

Reformation Day

October 31, 2021

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Welcome to Emanuel

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 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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REFORMATION DAY

OCTOBER 31, 2021

PRELUDE

Fanfare for Reformation

Walter L. Pelz

WELCOME

Pastor Lyn Crase

STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK

OPENING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen

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

P: 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

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together....

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1: Deuteronomy 6:5-9 (MSG)

Matthew Owen, Rebeca Owen

The Great Commandment, that Jesus speaks in Mark 12:29-30 is essentially a restatement of the first commandment. In Jewish tradition these verses are known as the Shema. Shema means "hear." This passage is the scriptural foundation of Emanuel's 2021 Stewardship emphasis.

⁴Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God the Lord alone.

⁵Love GOD, your God, with your whole heart: love him with all that's in you, love him with all you've got!

⁶⁻⁹Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night. Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder; inscribe them on the doorposts of your homes and on your city gates.

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (MSG)

Matthew Owen, Rebeca Owen

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive sins and not remember sins. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹⁻³²“That's right. The time is coming when I will make a brand-new covenant with Israel and Judah. It won't be a repeat of the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took their hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant even though I did my part as their Master.” GOD's Decree.

³³⁻³⁴“This is the brand-new covenant that I will make with Israel when the time comes. I will put my law within them—write it on their hearts!—and be their God. And they will be my people. They will no longer go around setting up schools to teach each other about GOD. They'll know me firsthand, the dull and the bright, the smart and the slow. I'll wipe the slate clean for each of them. I'll forget they ever sinned!” GOD's Decree.

P: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 46

Matthew Owen, Rebeca Owen

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:21-28

Matthew Owen, Rebeca Owen

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

P: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P: The Gospel according to John, Chapter 8. (*Stand as able.*)

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever.

³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

Mark 12:28-34 is the alternate gospel for the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost.

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked Jesus, 'which of the commandments is the first of all?' Jesus answered, "the first is, Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength'. The second is this, 'you shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. (12:28-31)

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED) *Please be seated.*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in your Word

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APOSTLE'S CREED

P: 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 (Please sit or kneel as able)

- 1) Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.
- 2) We pray for all who long for a word of truth and for the radical grace that flows from the cross. Inspire congregations to freely and boldly proclaim your love for all people with persistence and hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- 3) We pray for your creation, for mountains, rivers, streams, cities, homesteads, and neighborhoods. Write in our hearts a new love and care for creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- 4) We pray for all who aspire to public office. Pour wisdom and understanding upon all who govern so that communities of justice and peace may thrive. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- 5) We pray for all who long for healing in mind, body, or spirit. Strengthen hospitals, clinics, counseling centers, nursing homes, and recovery centers to be holy spaces of renewal that all might live the abundant life you intend. O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- 6) We pray for all who seek to grow in faith and love of you. Guide teaching and learning in schools, public and private seminaries, and universities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- 7) We give thanks for all the saints and reformers who have gone before us who dwell in your holy presence. Give us courage through their example to live boldly and serve justly. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- 8) Silent prayer.

9) Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

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.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

The offering is our response to God's grace and mercy.

CHOIR

Praise the Lord! O Heavens Adore Him

Michael Burkhardt

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

P: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

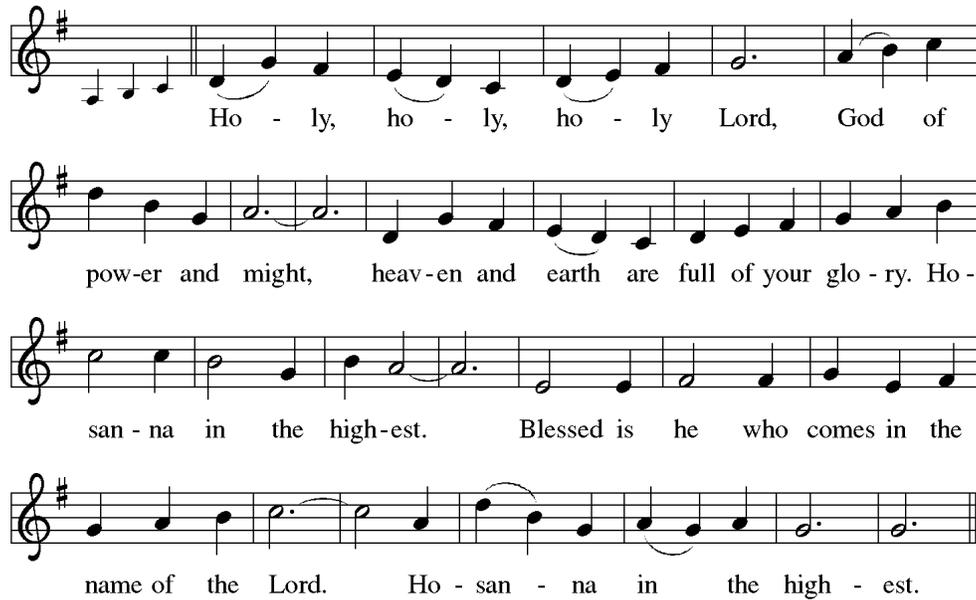
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 eternal 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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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.

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: All who hunger and thirst, come.

The table is ready.

We practice continuous communion. All are welcome. White grape juice is available for those who prefer that instead of wine. Gluten free wafers available.

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.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: 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.

Amen

BLESSING

P: People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
bless you now and forever.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

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DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Festive Gloria

Aaron David Miller

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Thank You!

Dave and Kristine want to thank Barry, Greg, Marsha, Connie, Mary, Karen, Barbara, Paula, and Debbie for helping to pick up walnuts. You now have the opportunity to buy organic, natural, fresh, Chandler walnuts. Do you do holiday baking? Purchase your holiday baking walnuts today. Your money goes to support the Piecemakers (Our Emanuel's quilting group makes children's quilts for Foster Love and Emanuel's adult members who are in crisis) and Emanuel's Outreach group who have all kinds of projects and ideas planned.

These nuts are very tasty and reasonably priced. Please put your money or check in the envelope and put it in the offering.



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 October 31, 2021

Hygiene Kits for Grace is the Key — we will assemble the kits *TODAY* from 10:30-11 am. Families from Radiant Covenant Church will join us for this project.

Food for Faith Sunday is *NEXT SUNDAY*, November 7th. Jeri Johnson will be the trunk master, so be sure to drop off non-perishable food items to her car in the parking lot. Your generous donations benefit The Food Initiative of Greater Stanislaus. Items can also be placed in the donation box in the Narthex.

Emanuel Lutheran Day Care *thanks everyone for your donations!* Fresh fruits and healthy veggies are needed this month — zucchini, strawberries and cucumbers. Please see the updated list in the Narthex. Items can be left in the kitchen or office.

Outreach Ministry Winter Coat Drive is schedule to get underway in November. More information coming soon.

Lutheran Social Services of Northern California — Direct request to provide for newly established Afghani refugees living in Modesto:

Fleece jackets [\$25-30 range] — **2 male jackets, size large**
and ~~1 female jacket, size medium~~ **(received)**

~~1 fleece blanket for a female~~ **(received)**

Please label and wrap the gifts and bring to the office before December 1st.

Thank you!

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

Choir rehearsals — Sundays, downstairs at about 11 o'clock.

***Reminder—Daylight Savings Time ends
Sunday, November 7th***

Ongoing Announcements

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.

Adult Bible Study — Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. “The Difficult Words of Jesus” by A. J. Levine. Join anytime.

Coin Jar -- Your spare change makes a difference! Proceeds go to Outreach.

Quilting Bee November 8, 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!

Lydia Circle meets the 2nd Monday of each month in Luther Hall at 1 pm. We use the GATHER magazine as our Bible Study. All women of Emanuel are invited to join us.

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

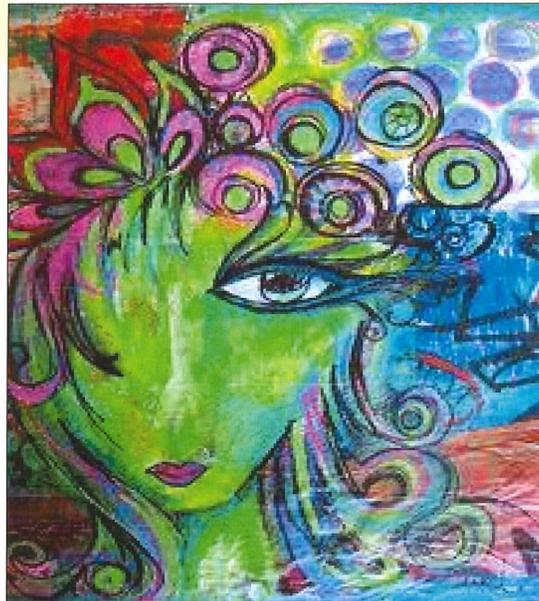
Rebecca Circle meets every 3rd Thursday at 1:30 pm in member’s homes. All are welcome!

The Shower Shuttle and Laundry Shuttle are actively taking care of our homeless communities, and the needs remain the same. Many items are available at the Dollar Stores. *Thank you all for your contributions to this Ministry, Marilyn and Chuck Rowland*

- Toiletries—all sizes
- Men’s and women’s underwear in small and medium sizes
- Plain white vinegar and bleach
- Extra-strength laundry detergent
- Bath towels, any size and color

Children's Art Gala

Fund Raiser



Friday November 19th at 6:30pm
in Luther Hall

 Masks Required 

Children's Canvas Paintings will be on display.
One day only.

Suggested donation: \$20

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...



Supporting Modesto Lions Club

RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG

Recycle your household bags & wrap into Trex's Earth-friendly composite decking and railing!

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Place in bin in the Narthex

Entrance Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
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Sermon Hymn

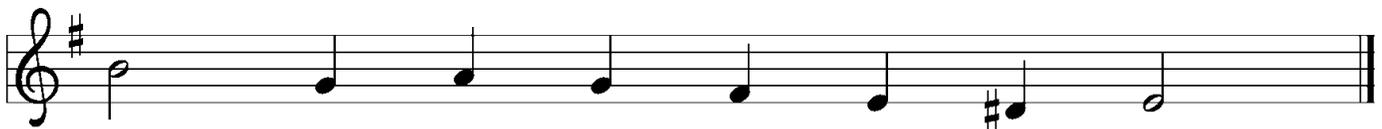
Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

Communion Hymn

Listen, God Is Calling *Neno lake Mungu*

Refrain
Leader All



Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

1 2



ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All



Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*



Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune

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Sending Hymn

The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

Prayer Requests – October 31, 2021

On-going Prayers: Jack Smith—healing & well-being; Darcy Moreno—comfort, health & peace (Ashlock); Wes Trana—continued healing & well-being; Kathleen Reuter—continued healing and well-being; Pete Van Diepen—healing & well-being (Van Diepen); Prayers for healing & continued recovery for Officer Mike Rokaitis; Dahlia and China—health & well-being/new mothers (Virginia Robb); Brianna—recovery & well-being (Ixcot); Mercy Maya—healing & well-being (Maya); Lori & Ashlee Knoll—healing & well-being (Knoll); Bill Reinheimer—healing & well-being (Reinheimer); Stephanie—recovery (Watkins); Eza Haidari and family—safe exit from Afghanistan (Owen); Mike Clarke—a positive outcome for prostate cancer treatment (Clarke); Francine—support in her role as foster mother (Waggoner); Tatum—continued strength in her fight against leukemia (Waggoner); Arie Kroeze—continued healing; 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); Delaney—healing and strength (Epting); 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; 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

