



*Third Sunday After Epiphany*

*January 22, 2017*

**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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# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 22, 2017

9:30 AM

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## PRELUDE

*Six Hymn Settings for Epiphany*

Wilbur Held

*As With Gladness Men of Old, Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning,  
How Brightly Shines the Morning Star, O Chief of Cities, Bethlehem,  
Watchman, Tell us of the Night, When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known*

## WELCOME

## ENTRANCE HYMN

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

ELW #815

## 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.

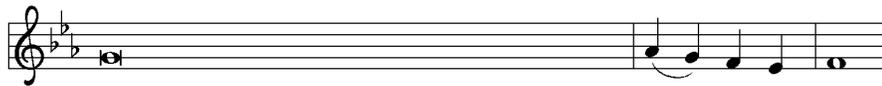
## KYRIE



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.



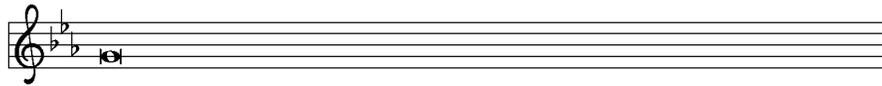
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray together....

**C Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 9:1-4**

*The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced defeat, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them. The people in the northern parts of Israel have experienced “gloom” and “darkness” because of the destruction wrought by Assyrian military forces. To these people, the prophet announces the shining of a great light of salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation,

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden,

and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

L The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**



baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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 Holy Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 4.

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

### GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:12-23

*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to

them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P The gospel of the Lord.  
C Praise to you, O Christ.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **SERMON**

Pastor Lyn Crase

### **SERMON HYMN**

*You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

ELW #817

### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.

**Response:** ... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

### OFFERTORY

*Gammal fabodpsalm*

Oskar Lindberg

### 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 the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

### 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.

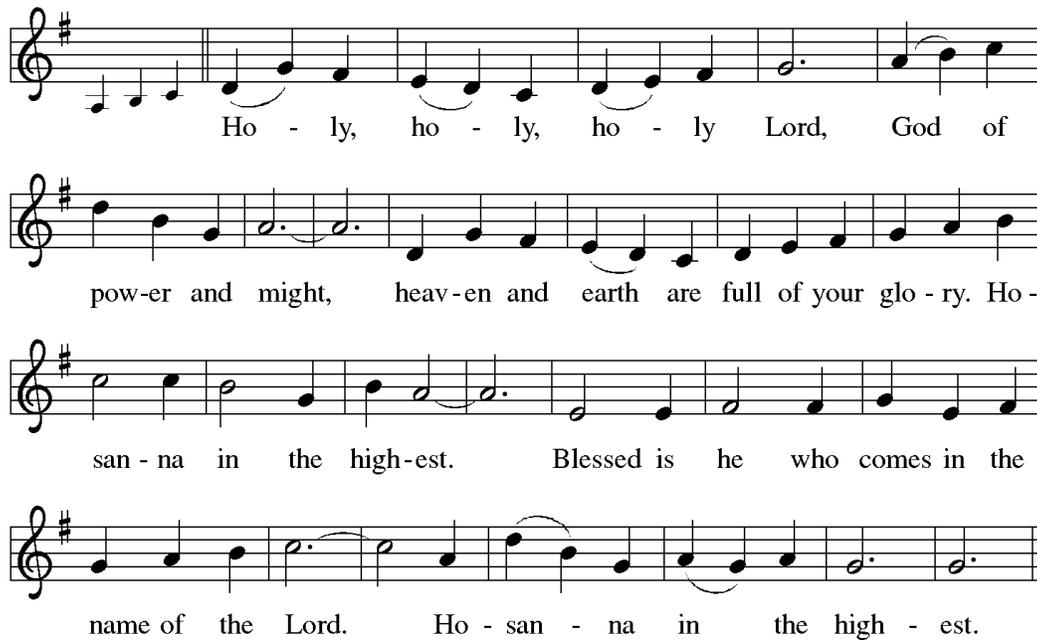
**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### 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.**

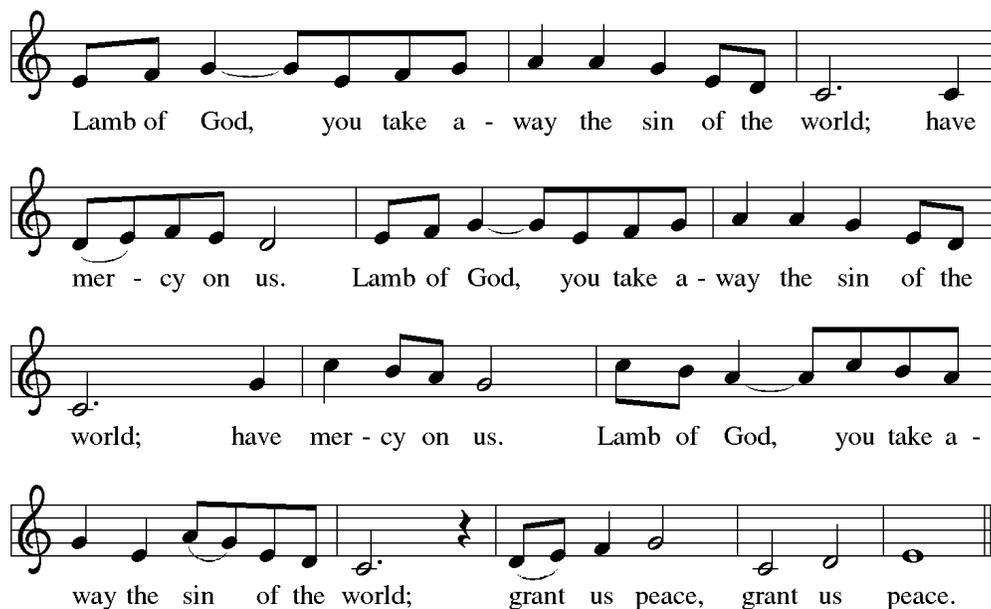
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

## LAMB OF GOD



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

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Dearest Jesus, at Your Word*

ELW #520

*I Love to Tell the Story*

ELW #661

*We are Marching in the Light*

ELW #866

## 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 OF COMMUNION MINISTERS

*Home Communion Minister(s) come(s) forward.*

P Let us pray,

C **O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are homebound. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## 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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENDING HYMN

*Rise, Shine, You People*

ELW #665

### DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works*

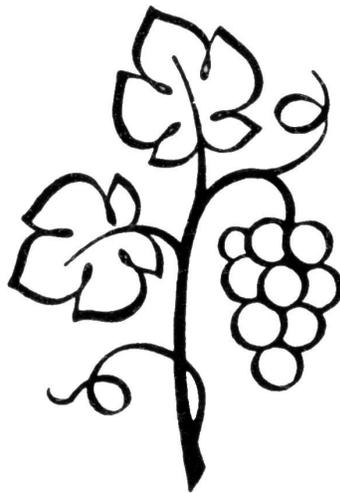
Emma Lou Diemer

Based on a Dakota tune

## THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

**Presiding Minister** ..... Pastor Lyn Crase  
**Assisting Minister** ..... Bob Dailey  
**Acolyte** ..... Chris Schmidt  
**Ministers of the Word** ..... Bill Reinheimer, Suzanne Wilke  
**Cantor** ..... Kathleen Reuter  
**Communion Assistants** ..... Suzanne Wilke  
**Usher/Greeter** ..... Clarke/Hall  
**Altar Care** ..... Debbie Van Diepen

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# Announcements

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*Please use your “soft” voice during and following the Prelude, as others may be in prayer and meditation. Thank you.*

## **FREE COURSE** What Would Luther Do Today? with Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

**Web Link:** <https://www.churchnext.tv/library/what-would-luther-do-today/44943/about/>

Just in time for the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's historic ministry of reformation, you can register now and take the course anytime between January 16 - January 30.

**Sam Gierhan** is raising money for an eagle scout project here at the church. The cost will be around \$600 or more. If you would like to donate, please give the donation to the church and have it designated for the Eagle Scout project. Thank you and your help is much appreciated. For more information, please see Sam or Pr. Lyn.

**Choir Rehearsals** will resume February 5.

**Adult Education** On-going every 2nd and 4th Sunday, discussing the book Together by Grace: Introducing the Lutherans by Kathryn A. Kleinhans. Meets 5:30pm-7:00 pm in Katie's Room.

**Biblical Art Journaling** On-going every third Sunday at 3:00 pm.

**Text Study** meets Tuesdays at noon in Katie's Room. All are welcome. Bring along your lunch.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study** 9:30 am in Katie's room.



**Quilters:** *We have materials and quilt tops ready to assemble. We are planning a quilting bee for Saturday, February 4 at 9:00 am in Katie's room. The more hands we have, the faster we can assemble the quilts for Lutheran World Relief and Modesto Police Department. Please join us for a fun get together. If you have questions, see Paula Kroeze or Rose Epting. Depending upon how we do, we may schedule another time.*

January 22

Have you ever wondered who showed up at the trial in the city of Worms?

What did the serving girl think?

For answers to these and other questions, make sure to attend the 9:30 Worship Service on Sunday, February 5. You will want to be there!



**To Do List**

- 1) Flower Chart—**many dates available**
- 2) Coffee Hosts
- 3) Gospel Mission ministry on January 31

*Please be sure to connect with ministry leaders for more information or to volunteer.*

 **Family Promise<sup>®</sup>**  
of Greater Modesto

**Family Promise offers New Year’s Resolution Help**

There a high probability that many of us have placed “service to others” on our list of new year’s resolutions. If that’s you, Family Promise can help. Guests return to Emanuel January 22-28. Sign up to help on the chart in the Narthex and get off on the right foot for 2017.

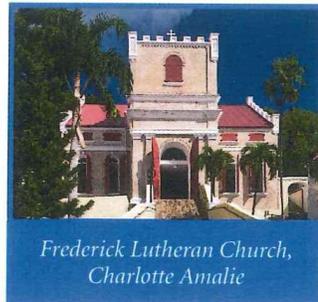
**Save the date!** Our first Wired Word Potlucks of 2017 are coming soon. This time groups of about ten will meet at one of three different locations. Suzanne Wilke and Pastor Lyn will each host potlucks in their homes on Friday, February 3. Jim and Paula Barton will host a potluck in their home on Saturday, February 4. *Be sure to add your name to one of the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.*

## ABOUT THE LUTHERANS

# Lutherans in the Caribbean

Lutheran churches have deep roots in northern Europe and have large numbers in North America. Partner churches are flourishing in the Middle East, southern Africa, Australia, and Asia. But many Lutherans don't know that there have been Lutherans in some parts of the Caribbean for almost four hundred years.

Historically, Lutheranism came to the Caribbean as the religion of white European and, later, American settlers. But in time some of these churches opened their doors to local inhabitants, Hispanics, African Americans, and Native Americans. Some of these congregations have become truly indigenous and multicultural ministries. More recently, North Americans moved and settled in some parts of the Caribbean, beginning other congregations for expatriates and vacationers.



*Frederick Lutheran Church,  
Charlotte Amalie*

The oldest Lutheran congregation in the Caribbean was founded in the Virgin Islands in 1666 by Danish settlers on the island of St. Thomas, the Frederick congregation in Charlotte Amalie. They later founded other congregations on the islands of St. Croix, St. John, and St. Thomas in the eighteenth century. Although these congregations were originally intended for Danes, by the 1750s they were ministering to the enslaved Africans on the islands.

When Denmark sold these islands to the United States in 1917, these congregations affiliated with American Lutheran denominations. There are also several congregations of Virgin Island Lutherans on the mainland of the United States, most notably in New York City.

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Similarly, Dutch Lutherans founded congregations in the area of Guyana and Suriname in the eighteenth century, as the Europeans planted colonies there. Congregations generally consisted of white settlers and their descendants until the middle of the nineteenth century, when they began to reach out to other populations. Guyana is especially racially diverse, and the Lutheran congregations there include African Americans, Native Americans, East Indians, and some Chinese.

Though it has a long history of European colonization, Lutherans did not become established on Puerto Rico until it became a part of the United States in 1898. In that year a young student, Gustav Swenson, moved to Puerto Rico and eventually started a Lutheran congregation there. He was eventually followed by a number of different pastors and missionaries from the United States, who began to preach in Spanish to the local population.

Lutheran congregations can be found in some of the other islands of the Caribbean. There is a small Lutheran presence in Cuba, Antigua, Bermuda, and the Bahamas all have Lutheran congregations affiliated with various bodies. Even Haiti hosts a Lutheran enclave, connected with the Church of the Lutheran Confession in Alsace and Lorraine (France).



Although many of these Caribbean Lutheran congregations were begun by Europeans or Americans, either as settlers or missionaries, most of their members are now predominantly local people—Virgin Islanders, Guyanese and Surinamese, Puerto Ricans, and others. They may be Hispanic, Native American, African American, or other local populations, worshipping in Spanish, English, French, or other local languages. These congregations enrich the palate of world Lutheranism, and help spread the gospel of Christ into every corner of the world.

*Mark Granquist*

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

| MON<br>23                                    | TUE<br>24                    | WED<br>25   | THUR<br>26   | FRI<br>27                           | SAT<br>28  | SUN<br>29  |
|--|------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| FAMILY PROMISE<br><br><b>ECHOES DEADLINE</b> | FAMILY PROMISE               | FAMILY PROMISE<br><br>7:00 am<br>Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's | FAMILY PROMISE<br><br>9:30 am<br>Adult Bible Study | FAMILY PROMISE<br><br>OFFICE CLOSED | FAMILY PROMISE<br><br>9:00 am-12:00 pm<br>String Rehearsal | 9:30 am<br>Worship Service<br><br>Youth Sunday<br><br><b>INTERFAITH SUNDAY</b> |
| 6:30 pm<br>CANA                              | 12:00 pm<br>Lectionary Study | 10:00 am<br>Weekly Staff Mtg.                               | 1:00 pm<br>Rebecca Circle                          |                                     |  |  |
| 7:00 pm<br>Lydia Circle @ ELC                |                              |   |  |                                     |  |  |

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

| Date                 | Assisting Minister | Ministers of the Word  | Cantor      | Communion Assist | Acolyte      | Usher Greeter     | Altar Care |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------|
| Jan 29<br>Epiphany 4 | Barbara Crawford   | Peter Cousins          | David Holtz | Lori Skustad     | Fanney B.    | Shank/Skustad     | Lois Silva |
| Feb 5<br>Epiphany 5  | Garry Hayes        | Mike Epting            |             | Lois Owen        | Kailyn Knoll | Owen Family       |            |
| Feb 12<br>Epiphany 6 | Paula Barton       | S McCready<br>P Kroeze |             | Santana/McCready | Emma Hoover  | Petersen/Troedson |            |

## WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

| January 29<br>Epiphany 4   | February 5<br>Epiphany 5  | February 12<br>Epiphany 6   |
|--|---|---|
| Micah 6:1-8<br>Psalm 15<br>1 Corinthians 1:18-31<br>Matthew 5:1-12 | Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]<br>Psalm 112:1-9 [10]<br>1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]<br>Matthew 5:13-20 | Deuteronomy 30:15-20<br>Psalm 119:1-8<br>1 Corinthians 3:1-9<br>Matthew 5:21-37 |



"Almighty and Everlasting God, guide the president of the United States, his cabinet and counselors, and all in authority over our nation, that they may be just in purpose, wise in counsel, unwavering in duty. In the administration of their solemn responsibilities, may they uphold the honor of our nation and secure the welfare and protection of all people. Holy Trinity, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. Make us, who come from many nations with many languages, a united people who delight in our many different gifts. Give those whom we have entrusted with authority the Spirit of Wisdom, that there may be peace and justice throughout our land. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer."

Taken from the **ELCA's Prayer Book for the Armed Services** as we anticipate a peaceful change of leadership this week.

**New Prayer Requests:** Randy Black (Lois Silva's cousin) - healing, strength and well-being; Maximilliano Ixcot—healing & well-being (Ixcot); Donald Murray—continued prayers for healing (Murray)

**Our Members:** Drew Shank; Ben Knoll; Lori Knoll; Carolyn Crenwelge; Bob Dailey; Kelly Dailey; Gary Knoll; Bill Fox; Virginia Dall; Keith Thurston; Anthony Pino & Aaron Daubenspeck; Lena Shirley; Marj Sample; Teri Scott; Pat Smith; Jill Klenz; Alice Hine, Larry Decker; Elizabeth Estrada

**Our Homebound Members:** Florence Broden, Shelda Fritts

**Our Family:** Ian McKenzie (Schmidt); Sheila Barton (Barton); Joy Morgan, Joyce & Manuel (Scott); Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer); Evelyn Thurston (Thurston); Cindy Johnson (Salonen); Helen Opitz (Smith); Robert Schlipman; Sherry Orsetti; Laurie Spinuzzi (Silva); Linda Luis-Thompson (Strand); Bobby Horton (Crawford); Richard Epting (Epting); Sue and George Reinheimer; Christine Williams (Dieterich); Alexander Smith (Pino); Adeline Otterness (Hoaglund); Dan Porter (Ixcot); Adriana Johnson (Marquez); Tiffany Stone; Deborah, Abel, Mercedes, Sofia, Martin, brothers and sisters (Juarez); Justin Egesdal (Nelson); Natalie O'Meany (Knoll)

**Our Friends:** Mark, Matthew & Amanda (Scott); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Adrienne (Nelson); Pastor Stan Niemi; Tom Aja (Crawford); Jennifer Turner (Dieterich); John Pienado (Knoll); Dawn Wagner; Leila Afshin (Skustad); Donna Thayer (Petersen); Mary Martin

(Martin); Jerry Larson (Clarke); David and Jeffrey Hudson (Reinheimer); Ken, Stephen Washer (Norquist); Roxie Parker (Wilke); Our little guest from Family Promise (Tamra Losinski); Ian Hagler (Schmidt); Dr. Daniel Alfonso and his mother (Tisdale)

**We Pray for Peace** in the Middle East, and for all those serving in our armed forces.

**T/Sgt. Ryan Dangerfield, USAF** in Ramstein AB, Germany and **SSgt. Joey Sabel, USMC** in Kaneohe Marine Corps Base, Hawaii (Marilyn & Chuck Rowland's grandson & grandson-in-law); **Capt. Tim Kramer** (Megan Armes' brother) will be in Kuwait through June of 2016; **Ryan Powell** (grandson of Yvonne Troedson) USN, Connecticut; **Chad Vander Veen** (friend of Susan Hall), US Army in Fort Campbell, Kentucky.



## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.

Holy God, you call us to fish for people. Tear down divisions and unite the church universal in your mission. Make us of the same mind and purpose in service and worship to you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Fed with bread and wine, Christ's body and blood, make us eager to care for your good creation. Send us to pick up litter from highways and lakeshores and protect animal habitats. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Nurturing God, you call us to care for creation. Breathe into us the joy and beauty of stewardship. Teach us to care for the small seed and the expansive sky. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate God, you call us to care for the stranger in our midst. Sustain refugees from every country and empower organizations that provide food and shelter for them, especially Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Redeeming God, you break the oppressor's rod. Bring an end to tyranny and poverty. Wipe out fear. Uphold all your children who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Heal us with your presence. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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

**Your mercy is great.**

God of hope, today we pray for the pastors & churches of Sierra Central Valley Conference. This morning we lift up Pastor Victor Berg-Haglund and Saron Lutheran Church in Escalon and our Pastor, Lyn Crase and Emanuel Lutheran Church. Sustain Pastor Victor and Pastor Lyn and enliven the leadership of Saron Lutheran Church and Emanuel Lutheran Church; energize them for ministry in their communities, and enable bold witness for the sake of the Gospel. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Ever-living God, you call us to rest in you. Keep us faithful on earth and bring us to life everlasting with the saints of every time and place. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

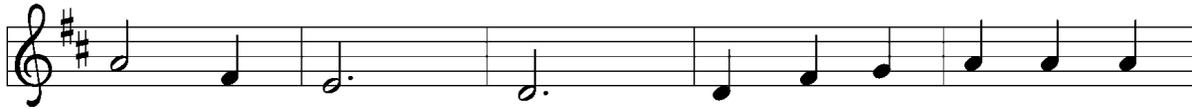
**Amen**

# ENTRANCE HYMN #815

## I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



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



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



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

### *Refrain*



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



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



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

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SERMON HYMN #817

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



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



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



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

*Refrain / Estribillo*



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



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



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

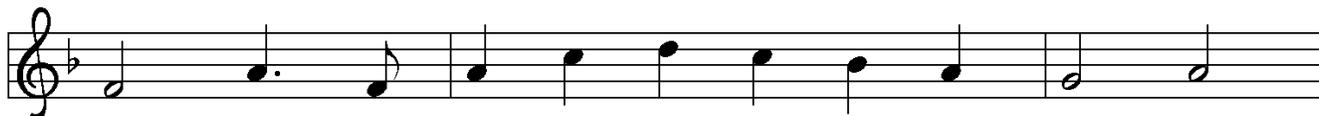
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# SENDING HYMN #665

## Rise, Shine, You People!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the  
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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