

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 10, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME Pastor Lyn Crase

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Page 16

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.

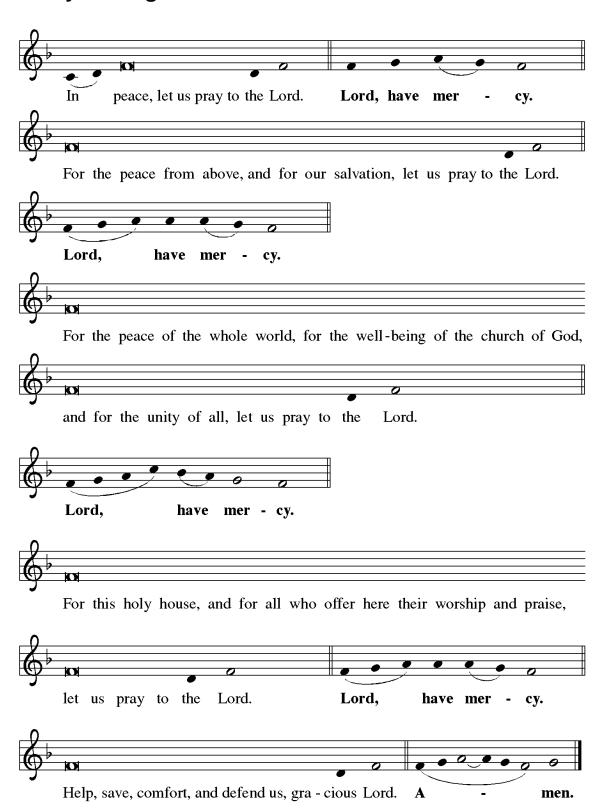
Amen

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together....

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

Covenant Voices—Tom Watkins

Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

²Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

³gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted.

¹⁸They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

¹⁹Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD and you delivered them from their distress.

²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave.

²¹Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.

²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

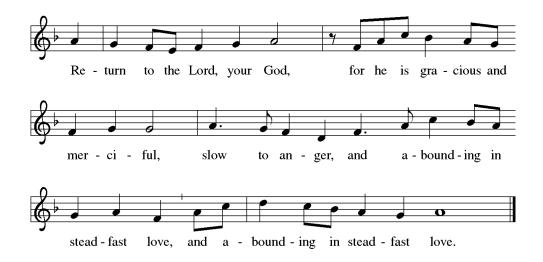
SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.

P: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Gospel according to John, Chapter 3.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 3:14-17

To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED) Please be seated.

SERMON Pastor Lyn

HYMN OF THE DAY O Christ, Our Hope 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

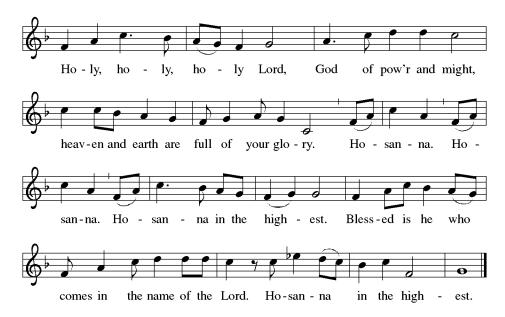
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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.

Amen

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

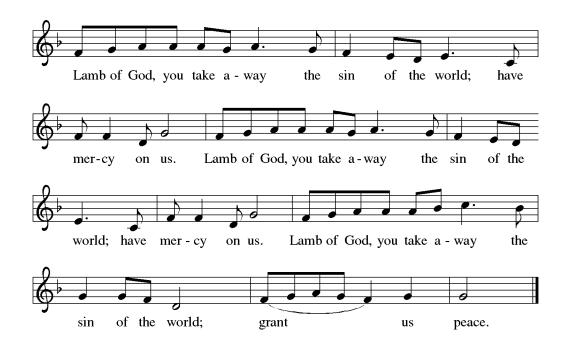
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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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

A: 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

Lift High the Cross

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Bible Readings for March 17- Fourth Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: Psalm 51:1-12

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10 Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33

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Announcements: Week of March 10, 2023

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

Forty Days - Forty Items - There are a few black plastic bags left if you'd like to take one home and fill it up for the Outreach Committee Challenge. Remember to read the instructions attached to the bag and return your most generous donation on Palm Sunday, March 24. Grace Is The Key will have their truck in the parking lot ready for our donations. There's still time. Questions? See Chris P. or Donna V.

Please plan to join us for a shared Easter Sunday Brunch. Radiant Covenant and Emanuel Lutheran families and friends will join together after worship for great food and fellowship. You may sign up in the narthex to help with the menu items. Questions? See Bruce or Donna.

Save the date - Pinkies up ladies - Leah Circle is hosting a ladies tea. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 20, 11 am till 1 pm.** Plenty of savory and sweet goodness to choose from. Our guest speaker will be Hannah Brady from Senior Advocacy Network/Senior Law Project. Sign up sheet will be available soon. You won't want to miss this wonderful event.

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

WE HAVE A DATE! Saturday, May 25 we will gather for "Next Steps" - a workshop designed to help us explore what questions we, as women, need to research and think about as we plan for our future in a positive and proactive way AND how to go about moving toward pulling this information together as an action plan. Every "Plan A" needs a "Plan B". What are your plans for your health, housing, social network, resources, caring team, and spiritual growth? Join us in May to put this puzzle together. Invite your daughters, sisters, lady friends and neighbors. These are all individuals who may very well be on your team as you go forward. Registration is officially OPEN and will close Sunday, May 12. Cost for the day is \$40 and helps cover the costs for speaker, meals and supplies. Questions? Please see Donna V.

Announcements (continued)



Emanuel Lutheran Day Care Fundraiser 3 Join Us for a Lucky Little Bunco and Raffle 6



Let the Good Times Roll!

Friday, March 15th

5 pm - Potato Bar Dinner Ticket: \$10 • 6 pm - Game Ticket: \$20 Square tables are needed for Bunco. Please bring to church office or leave in Luther Hall. *Thank you!*

Today during Fellowship hour, you will have the opportunity to taste CAFE VIDA. This organic coffee is grown and processed in El Salvador to support the Lutheran church ministries there. It is being considered as our served coffee at our functions to have Emanuel support this ministry. As a coffee drinker we welcome your opinion. ~ Marsha Waggoner

Covenant Voices: Moses - Tom Watkins

We are deep in the season of Lent. This week we'll begin to turn our eyes toward Jerusalem & the cross. Again, we hear from Moses who, after the Exodus from Egypt, was leading the people along an old caravan route along the Red Sea, from Mount Hor around Edom toward the Plains of Moab & Mount Pisgah. It was the long way around but necessary to avoid conflict with the Edomite king. The people were grumbling about the food God had been providing along this journey. Sometimes, the problem is met with a solution that totally surprises us. The bronze snake Moses lifted upon a pole did more than heal snake bites. This pole pointed to another pole upon which Jesus would be lifted. Jesus explained that just as the Israeliites were healed of their sickness by looking at the snake on the pole, all believers today can look to Jesus' death on the cross for healing and hope. We are called to "look at Jesus and live."



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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: "Prayers in the Old Testament".

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!

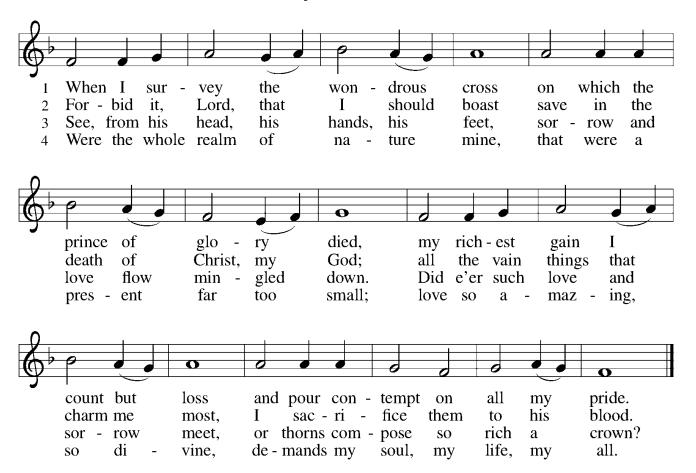
Miriam Circle meets every 4th Monday at member's homes. See Melissa Molina for more information.

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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

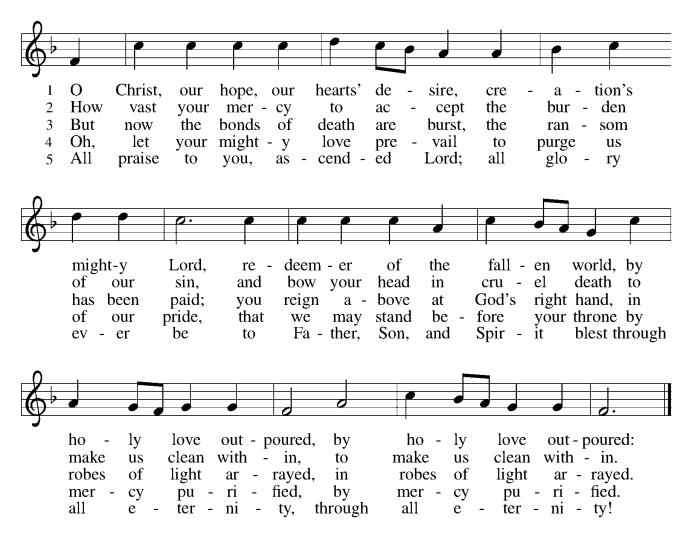


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Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

Hymn of the Day

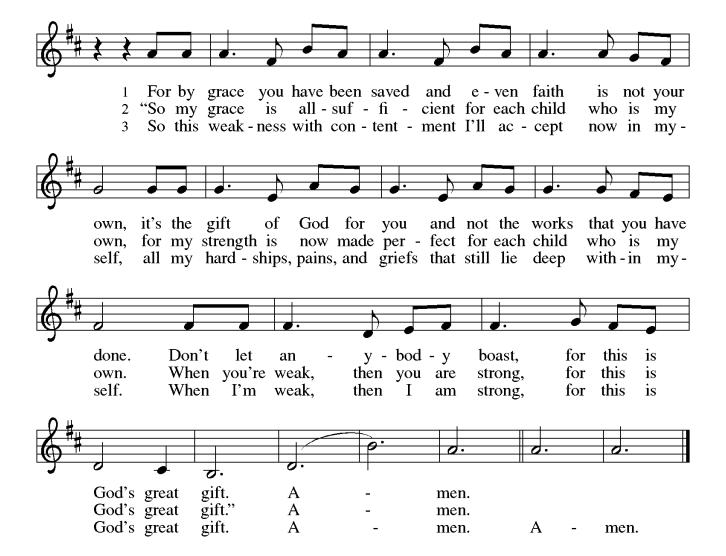
O Christ, Our Hope



Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt. Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

Communion Hymn

For by Grace You Have Been Saved



Text: Kari Tikka, b. 1946; tr. Michael Harper

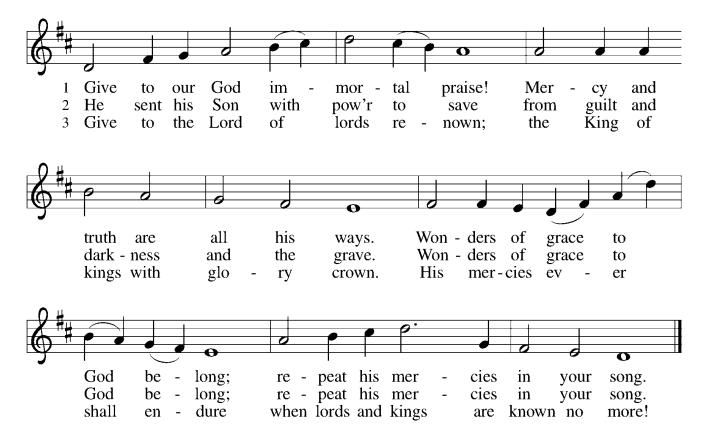
Music: ARMOLAULU, Kari Tikka

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Communion Hymn

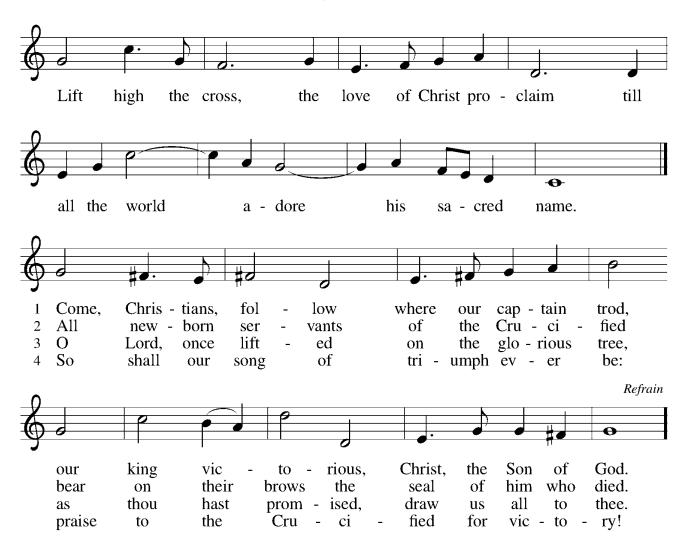
Give to Our God Immortal Praise!



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Sending Hymn

Lift High the Cross



Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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Prayer Requests: March 10, 2024

- 🕆 Prayers for recovery from a fall for Dan Farrell, family member of Marsha Waggoner
- 🕆 Prayers for health & well-being for Jon Reuter, family member of Bob Reuter
- Prayers for health & well-being for Kim Keen, friend of Karen Harris
- Prayers for strength in adversity for Chris Paulsen
- 🕆 Prayers for healing for Dick Lippert, former ELC member and friend of Dick & Pat Norquist
- Prayers for healing of leukemia for Logan S., 10 year old grandson of Jeff Hopson who installed our camera system
- Prayers of comfort and peace for the family of Ed DeCoite, who passed away on March 8th (Epting)

On-going Prayers:

- 1. Pr. Lyn & family—comfort & peace
- Jacqueline—healing & well-being/RSV (Hoaglund)
- 3. Manuel Furtado—healing (Norquist)
- 4. Patti V.—healing & well-being/lung cancer treatment (Maylen)
- 5. 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)
- 8. Kathleen Reuter & family—comfort & peace
- 9. Lisa Poston—healing & well-being
- 10. Laura Marquez—health & well-being
- 11. Rose Epting—healing
- 12. Pat Smith—healing, peace & a sense of God's presence
- 13. Ray Simon—strength & healing
- 14. Tom & Barbara Norquist—well-being

- 15. Sue Allen—healing & well-being
- Gary Johnson– healing after an injury (Crawford)
- 17. Justin Egesdal—health & well-being (Nelson)
- 18. Marge Thomas—Alzheimer's diagnosis (Rowland)
- Barbara Warner—healing for broken elbow (Schmidt)
- 20. Richard Clark—recovery & healing (Strand)
- 21. Kyle Ollenborger—health & well-being (Strand)
- 22. John Smith—healing (Smith)
- 23. Salonen family—prayers for the gift of a healthy granddaughter
- 24. Jennifer Turner—health & well-being (Dieterich)
- 25. Lena Shirley & family—well-being
- 26. Aaron Strait—employment
- 27. Darcy Moreno—physical recovery (Ashlock)

CALENDAR | MARCH 11 - 17

Monday, March 11

10 am Piecemakers Quilting Bee

1 pm Lydia Circle

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 12

12 pm Text Study: Luther Hall

2 pm Organ Practice: Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 13

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, March 14

10 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary

Friday, March 15

5 pm ELDC Bunco Night Fundraiser: Luther Hall (All Areas)

Saturday, March 16

(No events are scheduled)

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS SUNDAY

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.