



Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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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 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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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday - 8 am to 3 pm

Friday - 8 am to 2 pm

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 22, 2023

PRELUDE

Noel for the Flute Stops

Louis Daquin

WELCOME

Pastor Lyn Crase

OPENING HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.**

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

**For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,**

**that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.**

Amen

P: Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare.”

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior.

Amen

KYRIE - Everyone sings

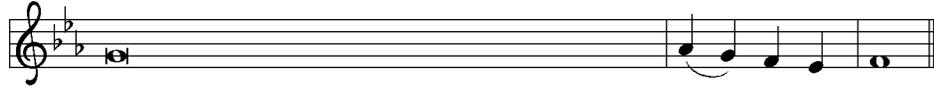
ALL:



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.



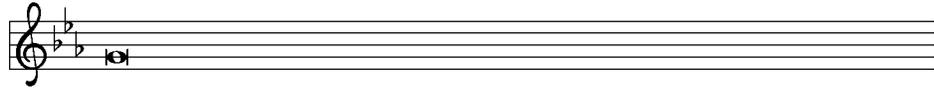
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

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....

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

PSALM: Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (Read responsively)

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the
beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and
make music to the LORD.**

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

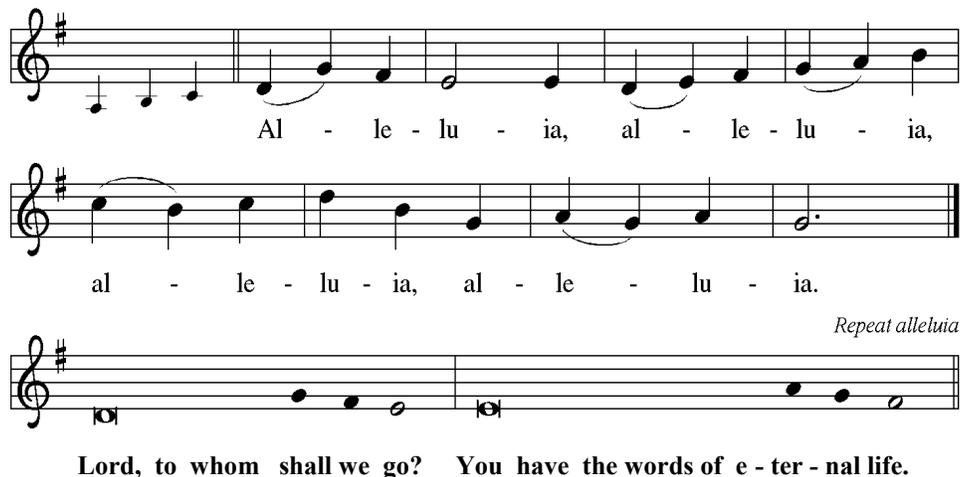
⁸**My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 MSG

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

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 Matthew, Chapter 4.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED) *Please be seated.*

SERMON

Pastor Lyn Crase

HYMN OF THE DAY

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

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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.....congregation responds with “receive our prayer.”

(Please be seated.)

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

O Hail This Brightest of Days

J. S. Bach

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

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

Amen

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.

And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

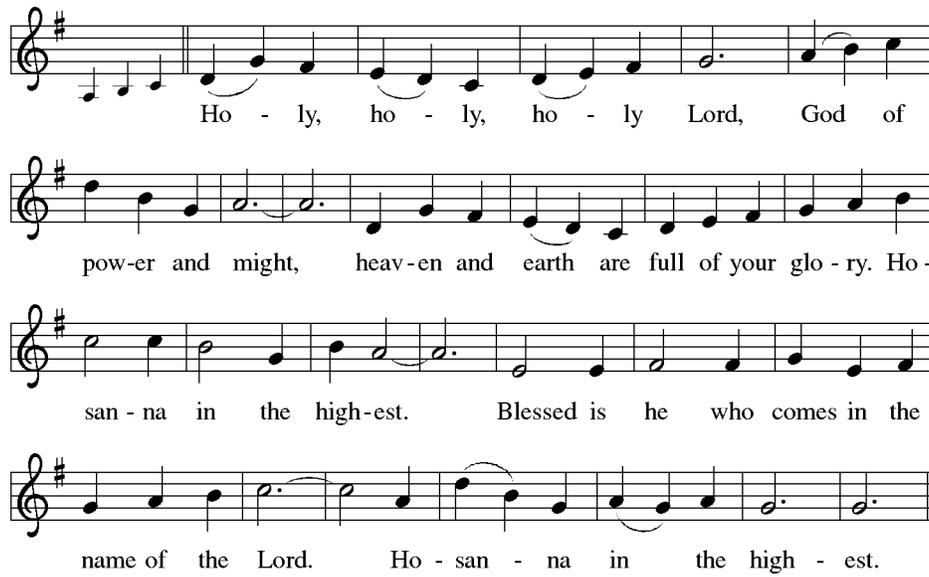
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

Let us 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.**

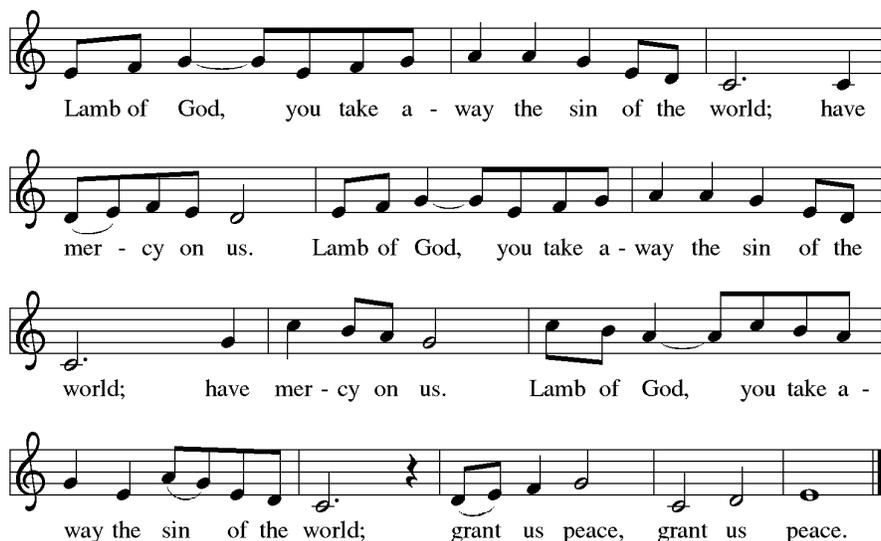
**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come and taste the joy of God!

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

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COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Holy One,
we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you.

Amen

BLESSING

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

We Are Marching in the Light of God

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Arise and Shine in Splendor

Johannes Brahms

Bible Readings for January 29th—4th Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading: Micah 6:1-8

Psalm: Psalm 15

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12



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Announcements: Week of January 22, 2023

Emanuel's Annual Meeting is next Sunday, January 29th 10:30 am

—Fellowship, choir practice, and Sunday School will follow the meeting

Starting February 8th and the 2nd Wednesday of each month, Bible study will meet at Bethel Retirement Community on Scenic Dr. at 1:00 pm. All other Wednesdays will be at ELC at 1:00 pm



Outreach Activity

Calling all kids, parents and grandparents...
We have a secret!

Would you like to help prepare a surprise Valentine gift for the members of our congregation?

**Meet at church on Saturday, February 11th
11 am-12:30 pm**

We will have fun putting the surprise gift together, and then have a little lunch when we are finished.

On Sunday, February 12th after the service, all kids will help in giving the surprise package to each member who attends church that day.

We hope you will join us!



**WE ARE
THE CHURCH
TOGETHER**



FREE FAMILY CAREGIVER WELLNESS RETREAT

Rejuvenate, Reconnect and Refocus

March 22, 2023

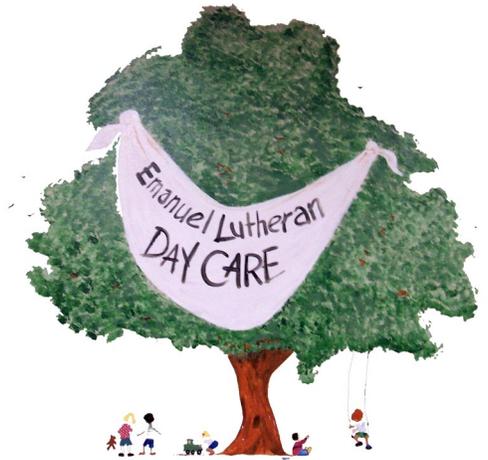
8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Stanislaus Veterans Center
3500 Coffee Road, Suite 15
Modesto, CA 95355

Registration opens February 1, 2023 and is limited to 120 participants.

To register visit bit.ly/3WgrvX5

Presented By
Stanislaus County Area Agency on Aging



Emanuel Lutheran Day Care could use some donations. If you would like to help, it would be a blessing and assist with costs, as well. Below is a list of what is needed.

Thank you so much! —Director Laura Marquez, the ELDC Staff and children

Graham Crackers	Goldfish Crackers
Ritz Crackers	Cheez its
Animal Crackers	Honey Nut Cheerios
Fruit Snacks	Veggie Straws
Danimals	Go-Gurts
Applesauce	Apples
Oranges/Cuties	Hawaiian Rolls
Tortillas	Refried Beans
Oatmeal	Pancake Mix
Wheat Bread	English Muffins
Raisin Bread	Raisins
Craisins	Bananas
Lysol Spray	Laundry Detergent (Kirkland)
Dish Soap (Kirkland)	6 oz. Cups
Plastic Utensils	

Ongoing Announcements

Food for Faith Sunday — 1st Sunday of each month. Items can be placed in the basket in the Narthex. Your generous donations benefit The Food Initiative of Greater Stanislaus.

Choir Rehearsals — Sundays after the service at 11:00, Augustana Hall.

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.

The Men's Bible Study Group meets at 7 am on Wednesday mornings at The Secret Garden Restaurant, 2401 Orangeburg Ave.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study — *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. 1:00 pm in Luther Hall Every second Wednesday of the month, will meet at Bethel Retirement Community, 2345 Scenic Dr. in Modesto, 1 pm.

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

We are asking for donations to help support the Coffee Hour. A donation container will be available on a table in Luther Hall.

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

Quilting Bee -- meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 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 — usually meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 1 pm. Please be sure to check the weekly calendar in the bulletin for any updates! 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 at The Park Independent Senior Living Community in Modesto.

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: personal hygiene items, etc. *Thank you all for your contributions to this Ministry, Marilyn and Chuck Rowland*

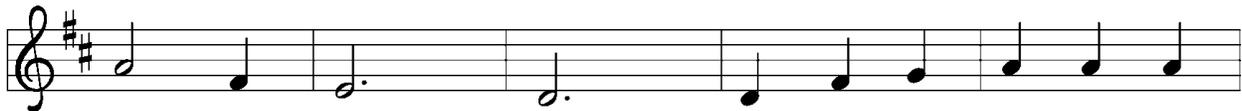
Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran World Relief directed donations go directly to the people most in need.

Entrance Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson
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Hymn of the Day

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word



1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on



es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
Music: LIEBSE JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

Communion Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911
Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

Sending Hymn

We Are Marching in the Light of God



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. *Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...
We are praying ...
We are singing ...

Text: South African traditional; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984

Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African traditional

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Prayer Requests: January 22, 2023

- ✚ Prayers for healing & well-being for Jennifer Turner, friend of Mary Lou Dieterich
- ✚ Prayers for healing & well-being after a fall for Dan Farrell, family member of Marsha Waggoner
- ✚ Prayers for comfort & well-being in hospice care for Steve Dahlhauser, cousin of Barbara Crawford
 - ✚ Prayers for healing & well-being for Darcy Moreno, Gigi Ashlock's daughter

Update: Melissa Molina's sister, Grace—no bacterial infection found, surgery averted.
Please continue to pray for healing & well-being. *Thank you!*

The Prayer List has been reset. Please contact the office by phone or email with any updates for names to keep on the list.

On-going Prayers:

1. Arie Kroeze—healing & well-being
2. Jack Smith—health & well-being
3. Marilyn Rowland—health & well-being
4. William Teaney—recovery, healing & well-being
5. Deanne Crockett—health, healing & well-being (Troedson)
6. Keith Johnson—healing & well-being (Johnson)
7. Harold Hackett—healing & well-being (Dieterich)
8. Stephanie—healing (Owen)
9. Patricia Balderas Cantley—comfort & healing (Crawford)
10. Mercy Maya—recovery, health & healing
11. Marilyn Rowland—healing & well-being
12. Janice Watkins—healing & well-being
13. Shelda Fritts—healing & comfort
14. Kaete Loeffler—recovery, health & well-being
15. Tom Norquist—healing & well-being
16. Mike Clarke—comfort & peace, now in hospice care
17. Alice Hoaglund—comfort & healing
18. Pat Smith—health & well-being
19. Sue Allen—well-being
20. Lois Owen—healing & well-being
21. Paula Kroeze—healing & well-being
22. Yvonne Troedson—healing & well-being
23. Prayers for the people of Ukraine, for an end to violence and war

CALENDAR | JANUARY 23 - 29

Monday, January 23

6 pm

ECHOES DEADLINE

Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 24

12-1:30 pm

Text Study: Luther Hall

6:30-8:00 pm

RadCov Activity: Sanctuary

Wednesday, January 25

7 am

Men's Bible Study group meets at The Secret Garden Restaurant,
2401 E. Orangeburg Ave.

1:00 pm

Adult Bible Study: *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking
on Water and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans:
Luther Hall

Thursday, January 26

6:30 pm

RadCov Activity: Luther Hall

Friday, January 27

6 pm

Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Saturday, January 28

10 am

Organ Practice: Sanctuary

Sunday, January 29

9:30 am

ELC Worship Service

10:30 am

ELC Annual Meeting

ELC Sunday School (after Annual Meeting)

3-5 pm

RadCov Leadership Team

5:00 pm

RadCov Worship Service



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.

