



Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

February 19, 2017

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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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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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 19, 2017

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Epiphanie Mystique

John Hillebrandt

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

ELW #658

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.

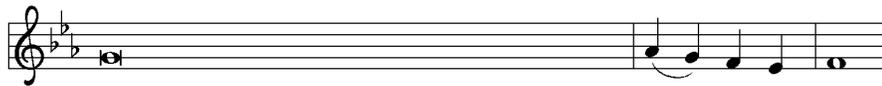
KYRIE



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.



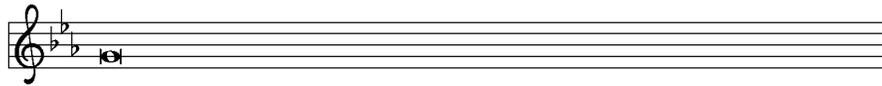
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 Holy God of compassion, you invite us into your way of forgiveness and peace. Lead us to love our enemies, and transform our words and deeds to be like his through whom we pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: LEVITICUS 19:1-2, 9-18

The Holiness Code in Leviticus urges people to be holy since God is holy. Holiness is lived out in partiality for and consideration of the poor and the weak. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves.

¹The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

⁹When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God.

¹¹You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. ¹²And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. ¹⁴You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 119:33-40



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- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way | of your statutes,
and I shall keep it | to the end.
- 34 **Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with | all my heart.**
- 35 Lead me in the path of | your commandments,
for that is | my desire.
- 36 **Incline my heart to | your decrees
and not to | unjust gain.**
- 37 Turn my eyes from be- | holding falsehood;
give me life | in your way.
- 38 **Fulfill your promise | to your servant,
which is for | those who fear you.**
- 39 Turn away the reproach | that I dread,
because your judg- | ments are good.
- 40 **Behold, I long for | your commandments;
by your righteousness en- | liven me.**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 3:10-11, 16-23

Jesus Christ is the foundation of the church and its ministry. We are God's temple because God's Spirit dwells in us, and we belong to Christ. Hence we are called to build wisely upon this sure foundation not for our own benefit but for others to experience Christ's benefits.

¹⁰According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it.

¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

¹⁶Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

¹⁸Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. ¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written,

“He catches the wise in their craftiness,”
²⁰and again,
“The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise,
that they are futile.”

²¹So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, ²²whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, ²³and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to 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 5.

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

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:38-48

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus declares an end to the law of vengeance. God's people will respond to evil with love and forgiveness.

Jesus said to the disciples: ³⁸“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ ³⁹But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; ⁴⁰and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; ⁴¹and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. ⁴²Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Lyn Crase

SERMON HYMN

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power

ELW #651

ALL: v. 1, 3, 5, 6, 7; Pulpit Side: v. 2; Lectern Side: v. 4

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: ... Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY

All Glory Be to God on High

Paul Manz

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.

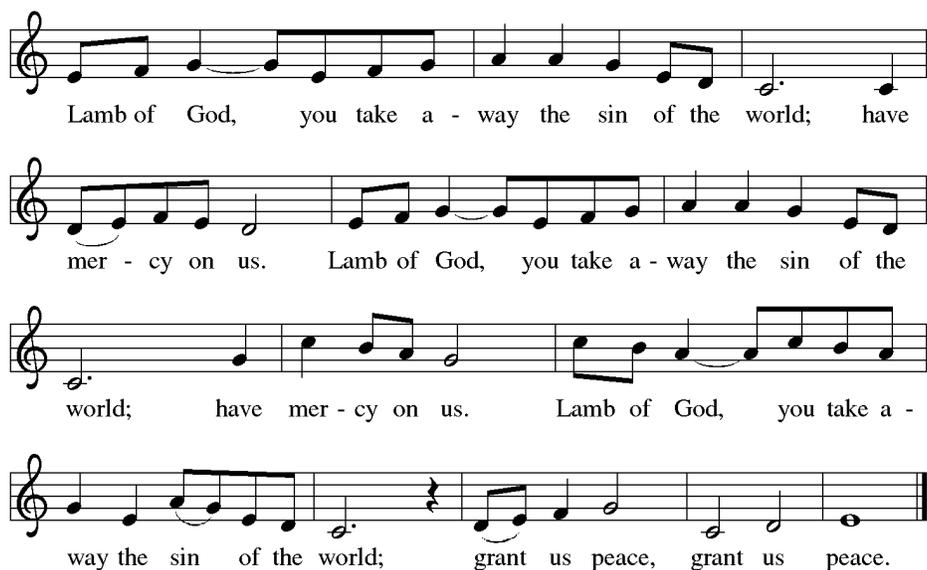
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

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

Bring Peace to the Earth Again
Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace
Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

ELW #700

ELW #716

ELW #452

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace, now and forever.

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

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

P Let us pray:

C **God of all creation, we offer you grateful praise for the Gift of Life, and especially the gift of the lives of our sisters and brothers who stand before us this day and who recall this month the day of their birth. They rejoice in your gifts of life and love, family and friends.**

Bless them with your presence and surround them with your love that they may enjoy many happy years, all of them pleasing to you. We ask this grace and blessing for each one of them through Christ our Lord. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Built on a Rock

ELW #652

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Built on a Rock

Paul Manz

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister Pastor Lyn Crase
Assisting Minister Mike Epting
Acolyte Chris Schmidt
Ministers of the Word Bob Dailey, Susan Hall
Communion Assistant(s) Bob Dailey
Cantor David Holtz
Usher/Greeter Reuter/Dieterich
Altar Care Knoll/Nelson

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Today's Prelude was composed by John Hillebrandt and commissioned by the Stanislaus Chapter of the American Guild of Organists in the spring of 2016. John is active in Modesto, playing in the Modesto Symphony and teaching an online class at Modesto Junior College. John currently lives in Sacramento where he composes, and is an active pianist and organist.

Announcements

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



The flowers on the altar today are given by Barbara Crawford
in memory of Esther Johnson’s 105th birthday.



Choir Rehearsal after the service.

Youth Group meets TODAY at 11:00 am

WELCA Steering Committee Meeting on Sunday, February 26 following the service in Augustana Hall

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.

Quilting Bee Saturday, March 4 from 9:00 am until...We will meet in Katie’s Room.

Sunday, March 5 Potluck after worship and showing of “Rick Steves’ Luther and the Reformation”.

See the Kiosk

1) information on the upcoming Sierra Central Valley Conference Gathering on February 25.

From Bishop Mark Holmerud

Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR), Lutheran Social Services (LSS) and our Tri-Lert disaster response ministry (a cooperative ministry of our synod, the area Missouri Synod district, and LSS) have all been in conversation in connecting people with needed resources while the evacuation orders remain in effect. According to the latest news reports, those evacuation orders will remain in place until officials determine it is safe for the nearly 200,000 people who have been evacuated to return to their homes, possibly beyond this afternoon. There is an additional concern that a new set of storms later this week will add to the uncertainty of the situation. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is predicting that as many as 20,000 people (who have no other means of finding shelter) will need to be housed at evacuation centers under the current evacuation and that possibly 80,000 people may need assistance if there is a failure of the dam.

If you wish to donate money to help those who have been evacuated, the [Red Cross](#) is the best way to help those in immediate need of assistance. If you wish to donate to [Lutheran Social Services](#), please designate which Sierra Pacific Synod congregation in the area you wish to support.

"Loving God, we come to you trusting in your mercy and knowing that your steadfast love endures forever. Look with mercy on those who have been displaced from their homes. Give them your strength to meet the days ahead, your peace, which passes all understanding, and renewed hope for restoration. Move in those who are able to give aid, that we may be your heart and your hands. Be with all who are offering assistance, may your Spirit uphold them. You have made water a sign of cleansing and rebirth, grant us vision to see new life beyond disasters, even in this time of danger from flood waters. Help us to carry the burdens of the suffering and make us bearers of the hope that is your healing gift in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen."

ABOUT THE LUTHERANS

Lutherans in Social Service

Care for the poor and those in dire need has been a Lutheran concern from the beginning of the Reformation. In 1522, only five years after the posting of the Ninety-Five Theses, the reformers issued the Wittenberg Church Order, something of an outline for how a reshaped church community was to conduct itself. And part of that document was the call for a common or community chest—a fund that would, among other things, provide for poor orphans and children of poor people, provide refinancing of high-interest loans at 4 percent for those who were in financial trouble, and underwrite education or training for poor children. (Tellingly, Luther was challenged on the possibility of abuse, and he responded, “He who has nothing to live on should be aided. If he deceives us, what then? He must be aided again.”) These ideas were soon being put into practice—not just in Wittenberg, but in other cities as far away as Strasbourg. When the pastor of St. Mary’s Church in Wittenberg, Johannes Bugenhagen, became involved, the church orders also took up the cause of health care.



From that time on, Lutherans have keenly felt the responsibility to care for those in need, and that has been addressed in ways suitable for the time. An important step was taken by nineteenth-century German pastor Theodor Fliedner. Assigned to a poor town called Kaiserswerth (now part of Düsseldorf), he began working with inmates in the dilapidated prison there. Once he got a chaplain assigned to that prison, his focus shifted to caring for inmates, especially women, after their release. This, in turn, led to his development of a plan

whereby young women would be trained to care for the sick, since there were few hospitals at that time. In 1836 he opened both a hospital and a school for training women in theology and nursing. He called these women deaconesses.

One of the graduates of that school was Mother Katinika Guldberg, who established a deaconess house in Kristiania (now Oslo), Norway, where one of her students was a young Elisabeth Fedde. After working for a time in northern Norway, Fedde moved to New York City to begin ministry there. In short order, she founded or cofounded the Norwegian Relief Society, a deaconess house, and a small hospital that eventually became the Lutheran Medical Center in Brooklyn. After a few years, she moved to Minneapolis, where again she founded a deaconess center and a hospital that has now become part of the Hennepin County Medical Center. Hospitals in Chicago and Grand Forks, North Dakota, can also be traced to her work. Other important activity in social services was propelled by Pastor William Passavant.



These days Lutheran care for the needy can readily be seen in the work of Lutheran service organizations across the country, often among the most active such agencies in any given area. Worldwide, Lutheran World Relief is known and respected not only for showing up where needed, but for staying there even after the news reports fade away. In 2015 Lutheran World Relief touched over four million people in thirty-six countries.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 20	TUE 21	WED 22	THUR 23	FRI 24	SAT 25	SUN 26
President's Day OFFICE CLOSED	12:00 pm Lectionary Study	7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's ----- 10:00 am Weekly Staff Mtg.	9:30 am Adult Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED ----- 9:00 am Reformation Celebration Planning Teams	9:00 am Strings Rehearsal—Sanctuary	9:30 am Worship Service—Transfiguration Interfaith Sunday
	3:00 pm Focus on Prevention Luther Hall		5:30 pm Cottage Mtg. (A-D)			10:45 am WELCA Steering Committee Mtg.
7:00 pm Women's Bible Study @ M. Waggoner's						5:30 pm Adult Ed.—Katie's Rm.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Ministers of the Word	Cantor	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Feb 26 <small>Transfiguration</small>	David Holtz	Y Troedson B Crawford		Barbara Crawford	Fanney B.	Owen Family	Lois Silva
Mar 5 <small>Lent 1</small>	Bob Daily	P Kroeze B Roakitis	Kathleen Reuter	Beth Rokaitis	Kailyn Knoll	Smith/Knoll	Waggoner/ Castleberry
Mar 12 <small>Lent 2</small>	David Holtz	M Rowland B Reinheimer	David Holtz	Rowland/ Henke	Emma Hoover	Clarke/ Hall	Waggoner/ Castleberry

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

February 26 Transfiguration	March 5 Lent 1	March 12 Lent 2
Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 99 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11



New Prayer Requests: Ernie Deutsch—healing & well-being ; Stan Terris (Pat Smith’s brother)—healing, health & well-being; Priscilla Pino—healing, health & well-being (Ixcot); Mr. Olof Bergstrom—healing & health (Poston); David Fauskin—healing (Clarke); Sheri Hoover’s mother had bypass surgery—healing, health & well-being

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; Kim Petersen

Our Homebound Members: Florence Broden, Shelda Fritts

Our Family: Ian McKenzie (Schmidt); Sheila Barton (Barton); Joy Morgan (Scott); Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer); Evelyn Thurston (Thurston); Helen Opitz (Smith); Sherry Orsetti; Laurie Spinuzzi (Silva); Linda Luis-Thompson (Strand); Bobby Horton (Crawford); Richard Epting (Epting); Christine Williams (Dieterich); Alexander Smith (Pino); Dan Porter (Ixcot); Adriana Johnson (Marquez); Tiffany Stone; Deborah, Abel, Mercedes, Sofia, Martin, brothers and sisters (Juarez); Justin Egesdal (Nelson); Natalie O’Meany (Knoll); Randy Black (Silva); Donald Murray (Murray); Taylor, Joyce and Manuel Dillard (Scott); Lowell Miles (Tisdell); Paul Sears (Salonen)

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); Ken, Stephen Washer (Norquist); Ian Hagler (Schmidt); Dr. Daniel Alfonso and his mother (Tisdell); Jeanne (Watkins); Helyn Orr (Crawford); Maximilliano Ixcot (Ixcot); Willie Loeser (Tisdell)

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.

Make the church in every land holy as you are holy, O God. Join the voices of rich and poor, young and old, friends and enemies, in praise of you. Orchestrate harmony among us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for clean air, clean water, and clean soil. Renew the sky, land, and waterways. Teach us how to care for the earth as you desire. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for an end to war and for peace throughout the world (*areas experiencing conflict may be named*). Prosper the work of peacemakers, erase hatred, and stop violence. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for all who live with cognitive disorders or eating disorders. Provide them with supportive communities. Restore the forgotten; comfort the mourning; heal the hurting. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are discerning a call to ministry and those who accompany them. Empower them with your grace and wisdom to continue building on the foundation of faith we have in Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for your healing touch on those we name before you now, aloud or in silence (*pause for silence*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of hope, today we pray for the pastors & churches of Sierra Central Valley Conference. This morning we lift up Rev. Debbie McAllister and Mount Calvary Lutheran in Mi-Wuk Village. Sustain Rev. McAllister and enliven the leadership of Mount Calvary Lutheran; energize them for ministry in their community, and enable bold witness for the sake of the Gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the faithful departed and we pray for those who will die today. Hold them in your loving embrace. Breathe your Spirit of peace into them. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

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 #658

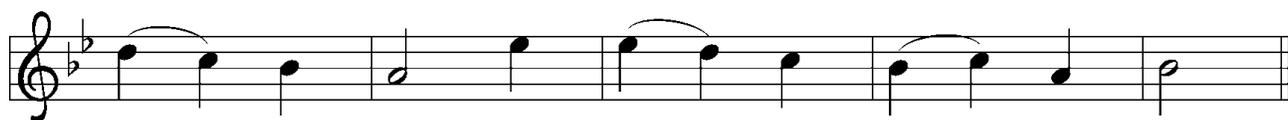
O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.
Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

SERMON HYMN #651

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
- 2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
- 3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
- 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
- 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:
ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:
with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

Refrain



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

- 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,
the love, the word, the tide.
Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,
praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*
- 7 Oh, praise the living Christ
with faith's bright songful voice!
Announce the gospel to the world
and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

Music: CHRISTPRAISE RAY, Carol Doran, b. 1936

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SENDING HYMN #652

Built on a Rock



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.
Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMEL HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887
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