t-shirts given out to volunteers (limited supply so come early)!
- Lots of music, free giveaways including Modesto Nuts tickets for all!
- Free food and refreshments (SaveMart, Starbucks, Pepsi, Blue Diamond, Del Monte, Frito-Lay, Yogurt Mill, etc.)
- Free concert and family pack tickets
- Free kids activities featuring face painting, mascots, Specs Op Live Play, etc.
- Free family/friend photos by Alton Photography
- Fire trucks, ambulances, CHP, Sheriff and MPD patrol cars, motorbikes, swat truck, K9 and horses
- And LOTS more!

Festivities will begin at 8am (brief Rally begins around 8:45am) and then afterwards everyone will be sent to meet with their project teams BEFORE going to their project locations. It's going to be an incredible family-friendly atmosphere before our goal of over 10,000 of us go out to volunteer in 100+ projects!

After your project is finished, everyone is welcome to go to Graceada Park to have lunch and experience Earth Day in the Park. What a great day in Modesto April 21, 2018 will be.

Love Modesto

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 12	TUE 13	WED 14	THUR 15	FRI 16	SAT 17	SUN 18
1:00 pm Care Cupboard 1:15 pm Young Adult Bible Study	7:00 am Breakfast in Katie's Kitchen 10:30 am Day Care Yoga	7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's 10:00 am Weekly Staff Mtg.	9:30 am Adult Bible Study— Katie's Room		9:00 am Violin Group practice 10:00 am Organ Practice	9:30 am Worship Service Birthday Blessings
5:30 pm MSYC Rehearsal	12:00 pm Text Study	12:00 pm Ash Wed. Communion Service	1:15 pm Rebecca Circle			
7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	7:00 pm Ministry Mtg.	7:00 pm Liturgy of the Word/ Ashes				5:30 pm Adult Ed.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assistant Minister	Ministers of the Word	Cantor	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Feb 18 Lent 1	Lois Owen	K Reuter P Barton	Paula Barton	Marilyn Rowland	Alexandria Taylor	Delvin/ Reuter	Knoll/ Nelson
Feb 25 Lent 2	Barbara Crawford	D Holtz A Taylor	David Holtz	David Holtz	Fanney B	Petersen/ Troedson	Lois Silva
Mar 4 Lent 3	Fanney B	L Owen S McCready	Kathleen Reuter	Lois Owen	Gregory Tayor	Smith/ Knoll	Waggoner/ Castleberry

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

Feb 18 Lent 1	Feb 25 Lent 2	Mar 4 Lent 3
Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38	Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22



New Prayer Requests: Judy Darby—healing of broken wrist (Schmidt)

Our Members: Linda Nelson; Laurie Spinuzzi; Sherm Petersen; Dr. Van Allen; the Tidel family; Jennaca Hollinger; Rev. Ralph Herman; Roland Loeffler; Bill Beasley; Teri Scott; Rue Knoll; Mary Murray; Joyce Bachmann; Carolyn Crenwelge; Ron Silva; Dee Woodbury; Pat Smith

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

Our Family: Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer); Ian McKenzie (Schmidt); Jane Tidel (Tidel); Pastor Roger Lee and family; Janet Barkley (Deutsch); Nancy Jones' brother-in-law; Gregory, Joy, the Hunwardsen family, Hazel Holyfield; Joyce & Manuel Dillard (Scott); Michael Bach (Scott); Moira & Ron Wilhelm (Clarke); Billie Cannon (Cannon); Nick Berlin (L. Skustad); Mabel Kraft (Kraft); Lisa Schenewark (Martin); George and Glenn Massingill (Reuter); Art Ludke (Norquist); Doris Blakely; Joyce Inell, Alley Taylor (Scott); Joy, Hazel (Scott); Ali Moraitis (Watkins); Zoe Diaz (T. Layne); Julia Polillio (Silva); Alice Pitts (Turner); Julia Head (Fritts)

Our Friends: Corinne Hagland (Pr. Victor's mom); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Jennifer Turner (Dieterich); Priscilla Pino (Ixcot); Tyler (Norquist); Dawn & Alexander Piscitello (Watkins); Charlie Wilson, Kathy & Lee van Boven (Reinheimer); the Vogelzang family; Judy Darby (Schmidt); Julie Moore (Barton); Ken Jensen (Norquist); Sandy & Chris (Hooper); Charlotte Yardy (ELDC); Lindsay Turner (Crawford); Fran Beatty (Reuter); Ken Hoyt (Waggoner)

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 ministry of the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for congregations near and far, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, seas and skies, and creatures seen and unseen, that all may be guided by your Holy Spirit to be stewards of our earth, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For firefighters and police officers, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and corporate executives, and leaders of governments, that through their insight and patience, peace and justice prevail throughout the world, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that as Christ was transfigured on the mountaintop, sickness will be turned into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into assurance, 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 companions who accompany us on our journeys through life, for this community of faith that supports us, and for guidance during difficult times, that we see the glory of God revealed around us, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their earthly pilgrimage, that their lives of service and prayer inspire us in our days, 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 #308

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
 2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
 in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
 falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
 when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
 of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though
 heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your
 and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
 dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and
 mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For
 lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
 dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
 you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
 for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

- 5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
 Our joy be all with music crowned,
 our voices gaily blending!
 For Christ goes with us all the way—
 today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
 His love is never ending!
 Sing out! Ring out!
 Jubilation!
 Exultation!
 Tell the story!
 Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!
- 6 What joy to know, when life is past,
 the Lord we love is first and last,
 the end and the beginning!
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
 transport us to that happy place
 beyond all tears and sinning!
 Amen! Amen!
 Come, Lord Jesus!
 Crown of gladness!
 We are yearning
 for the day of your returning.

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SERMON HYMN #317

Jesus on the Mountain Peak



1 Je - sus on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in
2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law
in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!
sing be - fore him, first and last and on - ly One.



join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:
Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der:
All cre - a - tion shall a - dore him!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: BETHOLD, Mark Sedio, b. 1954

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SENDING HYMN

#866

We Are Marching in the Light of God



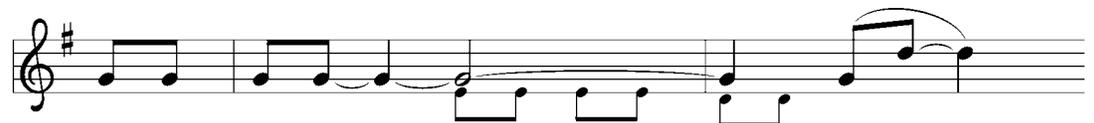
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

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Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African traditional

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