



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 2018

9:30 am

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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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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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

9:30 AM

PRELUDE *Tuckets and Variants for "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen"* Kevin Norris

WELCOME Pastor Lyn Crase

OPENING HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* ELW #858

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who stretches out the heavens,
who sends light to the nations,
who gives breath to us all.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Loving God,

**C we confess that we have turned from your way
to follow our own ways.**

**Forgive us for the times
we have spoken or acted too quickly;
we have not spoken or acted at all;
we have hurt those closest to us;
we have hurt those we have yet to know;
we have thought more about ourselves than others;
we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.**

**Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,
so that we can live again as your children. Amen**

P Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.
Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.
God's love never runs out.
God never tires of calling us beloved children.
Hear God say to you now:
Your sins are forgiven,
for the sake of ✝ Jesus Christ our Savior.

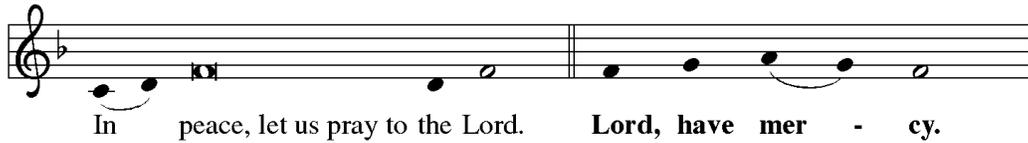
C Amen

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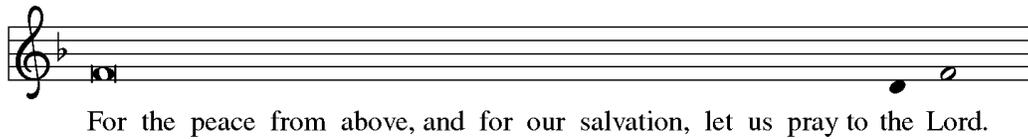
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

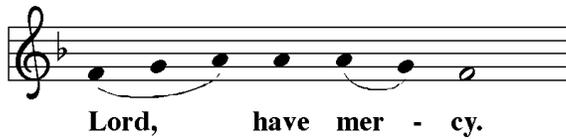
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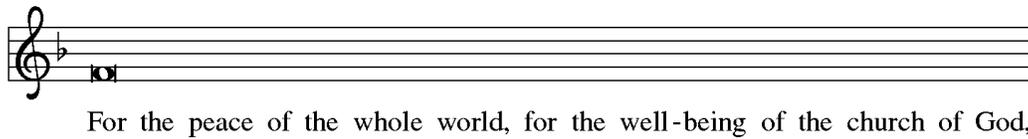
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



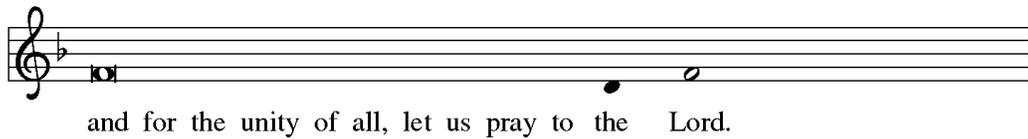
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



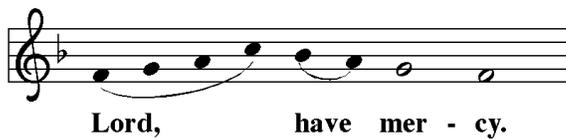
Lord, have mer - cy.



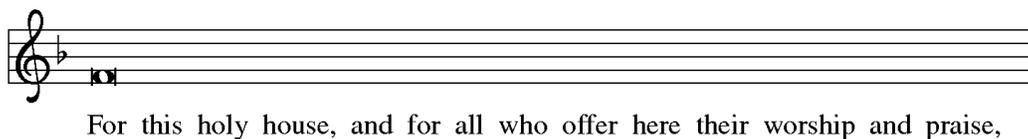
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



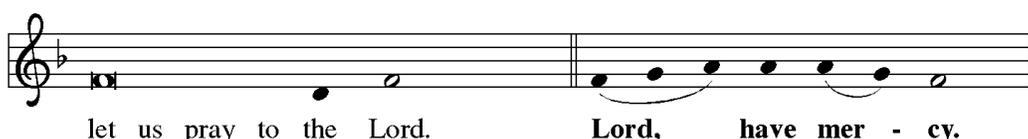
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



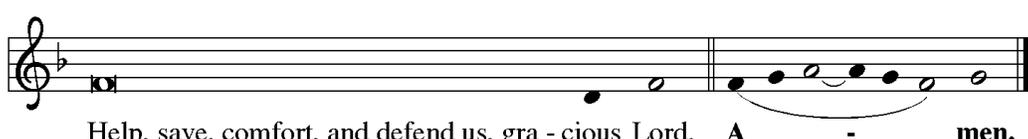
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



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

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



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 Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 40:21-31

The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

²³who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.
 He does not faint or grow weary;
 his understanding is unsearchable.
²⁹He gives power to the faint,
 and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
 and the young will fall exhausted;
³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
 they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
 they shall run and not be weary,
 they shall walk and not faint.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: PSALM 147:1-11, 20



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¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God!
 How pleasant it is to honor | God with praise!

²**The LORD re- | builds Jerusalem,
 and gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.**

³The LORD heals the | brokenhearted
 and binds | up their wounds.

⁴**The LORD counts the number | of the stars
 and calls them all | by their names.**

⁵Great is our LORD and might- | y in power;
 there is no limit | to God’s wisdom.

⁶**The LORD lifts | up the lowly,
 but casts the wicked | to the ground.**

⁷Sing to the LORD | with thanksgiving;
 make music upon the harp | to our God,

⁸**who covers the heav- | ens with clouds
 and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up- | on the mountains.**

⁹God provides food | for the cattle
 and for the young ravens | when they cry.

¹⁰God is not impressed by the might | of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed | of a runner,

¹¹but finds pleasure in those who | fear the LORD,
in those who await God's steadfast love.

ALL: ²⁰ The Lord has not done so to any | other nation;
they do not know God's judgements. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-23

God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 1

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

GOSPEL: MARK 1:29-39

Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals them and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.

²⁹As soon as Jesus and the disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

SERMON

Pastor Lyn

SERMON HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

ELW #843

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 Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

Response: ... Let us pray,

Have mercy, O God.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

What Child Is This

Paul Manz

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

OFFERING PRAYER

A Merciful God,
receive the gifts we bring,
our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Through this meal unite us as your body,
shining with the light of your justice and mercy;
for the sake of him who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

SHARING THE PEACE

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

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please return to your seat at the signal from the organ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

A In recognition of God's forgiveness, mercy and grace let us continue with the Great Thanksgiving.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

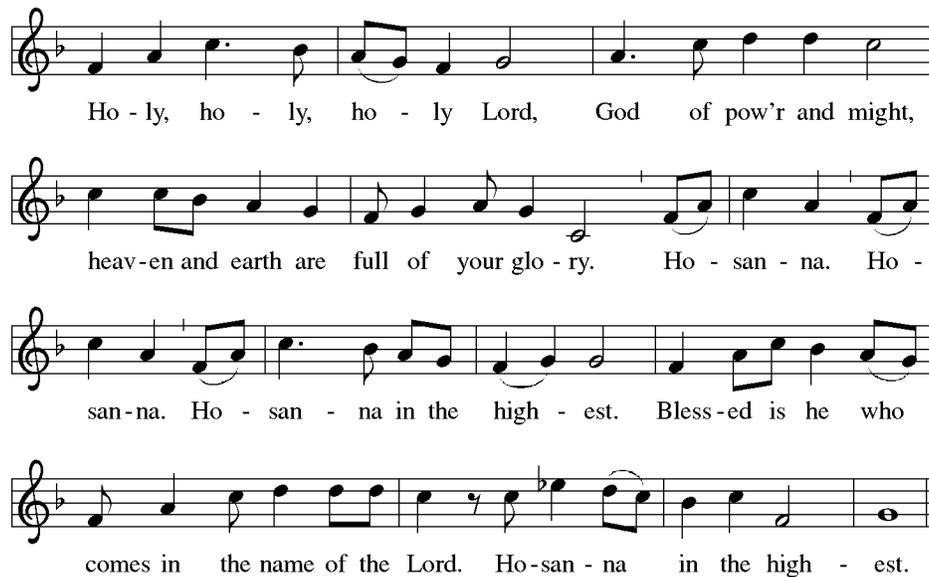
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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 We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Come. Be filled with light and life.

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

LAMB OF GOD

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

On Eagle's Wings
I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

ELW #787

ELW #860

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A O Morning Star, fair and bright,
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.
You are our dearest treasure.
Go with us now—
today, tomorrow, every day—
that we tell the story of your never-ending love
and sing your praise both now and forever.

C Amen

SENDING

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 **To be your presence is our mission here,
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,
to be your heart of mercy ever near,
alleluia!**

**We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,
to serve your people is our call and choice,
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice,
alleluia!**

ELW #546

BLESSING

P The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

C Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

God, Whose Almighty Word

ELW #673

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Paul Manz

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister Pastor Lyn Crase
Assisting Minister David Holtz
Acolyte..... Emma Hoover
Ministers of the Word Susan McCready, Sam Gierhan
Communion Assistant..... Dave Henke
Usher/Greeter Owen Family
Altar Care..... Knoll/Nelson

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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 are given to the glory of God by the Castleberry Family.



Memorial Service for Virginia Dall Friday, February 9, 11:00 am at Emanuel.

Choir rehearsal today after the service.

First Saturday Worship. Every 1st Saturday of the month at 5:30 pm. An informal & interactive worship experience.

1st Sunday Care Cupboard

Bring your donations for the Care Cupboard –see list in the announcement box on page 15 of the bulletin. Donations will be accepted anytime.

Next Care Cupboard date is February 12.

Young Adult Bible Study meets on Care Cupboard Mondays at 1:15 pm in the Meditation Room.

Tuesday Breakfast with MJC in Katie’s Kitchen has begun. If you’d like to volunteer, please come and observe any Tuesday at 7 am.

Text Study Tuesdays at 12:00 noon. All are welcome. Bring along your lunch.

Thursday Morning Bible Study, will continue with “Grace in a Tree Stump” by J. E. Kalas. All are welcome!

Watch for Earth Day information coming soon from the Outreach Team! April 21.

Watch for Love Modesto Day coming soon, also April 21.

Ash Wednesday is February 14

12:00 noon Communion Service with imposition of ashes

7:00 pm Liturgy of the Word with ashes imposed

Wednesday Lenten Services begin February 21

6:00 pm Soup Supper/Family Service Activity

7:00 pm Evening Prayer and Worship

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.

If you have decided to tithe on your yearly pledge, below are some suggestions as to where/how to target that donation:

Audio/visual technology upgrade
Care Cupboard
Katie's Kitchen
Piecemakers Quilting
Sanctuary Arts Team

Modesto Shower Shuttle
12 New Lutheran Study Bibles
Education (VBS curriculum)
Family Promise Modesto
Advertising

Perhaps you noticed a cart filled with books in the Narthex. Please feel free to grab a few (or many) for your children, grandchildren, the neighbor's children, or any one else you know that enjoys reading. However, be sure to leave the cart behind—it belongs to Laura and the Day Care. Thanks! 😊

Emanuel Lutheran Care Cupboard

Thank you! Thank you! The 1st Sunday each month is Care Cupboard Sunday, but donations are accepted every week. Some suggestions/popular items are: Individual servings of tuna/crackers boxes, small jars of jam, small jars of peanut butter, individual servings of mac 'n cheese, ramen noodles, and/or any other non-perishable food items. We are also in need of diapers and dog food.

Thanks so much for your generosity! =)



Wired Word Potlucks resume this month. Be sure to join us either on **Friday, February 9, 6:15 pm** at Pastor Lyn's house or at **6:15 pm on Saturday, February 10** at Lois Owen's house for an evening of good food and stimulating conversation.

With Wired Word Bible study, we view current events through the lens of Scripture. We hope to see you there! Sign up sheets are located in the Narthex.

Share a meal and fellowship at the After-Church Potluck—TODAY following the service.

Lenten Soup Suppers dates: >>**February 21, February 28, March 7, March 14, and March 21, 2018**. The evening will start with sharing our meal at 6:00 pm, service project at 6:30 pm, and worship at 7:00 pm.

Just a reminder to check the Coffee Hour Sign-up Sheet >>Please consider volunteering to host a Coffee Hour, especially the 1st, 4th, and 5th Sundays of the month.

The Fellowship Committee

BREAD BASKET MYSTERY

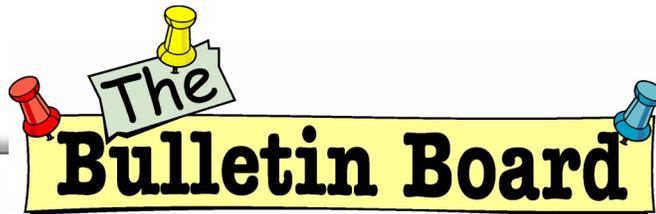
Does anyone know the current location of the bread baskets that are kept in the kitchen? All but three are missing. If you have them or know where they are, please be sure to return them so they can be available for church gatherings and events. Thank you! ~Rue Knoll



Next month, the Jewish community of Modesto and Stanislaus County celebrates its 100th birthday! We'll have a number of events to celebrate this exciting milestone: Shabbat Dinner on Friday, February 16th, a Shabbat Lunch on Saturday, February 17th, followed by a free Walking Tour of the Old Jewish Neighborhood of Modesto. There will also be a Gala at the Gallo Center with music, dinner, and presentations about 100 years of Jewish life in the region, on Saturday night February 24th. I hope that you will join us for these momentous gatherings.

Office Hours

*Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 3 pm
and Friday from 8 am to 2 pm*



The Bulletin Board

Photographs needed. The Emanuel bulletin board features periodic displays of church activities, special events, and miscellaneous family, community, and religious images. I suspect that many wonderful pictures are hiding inside a lot of member's smart phones, pictures that yearn for release from their electronic imprisonments.

If you have photographs that you would like to share with the Emanuel community, please send them to me or drop them off at the church office. Prints are welcome, but e-mail transmission will work too (I can do the printing). Please accompany your photos with a description of what they are about...this will enable the production of accurate descriptive captions for their display.

Thanks, *Mike Clarke*

The Modesto Symphony Orchestra is seeking students between the ages 6 and 17 to join our Youth Chorus in preparation to sing with the Modesto Symphony Orchestra on April 13 & 14, 2018 at the Gallo Center for the Arts. The MSYC is led by Chorus Director, Dr. Yejee Choi, and rehearsals are held on Mondays from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Modesto.

All information and registration forms can be found at modestosymphony.org/youthchorus or call Education Manager, Joel Warkentin at 209.523.4156 Ext 101.

Brooks Schramm & Kirsi Stjerna



Luther against Luther

*Scripture and Christian anti-Semitism:
past realities and future remedies*

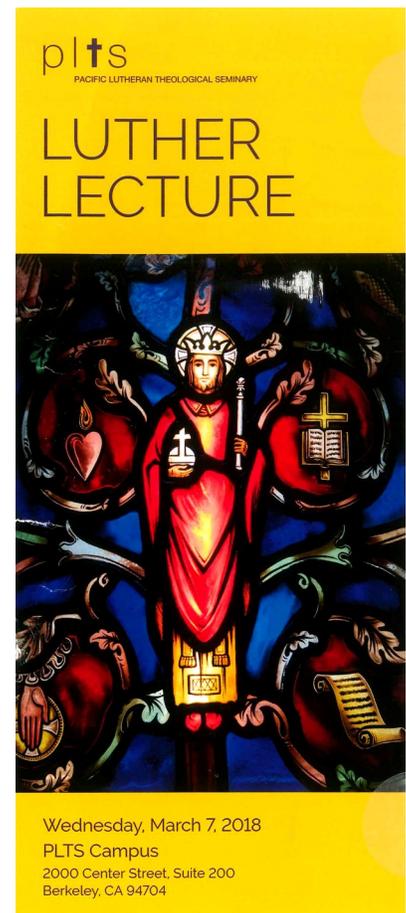
Wednesday, March 7, 2018
9 am—1 pm

To register or for more information, visit: PLTS.edu/events by March 1 to reserve a seat. The cost is \$20 per person in advance, \$30 at the door (if there is space available).

Event contacts:

Jane Phillips (510) 559-2732
jphillips@plts.edu

Kirsi Stjerna (510) 559-2760
kstjerna@plts.edu



Love Modesto begins at 8:00 am on April 21 -- I & 10th Streets, right in front of the Gallo Center (BEFORE going to your project location)

- FREE "Love Modesto" t-shirts given out to volunteers (limited supply so come early)!
- Lots of music, free giveaways including Modesto Nuts tickets for all!
- Free food and refreshments (SaveMart, Starbucks, Pepsi, Blue Diamond, Del Monte, Frito-Lay, Yogurt Mill, etc.)
- Free concert and family pack tickets
- Free kids activities featuring face painting, mascots, Specs Op Live Play, etc.
- Free family/friend photos by Alton Photography
- Fire trucks, ambulances, CHP, Sheriff and MPD patrol cars, motorbikes, swat truck, K9 and horses
- And LOTS more!

Festivities will begin at 8am (brief Rally begins around 8:45am) and then afterwards everyone will be sent to meet with their project teams BEFORE going to their project locations. It's going to be an incredible family-friendly atmosphere before our goal of over 10,000 of us go out to volunteer in 100+ projects!

After your project is finished, everyone is welcome to go to Graceada Park to have lunch and experience Earth Day in the Park. What a great day in Modesto April 21, 2018 will be.

Love Modesto

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 5	TUE 6	WED 7	THUR 8	FRI 9	SAT 10	SUN 11
	7:00 am Breakfast in Katie's Kitchen 10:30 am Day Care Yoga	7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's 10:00 am Weekly Staff Mtg.	9:30 am Adult Bible Study— Katie's Room	11:00 am Memorial Service for V. Dall	9:00 am Violin Group practice 10:00 am Organ Practice	9:30 am Worship Service Healing Prayers
5:30 pm MSYC Rehearsal	12:00 pm Text Study					
6:00 pm Girl Scout Leader Mtg. 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study			7:00 pm Leah Circle— Location TBD	6:15 pm Wired Word @ Pr. Lyn's	6:15 pm Wired Word @ Lois Owen's	5:30 pm Adult Ed.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assistant Minister	Ministers of the Word	Cantor	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Feb 11 Transfig- uration	Garry Hayes	B Crawford D Johnson		Crawford/ Johnson		Clarke Family	Knoll/ Nelson
Feb 18 Lent 1	Lois Owen	K Reuter P Barton	Paula Barton	Marilyn Rowland	Alexandria Taylor	Delvin/ Reuter	Knoll/ Nelson
Feb 25 Lent 2	Barbara Crawford	D Holtz A Taylor	David Holtz	David Holtz	Fanney B	Petersen/ Troedson	Lois Silva

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

Feb 11 Transfiguration	Feb 18 Lent 1	Feb 25 Lent 2
2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9	Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38

Prayer Requests

New Prayer Requests: Prayers of peace and comfort for Rev. Tyg Taylor and family as they mourn the death of his wife Shellie. (Pastor Taylor is Pastor Lyn's friend and family pastor in Colorado.); Samantha Faulkner—surgery (Wilke); Ken Hoyt—health (Waggoner); Julia Head—healing & sense of well-being (Fritts); Gregory, Joy, Manuel, Hunwardsens—health, healing & well-being (Scott)

Our Members: Linda Nelson; Laurie Spinuzzi; Sherm Petersen; Dr. Van Allen; Joanne Trana; the Tisdell family; Jennaca Hollinger; Rev. Ralph Herman; Roland Loeffler; Bill Beasley; Teri Scott; Rue Knoll; Mary Murray; Joyce Bachmann; Carolyn Cranwelge; Ron Silva; Dee Woodbury; Pat Smith

Our Homebound Members: Florence Broden, Shelda Fritts; Alice Hine; Vera Eden

Our Family: Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer); Ian McKenzie (Schmidt); Jane Tisdell (Tisdell); Patsy Natvig (Hoover); Pastor Roger Lee and family; Janet Barkley (Deutsch); Nancy Jones' brother-in-law; the Hunwardsen family, Hazel Holyfield; Joyce & Manuel Dillard (Scott); Michael Bach (Scott); Moira & Ron Wilhelm (Clarke); Billie Cannon (Cannon); Nick Berlin (L. Skustad); Mabel Kraft (Kraft); Lisa Schenewark (Martin); George and Glenn Massingill (Reuter); Art Ludke (Norquist); Doris Blakely; Joyce Inell, Alley Taylor (Scott); Joy, Hazel (Scott); Ali Moraitis (Watkins); Zoe Diaz (T. Layne); Terry Petersen (Petersen); Julia Polillio (Silva); Alice Pitts (Turner)

Our Friends: Corinne Hagland (Pr. Victor's mom); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Jennifer Turner (Dieterich); Priscilla Pino (Ixcot); Tyler (Norquist); Dawn & Alexander Piscitello (Watkins); Charlie Wilson, Kathy & Lee van Boven (Reinheimer); Shey's family (Billie Cannon); the Vogelzang family; Judy Darby (Schmidt); Julie Moore (Barton); Ken Jensen (Norquist); the Ellsworth family (Waggoner); Sandy & Chris (Hooper); Bill Leshner (Hoaglund); Charlotte Yardy (ELDC); Abram Hilterbrand (G. Layne); Lindsay Turner (Crawford); Fran Beatty (Reuter)

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

Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

For the church, its pastors, deacons, musicians, artists, teachers, seminarians, and all proclaimers of the gospel, that your gift of steadfast love and mercy will spread throughout the world, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the earth and all living creatures, for those preparing fields for planting, and for favorable weather, that all of us who care for this life will find voice to help creation thrive, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all rulers of the earth in local, regional, national, and international offices, and those without the power of official office, that they will be given the courage to work for the protection of all people and act as servants of all, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all who suffer this day: the sick and wounded, the grieving and brokenhearted, the hungry and exploited, those with malaria, and all who need our prayers, that they will be consoled and healed by health care workers, counselors, family, and friends, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

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

Have mercy, O God.

For those who gather in fellowship and festivities, for the ministries of this congregation in our community and throughout the world, that in all our service we see ourselves centered around Christ, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for those who have died in the faith and now sing praises around the throne of God, and that we be assured of the promise of everlasting life, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

ENTRANCE HYMN #858

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a-dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus-tain - ing.
sure-ly his good-ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at-tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Erneuertem Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

SERMON HYMN #843

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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SENDING HYMN #673

God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Gardini, 1716–1796