

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 29, 2018

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Sonata III

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME

Pastor Lyn Crase

OPENING HYMN

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ELW #449

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Just as God's work of creation never ends,
so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day.
Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.
We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life:
for water to bathe in, water to drink,
for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder,
for water that gives life to our planet.

C We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

P We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place:
for water from our tap, for rain and snow.

C We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

P We give you thanks for your salvation through water:
for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters,
for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom,
for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought,
for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land,
for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

C We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

P We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized,
and for all who gather here;
for godparents and baptismal sponsors,
for children and grandchildren,
for those newly baptized in this holy season;
for our brothers and sisters in Christ
whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

C We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

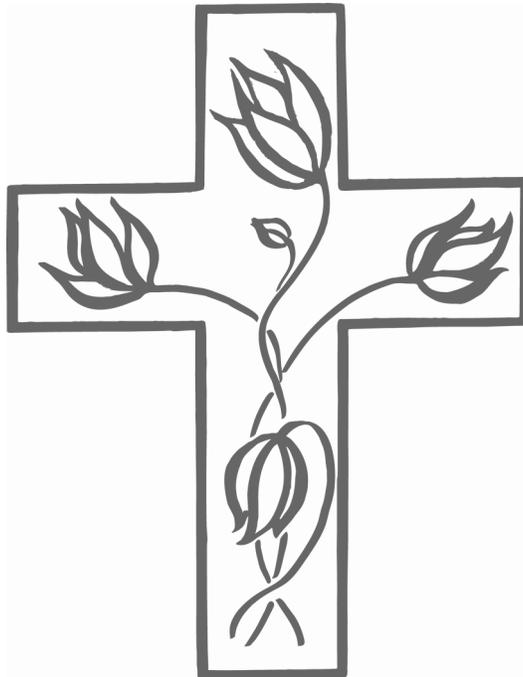
P We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit:
for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters,
for our new birth into a life of freedom and service,
for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

C We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. 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.



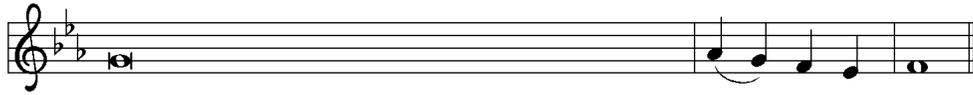
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



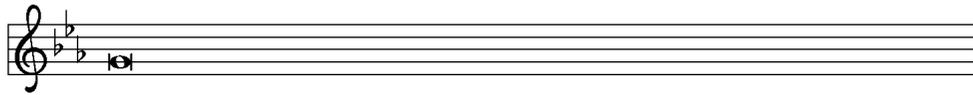
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



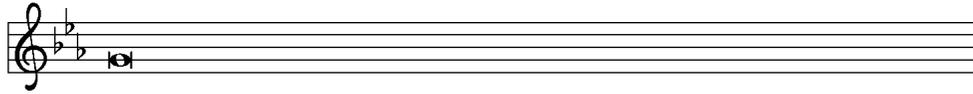
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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, a - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain

Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

Refrain



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together....

C O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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: ACTS 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, the Ethiopian is baptized by Philip.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L The word of the Lord.

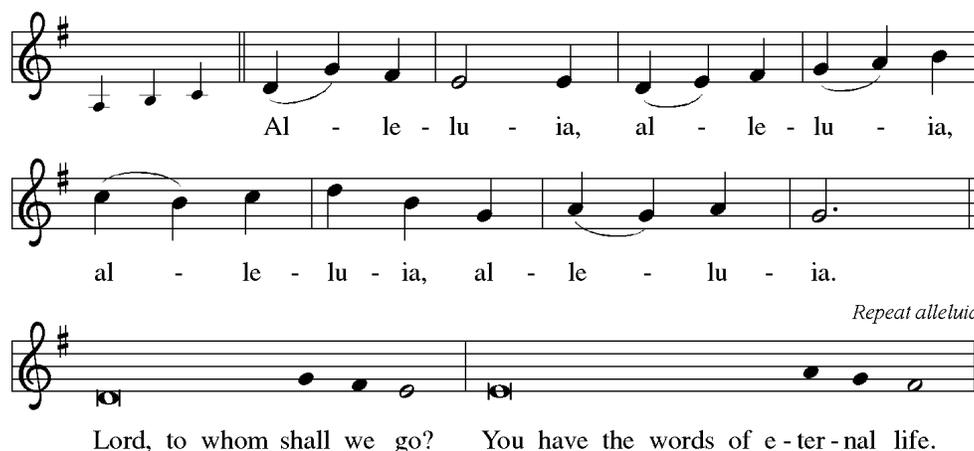
C Thanks be to God.

as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

P The Gospel according to John, Chapter 15.

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

GOSPEL: JOHN 15:1-8

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love would bear fruit, for apart from him, they could do nothing.

Jesus said: ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

RADIO PLAY

You Were There—The Resurrection,
a play in the style of Early Radio

The Emanuel Players

SERMON HYMN

O Blessed Spring

ELW #447

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 Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

Response: ... Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Michael Burkhardt

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

OFFERING PRAYER

A Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
as you were made known to the disciples.

Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives,
that we may be your risen body in the world.

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.

CHILDREN'S INTERFAITH COLLECTION

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.

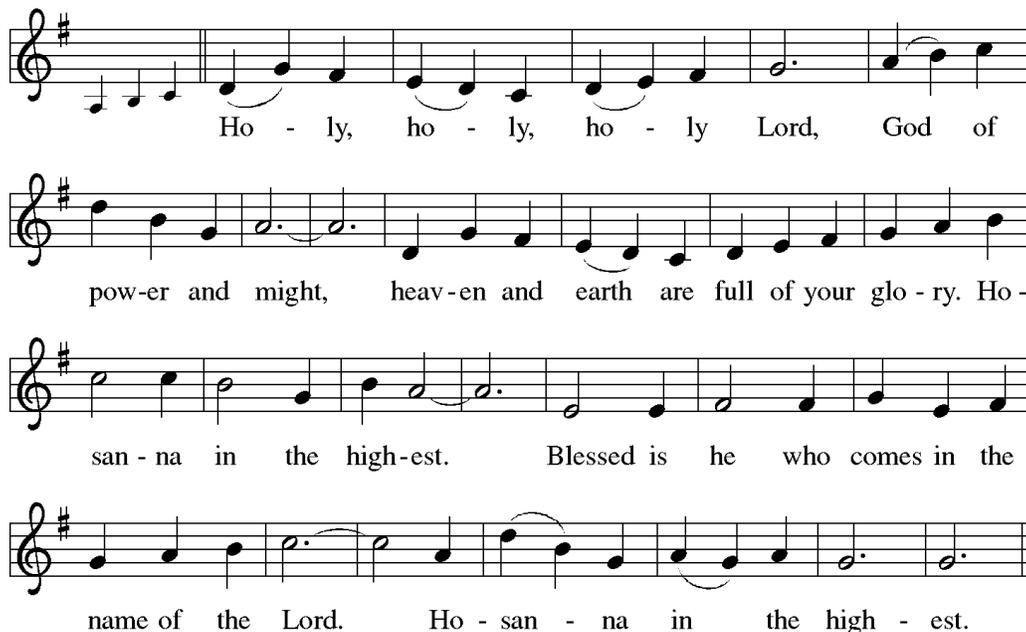
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed 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,

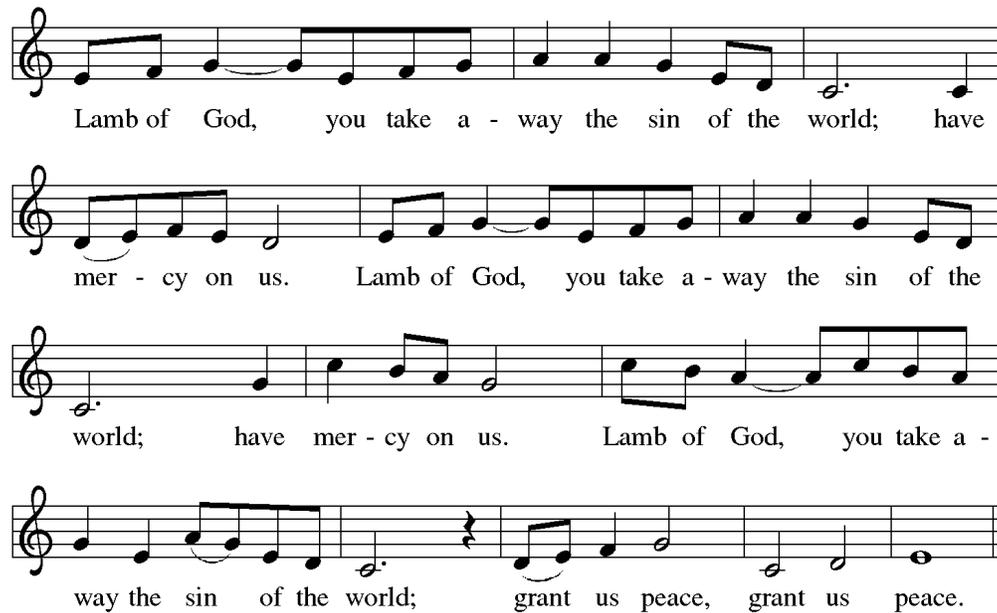
now and forever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Now let us feast this Easter day
on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

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, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

There in God's Garden

ELW #342

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ELW #359

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 Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life,
and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection
that we may show your glory to all the world;
through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen

SENDING

P Gracious God,
assist those who go out to share this meal with those
who are sick, injured, homebound, saddened or imprisoned.
Let the sacrament prepared at this table and
blessed by your word strengthen those who receive the Bread & Wine.
Encourage them by your presence & heal them by your grace.

A New Commandment

A new com-mand-ment I give un-to you, that you love one an-oth-er as
I have loved you, that you love one an-oth-er as I have loved you.
By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis-ci-ples, if
you have love one for an-oth-er; by this shall peo-ple know
you are my dis-ci-ples: if you have love one for an-oth-er.

Text: John 13:34-35
Music: NEW COMMANDMENT, anonymous

CCLI #3120534

BLESSING

P May God who has brought us from death to life
fill you with great joy.
Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

This Is My Father's World

ELW #824

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Paul Manz

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister Pastor Lyn Crase
Assisting Minister David Holtz
Acolyte Emma Hoover
Ministers of the Word Susan McCready, Beth Rokaitis
Communion Assistant Beth Rokaitis
Usher/Greeter Owen Family
Altar Care Lois Silva

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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 in honor of all those who serve God through the various ministries at Emanuel.



Choir rehearsal today after the service.

For safety and security, please stop by the office and let us know you are on campus. Also, be sure that outside doors are closed and locked before you leave.

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 May 7.

Tuesday Breakfast with MJC in Katie’s Kitchen. You are welcome to come and enjoy breakfast with the students on Tuesdays at 7 am.

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

Thursday Morning Bible Study will study Ephesians in May and then take a break for the months of June and August. Using Protestant Prayer Beads and making your own prayer bead string for meditation will be offered July 12, 19 and 26 from 9:30—11:00 am. All ages and genders are welcome!

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.

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



*Ladies of all ages are invited
to the WELCA spring luncheon,
All Things Bright and Beautiful.*

*This will be held May 19, 2018, from 11:00 am
to 1:00 pm. Bring a salad to share. There will be
a Bible study and entertainment.*



Emanuel Lutheran Care Cupboard

Thank you! Thank you! The 1st Sunday each month is Care Cupboard Sunday, but donations are accepted every week. We are currently in need of: Individual servings of tuna in foil packages, cereal, small jars of peanut butter and jelly.

Thanks so much for your generosity! =)

Vacation Bible School Meeting

This year Vacation Bible School, for ages 4 to 10, will be held on the five Sundays in July after church service, for approximately one hour. For more information, please come to the meeting on **May 6** after service if you'd like your child to attend VBS. Parents participation is welcomed and encouraged.

Thank you,

Pat Smith - Children and Youth Ministries



Calling All 2018 Grads!

A recognition celebration to honor graduates will be held on May 20. If you or a family member will be graduating from junior high, high school or college this year, please be sure to contact Paula in the church office by email (secretary@emanuellutheran.org) or by phone (523-4531), no later than May 11 with the name, school/university and degree earned.

Thank you!



Attention former acolytes! Are you wondering if you have kept a skill developed during your confirmation years? Here is your opportunity to find out! And for those who never were an acolyte, come and see what you missed!

This summer we will be offering an opportunity to you and any other adults who would like to help with worship. Opportunities to do something different abound! You could be an outdoor greeter (parking lot), an usher, or a psalm proclaimer. No prior experience is required, just a desire to be an active partner on our worship team.

To learn more about the many ways you can serve on Sunday mornings, speak with Pastor Lyn or worship team members Kathleen Reuter or Sue Wilke. Or, just ask the usher, "How can I help?" Welcome to the Emanuel Team!



**Get Involved
in Worship**



STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING PRESENTS

Senior Ball *Jeri*



FRIDAY | 5.11.18 | 5:00PM-9:00PM
STANISLAUS VETERANS CENTER
3500 COFFEE ROAD, SUITE 15, MODESTO
TICKETS \$25.00 CALL 209-578-5097 OR 613-9429

Proceeds benefit the Stanislaus Senior Foundation



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Emanuel Lutheran Church on **May 17, 2018**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979

See Pastor Lyn for \$10 discount coupon.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 30	TUE 1	WED 2	THUR 3	FRI 4	SAT 5	SUN 6
	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.	9:00 am Adult Bible Study		10:00 am Organ Practice	9:30 am Worship Service Care Cupboard Sunday
5:30 pm MSYC Rehearsal	12:00 pm Text Study				5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship	11:00 am VBS Parent Mtg.
7:00 pm Women's Bible Study						

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assistant Minister	Ministers of the Word	Cantor	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
May 6 Easter 6	Lois Owen	D Johnson B Reinheimer	Paula Barton	Dan Johnson	Alexandra Taylor	Bob Reuter	Knoll/ Nelson
May 13 Easter 7	Mike Epting	S Gierhan A Taylor		Taylor/ Rowland	Fanney B	Petersen/ Troedson	Knoll/ Nelson
May 20 Pentecost	Paula Barton	K Reuter Fanney B		Fanney B	Gregory Taylor	Shank Family	Knoll/ Nelson

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

May 6 Easter 6	May 13 Easter 7	May 20 Pentecost
Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15



New Prayer Requests: Paul Magner and Phil & Alice Magner—peace & well-being (Hoover); the Van Diepen family—prayers of comfort and condolence. We received word that Debbie’s mother, Doris Blakely has passed away; Wes Trana—healing and good medical advice; safe travels for he and Joanne; Celi (Arie Kroeze’s sister) - healing and well-being following emergency surgery; Jane Cloud — healing following a broken ankle (Crawford). Prayers for Casey Epting's upcoming Christian mission trip to Ethiopia and his efforts to fund it (Epting)

Our Members: Melody Deutsch; Jan Lutterman; Ken Hoover; Martha Strand; Linda Nelson; Mercy Maya; Laurie Spinuzzi; Sherm Petersen; Dr. Van Allen; the Tisdel family; Rev. Ralph Herman; Roland Loeffler; Bill Beasley; Teri Scott; Rue Knoll; Mary Murray; Carolyn Crenwelge; Ron Silva; Dee Woodbury; Pat Smith; Ben Jones

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

Our Family: George Massingill (Reuter); Patrick Windus (Strand); Patsy Natvig (Hoover); Linda Oja (Santana); Don Hegarty (Hegarty); Christy Parchem (Nelson); Alicia Martinez, Anita Martinez; Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer); Jane Tisdel (Tisdel); Pastor Roger Lee and family; Janet Barkley (Deutsch); Nancy Jones’ brother-in-law; Hazel Holyfield; Joyce & Manuel Dillard (Scott); Michael Bach (Scott); Moira & Ron Wilhelm (Clarke); Nick Berlin (L. Skustad); Mabel Kraft (Kraft); Lisa Schenewark (Martin); Art Ludke (Norquist); Joyce Inell, Alley Taylor, Hazel (Scott); Zoe Diaz (T. Layne); Julia Polillio (Silva); Alice Pitts (Turner); Julia Head (Fritts); Jake Maret (Strand); Ian McKenzie (Schmidt)

Our Friends: Norma Christensen; Roger Warner (Schmidt); Jennifer Turner (Dieterich); Priscilla Pino (Ixcot); Tyler (Norquist); Dawn & Alexander Piscitello (Watkins); Kathy & Lee van Boven (Reinheimer); Julie Moore (Barton); Ken Jensen (Norquist); Sandy & Chris (Hooper); Lindsay Turner (Crawford); Ginny H. (Allen); Barbara Hollmann

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)



**Emanuel's Mission Statement as revised
by Council, April 2018**

To Share Christ's Unconditional Love with Everyone



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need. (*Pause for silence.*)

For ministries that nurture faith formation. For missionaries and Bible study leaders. For those who are seeking, questioning, or curious. For seminarians, campus ministers, and the newly baptized, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the beauty and health of the earth. For vineyards and orchards, groves and plains. For rain forests and arctic tundra. For volcanoes and mountains, hills and valleys. For oceans deep and rivers wide, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For spears to be beat into pruning hooks. For harsh words to be reformed into loving speech. For bombs and sniper attacks to cease. For justice and peace in every land, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For homeless youth and rejected children. For isolated grandparents and lonely nursing home residents. For the shamed, the slighted, and the disregarded members of our communities. For all the sick, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all who live with post-traumatic stress disorder and postpartum depression. For all who struggle with eating disorders and anorexia. For all who suffer in silence and all who suffer alone, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

God of goodness, we pray for you to wrap your loving arms around all we name before you, aloud or in silence. (pause) Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for (*Catherine of Siena and*) all the mystics and theologians who live eternally with you. For those we mourn and those we would rather forget. For the kingdom on earth to be as it is in heaven, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Entrance Hymn #449

We Know That Christ Is Raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

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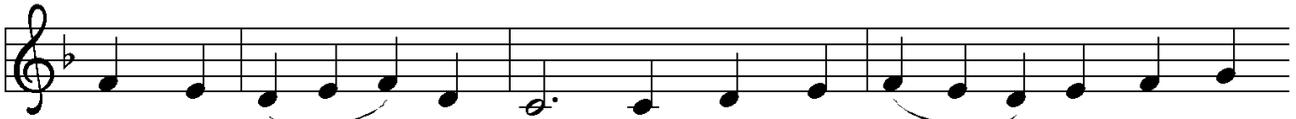
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Sermon Hymn #447

O Blessed Spring



1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us
2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain
3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their
4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our
5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to
faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will
last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take
this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.
vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: BERGLUND, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

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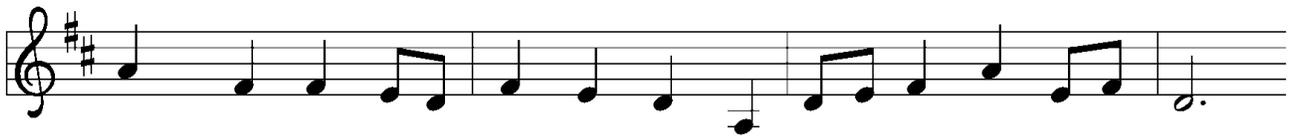
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Sending Hymn #824

This Is My Father's World



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901

Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.