



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 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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*Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 3 pm
and Friday from 8 am to 2 pm*

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 18, 2018

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Adagio

James H. Rogers

WELCOME

Pastor Lyn Crase

OPENING HYMN

Christ, the Life of All the Living

ELW #339

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ 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 ✝ 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.



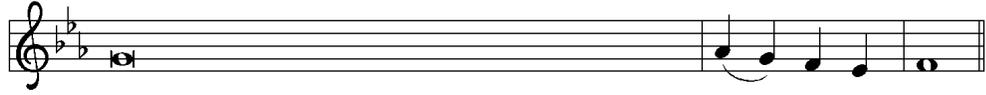
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



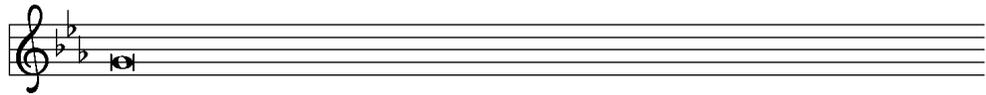
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



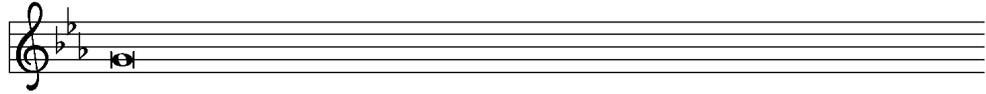
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together....

C O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 51:1-12



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¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

³For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother’s womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

⁸**Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 5:5-10

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

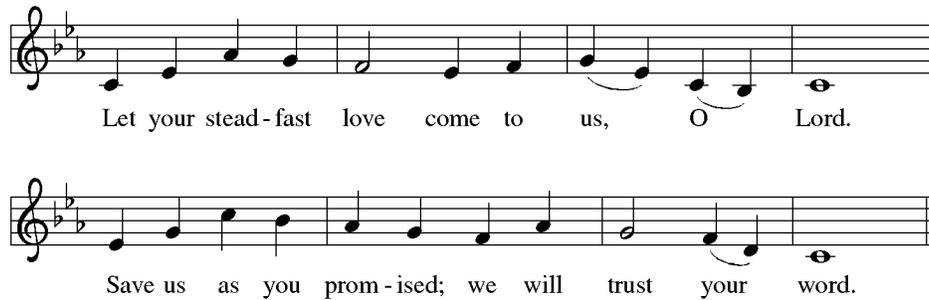
“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Gospel according to John, Chapter 12.

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

GOSPEL: JOHN 12:20-33

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."
²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

SERMON

Pastor Lyn

SERMON HYMN

Seed That is in Earth Dying

ELW #330

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

Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Piano Duet

John Carter

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

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**

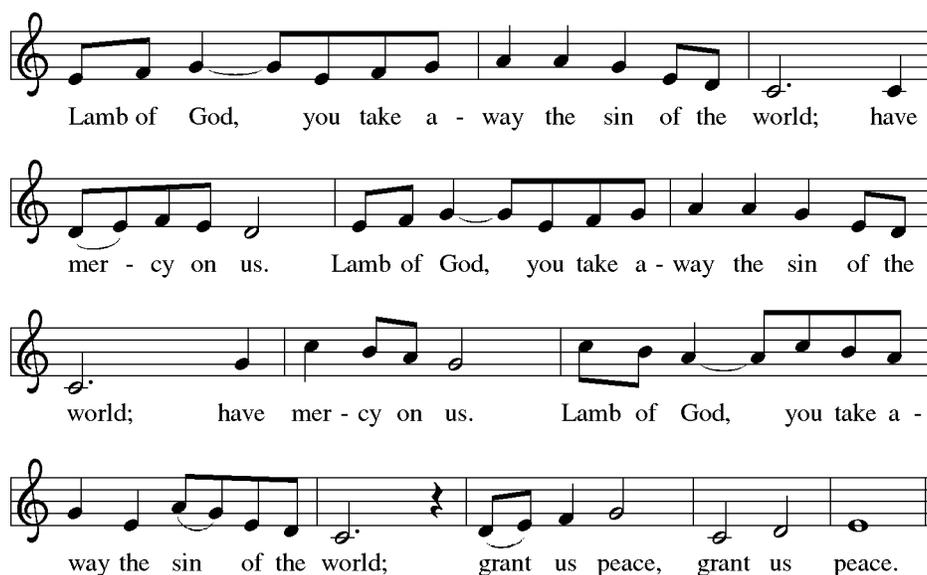
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW #759

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW #465

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

A new com-mand-ment 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

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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 ☩ peace.

C Amen

ANOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW #379

DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall

Ernst Pepping

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister Pastor Lyn Crase
Assisting Minister Paula Barton
Acolyte..... Chris Schmidt
Ministers of the Word Addison Hoover, Emma Hoover
Communion Assistant..... Emma Hoover
Usher/Greeter Owen Family
Altar Care..... Waggoner/Castleberry

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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.*

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.

For safety and security, please stop by the office and let us know you are on campus. Also, be sure that outside doors are closed and locked before you leave.

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 March 26.

Tuesday Breakfast with MJC in Katie’s Kitchen. You are welcome to come and enjoy breakfast with the students on Tuesdays at 7 am.

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

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

Thursday Morning Bible Study, A new study on the Gospel of Mark has begun. All are welcome! 9:30 am in Katie’s room.

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

Go to: LoveModesto.com to sign up for a project on 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. On the website, choose the “Contact Us/Donations” menu item. Both options are extremely easy and walk you through the process.

One or two additional Poll Workers are needed for the June election. Please see Pr. Lyn for more information.

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*

Another option: to "buy" breakfast for a JC student; for example, donate \$1 per student or \$50 per 50 students, etc.

Perhaps you noticed a table filled with books in the Narthex. Please feel free to grab a few (or many) for any one you know that enjoys reading.

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 oatmeal, tuna in foil packages, macaroni and cheese, small jars of jam, small jars of peanut butter, soups, canned ravioli, cereal, shelf-stable milk (in cartons), fruit drinks, apples and oranges, single serving freezable food items, and/or any other non-perishables. We are also in need of diapers.

At this time we are well stocked on the following items: Top Ramen, applesauce, fruit cups, and dog food.

Thanks so much for your generosity! =)

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH Sacramento, CA Position Description

Position Title: Assistant Director, Worship and Music Program
Reports to: Director of Worship and Music
Hours: Full-time (hours to be determined, including nights and weekends)
Salary: Commensurate with experience

Please submit resume and cover letter no later than March 15 to Linda.baldwin@stjohnslc.org

Position Summary: This position provides comprehensive programmatic management and support to both the Director of Worship and Music and the Worship and Music program at St. John's Lutheran Church. In addition, this position provides occasional music support and leadership in worship.

Lenten Soup Supper >> **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.

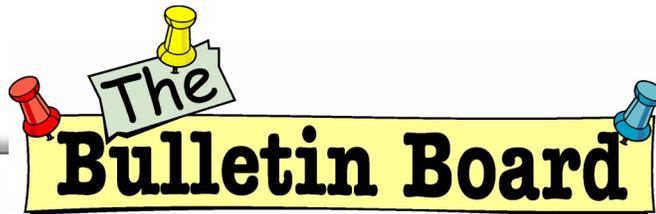
Just a reminder to check the Coffee Hour Sign-up Sheet >>Please consider volunteering to host a Coffee Hour, especially the 1st, 4th, and 5th Sundays of the month.

The Fellowship Committee



Flowers for the Easter Cross. This Easter Sunday, we will make a witness to the neighborhood by placing the large cross of flowers on the front lawn. Please remember to bring a few flowers to add to the cross. Flowers from your garden are encouraged, but if those are not ready, a few from the grocery store are perfect. If we all remember to bring a few, we'll have a beautiful display to reflect our joy in the resurrected life we share together.





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.

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, SpecOps 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

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!



WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 19	TUE 20	WED 21	THUR 22	FRI 23	SAT 24	SUN 25
	7:00 am Breakfast in Katie's Kitchen	7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's 10:00 am Weekly Staff Mtg.	9:30 am Adult Bible Study— Katie's Rm.		9:00 am Council Retreat— Katie's Rm.	PALM SUNDAY 9:30 am Worship Service Interfaith Sunday
5:30 pm MSYC Rehearsal	10:30 am Day Care Yoga 12:00 pm Text Study		1:15 pm Rebecca Circle		10:00 am Organ Practice	
7:00 pm Lydia Circle	5:30 pm Day Care Board Mtg. 7:00 pm Council Mtg.	6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper/Fam. Activity 7:00 pm Evening Prayer & Worship				

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assistant Minister	Ministers of the Word	Cantor	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Mar 25 Palm Sunday	Suzanne Wilke	P Cousins	David Holtz	Beth Rokaitis	Emma Hoover	Clarke Family	Lois Silva
Apr 1 Easter	Dan Johnson	M Epting	Paula Barton	Mike Epting	Alexandra Taylor	Reuter Family	Norquist/ Obermeyer
Apr 8 Easter 2	Brett Shank	S Wilke M Rowland	Kathleen Reuter	Wilke/ Henke	Fanney B	Shank Family	Norquist/ Obermeyer

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

Mar 25 Passion/Palm Sunday	Apr 1 Easter	Apr 8 Easter 2
Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1--15:47	Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1--2:2 John 20:19-31



New Prayer Requests: Pam Forrette—strength & healing (Salonen); Prayers of comfort for Norma Christiansen at the death of husband, Chris; Strength and consolation for the Wilson family on the death of Charlie Wilson (Waggoner); Prayers of comfort and strength for Alicia and Anita Martinez (daughters of Laura Marquez and ELDC teachers) for the death of their father, Billy Martinez

Our Members: Linda Nelson; Laurie Spinuzzi; Sherm Petersen; Dr. Van Allen; the Tisdal 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; Jeanine Clarke, Ben Jones

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

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Our Friends: Corinne Hagland (Pr. Victor's mom); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Jennifer Turner (Dieterich); Priscilla Pino (Ixcot); Tyler (Norquist); Dawn & Alexander Piscitello (Watkins); 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); Ginny H. (Allen)

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. Guide us into a deeper knowledge of your love and grace. Increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and service. We pray for evangelists, pastors, prophets, teachers, and all servants of the church. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the world. For seeds planted in hope of an abundant harvest. For fertile soils and sufficient rains. For shepherds and ranchers, farmworkers and seafood harvesters. For flowers and berries. For orchards, vineyards, and citrus groves. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations. For countries embroiled in long-term conflicts, and for communities scarred by political unrest and upheaval. Grant wisdom to the world's decision makers. Guide them to work for peace and the well-being of all people. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those in need. For all who suffer in any way. For those who are lonely or isolated. For those seeking employment. For those who approach the hour of their death, and all who are ill. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

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

hear our prayer.

We pray for this assembly. For those preparing for baptism. For visitors, newcomers, and those who are returning after an extended absence. Deepen us in faith. Fill us with hope, and draw us all into your loving presence. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died, especially those who have been witnesses and examples to us. Bring us with them to the promise of resurrection and life eternal 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 #339

Christ, the Life of All the Living



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

SERMON HYMN #330

Seed That in Earth Is Dying

- 1 Seed that in earth is dying
grows into ears of grain.
Grapes that are crushed in the vessel
turn into golden wine.
God, through this mystery grant us
faith in our deepest darkness,
life in our night and death.

- 2 We were baptized in Jesus,
into his death and grave,
to resurrection's promise:
praise and eternal life.
Heaven's own praises begin here
where you yourself are near us,
deep in our night and death.

- 3 Seed that in earth is dying
rises to bear much fruit.
Christ, as we meet at your table,
give us the bread of life.
Lord, we do thank and adore you!
Unceasing praise of the ages
rises from night and death.

Text: Svein Ellingsen, b. 1929; tr. Hedwig T. Durnbaugh, b. 1929
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SENDING HYMN #379

Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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