



Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2023

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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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

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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PRELUDE *Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne* Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME Pastor Lyn Crase

OPENING HYMN *O Master, Let Me Walk with You* Page 14

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

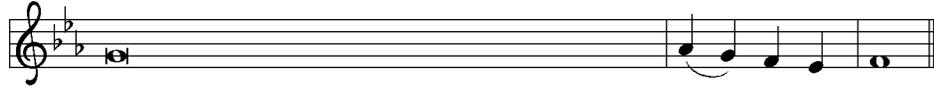
ALL:



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.



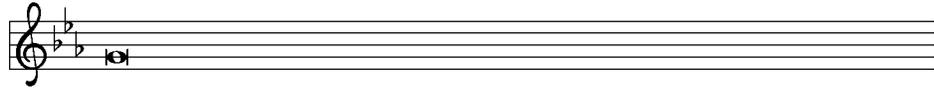
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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....

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The LORD sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.

PSALM: Psalm 119:1-8 (Read responsively)

¹Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who follow the teaching of the LORD!

²**Happy are they who observe your decrees
and seek you with all their hearts,**

³who never do any wrong,
but always walk in your ways.

⁴**You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them.**

⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!

⁶**Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments.**

⁷I will thank you with a true heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

⁸**I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are coworkers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.

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 5.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:43-47

By telling us not to retaliate , Jesus keeps us from taking the law into our own hands. By loving and praying for our enemies, we can overcome evil with good. Trusting in the Holy Spirit to help us—we can show love to those for whom we may not feel love.

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

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

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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

Oh God of Love, O King of Peace

Ernst Pepping

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

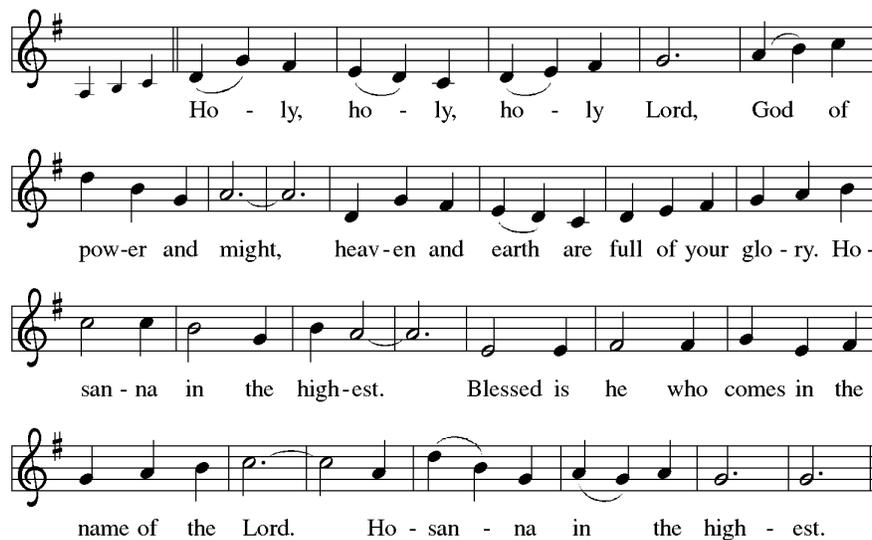
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Healer of Our Every Ill

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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

Christ Is the King!

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DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Cortege

Gordon Young

Bible Readings for February 19th—Transfiguration of Our Lord

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm: Psalm 2

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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Announcements: Week of February 12, 2023

ELC Yardwork Day has been rescheduled for **February 25th** from 9 am to 11 am. We will focus on clearing under the redwoods, trimming the dumpster enclosure and hedge trimming bushes on the Stoddard side of the church. Bring your tools!

CHRISM MASS SERVICES

Tuesday, March 21 | 12:00pm Lunch, 1:00pm Service
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Reno, NV

Wednesday, March 22 | 12:00pm Lunch, 1:00pm Service
Ascension Lutheran Church, Citrus Heights

Thursday, March 23 | 11:00am Service, 12:00pm Lunch
Trinity Lutheran Church, Fresno

Wednesday, March 29 | 12:00pm Lunch, 1:00pm Service
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, San Francisco

Thursday, March 30 | 9:30am Coffee Hour, 10:30am Service
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Fremont

HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA & ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU

Thursday
Feb 23, 2023
6:30-9:00PM
The State Theater
1307 J St Modesto, CA
Doors at 5:30

MISSION:
JOY

Screening followed by open mic community discussion

Tickets: \$8

FINDING HAPPINESS IN TROUBLED TIMES

Sponsored by Stanislaus County INTERFAITH COUNCIL

Join the Stanislaus County Interfaith Council and The State Theater of Modesto for a screening of this wonderful film! Following the film will be an open mic community conversation facilitated by the Interfaith Council President, Matthew Mason.

Deeply moving and laugh-out-loud funny, His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu share science backed wisdom of how to live with joy in troubled times in Mission:Joy!



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

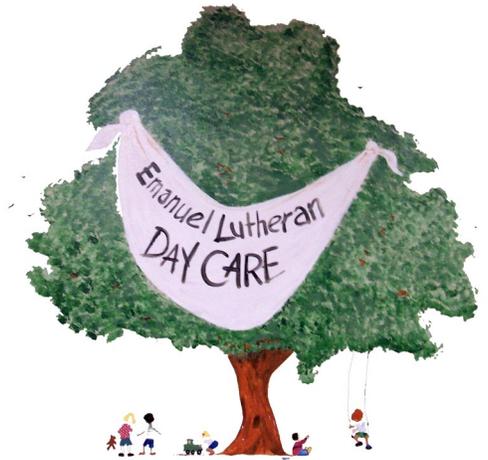
Registration opens February 1, 2023 and is limited to 120 participants.

To register visit bit.ly/3WgrvX5

Presented By
Stanislaus County Area Agency on Aging

Join Rabbi Shalom on a **Jewish Heritage Trip to Israel: June 11 - 20**. The trip is open to everyone: Jews and non-Jews, young and old. If you've never been to Israel or it's been a long time since your last trip, this is a great travel opportunity.

Registration is here: <https://forms.gle/zfbobxXF2V1tN3AG7> and due before February 28th; space is limited. Or contact Rabbi Shalom at 209-571-6062



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 Rehearsal — 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

O Master, Let Me Walk with You



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.

Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

Hymn of the Day

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

Communion Hymn

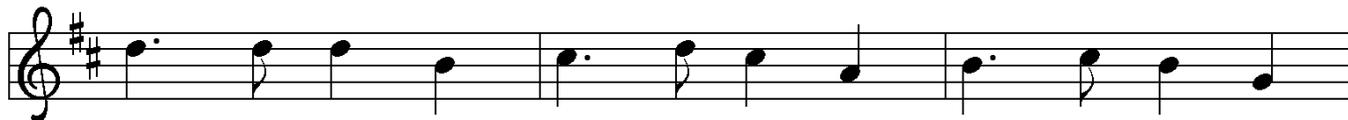
Healer of Our Every Ill



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



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

Christ Is the King!



1 Christ is the king! O friends, re - joice; broth - ers and sis - ters,
2 Oh, mag - ni - fy the Lord, and raise an - thems of joy and
3 O Chris - tian wom - en, Chris - tian men, all the world o - ver,
4 Let Love's all - rec - on - cil - ing might your scat - tered com - pa -
5 So shall the church at last be one; so shall God's will on



with one voice let the world know he is your choice.
ho - ly praise for Christ's brave saints of an - cient days.
seek a - gain the Way dis - ci - ples fol - lowed then.
nies u - nite in ser - vice to the God of light.
earth be done, new lamps be lit, new tasks be - gun.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: George K.A. Bell, 1883-1958, alt.

Music: BEVERLY, Charles R. Anders, b. 1929

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Prayer Requests: February 12, 2023

- ✚ Prayers for health & well-being for Sue Allen
- ✚ Prayers for successful hernia surgery, healing & well-being for Tony
- ✚ Prayers for recovery, healing & well-being for Sue, friend of Chris Schmidt
- ✚ Prayers for peace of mind & well-being for Alexandra Tisdell and family who recently lost her cousin, Steve who passed away suddenly
- ✚ Prayers for health & well-being for Adrian Pino, friend of Elaine Ixcot

On-going Prayers:

1. Margaret Remeta—well-being (Schmidt)
2. CL—strength to handle cancer diagnosis (Waggoner)
3. Adeline Eldridge & Charlie Sparger (ELDC children)—healing & well-being
4. Deborah Bauer—healing (Tchmola)
5. Clarice Soares—healing Tchmola)
6. Bryanna Capps—healing (Tchmola)
7. Arie Kroeze—healing & well-being
8. Jack Smith—health & well-being
9. Marilyn Rowland—health & well-being
10. William Teaney—recovery, healing & well-being
11. Mercy Maya—recovery, health & healing
12. Shelda Fritts—healing & comfort
13. Kaete Loeffler—recovery, health & well-being
14. Tom Norquist—healing & well-being
15. Mike Clarke—comfort & peace, now in hospice care
16. Alice Hoaglund—comfort & healing
17. Pat Smith—health & well-being
18. Lois Owen—healing & well-being
19. Paula Kroeze—healing & well-being
20. Yvonne Troedson—healing & well-being
21. Darcy Moreno—healing & well-being (Ashlock)
22. Grace—healing & well-being (Molina)
23. Steve Dahlhauser—comfort & well-being in hospice care (Crawford)
24. Dan Farrell—healing & well-being after a fall (Waggoner)
25. Jennifer Turner—healing & well-being (Dieterich)
26. Deanne Crockett—health, healing & well-being (Troedson)
27. Keith Johnson—healing & well-being (Johnson)
28. Harold Hackett—healing & well-being (Dieterich)
29. Stephanie—healing (Owen)
30. Patricia Balderas Cantley—comfort & healing (Crawford)
31. Prayers for the people of Ukraine, for an end to violence and war

CALENDAR | FEBRUARY 13 - 19

Monday, February 13

10:00 am Piecemakers Quilting Bee
1 pm Lydia Circle
6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 14

12-1:30 pm Text Study: Luther Hall
1:30 pm Sanctuary Arts Team Meeting: Church Office

♥ VALENTINE'S DAY ♥

Wednesday, February 15

7 am Men's Bible Study group meets at The Secret Garden Restaurant,
2401 E. Orangeburg Ave.
12 pm M-LinC Meeting: Luther Hall
1:15 pm Adult Bible Study: *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking
on Water and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans:
Bethel Retirement Community (every 2nd Wednesday)

Thursday, February 16

1:30 pm Rebecca Circle: meets off-site
6:30 pm RadCov Activity: Luther Hall

Friday, February 17

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Saturday, February 18

10 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary
1 pm Norma Christiansen Memorial Service at Bethel Retirement
Community

Sunday, February 19

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS SUNDAY
9:30 am ELC Worship Service
10:45 am ELC Sunday School
1 pm RadCov Worship Service
3:00 pm RadCov Leadership Team



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.

