



*15th Sunday after Pentecost*

*September 17, 2017*

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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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# 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

9:30 AM

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**PRELUDE**

*Toccata in G Major*

J. S. Bach

**WELCOME**

Pastor Lyn Crase

**TEMPLE TALK**

*Stewardship*

**OPENING HYMN**

*In Thee is Gladness*

ELW #867

**PRESENTATION BY GIDEON'S INTERNATIONAL**

**CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the † holy Trinity,  
the one who fashions us,  
the one who heals us,  
the one who reforms us again and again.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Source of all life,

C we confess that we have not allowed  
your grace to set us free.  
We fear that we are not good enough.  
We hear your word of love freely given to us,  
yet we expect others to earn it.  
We turn the church inward,  
rather than moving it outward.  
Forgive us. Stir us.  
Reform us to be a church powered by love,  
willing to speak for what is right,  
act for what is just,  
and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen

P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us  
and to empower our lives in the world.

Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional,  
and we are raised up as God's people  
who will always be made new,  
in the name of Jesus Christ.

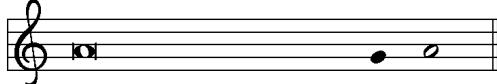
C Amen

## GREETING

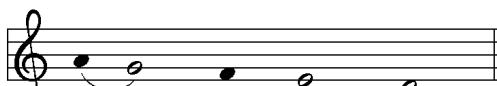
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

C And also with you.

## KYRIE



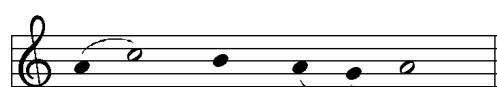
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



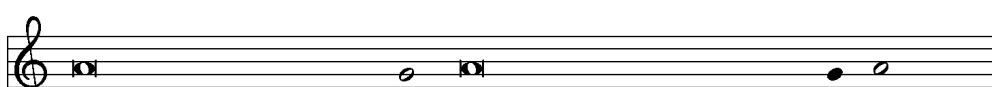
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



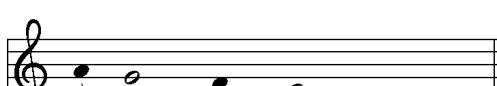
Lord, have mer - cy.



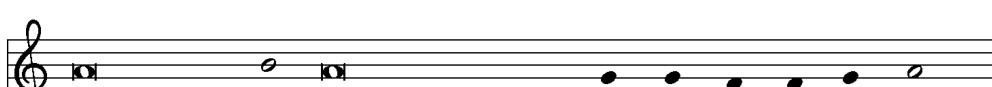
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

## GLORIA

Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - migh-t-y God and Fa - ther, we  
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray together....
- C **O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## FIRST READING: GENESIS 50:15-21

*After Jacob's death, the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.*

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## PSALM: PSALM 103 (Psalmody Voice)

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.

<sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits —

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
<sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
<sup>5</sup>who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD works vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.

<sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>He will not always accuse,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.

<sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

<sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west,  
so far he removes our transgressions from us.

<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion for his children,  
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

<sup>14</sup>For he knows how we were made;  
he remembers that we are dust.

<sup>15</sup>As for mortals, their days are like grass;  
they flourish like a flower of the field;

<sup>16</sup>for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.

<sup>17</sup>But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting  
on those who fear him,

and his righteousness to children's children,

<sup>18</sup>to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments.

<sup>19</sup>The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.

<sup>20</sup>Bless the LORD, O you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding,  
obedient to his spoken word.

<sup>21</sup>Bless the LORD, all his hosts,  
his ministers that do his will.

<sup>22</sup>Bless the LORD, all his works,  
in all places of his dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

## SECOND READING: ROMANS 14:1-23

*This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.*

<sup>14</sup>Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don't see things the way you do. And don't jump all over them every time they do or say something you don't agree with—even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak in the faith department. Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently.

<sup>2-4</sup>For instance, a person who has been around for a while might well be convinced that he can eat anything on the table, while another, with a different background, might assume he should only be a vegetarian and eat accordingly. But since both are guests at Christ's table, wouldn't it be terribly rude if they fell to criticizing what the other ate or didn't eat? God, after all, invited them both to the table. Do you have any business crossing people off the guest list or interfering with God's welcome? If there are corrections to be made or manners

to be learned, God can handle that without your help.

<sup>5</sup> Or, say, one person thinks that some days should be set aside as holy and another thinks that each day is pretty much like any other. There are good reasons either way. So, each person is free to follow the convictions of conscience.

<sup>6-9</sup> What's important in all this is that if you keep a holy day, keep it for *God's* sake; if you eat meat, eat it to the glory of God and thank God for prime rib; if you're a vegetarian, eat vegetables to the glory of God and thank God for broccoli. None of us are permitted to insist on our own way in these matters. It's *God* we are answerable to—all the way from life to death and everything in between—not each other. That's why Jesus lived and died and then lived again: so that he could be our Master across the entire range of life and death, and free us from the petty tyrannies of each other.

<sup>10-12</sup> So where does that leave you when you criticize a brother? And where does that leave you when you condescend to a sister? I'd say it leaves you looking pretty silly—or worse. Eventually, we're all going to end up kneeling side by side in the place of judgment, facing God. Your critical and condescending ways aren't going to improve your position there one bit. Read it for yourself in Scripture:

"As I live and breathe," God says,  
"every knee will bow before me;  
Every tongue will tell the honest truth  
that I and only I am God."

So tend to your knitting. You've got your hands full just taking care of your own life before God.

<sup>13-14</sup> Forget about deciding what's right for each other. Here's what you need to be concerned about: that you don't get in the way of someone else, making life more difficult than it already is. I'm convinced—Jesus convinced me!—that everything as it is in itself is holy. We, of course, by the way we treat it or talk about it, can contaminate it.

<sup>15-16</sup> If you confuse others by making a big issue over what they eat or don't eat, you're no longer a companion with them in love, are you? These, remember, are persons for whom Christ died. Would you risk sending them to hell over an item in their diet? Don't you dare let a piece of God-blessed food become an occasion of soul-poisoning!

<sup>17-18</sup> God's kingdom isn't a matter of what you put in your stomach, for goodness' sake. It's what God does with your life as he sets it right, puts it together, and completes it with joy. Your task is to single-mindedly serve Christ. Do that and you'll kill two birds with one stone: pleasing the God above you and proving your worth to the people around you.

<sup>19-21</sup> So let's agree to use all our energy in getting along with each other. Help others with encouraging words; don't drag them down by finding fault. You're certainly not going to permit an argument over what is served or not served at supper to wreck God's work among you, are you? I said it before and I'll say it again: All food is good, but it can turn bad if you use

it badly, if you use it to trip others up and send them sprawling. When you sit down to a meal, your primary concern should not be to feed your own face but to share the life of Jesus. So be sensitive and courteous to the others who are eating. Don't eat or say or do things that might interfere with the free exchange of love.

<sup>22-23</sup> Cultivate your own relationship with God, but don't impose it on others. You're fortunate if your behavior and your belief are coherent. But if you're not sure, if you notice that you are acting in ways inconsistent with what you believe—some days trying to impose your opinions on others, other days just trying to please them—then you know that you're out of line. If the way you live isn't consistent with what you believe, then it's wrong.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff begins with a whole rest followed by a dotted half note, a quarter note, another quarter note, and a dotted half note. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia." are written below the notes. The second staff begins with a quarter note, followed by a dotted half note, a quarter note, and a dotted half note. The lyrics "Lord, to whom shall we go?" are written below the notes.



The continuation of the musical notation shows a series of eighth notes and quarter notes. The lyrics "You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia." are written below the notes.

P The Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 18

C Glory to you, O Lord.

## GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21-35

*When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.*

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>But

he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.<sup>31</sup> When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.<sup>32</sup> Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.<sup>33</sup> Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’<sup>34</sup> And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.<sup>35</sup> So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’”

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

TEMPLE TALK

*Stewardship*

SERMON

Pastor Lyn Crase

SERMON HYMN

*Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

ELW #605

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 Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

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

TITHES & OFFERINGS

*Our Father, We Have Wandered*

Ernst Pepping

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

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

A God of life,  
you give us these gifts of the earth,  
these resources of our life and our labor.  
Take them, offered in great thanksgiving,  
and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

**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.*

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

## **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 Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,

and make us one with you.

*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

*Our Father, We Have Wandered*

ELW #606

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW #522

## 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 Holy and compassionate God,  
in bread and wine you give us gifts  
that form us to be humble and courageous.  
May your words come to life  
in our serving and in our witness,  
that we might speak a living voice  
of healing and justice to all the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

**C Amen**

## **SENDING**

P God's mission includes the gifts of grace that we share in worship and take also to the absent; now, we are sent to continue our participation in God's mission. With the blessing of God, we go out to live as Christ's body in the world.

**C *The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,  
to make of all the earth a better place to live.***

***The angels are not sent into our world of pain to do  
what we were meant to do in Jesus' name; that falls  
to you and me and all who are made free.***

***Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.***

ELW 538

## **BLESSING**

P God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;  
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;  
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:  
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 Go in peace. Sound the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**                   *Passacaglia*                   Gordon Young

## THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b> .....	Pastor Lyn Crase
<b>Assisting Minister</b> .....	Bob Dailey
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Emma Hoover
<b>Ministers of the Word</b> .....	Suzanne Wilke, Susan McCready
<b>Psalmody Voice</b> .....	Paula Barton
<b>Communion Assistant</b> .....	Pat Smith
<b>Usher/Greeter</b> .....	Petersen/Troedson
<b>Altar Care</b> .....	Knoll/Nelson

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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.*



The flowers on the altar today were given by the Castleberry family to the glory of the Lord, thanking him for the blessings he provides for us daily.



The rose on the altar is given by Alice Hoaglund, in thankfulness to God for the gift of her twin great-granddaughters, Gia and Ava Amaya. The Amaya family (Jacqueline Thoresen) resides in Turlock.

**"A new thing!" Saturday evening worship.** Every 1st Saturday of the month at 5:30 pm. An informal & interactive worship experience.

**1st Sunday Care Cupboard** food collection (every 1st Sunday).

**Choir rehearsals** after the service.

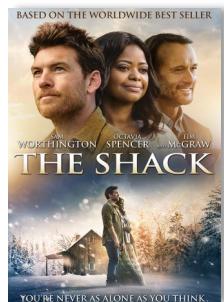
**Text Study** continues to meet Tuesdays at noon in Katie's Room. All are welcome. Bring along your lunch.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study,** 9:30 am in Katie's Room. All are welcome!

**Upcoming Circle Meeting** - Lydia Circle will be held on tomorrow, September 18 at 7 pm at Debbie Van Diepen's home.

**Adult Education** Please join us at church TODAY at 5:30 P.M. to watch “The Shack”, a controversial movie based on the New York Times best-selling novel. Mack Phillips, the main character, experiences a crisis of faith when tragedy strikes his family, and eventually receives a personal invitation to meet the Trinity face to face. . .Bring your own dinner; popcorn will be served.

The movie is rated PG-13.



**We have two Reformation events** coming up on September 23, and October 7. There will be an opportunity drawing and other family activities. Please think about what you could donate for these two events. One suggestion might be if you have art work that you are no longer using, this could be something another person would like. You can bring your donations to church and give them to Suzanne Wilke, Rose Epting or Marti Strand. We will store them for you. Thank you.

The Reformation planning team is also requesting pop-up tents or large umbrellas that the church can borrow for our upcoming Reformation events.

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 performance of *You Were There - The Reformation* at 2:30 p.m. during the Emanuel Lutheran Church Reformation Faire on Saturday, September 23. You will want to be there!

**Service of Ecumenical Unity** TODAY at 3 pm in the courtyard. Reception to follow. All are welcome!

**There's a convenient way to make donations** to Emanuel. Simply install **Give+Church** on your Apple or Android phone or tablet, or with your computer, visit [www.emanuellutheran.org](http://www.emanuellutheran.org). On the website, choose the "Contact Us/Donations" menu item. Both options are extremely easy and walk you through the process.

**Copies are available** on the table in the Narthex— “A Social Statement on: Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture”.

**October 27, 4-6 pm** will be CPR/AED Training in Katie's room. Sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex or let Pr. Lyn know if you are interested. The cost is \$45.00 per person.

*You are all cordially invited to celebrate Sam Gierhan's advancement to Eagle Scout. Eagle Court of Honor will take place on next Sunday, September 24 at 1:00 in the afternoon at Emanuel Lutheran Church.*

*Dessert reception to follow in Luther Hall.*

*Please call or text Tami Gierhan—209-404-3284 if you have any questions.*

# Fall Women's Retreat

- What:** Experience fellowship and spiritual renewal in the beauty of God's creation. Worship, campfires, devotions, food, recreation and more!
- Guest Speaker will be Pr. Kerstin Weidmann of Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church (ELCA) in San Francisco, who will share recent experiences in Germany, as well as engaging women's voices and experiences in church and society from the Reformation period and now.
- Where:** Mount Cross Ministries  
7955 State Route 9  
Ben Lomond, CA 95005  
Lodging and accommodations are first-come-first-served, so be sure to register early!
- When:** September 22-24, 2017 (Friday – Sunday)

*Reserve your space now!*

General Registration: ends September 15, 2017

Weekend Guest: \$150.00 (Includes lodging, 4 meals, snacks, and all programming)  
Saturday Only: \$100.00 (Includes lunch and dinner)

Late Registration: September 16-22, 2017

Weekend Guest: \$175.00 (Includes lodging, 4 meals, snacks, and all programming)  
Saturday Only: \$115.00 (Includes lunch and dinner)

\*Check-in begins at 7 pm on Friday and 8 am for Saturday arrivals\*



## **Emanuel Lutheran Care Cupboard**

The Plan B committee along with the Outreach committee has been working to devise a way to help and connect with students at MJC. We have met with Dr. George Boodrookas, who spoke here last month and James Todd, VP of Student Services. They showed us examples of Food Pantries that operate at UC Davis and Sacramento State.

Our plan is to combine this service with a supply of staples for emergencies, like the floods this year, and for any emergencies that come up within our congregation.

We plan to start slowly and see how this works. We will begin accepting donations this summer and open for serving the MJC Community on September 11 and every other Monday on going from 1 - 4 pm.

At this time, donations of juice packs, instant oatmeal, cereal, tuna packs, raisins, Spam in foil packs, boxed juices and any other non-perishable items that do not require preparation or cooking can be brought in for the Care Cupboard.

Thank you for your support.

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## **Time & Talents: *Body, Mind & Spirit***



- I will promote a Spirit of joy
- Read a Book of the Bible
- Tell a Biblical story
- Worship regularly
- Pray every day
- Hold a conversation with someone new
- Active listening
- Share my faith story
- Share my stewardship story



## Reformation 2017

### Martin Luther Iron-on Transfers Order-Form



#### **Iron - on Sizes**

*Please indicate how many you want of each size:*

Light Fabric Martin Luther Face:      Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_

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**Suggested donation for this Iron on:** Small (Clear or Dark): 2 for \$10  
Medium or Large Clear: \$8  
Large Dark: \$10

Total Enclosed Donation \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:** Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

**Send orders to Ms. Melissa Standish.**

**By text or email:** [lifelongstudent@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lifelongstudent@sbcglobal.net)

**Phone:** (209) 259-8701

*On Behalf of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church- Nuestro Redentor, I would like to thank you for your donations that help us continue in our Mission and to assist those in our community. The generous Support of individuals like you makes it possible for our church to exist and to make the community a great place to do God's mission. Thanks you again for your support!!!*



## Celebrating 36 years of Emanuel Doves Women's Softball

Join players, coaches, scorekeepers and fans  
of the Emanuel Doves Softball teams  
who participated in The Church Softball League or  
The Modesto City Women's Softball League  
during the years 1976-2012

*Sunday, October 1, 2017  
1-3 pm  
Emanuel Lutheran Church  
Luther Hall*

Light Refreshments will be served

Unveiling of the Emanuel Doves tee shirt quilt  
commemorating the years of playing softball,  
building friendships and glorifying God on the field of play.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 18	TUE 19	WED 20	THUR 21	FRI 22	SAT 23	SUN 24
4:00 pm Symphony Youth Chorus Rehearsal— Luther Hall	9:30 am Sanctuary Arts Team ----- 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	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>12:00 pm Reformation Faire</b> <b>2:00 pm Radio Play</b>	9:30 am Worship Service <b>Interfaith Sunday</b> 12:00 pm Sam Gierhan Eagle Scout Event
	12:00 pm Lectionary Study	5:30 pm Day Care Board Mtg.	1:30 pm Rebecca Circle Mtg. —Katie's Rm.		<b>3:00 pm Hymn Sing</b>	5:30 pm Adult Ed.
7:00 pm Lydia Circle @ D. Van Diepen's	1:30 pm Spiritual Growth/Adult Ed. Mtg.	7:00 pm Council Mtg.	7:00 pm Leah Circle @ S. Wilke's			

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assistant Minister	Ministers of the Word	Cantor	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Sept. 17 Pentecost 15	Bob Dailey	B Rokaitis S McCready	Paula Barton	Pat Smith	Emma Hoover	Petersen/ Troedson	Knoll/ Nelson
Sept. 24 Pentecost 16	Fanney B.	M Martin B Reinheimer		Dave Henke	Chris Schmidt	Smith/ Knoll	Lois Silva
Oct 1 Pentecost 17	Garry Hayes	P Barton M Epting		Mike Epting		Shank Family	Norquist/ Bauman

## WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

September 17 Pentecost 15	September 24 Pentecost 16	October 1 Pentecost 17
Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 103:1-13 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35	Jonah 3:10--4:11 Psalm 145:1-8 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-9 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32



**New Prayer Requests:** Tyler, - well-being (Norquist); Mabel Kraft—surgery & healing (Kraft); Priscilla Pino—health, healing & strength (Ixcot)

*Prayers of comfort and peace for the family of member, Keith Thurston, who passed away on September 7.*

**Our Members:** Linda Nelson; Laurie Spinuzzi; Pat Smith; Sherm Petersen; Marilyn Rowland; Vera Eden; Millie Golding; Dr. Van Allen; Chuck Rowland & family; Teri Scott; Joanne Trana

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

**Our Family:** Horton (Crawford); Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer); Ian McKenzie (Schmidt); Megan Clarke (Clarke); Jane Tisdel (Tisdel); Donald Murray (Murray); Patsy Natvig (Hoover); David Massingill (Reuter); Pastor Roger Lee and family; Jason Smith (Smith); Janet Barkley (Deutsch); Bobby Horton (Crawford); Barbara Espland (Cruse); Nancy Jones' brother-in-law; Joyce & Manuel Dillard (Scott)

**Our Friends:** JoLyn Johnson (Crawford); Lois (Allen); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Art Ludke (Norquist); Jennifer Turner (Dieterich); Priscilla Pino (Ixcot)

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

**T/Sgt. Ryan Dangerfield, USAF** at Ramstein AB, Germany and **SSgt. Joey Sabel, USMC** at Camp Lejeune, NC (Marilyn & Chuck Rowland's grandson & grandson-in-law)

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

Good and gracious God, we pray for the church. Bless the ministries of congregations in our community. Unite us in the proclamation of your life-giving gospel. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Creator God, you spoke light into being, you separated the waters, you formed the dry land. Protect and enliven the creation you so love, and make us willing partners in its care. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, you love all tribes, peoples, and languages. We pray for all who govern. Give them wise and generous hearts for those they serve. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Divine Healer, calm the anxiety of those who are wrongly accused, who suffer under crushing debt, or who are in prison. Reassure those who are lonely, impatient, brokenhearted, homebound, hospitalized, or 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. Sylvia Mueller and Light of Christ Lutheran Church in Turlock. Sustain Rev. Mueller and enliven the leadership at Light of Christ Lutheran Church; 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 pray for this assembly; for our guests and visitors, for newcomers to this community, for those who are certain and those who doubt, and for all who seek you in this place. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We remember and give thanks for the faithful of every age who did not live to themselves but lived to you. Raise us with them on the last day. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

**Amen**

## ENTRANCE HYMN #867

### In Thee Is Gladness

1 In thee is glad - ness a - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus, sun - shine of my  
 2 Je - sus is ours! . . . We fear no pow - ers, not of earth or sin or

heart. By thee are giv - en the gifts of heav - en, thou the  
 death. He sees and bless - es in worst dis - tress - es; he can

true re - deem - er art. Our souls thou wak - est; our bonds thou  
 change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto - ry tell of his

break - est. Who trusts thee sure - ly has built se - cure - ly  
 glo - ry with heart and voic - es; all heav'n re - joic - es

and stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are  
 in him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for

pin - ing to see thy shin - ing, dy - ing or liv - ing,  
 glad - ness, tri - umph o'er sad - ness, love him and praise him

to thee are cleav - ing; naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 and still shall raise him glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549–1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622

## SERMON HYMN #605

### Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart  
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:  
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!  
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905–1987, alt.  
Music: DETROIT, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844  
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## SENDING HYMN #543

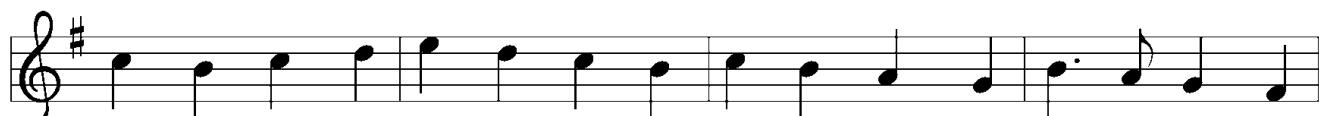
### Go, My Children, with My Blessing



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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