



15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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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 introducing yourself to those you encounter and please be sure to sign our guest book (located on the stand in the Narthex).

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15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

PRELUDE

Italian Hymn

Steve C. Grubb

(Thank you to Kristine Kraft, Marsha Waggoner, Barbara Crawford, and Debbie Van Diepen for today's message and to Kathleen Reuter for presiding.)

WELCOME

Kathleen Reuter

OPENING HYMN

God, Whose Almighty Word

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen

L: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

L: God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen

L: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ✝ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray together the prayer of the day...

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life.

Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a (MSG)

³⁻⁴ Energize the limp hands,
strengthen the rubbery knees.

Tell fearful souls,

“Courage! Take heart!

GOD is here, right here,
on his way to put things right
And redress all wrongs.
He's on his way! He'll save you!"
⁵⁻⁷ Blind eyes will be opened,
deaf ears unstopped,
Lame men and women will leap like deer,
the voiceless break into song.
Springs of water will burst out in the wilderness,
streams flow in the desert.
Hot sands will become a cool oasis,
thirsty ground a splashing fountain.
Even lowly jackals will have water to drink,
and barren grasslands flourish richly.

SERMON

Hope, Wisdom, Compassion and Our Actions

A Radio Program

Presented by Kristine Kraft, Marsha Waggoner,
Barbara Crawford and Debbie Van Diepen

PSALM: Psalm 146 (MSG)

We will now read responsively with R referring to the right side and L referring to the left side.

When we come to the final verse, it will be read by all and we ask you to read this verse in a bold voice.

R: Hallelujah! O my soul, praise GOD!

L: All my life long I'll praise GOD,
singing songs to my God as long as I live.

R: Don't put your life in the hands of experts
who know nothing of life, of salvation life.

L: Mere humans don't have what it takes;
when they die, their projects die with them.

R: Instead, get help from the God of Jacob,
put your hope in GOD and know real blessing.

L: GOD made sky and soil,
sea and all the fish in it.

R: He always does what he says, he defends the wronged,
he feeds the hungry.

L: GOD frees prisoners—he gives sight to the blind,
he lifts up the fallen.

R: GOD loves good people, protects strangers,

L: God takes the side of orphans and widows, but makes short work of the wicked.

**ALL: GOD's in charge—ALWAYS
Zion's God is God for good!
Hallelujah!**

SERMON HYMN

Light Dawns on a Weary World

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APOSTLE'S CREED

L: 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 (LITURGIST)

- 1) Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.
- 2) Holy One, you bring your people together in worship. Enliven your church. Guide all evangelists, preachers, prophets, and missionaries who seek to share your love through word and deed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- 3) You provide water for thirsty ground and sunshine to feed hungry plants. Bless all who advocate for healthy forests, unpolluted air, and clean waterways. Inspire all people to show care for the world you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- 4) You show no partiality. Increase justice in all nations. Encourage leaders and governments to work with one another for the good of the world. Especially, as we celebrate Labor Day, unite us in seeking the health, safety, and dignity of all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- 5) You accompany those who are most in need; especially those caught up in human trafficking. Shelter all, fleeing violence or persecution. Heal the sick and bring to wholeness

all who are broken. Comfort the grieving and bring peace to those near dying. Encourage and strengthen the addicted. Protect any who are in danger, and sustain them through uncertain and unstable times. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

- 6) You support the work of your disciples. Continue to nurture the leadership and ministries of this congregation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- 7) You embrace all who have died in the faith and brought them into your glorious presence. We thank you for their example and rejoice in their lives. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- 8) You embrace all who have died in the faith and brought them into your glorious presence. We thank you for their example and rejoice in their lives.

Amen

SHARING THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

L: We will continue with distribution of communion which was consecrated on August 29th. When our congregation gathered for worship and met at the table for the celebration of Holy Communion, we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. With thanksgiving we remembered that "in the night in which he was betrayed, he 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."

We were given the assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of his Holy Spirit. Now, this same bread of life and this same cup of blessing, is brought again to you that you may be strengthened through your participation in the body of Christ.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: 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: Jesus said: "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." All things are now ready.

LAMB OF GOD



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
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Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Healer of Our Every Ill

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

L: Amen

L: Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

Earth and All Stars!

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P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you..

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Sicilian Mariners"

Alfred V. Fedak



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FORWARD ANEW



Our Mission

To share Christ's unconditional love with everyone.

Our Vision

Emanuel's vision is to be loving, supportive, and welcoming, as we reach out in service and in witness to our neighborhood and the city beyond.

We share a passion to nurture people in all stages and circumstances of life.

We, as disciples of Christ, minister to our changing community in challenging cultural times.

God is calling us to joyfully follow the Holy Spirit in ministry to others.



Announcements: Week of September 5, 2021

NEXT WEEK! September 12th is God's Work Our Hands Day in the ELCA and HOMECOMING DAY at Emanuel! Come for outdoor worship at 9:30, followed by projects that will benefit the community, a congregational picnic and outdoor games. There will be quilts to tie that will go to local children's charities/organizations. It's easy and there is something to do for everyone!

Bring your own lawn chair for worship and the picnic. Drinks, hotdogs, commercially prepared salads, ice cream & cookies for dessert will be provided. The Outreach team will be serving you!

Adult Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, September 15th at 1:00 pm. **NOTE: New day and time.**

Hosts are needed for Coffee Hour. Please see the sign-up sheet in Luther Hall.

Leah Circle meets on the third Monday of the month at 1:00 pm.

Coin Jar -- Your spare change makes a difference! Drop it in the jar on Sundays.

Quilting Bee September 13th, 10:00 am. All are welcome & all skill levels as well. If you can use scissors and/or tie a knot, there will be a job for you!

The Shower Shuttle is actively taking care of our homeless communities, and the needs remain the same: Some of these requests are for the Laundry Shuttle, which has now been in use for about 6 months. Many of these items are available at the Dollar Stores. Thank you all for your contributions to this Ministry, Marilyn and Chuck Rowland

- Toiletries in travel size and standard size
- Single use razors
- Underwear in small and medium sizes, new or lightly used, including bras
- Plain white vinegar and bleach
- Washing powder, especially extra strength types
- Bath towels, any size and color

TEXT STUDY: Every Tuesday, year-round, in Luther Hall at noon. We discuss the lessons for the next Sunday. Come anytime you are available, leave early if you need to, bring your lunch. Generally, this lasts about an hour and 15 minutes....give or take.

**Church Office
and Day Care
will be closed
on Monday,
September 5th
in observance
of Labor Day**

Emanuel Outreach Ministry's
"Migrant Children Giving Tree" is up....

Look to your right coming into
Emanuel Sunday morning...

Look to your left going out of
Emanuel Sunday morning...

Look to the left of the tree to see the list
of needs for local migrant children...



Mark your calendar now for
God's Work Our Hands Day
coming **September 12, 2021**.
There will be a CHURCH WIDE
PICNIC following worship. Our
project will be to help a local
ministry. More information will
be forthcoming.

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday

Sept. 12
2021

The graphic consists of three horizontal sections. The top section has a yellow background with the text "God's work. Our hands." Sunday in black. The middle section features a repeating pattern of stylized hands in various colors (green, blue, red, yellow) holding a red heart. The bottom section is divided into three parts: a brown box with a red heart and a white gift, a collection of colorful tools (wrench, hammer, saw, drill, screwdriver, paintbrush, shovel), and the date "Sept. 12 2021" in black text on a yellow background.

Do you ever wonder what to do with the plastic bags you get from the newspaper, the grocery store, the cleaners and many other places? Do you sometimes feel guilty about just tossing the plastic envelopes you get from online orders? Would you like to know how you can support a local organization just by changing where you discard your unwanted plastic? Well, I have just discovered how the Modesto Lions Club is collecting plastic bags to help to keep our planet clean and to repurpose them to make other useful items.

Lions Club members Carol Shipley from Saron Lutheran and Marlisa Ferriera who is a member of Emanuel, are people many of you already know. So, a great way we can lend a hand to this project (and also help a little bit to save our planet), is to kindly bring your plastic bags to church and place them in the bin marked

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OPENING HYMN

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 Giardini, 1716–1796

SERMON HYMN

Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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COMMUNION HYMN

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your

2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is

3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,

4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.

still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.

ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.

way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

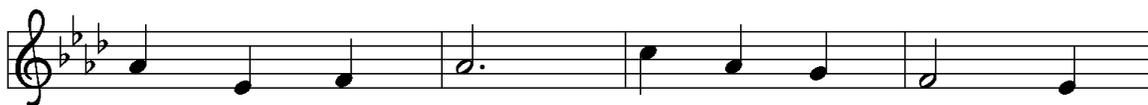
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SENDING HYMN

Earth and All Stars!



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
4 Class - rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!
5 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



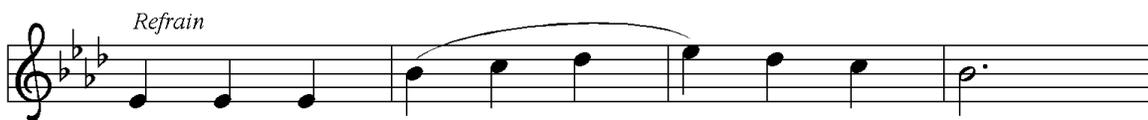
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord a new song!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord a new song!



God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922-1987
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READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37 (MSG)

²⁴⁻²⁶ From there Jesus set out for the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house there where he didn't think he would be found, but he couldn't escape notice. He was barely inside when a woman who had a disturbed daughter heard where he was. She came and knelt at his feet, begging for help. The woman was Greek, Syro-Phoenician by birth. She asked him to cure her daughter.

²⁷ He said, "Stand in line and take your turn. The children get fed first. If there's any left over, the dogs get it."

²⁸ She said, "Of course, Master. But don't dogs under the table get scraps dropped by the children?"

²⁹⁻³⁰ Jesus was impressed. "You're right! On your way! Your daughter is no longer disturbed. The demonic affliction is gone." She went home and found her daughter relaxed on the bed, the torment gone for good.

³¹⁻³⁵ Then he left the region of Tyre, went through Sidon back to Galilee Lake and over to the district of the Ten Towns. Some people brought a man who could neither hear nor speak and asked Jesus to lay a healing hand on him. He took the man off by himself, put his fingers in the man's ears and some spit on the man's tongue. Then Jesus looked up in prayer, groaned mightily, and commanded, "*Ephphatha!*—Open up!" And it happened. The man's hearing was clear and his speech plain—just like that.

³⁶⁻³⁷ Jesus urged them to keep it quiet, but they talked it up all the more, beside themselves with excitement. "He's done it all and done it well. He gives hearing to the deaf, speech to the speechless."

SECOND READING: James 2:1-17 (MSG)

¹⁻⁴ My dear friends, don't let public opinion influence how you live out our glorious, Christ-originated faith. If a man enters your church wearing an expensive suit, and a street person wearing rags comes in right after him, and you say to the man in the suit, "Sit here, sir; this is the best seat in the house!" and either ignore the street person or say, "Better sit here in the back row," haven't you segregated God's children and proved that you are judges who can't be trusted?

⁵⁻⁷ Listen, dear friends. Isn't it clear by now that God operates quite differently? He chose the world's down-and-out as the kingdom's first citizens, with full rights and privileges. This kingdom is promised to anyone who loves God. And here you are abusing these same citizens! Isn't it the high and mighty who exploit you, who use the courts to rob you blind? Aren't they the ones who scorn the new name—"Christian"—used in your baptisms?

⁸⁻¹¹ You do well when you complete the Royal Rule of the Scriptures: "Love others as you love yourself." But if you play up to these so-called important people, you go against the Rule and

stand convicted by it. You can't pick and choose in these things, specializing in keeping one or two things in God's law and ignoring others. The same God who said, "Don't commit adultery," also said, "Don't murder." If you don't commit adultery but go ahead and murder, do you think your non-adultery will cancel out your murder? No, you're a murderer, period.

¹²⁻¹³ Talk and act like a person expecting to be judged by the Rule that sets us free. For if you refuse to act kindly, you can hardly expect to be treated kindly. Kind mercy wins over harsh judgment every time.

¹⁴⁻¹⁷ Dear friends, do you think you'll get anywhere in this if you learn all the right words but never do anything? Does merely talking about faith indicate that a person really has it? For instance, you come upon an old friend dressed in rags and half-starved and say, "Good morning, friend! Be clothed in Christ! Be filled with the Holy Spirit!" and walk off without providing so much as a coat or a cup of soup—where does that get you? Isn't it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense?



Prayer Requests – September 5, 2021

Thank You!



“Thank you Emanuel congregation for your love, support, kind words, and hugs. It has been a tremendous comfort to me during this very sad time.” — Jeri Johnson

*“Thank you so much for all your prayers, I feel healthy again!”
— Mary Dieterich*

Prayers for healing & a good recovery for Officer Mike Rokaitis; prayers for strength and courage for his wife and parents, and prayers for the doctors & nurses treating him and for MPD as they support and encourage this family.

A fund has been established to help the Rokaitis family, through PORAC. This is the only fund sanctioned by the Modesto Police Department and the family. Go to:

<https://porac.org/fundraiser/officer-michael-rokaitis-fund/>

- ✚ Prayers of healing and well-being for Mercy Maya
- ✚ Prayers of healing and well-being for Lori and Ashlee Knoll, daughter-in-law and granddaughter of Rue Knoll
- ✚ Prayers of healing & well-being for Bill Reinheimer, who is recuperating after a recent fall
- ✚ Prayers for recovery for Stephanie, a friend of Janice Watkins
- ✚ Prayers for a safe exit from Afghanistan for Eza Haidari and family. Eza is a friend of Lois Owen

On-going Prayers: Mike Clarke—a positive outcome for prostate cancer treatment (Clarke); Francine—support in her role as foster mother (Waggoner); Diana—comfort (Waggoner); Donnie—health (Nelson); Tatum—continued strength in her fight against leukemia (Waggoner); Jean Salazar—health (Schmidt); Arie Kroeze—continued healing; Pete Van Diepen—continued healing & well-being following surgery; Jim & Patty Beyer—strength as they are managing Jim’s cancer treatments (Rowland); Glenna—health, recovery & treatment of stage-4 kidney cancer (Silva); Jeri Johnson and family—comfort and strength; Susan McCready—continued healing and recovery; Donna—healing (Watkins); Barbara Crawford—continued health & well-being; Delaney—healing and strength (Epting); Joel—recovery & healing (Watkins); Yvonne Troedson—healing, health & well-being; Ian McKenzie—acceptance of mental illness (Schmidt); Keith Johnson—healing & well-being (Johnson); Pat Smith—healing, health & well-being; Jesus Ojeda—

healing & well-being (Ojeda); Paula Kroeze—healing & well-being; Dennis Strand—health & well-being; Lois Silva and family—comfort and peace; William Teaney—healing; Sue Allen—healing & well-being; Laurie Spinuzzi—healing

Pray for the church, the world and all those in need:

Doctors, nurses, technicians and all hospital personnel who care for patients & their needs.

For scientists, researchers, medical equipment manufacturers, corporations & employees who have stepped up to help during this crisis.

For those who are awaiting diagnostic tests results; for those already diagnosed with COVID-19 that healing will be complete.

For those who are dying and for those who grieve that they may be comforted with a sure and certain knowledge of Resurrection hope.

For all others who suffer from physical, emotional, mental or spiritual distress during this time we pray they may be sustained in love and grace.

For all this, and for whatever else you see that we need – we pray to you, O Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen

