

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Emanuel

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 introducing yourself to those you encounter and please be sure to sign our guest book (located on the stand in the Narthex).

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday - 8 am to 3 pm Friday - 8 am to 2 pm

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME Dan Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMNLet Us Ever Walk with Jesus
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

→ one God,
who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus.

Amen

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Holy God,

we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.

We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.

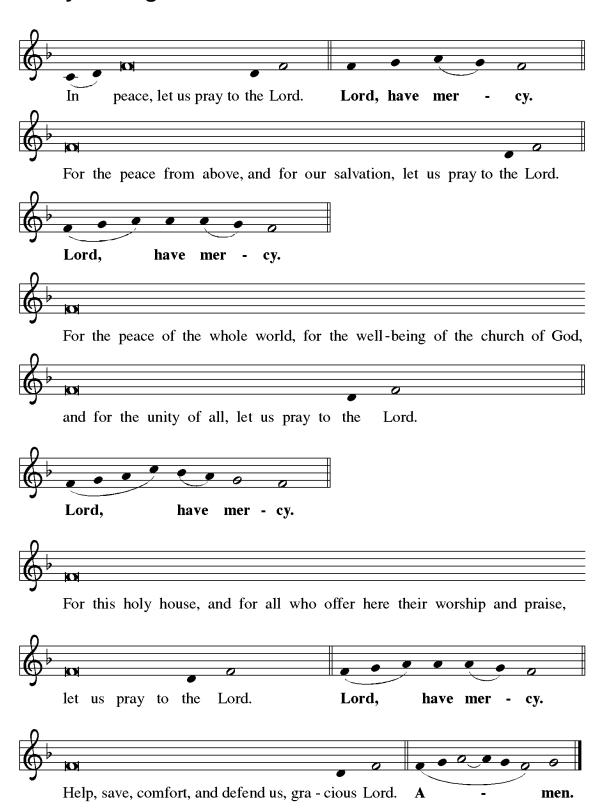
Amen

P: Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us,
breaks every snare of sin,
washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.

Amen

KYRIE—everyone sings



THIS IS THE FEAST



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THIS IS THE FEAST (continued)



GREETING

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

And also with you.

God's promise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together....

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Covenant Voices—Dick & Pat Norquist As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of

PSALM: Psalm 22:23-31 Suzanne Wilke

- ²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.
- ²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.
- ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- ²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!
- ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- ²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.
- ²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.
- ³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

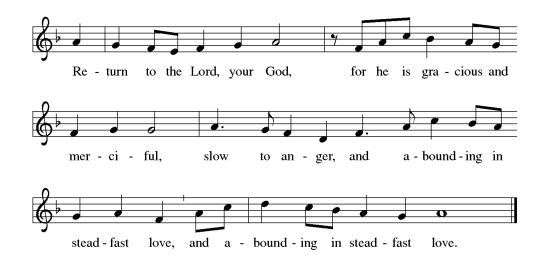
SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.

P: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 8.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED) Please be seated.

SERMON Dan Johnson

HYMN OF THE DAY Will You Come and Follow Me Page 17

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......congregation responds with "Your mercy is great."

A: Please sit or kneel as comfortable.

SHARING THE PEACE

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

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

The offering is our response to God's grace and mercy.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered

that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food

but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name.

Amen

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.

And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

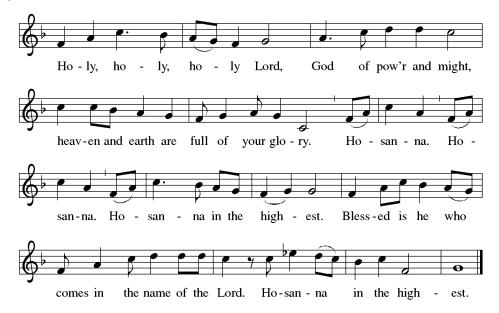
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



Dan: We will continue with distribution of communion which was consecrated last week.

When our congregation gathered for worship last Sunday and met around this table for the celebration of Holy Communion, we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. With thanksgiving we remembered that "in the night in which he was betrayed, he 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 he 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."

We were given the assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of his Holy Spirit. Now, this same bread of life and this same cup of blessing, is brought again to you that you may be strengthened through your participation in the body of Christ

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: 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

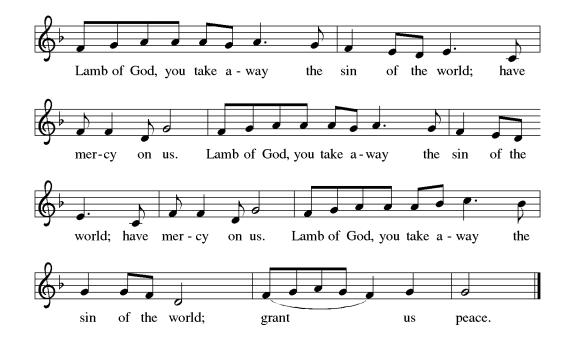
L: All things are now ready.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Bread for the journey A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

We practice continuous communion at the rail. All are welcome. White grape juice is available for those who prefer that instead of wine. Gluten free wafers available.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMNS

Around You, O Lord Jesus Faith of Our Fathers

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COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

Amen

BLESSING

P: Beloved,

we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Bible Readings for March 3 - Third Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm: Psalm 19

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel Reading: John 2:13-22

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Announcements: Week of February 25, 2023

Emanuel Singers choir practice — Today at 10:50 am. Practices will be every Sunday until Easter Sunday. All singers are welcome.

Conference Gathering: Saturday, March 9. Sierra Central, Conference 8 will meet at Saron Lutheran Church in Escalon. 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. \$10.00-\$15.00 donation for lunch. IF interested please let Pastor Lyn know as soon as possible. The conference will elect a new Dean and a church-wide representative (clergy) for the ELCA's 2025 Assembly.

Forty Days - Forty Items — THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE HAS A CHALLENGE FOR YOU! As we journey through Lent the Outreach Committee is asking you to consider sharing your abundance with those less fortunate. In the Narthex this morning you will see a basket containing black plastic bags. The Outreach Committee is asking everyone to pick up a bag and take it home. Follow the instructions attached to the bag and return your "most generous donation" on Palm Sunday, March 24th.

As you gather items please remember to make sure everything is **clean and in good condition**. Save the bag at home and add to it as you discover more items you are willing to pass along. At the end of the forty days, bring your donation to church and place it by the "Grace Is The Key" donation box. The bags will be collected and all items will go to help those less fortunate. Questions? Please see Chris Paulsen or Donna Vickroy

How about another retreat? I want to gather interest from you. After our Women's Retreat last October it was obvious to the team, from your evaluation forms, that you would consider attending another retreat. Step one - finding out if there's an interest. There is an information sheet and an "interest indicator" sign up sheet in the Narthex. Please see me for more information or for any questions you may have. Thank you - Donna Vickroy

Earth Day in the Park is April 20th, 2024 Graceada Park from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Anyone interested in volunteering and/or needing community service hours should contact swm@modestogov.com (Modesto Public Works).

Mark your calendar! Love Modesto is April 27th. Any questions or suggestions, contact Jeff Pishney, CEO & Founder 209-409-8135. Website: LoveModesto.com

If you would like to contribute to the National Child Safety and Drug Education Program, please contact the Stanislaus County Sheriff, 250 Hackett Road, Modesto, CA 95358 or call 209-525-7216. This fund services children and senior citizens.

Announcements (continued)

The 10k With a Cop event will take place on Saturday, March 9th. The 2-Mile Community Walk and the 10k/5k Course will include streets that surround our location. Please see the flyer (with maps) on the bulletin board for more information.

Square tables are needed for Bunco - Emanuel Lutheran Day Care will host a Bunco Night on Friday, March 15th. More details coming soon!

Covenant Voices: Abraham & Saray - Dick & Pat Norquist

The second week of Lent continues to highlight foundational covenants. This week, it is the covenant God made with Abram & Sarai. This covenant was accompanied by new names for this couple. Abraham & Sarah. God's promise or covenant with Abraham & Sarah was that they would become the father and mother of "many nations" in other words, millions of people, as many people as there are stars in the skies or sand in the sea. In Isaiah 43:1 God says, "I have called you by name, you belong to me." Names are important to us and names are important to God too. As people, named and claimed by God in the water of baptism, we are called to live into our names. First, we are named "child of God" and then we are named whatever we were given at our birth. Today, print your given name on the name tag in the display in the Chancel and remember Whose you are.





Ongoing Announcements

Food For Faith (FIGS) now has a location to accept donations of non-perishable food. We will collect food for them every 1st Sunday.

Text Study: Every Tuesday, year-round, in Luther Hall at noon. We discuss the lessons for the next Sunday. Come anytime you are available, leave early if you need to, bring your lunch. Generally, this lasts about an hour and 15 minutes....give or take.

The Men's Bible Study Group meets at 7 am on Wednesday mornings at The Secret Garden Restaurant, 2401 Orangeburg Ave.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study — 1:30 pm in Luther Hall. Join anytime. New study: "Fierce" Women of the Bible.

Hosts are needed for Coffee Hour. Please see the sign-up sheet in Luther Hall.

We are asking for donations to help support the Coffee Hour. A donation container will be available on a table in Luther Hall.

Coin Jar -- Your spare change makes a difference! Proceeds go to Outreach.

Quilting Bee -- meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 10:00 am. All are welcome & all skill levels as well. If you can use scissors and/or tie a knot, there will be a job for you!

Lydia Circle — usually meets the 2nd Monday of each month, at the home of Marsha Waggoner - 916 Kenilworth Ct. at 1:00 pm. Please be sure to check the weekly calendar in the bulletin for any updates! We use the GATHER magazine as our Bible Study. All women of Emanuel are invited to join us.

Leah Circle meets on the third Monday of the month at 1:00 pm at The Park Independent Senior Living Community in Modesto.

Rebecca Circle meets every 3rd Thursday at 1:30 pm in member's homes. All are welcome!

Miriam Circle meets every 4th Monday at member's homes. See Melissa Molina for more information.

The Shower Shuttle and Laundry Shuttle are actively taking care of our homeless communities, and the needs remain the same: personal hygiene items, etc. *Thank you all for your contributions to this Ministry, Marilyn and Chuck Rowland*

Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran World Relief directed donations go directly to the people most in need.

Entrance

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



- 1 Let us ev er walk with Je sus, fol low his ex am ple pure,
- 2 Let us suf fer here with Je sus, and with pa-tience bear our cross.
- 3 Let us glad ly die with Je sus. Since by death he con-quered death,
- 4 Let us al so live with Je sus. He has ris en from the dead



through a world that would de-ceive us and our spir - its lure. to sin will fol - low all our sad-ness; where he there is no loss. is he will free us from de-struc-tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath. that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot-steps tread-ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove, Though to - day we sow no laugh-ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy: Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin; we are your own liv - ing mem-bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, all dis-com-forts that an - noy and the grave that shuts us in your pres-ence con-stant-ly, let us do our Sav-ior's bid-ding. shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. shall but prove the gate of heav-en. liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



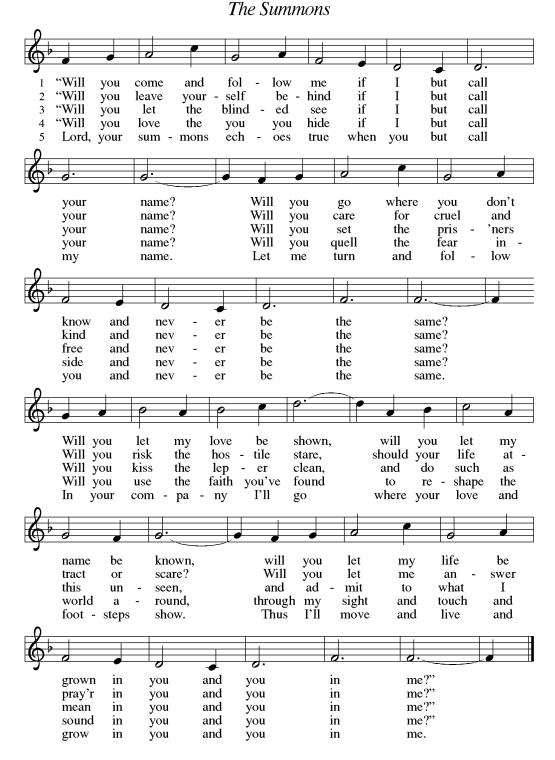
Faith-ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide. help me there your joy Je - sus, here I share your woe; know. to Je - sus, here with you there to live with you I die, high. me faith - ful Je - sus, let be; life e - ter - nal grant me.

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Hymn of the Day

Will You Come and Follow Me



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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Communion Hymn

Around You, O Lord Jesus



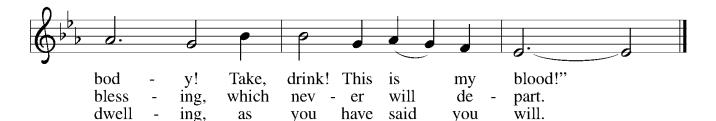
- 1 A round you, O Lord Je sus, your own you gath er still
- 2 We hear your in vi ta tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
- 3 We are your own for ev er; un til our fi nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill. your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all. we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This You say to us SO is my It draws your lov - ing heart; brings us to it to us your for are still a - mong your peo de - part from you, you ple



Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772-1847; tr. composite

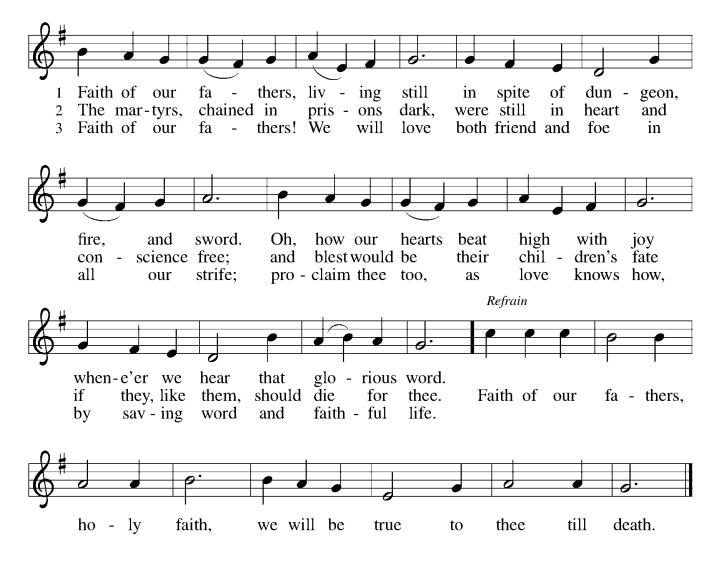
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Communion Hymn

Faith of Our Fathers



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818-1888; James G. Walton, 1821-1905, refrain

Sending Hymn

How Firm a Foundation



Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt. Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

Prayer Requests: February 25, 2024

- Prayers for healing & well-being foe Alice Hoaglund's granddaughter Jacqueline, who is recuperating form RSV
- 🕆 Prayers of healing for Manuel Furtado, friend of Dick & Pat Norquist
- Prayers of healing and well-being, as she undergoes treatment for lung cancer, for Patti V., a friend of Carole Maylen

On-going Prayers:

- 1. Pr. Lyn & family—comfort & peace
- 2. Laurie Spinuzzi—healing & well-being (Silva)
- Marian Schmidt McKenzie—slowing the progression of Parkinson's disease (Schmidt)
- Ian McKenzie—acceptance of new temporary Santa Barbara apartment (Schmidt)
- 5. Kathleen Reuter & family—comfort & peace
- 6. Lisa Poston—healing & well-being
- 7. Laura Marquez—health & well-being
- 8. Rose Epting—healing
- 9. Pat Smith—healing, peace & a sense of God's presence
- 10. Ray Simon—strength & healing
- 11. Tom & Barbara Norquist—well-being
- 12. Sue Allen—healing & well-being
- Gary Johnson– healing after an injury (Crawford)
- 14. Justin Egesdal—health & well-being (Nelson)

- Marge Thomas—Alzheimer's diagnosis (Rowland)
- Barbara Warner—healing for broken elbow (Schmidt)
- 17. Richard Clark—recovery & healing (Strand)
- Kyle Ollenborger—health & well-being (Strand)
- 19. John Smith— healing (Smith)
- 20. Salonen family—prayers for the gift of a healthy granddaughter
- 21. Jennifer Turner—health & well-being (Dieterich)
- 22. Lena Shirley & family—well-being
- 23. Aaron Strait—employment
- 24. Darcy Moreno—physical recovery (Ashlock)

CALENDAR | FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 3

Monday, February 26

ECHOES DEADLINE

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

6:30 pm Miriam Circle meets off-site

Tuesday, February 27

10 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary

12 pm Text Study: Luther Hall

Wednesday, February 28

7 am ELC Men's Bible Study group meets at The Secret Garden

Restaurant, 2401 E. Orangeburg Ave. in Modesto

1:30 pm Bible Study: Luther Hall

5 pm ELC Lenten Service

Thursday, February 29

10 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary

Friday, March 1

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Saturday, March 2

9 am-4 pm No events are scheduled

Sunday, March 3

FOOD FOR FAITH

9:30 am ELC Worship Service 10:45 am ELC Sunday School

3 pm Radiant Leadership

5 pm Radiant Worship Service



Our Mission

To share Christ's unconditional love with everyone.

Our Vision

Emanuel's vision is to be loving, supportive, and welcoming, as we reach out in service and in witness to our neighborhood and the city beyond.

We share a passion to nurture people in all stages and circumstances of life.

We, as disciples of Christ, minister to our changing community in challenging cultural times.

God is calling us to joyfully follow the Holy Spirit in ministry to others.