



16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 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.

- **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available. ●

(Please ask an usher)

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16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Benedictus

Max Reger

WELCOME

Pastor Lyn Crase

OPENING HYMN

When Morning Guilds the Skies

ELW #853

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

BAPTISM OF Mr. Steve Walker

CONFESSION 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.

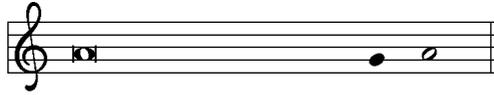
C Amen

GREETING

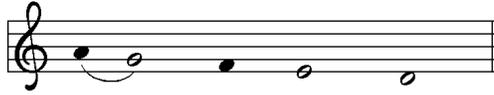
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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 - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



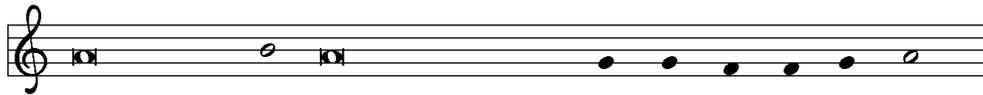
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

GLORIA



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



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-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 Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: JONAH 3:10--4:11

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges agenda driven motives.

¹⁰When God saw what the people of Ninevah did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

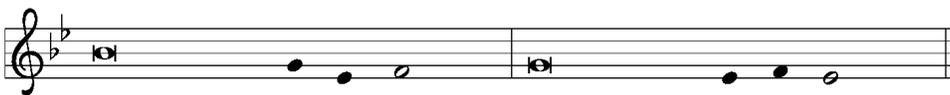
⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: PSALM 145:1-8



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¹I will exalt you, my | God and king,
and bless your name forev- | er and ever.

²**Every day | will I bless you**
and praise your name forev- | er and ever.

³Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised!
There is no end | to your greatness.

⁴**One generation shall praise your works | to another
and shall de- | clare your power.**

⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor | of your majesty
and all your | marvelous works.

⁶**They shall tell of the might of your | wondrous acts,
and I will re- | count your greatness.**

⁷They shall publish the remembrance of | your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully | of your righteousness.

⁸**The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 20

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

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

SERMON

Pastor Lyn Crase

SERMON HYMN

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

ELW #684

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

God the Father, Be Our Stay

Paul Manz

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 // INTERFAITH OFFERING

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.

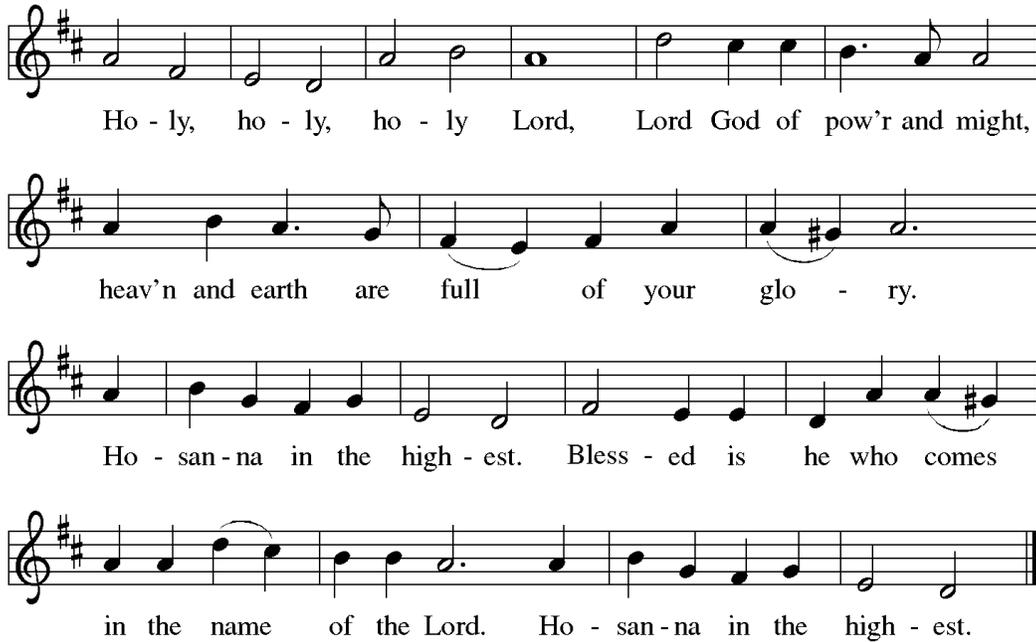
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Give Me Jesus

ELW #770

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

ELW #588

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Lord of Light

ELW #688

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Sound the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Dear Christians One and All

H. F. Quehl

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister Pastor Lyn Crase
Assisting Minister Fanney Bjargardottir
Acolyte..... Chris Schmidt
Ministers of the Word Mary Martin, Bill Reinheimer
Communion Assistant..... Dave Henke
Usher/Greeter Smith/Knoll
Altar Care..... Lois Silva

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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 by the Mike & Jeanine Clarke in honor of their granddaughter, Grace Alexandra Patterson, as she celebrates her 21st birthday.



"A new thing!" First Saturday 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!



You are all welcome to join us today as we celebrate Sam Gierhan's advancement to Eagle Scout at 1:00 pm here at Emanuel Lutheran Church. Dessert reception to follow in Luther Hall.



Adult Education meets TODAY at 5:30 pm in Katie's Room.

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. On the website, choose the “Contact Us/Donations” menu item. Both options are extremely easy and walk you through the process.

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.

Oktoberfest is coming up on October 7 from 4-8 pm. There will be a silent auction, 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. If you have a pop-up tent or umbrella that the church can borrow, please let a Reformation Planning Team member know. Thank you.

Hurricane Irma Emergency Relief—Food for the Poor, Inc.

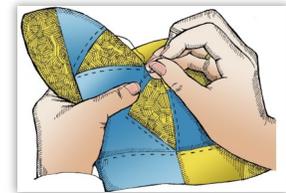
Emergency aid is needed immediately for Hurricane Irma victims in Haiti. Food for the Poor needs to ship 560,000 lbs. of food, medical supplies, and other emergency aid to Haiti now. Please consider helping by sending a donation to:

<http://www.FoodForThePoor.org/irmaForThePoor.org/irma>

or 6401 Lyons Road, Coconut Creek, FL 33073



A quilting be will be held Saturday September 30, 9:30 to 12:00, in Katie's Room. Anyone who can tie a knot or use scissors is welcome. You are welcome to come late and/or leave early!



**Emanuel's Youth Service Project / Fund Raiser
Saturday, October 16**

Emanuel's Youth group will be held at Dave & Kristine Kraft's, **350 Roscoe Rd, Modesto**. The youth will pick walnuts for their annual fund raiser. They will also be helping Dave & Kristine, by hopefully removing many organic walnuts. All money earned will be put into **The On-going Youth Ministry Fund**. Youth are invited to come from **9:30 am-12:30 pm and/or 1:30 pm-4:30 pm**. **A Hot Dog and Taco Soup Lunch will be from 12:30-1:30.** Parents are welcome to come, help, and eat.

Anyone from Emanuel who would like to pick walnuts for your use or to give away are invited to come on **Saturday from 12:30 pm-4:30 pm** or arrange another day and time with Kristine. Come and have lunch with the youth, parents, Dave, and Kristine on **Saturday, October 16**. Kristine and Dave would love to find many takers for walnuts.





October 1, 2017

Celebrate ELCA Missionaries and Young Adults in Global Mission

Each year, more than 225 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) missionaries, including Young Adults in Global Mission, serve in more than 40 countries around the world. They are sent by the ELCA in response to invitations from our companion churches and serve in a variety of roles, working alongside our companions to proclaim the gospel, raise up leaders, care for those in need and learn new ways of being church together.

This Global Church Sunday, join us in celebrating and supporting our church's missionaries! No matter who they are or where they serve, every missionary needs your prayers, support and gifts to live out their ministry.

Together, we are building up Christ's global church.

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Make checks payable to "ELCA Global Church Sponsorship" and note Young Adults in Global Mission and/or Missionaries on the memo line.



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Emanuel Lutheran Care Cupboard

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.

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



Prayer





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

***Next 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 25	TUE 26	WED 27	THUR 28	FRI 29	SAT 30	SUN 1
ECHOES DEADLINE 1:00 pm Care Cupboard 1:15 pm Young Adult Bible Study— Meditation Rm.	10:30 am Day Care Yoga Class	7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	9:30 am Adult Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED	9:00 am Council Retreat	ELCA Global Church Sunday 9:30 am Worship Service Care Cupboard Sunday
4:00 pm Symphony Youth Chorus Rehearsal— Luther Hall	12:00 pm Lectionary Study	10:00 am Weekly Staff Mtg.				1:00 pm Blessing of Doves Quilt
7:00 pm Women's Bible Study @ P. Smith's	3:00 pm Focus on Prevention Mtg.—Katie's Rm.					4:00 pm Family Night/ Blessing of the Animals

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assistant Minister	Ministers of the Word	Cantor	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Sept. 24 Pentecost 16	Fanney B.	M Martin B Reinheimer		Dave Henke	Chris Schmidt	Smith/ Knoll	Lois Silva
Oct 1 Pentecost 17	Suzanne Wilke	P Barton M Epting		Mike Epting		Shank Family	Norquist/ Bauman
Oct 8 Pentecost 18	Paula Barton	K Reuter L Owen		Owen/ Schmidt	Addison Hoover	Clarke Family	Norquist/ Bauman

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

September 24 Pentecost 16	October 1 Pentecost 17	October 8 Pentecost 18
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	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-15 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46



New Prayer Requests: *Sympathy is expressed to the family of Jeanette Roddy, a former member, youth leader and office manager who recently passed away. Please keep them in your prayers.*

Our Members: Linda Nelson; Laurie Spinuzzi; Pat Smith; Sherm Petersen; Vera Eden; Millie Golding; Dr. Van Allen; 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 Tisdell (Tisdell); 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); Mabel Kraft (Kraft)

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

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.

Let us pray for the church and its ministry. Unite us in one Spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God who stretched the spangled heavens, we thank and praise you for the gift of the sun, moon, stars, mountains, valleys, grasslands, and deserts. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of great mercy and love, you show faithfulness and kindness to the world every day. Guard those who suffer because of dishonest policies, corrupt government, or unfair labor practices. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God, you provide for all our needs. We pray for those who are homeless, jobless, or hopeless. We pray for those who are forgotten, ignored, or isolated. We pray for all in any need. 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. Mark Price and St. Paul Lutheran Church in Lodi. Sustain Rev. Price and enliven the leadership at St. Paul 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 our congregation and our neighborhood. Accompany us wherever we are on our journey of faith. Give us joy in the present and hope for the future. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of endings and beginnings, we remember before you all the faithful departed. Comfort those who mourn. Lord, in your mercy,
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.

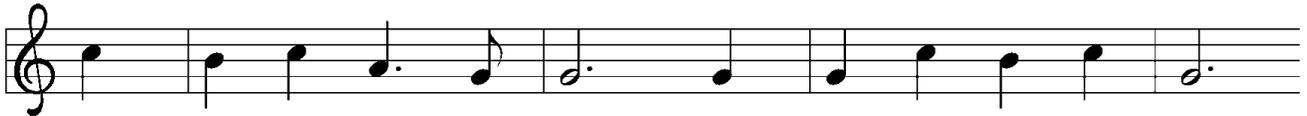
Amen

ENTRANCE HYMN #853

When Morning Gilds the Skies



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

SERMON HYMN #684

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace



1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries
3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -
4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly



signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and
known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with
spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a
with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by



light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.
grace un - til we praise you face to face.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

Music: PROSPECT, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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SENDING HYMN #688

Lord of Light



1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may
4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent



suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing



as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that



fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:



Refrain
Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

Text: Howell E. Lewis, 1860–1953, alt.

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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