



*First Sunday in Lent*

*February 18, 2018*

*9:30 am*

Emanuel Lutheran Church  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
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# Welcome to Emanuel

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### ***WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!***

*Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please help us to know you by filling out a worship attendance form (located in your bulletin) and placing it in the offering plate.*

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# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

9:30 AM

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**PRELUDE**

*Oh, What Shall I Sinner Do?*

Johann Pachelbel

**WELCOME**

Pastor Lyn Crase

**OPENING HYMN**

*Bless Now, O God, The Journey*

ELW #326

## CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father,  
and of the <sup>†</sup> Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P God of heaven and earth,  
you come in close and make us yours.  
Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin,  
embrace your forgiveness,  
and seek the way you set before us in your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

P With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.  
Merciful God,

C **forgive us.**

**Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free.  
We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.**

*Silence.*

C **We were silent when we should have said something.**

*Silence.*

C **We acted when we knew better.**

*Silence.*

C **We were still when we know we should have moved.**

*Silence.*

C **For the wrong we have done,  
for the good we have failed to do,  
have mercy on us,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

C Amen

P People of God, look to the <sup>†</sup> Son,  
given to heal you and set you free

because God loved the world so much.

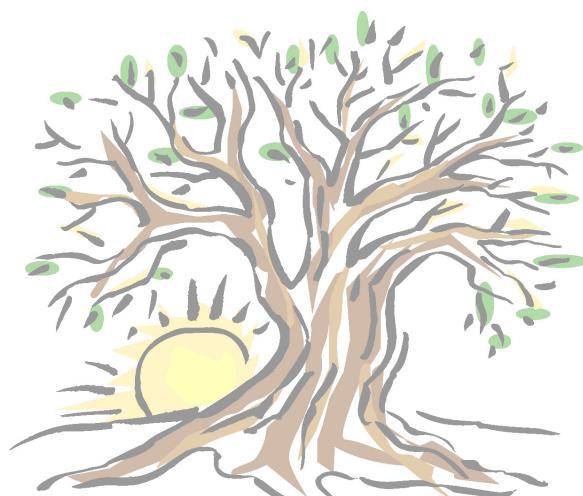
Take hold of life—eternal life!

**C Amen**

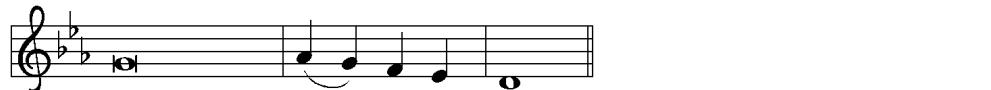
**GREETING**

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

**C And also with you.**



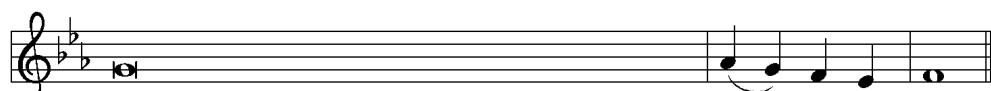
## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



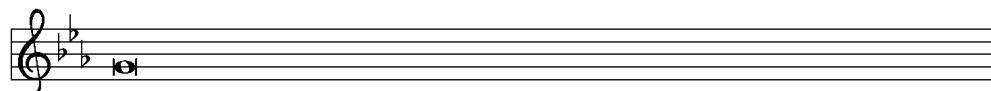
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



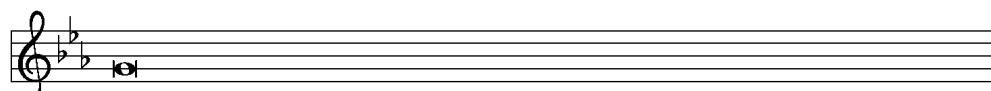
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men, a - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray together....
- C Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

## FIRST READING: GENESIS 9:8-17

*Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, the Lord destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.*

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup>God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## PSALM: PSALM 25:1-10



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<sup>1</sup>To | you, O LORD,  
I lift | up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be | put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>Show me your | ways, O LORD,  
and teach | me your paths.

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your | truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

<sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,  
for they are from | everlasting.

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O  
LORD.

<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.

<sup>9</sup>You lead the low- | ly in justice  
and teach the low- | ly your way.

<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.

## SECOND READING: 1 PETER 3:18-22

*As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.*

<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 1

C Glory to you, O Lord.

## GOSPEL: MARK 1:9-15

*The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.*

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

<sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,

<sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

SERMON

Pastor Lyn

SERMON HYMN

*Jesus Still Lead On*

ELW #624

## 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 Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*Response:* ... Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

## **TITHES & OFFERINGS** *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*

David Schack

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

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

- A Merciful God,  
receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving  
and the offering of our lives,  
that following in the way of the cross,  
we may know the joy of the resurrection;  
through 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

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major, common time. The lyrics are as follows:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.
- You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have everlasting life.
- We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.
- 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 Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
- 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 Return to God with all your heart.  
Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

*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

*Thy Holy Wings*  
*O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

ELW #613

ELW #319

## 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 Compassionate God,  
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.  
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:  
may our fasting be hunger for justice,  
our alms, a making of peace,  
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;  
through Christ our Lord.

C Amen

## SENDING

P Gracious God,  
assist those who go out to share this meal with those  
who are sick, injured, homebound, saddened or imprisoned.  
Let the sacrament prepared at this table and  
blessed by your word strengthen those who receive the Bread & Wine.  
Encourage them by your presence & heal them by your grace.

## A New Commandment

The musical score consists of five staves of music in G major, common time. The first staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes. The second staff begins with a half note followed by eighth notes. The third staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes. The fourth staff begins with a half note followed by eighth notes. The fifth staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics are as follows:

A new com-mand-men t I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as  
I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.

By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if

you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know

you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

Text: John 13:34-35

Music: NEW COMMANDMENT, anonymous

CCLI #3120534

## **BLESSING**

P May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,  
and claimed us as children of the light,  
strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
and give you <sup>☩</sup> peace.

C Amen

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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**

### **SENDING HYMN**

*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

ELW #618

### **DISMISSAL**

A Marked with the cross of Christ,  
go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Jesus, I Will Ponder Now*

Paul Manz

## THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	.....	Pastor Lyn Crase
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	.....	Lois Owen
<b>Acolyte</b>	.....	Alexandria Taylor
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	.....	Kathleen Reuter, Paula Barton
<b>Cantor</b>	.....	Paula Barton
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	.....	Marilyn Rowland
<b>Usher/Greeter</b>	.....	Delvin/Reuter
<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.*

**Adult Ed.** “Fresh Air: Time with the Holy Spirit” meets every Sunday at 5:30 pm in Katie’s room.

**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 the next page of the bulletin. Donations will be accepted anytime.

Next Care Cupboard date is February 26.

**Tuesday Breakfast** with MJC in Katie’s Kitchen has begun. You are welcome to 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! New study on the Gospel of Mark begins March 8.

**Please see the bulletin board** for Valentines sent to Emanuel from Family Promise families.

**Wednesday Lenten Services begin February 21**

6:00 pm   Soup Supper/Family Service Activity  
7:00 pm   Evening Prayer and Worship

**Watch for Earth Day information** coming soon from the Outreach Team! April 21 in Graceada Park.

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

**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.

**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! =)*

**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*

### **Family Promise**

Fourteen churches make up the consortium of groups that take turns hosting Family Promise guests. Emanuel hosts four times per year (our next turn is April 22-28). The program director has been working tirelessly to add sponsoring churches to our group. When she informed us that some groups had said they would gladly host but they didn't have a suitable facility, the Emanuel Church Council offered our facilities for groups that would like to host. That offer has been accepted and we have a tentative date for Emanuel to be used for that purpose, April 1-7. So, don't be confused when Family Promise is at Emanuel and you haven't been asked to volunteer. Another group will be doing the work. Great, huh? It's a win-win!

### **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](http://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](http://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    **Kirsi Stjerna** (510) 559-2760  
[jphillips@plts.edu](mailto:jphillips@plts.edu)                            [kstjerna@plts.edu](mailto:kstjerna@plts.edu)

The graphic features a yellow header with the PLTS logo and "LUTHER LECTURE". Below is a colorful stained-glass style illustration of St. Martin of Tours, standing in a red robe with a golden cross, holding a sword and a book. The background includes a heart, a cross, and other religious symbols. At the bottom, event details are listed: "Wednesday, March 7, 2018", "PLTS Campus", "2000 Center Street, Suite 200", and "Berkeley, CA 94704".

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 19	TUE 20	WED 21	THUR 22	FRI 23	SAT 24	SUN 25
<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> President's Day	<b>7:00 am</b> Breakfast in Katie's Kitchen	<b>7:00 am</b> Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's <b>10:00 am</b> Weekly Staff Mtg.	<b>9:30 am</b> Adult Bible Study—Katie's Rm.		<b>9:00 am</b> Violin Group practice <b>9:30 am</b> Quilting Bee—Katie's Rm.	<b>9:30 am</b> Worship Service <b>Interfaith Sunday</b>
<b>5:30 pm</b> MSYC Rehearsal	<b>10:30 am</b> Day Care Yoga <b>12:00 pm</b> Text Study	<b>11:30 pm</b> Multi Faith Leadership Mtg.			<b>10:00 am</b> Organ Practice <b>2:00 pm</b> Violins Group Recital & Reception	
<b>7:00 pm</b> Lydia Circle	<b>5:30 pm</b> Daycare Board Mtg. <b>7:00 pm</b> Council Mtg.	<b>6:00 pm</b> Lenten Soup Supper/Fam. Activity <b>7:00 pm</b> Evening Prayer & Worship				<b>5:30 pm</b> Adult Ed.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assistant Minister	Ministers of the Word	Cantor	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Feb 25 Lent 2	Barbara Crawford	D Holtz A Taylor	David Holtz	David Holtz	Fanney B	Petersen/ Troedson	Lois Silva
Mar 4 Lent 3	Fanney B	L Owen S McCready	Kathleen Reuter	Lois Owen	Gregory Taylor	Smith/ Knoll	Waggoner/ Castleberry
Mar 11 Lent 4	Emma Hoover	P Kroese B Reinheimer	Paula Barton	Kroese/ Schmidt	Addison Hoover	Holtz/ Salonen	Waggoner/ Castleberry

## WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

Feb 25 Lent 2	Mar 4 Lent 3	Mar 11 Lent 4
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38	Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21



**New Prayer Requests:** Jake Maret—health (Strand)

**Our Members:** Linda Nelson; Laurie Spinuzzi; Sherm Petersen; Dr. Van Allen; the Tisdel family; Jennaca Hollinger; Rev. Ralph Herman; Roland Loeffler; Bill Beasley; Teri Scott; Rue Knoll; Mary Murray; Joyce Bachmann; Carolyn Crenwelge; 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 Tisdel (Tisdel); Pastor Roger Lee and family; Janet Barkley (Deutsch); Nancy Jones' brother-in-law; Gregory, Joy, 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); Zoe Diaz (T. Layne); Julia Polillo (Silva); Alice Pitts (Turner); Julia Head (Fritts)

**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); the Vogelzang family; Judy Darby (Schmidt); Julie Moore (Barton); Ken Jensen (Norquist); Sandy & Chris (Hooper); Charlotte Yardy (ELDC); Lindsay Turner (Crawford); Fran Beatty (Reuter); Ken Hoyt (Waggoner); Judy Darby (Schmidt)

**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**

Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church. For all who preach, teach, and inspire your people to lives of service. Renew your church in ministry, mission, and compassion. Unite us in faith, and uphold us in the promises of baptism. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world. For the well-being of both our own surroundings and of distant places. For favorable weather and sustaining rains. For creatures awakening from hibernation or beginning seasonal migrations. Provide safe habitats and abundant food for all. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. For all who govern or hold positions of authority. For those who work to make their communities safe from violence. Protect all who place themselves in danger to save others from harm. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need. For those moving to new communities. For individuals who are incarcerated or recently released from prison. For those who are abused or neglected, for the lonely, and for those who are ill. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

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

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. For musicians, artists, and poets who help us envision your love through word, image, and song. For those who have faced exclusion or felt forgotten. For all who reach out in love and welcome. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. As they receive the fulfillment of your promises made to them in baptism, sustain us in the hope of resurrection life with you. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen**

## ENTRANCE HYMN #326

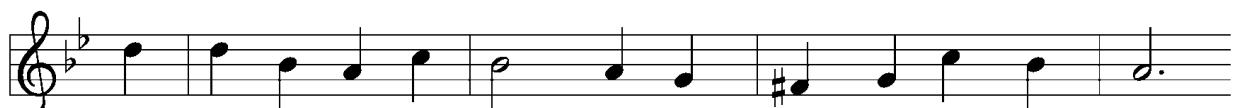
### Bless Now, O God, the Journey



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,  
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;  
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.  
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.  
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain round,  
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;  
but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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## SERMON HYMN #624

### Jesus, Still Lead On



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the  
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less  
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions  
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;  
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;  
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;  
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.  
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.  
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.  
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.  
Music: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701

## SENDING HYMN #618

### Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



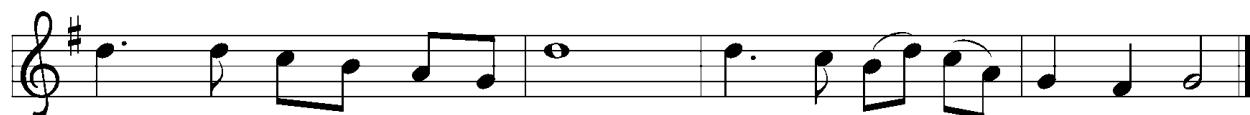
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem-er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might-y arm, shield me with your might-y arm,  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.  
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932