



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 21, 2017

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Thy Holy Wings
Three Swedish Folk Hymn Preludes

John Ferguson

WELCOME

Pastor Lyn Crase

OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

ELW #408

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation..

C Amen

P Let us come into the light,
the revealing and healing light of God.

P God of grace and glory,

**C you have brought us through the night of sin
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.**

Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.

Make us alive in Christ, O God.

Make us new as you make all things new.

**Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,
renew us in grace,**

**and restore us to living in your holiness,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen**

P Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!

The light of the risen Christ
puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin,
restores innocence to the fallen,
casts out hate, brings peace,
and humbles earthly pride.

Jesus Christ loves you
and † frees you from your sins by his blood.

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

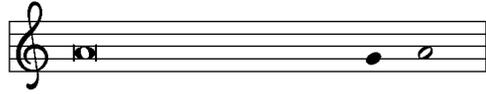
C Amen

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 a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



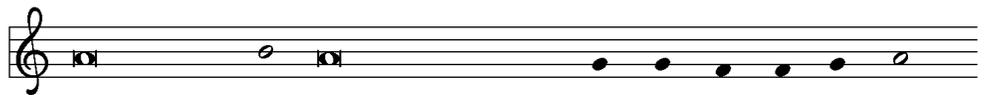
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain

Assisting minister



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

All



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



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



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

Refrain



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



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



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



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

Final refrain



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



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together....

C Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: ACTS 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:8-20



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⁸ Bless our | God, you peoples;
let the sound of | praise be heard.

⁹ **Our God has kept us a- | mong the living
and has not allowed our | feet to slip.**

¹⁰ For you, O God, have | tested us;
 you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

¹¹ **You brought us in- | to the net;**
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.

¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,
 but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

¹³ **I will enter your house | with burnt offerings**
and will pay | you my vows—

¹⁴ those that I promised | with my lips
 and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.

¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke of rams;**
I will give you ox- | en and goats.

¹⁶ Come and listen, all you | who believe,
 and I will tell you what God has | done for me.

¹⁷ **I called out to God | with my mouth,**
and praised the Lord | with my tongue.

¹⁸ If I had cherished evil | in my heart,
 the Lord would | not have heard me;

¹⁹ **but in truth | God has heard me**
and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.

ALL: ²⁰**Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,**
nor withheld unfailing | love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 3:13-22

Christians have a zeal for doing what is right in God's eyes no matter what the circumstances because in baptism we are saved and made alive. Thus our Christian beliefs and behavior are to be a matter of public record just as our baptism is.

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited

patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Gospel according to John, Chapter 14

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

GOSPEL: JOHN 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

CHILDREN’S TIME

MESSAGE

Dr. George Boodrookas, Ed.D., Guest Speaker
Dean of Advancement & Executive Director,
Modesto Junior College Foundation

APOSTLE’S CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle’s Creed:
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

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

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Response: ... Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

It Is Well with My Soul

Bruce Inman

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

OFFERING PRAYER

A Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
as you were made known to the disciples.
Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives,
that we may be your risen body in the world.

C Amen

SHARING THE PEACE

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

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please return to your seat at the signal from the organ and remain standing after the Peace.

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.

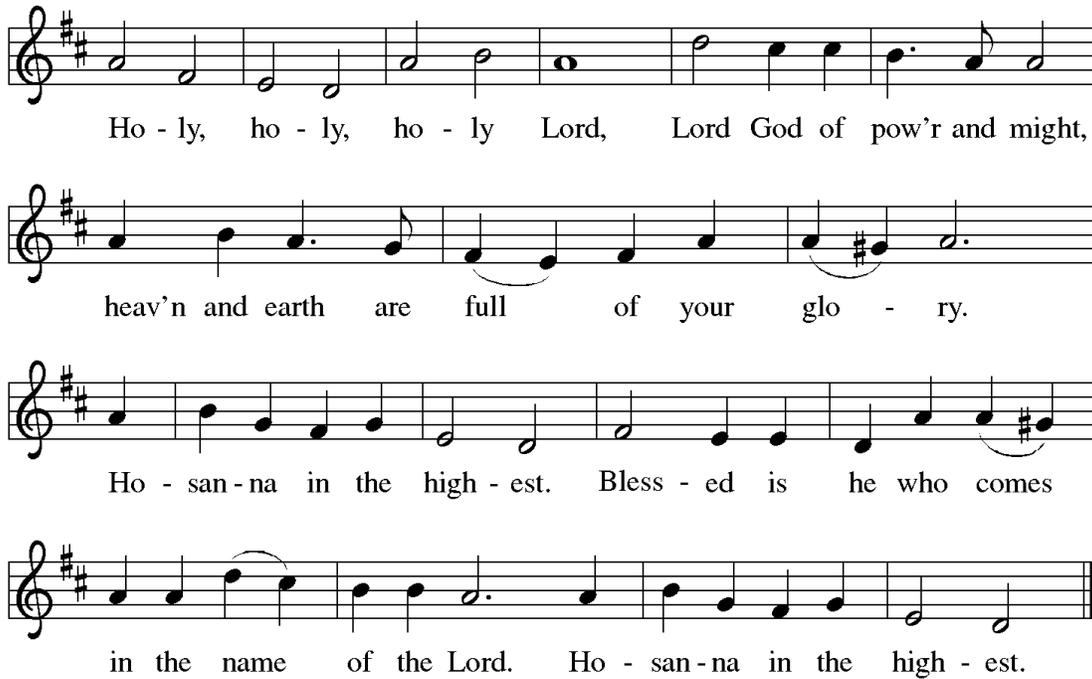
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Now let us feast this Easter day

on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

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

LAMB OF GOD



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



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW #781

Thy Holy Wings

ELW #613

Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW #474

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

C Amen

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

C Amen

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

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW #543

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

A You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Michael Helman

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister Pastor Lyn Crase
Guest Speaker..... Dr. George Boodrookas, Ed.D.
Assisting Minister Kathleen Reuter
Acolyte..... Fanney Bjargardottir
Ministers of the Word Lois Owen, Susan Hall
Communion Assistant..... Lois Owen
Usher/Greeter Reuter/Dieterich
Altar Care..... Johnson/Obermeyer

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Announcements

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



The flowers on the altar today were given to the glory of God by Pat & Jack Smith.



Altar Flowers Many dates remain vacant on the Altar Flower Contribution calendar located in Luther Hall. Each bouquet is \$25 and yours to take home following the service. Check the calendar for a memorable date you would like to dedicate for your flower contribution. Thanks, Debbie

Choir Rehearsal after Sunday’s service.

Adult Education May 28 from 5:30pm-7:00 pm in Katie’s Room.

Biblical Art Journaling third Sundays 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 meets 9:30 am in Katie’s room. Everyone is welcome!

Our Congregational Meeting is on June 4. We thought nothing better to wrap it up than a pancake breakfast. *Come join us!*

ELC & ELDC Vacation Bible School, June 9-11 *Register now!*

PLTS Decommissioning of former campus on Saturday, May 27. Please see the Kiosk for more information.

Calling All 2017 Graduates! If you are graduating or know of someone who will graduate this year, please contact the church office. Grads will be recognized on June 4.

TODAY May 21, 11 am–4 pm

**College Area Neighborhood Alliance presents:
MAY PLAY DAY @ GRACEADA PARK**

- Get to know your neighbors
- Pack your favorite foods & games
- Bring your family & friends
- Enjoy the beautiful weather

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Central Valley Sanctuary Tour by Messiah's Mansion

This living museum will be coming to Ceres, CA. It's a terrific way for all ages to learn about the historic sanctuary built by the Hebrews to Worship God.

Through guided tours, people are able to see the plan of salvation and bring it to life with the visual aid of the sanctuary furniture.

When: June 17—25, 2017

Where: Central Valley Christian Academy in Ceres

For more information, contact Linda Scales at (209) 725-0914



WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 22	TUE 23	WED 24	THUR 25	FRI 26	SAT 27	SUN 28
ECHOES DEADLINE	10:30 am Day Care Yoga Class	7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's ----- 10:00 am Weekly Staff Mtg.	9:30 am Adult Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED		9:30 am Worship Service Interfaith Sunday
	12:00 pm Lectionary Study		ELDC Picture Day			
7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	3:00 pm Focus on Prevention Mtg.— Luther Hall					

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assistant Minister	Ministers of the Word	Cantor	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
May 28 Ascension	Garry Hayes	D Holtz M Rowland		No Communion		Smith/ Knoll	Lois Silva
June 4 Pentecost	Mike Epting	S Hall P Kroeze	Kathleen Reuter	Pat Smith	Emma Hoover	Shank/ Skustad	Paula Kroeze
June 11 Holy Trinity	Barbara Crawford	B Dailey S Wilke	David Holtz	Wilke/ Dailey	Chris Schmidt	Clarke/Hall	Paula Kroeze

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

May 28 Ascension	June 4 Pentecost	June 11 Holy Trinity
Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23	Genesis 1:1--2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20

Prayer Requests



New Prayer Requests: Please continue to pray for Emanuel members, family, friends and those serving in our Armed Forces.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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; Teri Scott; Pat Smith; Jill Klenz; Elizabeth Estrada; Ernie Deutsch; Kim Petersen; Linda Nelson; Karen Harris; Wes Trana; Mary Dieterich; Yvonne Troedson; Elaine Ixcot; Pauline Cummings

Our Homebound Members: Florence Broden, Shelda Fritts; Marj Sample; Alice Hine

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); 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); Taylor, Manuel Dillard (Scott); Lowell Miles (Tisdell); Paul Sears (Salonen); Stan Terris (Smith); Sheri Hoover's mother; Don Lee (Olson); Joyce Shockley (Nelson); Anthony Pino's cousin (Pino); Donald Murray (Murray); Anna Pippi (Watkins); Doris Hoover (Hoover); Ally (R. Hunwordson); (Schmidt); Steve Jeske (B. Norquist); Jan Clyne (Epting); Paul Doritty (Ixcot); Loy Rogers (Hardin); Joyce Dillard (Scott); Jenny Seton (Barton)

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; Donna Thayer (Petersen); Mary Martin (Martin); Jerry Larson (Clarke); Ken, Stephen Washer (Norquist); Ian Hagler (Schmidt); Willie Loeser (Tisdell); David Fauskin (Clarke); Priscilla Pino (Ixcot); JoLyn Johnson (Crawford); Jeff Bowman (Norquist); Brad (Watkins); Mary, Gena & Johnny Caviale (Hardin); Jeff H. & Julie M. (Barton); Sharon Hennings (Norquist)

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) in Kuwait ; **Ryan Powell** (grandson of Yvonne Troedson) USN, Connecticut; **Chad Vander Veen** (friend of Susan Hall), US Army in Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church. Draw your whole church together as one. Bring an end to division. Send your Spirit into your people and rouse us to greater love and mission. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the earth. For scientists, photographers, and explorers. For scholars, poets, musicians, artists, and all who lead us to greater knowledge and appreciation of beauty. For lakes and rivers, watersheds and wetlands, ponds and oceans. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the nations. Give wisdom to those who govern. Strengthen all who work for peace. Protect those who have been displaced or have left their homes in search of safety and freedom. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those in need. For those who suffer abuse or neglect. For those who suffer post-traumatic stress. For those who struggle with addiction. For those who grieve and all who are ill. 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. Dorothy Lindstrom and Shepherd of the Valley Church in Merced. Sustain Rev. Lindstrom and enliven the leadership at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church; energize them for ministry in the community, and enable bold witness for the sake of the Gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For this assembly. Bless those preparing for baptism and affirmation of baptism. Strengthen our ministries of evangelism, outreach, and pastoral care. Deepen our faith and knowledge of you. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Inspire us by their witness to your love. Bring us into your eternal presence to live with you forever. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Entrance Hymn #408

Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

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Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

Sermon Hymn #595

Jesus Loves Me!

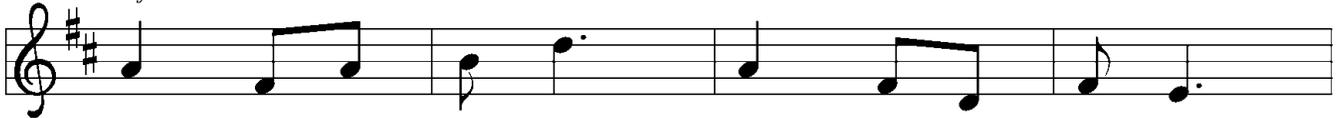


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

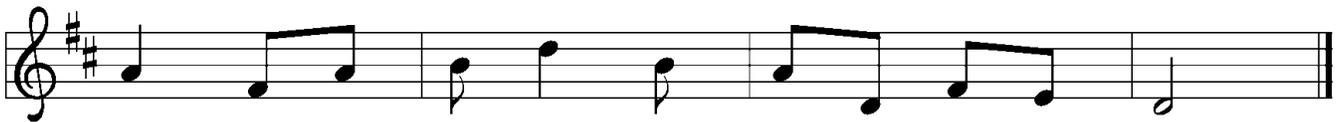


lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Sending Hymn #543

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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