



14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023

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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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Monday through Thursday - 8 am to 3 pm

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14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

PRELUDE

Lift High the Cross

David Cherwien

WELCOME

Kathleen Reuter

OPENING SONG

Lift High the Cross

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
✝ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Steadfast and faithful God,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.
We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.
For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.
For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.
Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

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....

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8 (Read responsively)

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

²**Test me, O LORD, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.**

³For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴**I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

⁵I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶**I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸**LORD, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**

P: The Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 16.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Dan Johnson

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me

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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.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

Fugue in C Major

George F. Handel

OFFERING PRAYER

A: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Dan: *We will continue with distribution of communion which was consecrated last week.*

When our congregation gathered for worship last Sunday and met around this 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**

L: *All things are now ready.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus invites you to this table.

Come, eat and live.

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 HYMN

*Jesus, Still Lead On
Around You, O Lord Jesus*

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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: Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

BLESSING

P: The God of glory,
✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

Earth and All Stars!

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata In the Style of Scarlatti

Gordon Young

*Thank you to Kathleen Reuter, Lois Owen and Suzanne Wilke
for leading worship. Thank you to Dan Johnson for
preaching today.*



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Bible Readings for September 10th — 15th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Summer Paraments

As we enter the worship space today, we begin the Season of Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time is simply “time in between.” For us, it is the time between Pentecost and Advent and includes occasional Festival Days like Reformation and All Saints Day. The color is green which represents a season of growth particularly regarding discipleship.

As you are aware from other articles already published, paraments and banners are meant to enhance the worship experience. They are not meant to merely “decorate” or commemorate, but to draw our attention to why we sit in a pew on Sunday mornings. That said, the paraments and banners now in use were hand-made after considerable thought and consideration given to Ordinary Time, our identity in the community and the way in which we practice our faith in this place.

The fabric is a striped serape, chosen to highlight the cultural diversity of our wider community and the mission-style architecture of our campus. The less formal style accentuates a more relaxed atmosphere during summer and the fact that anyone and everyone is welcome into this congregation. The colors of the fabric remind us of the earth, creation and all that God called “good.” Green for grass, plants and other growing things; tan for sand, dirt & rock, yellow/gold for the golden sun & the yellow-gold grasses & fields that are California’s unique blessing, blue for the sky and water, red – the richness of adobe clay. Theologically, the colors provide a palette of liturgical completeness, the hues representing each season implicitly or explicitly. For example, the red of Pentecost & Reformation, the green of Epiphany and Ordinary Time, the blue of Advent, the yellow/gold of Christmas & Easter, etc. And then the simplicity of stripes invites an opportunity to reflect on things we are grateful for but also to reflect on what we might take for granted.

Welcome to Ordinary Time!

Announcements: Week of September 3, 2023

God's Work Our Hands

God's Work Our Hands Sunday is **September 10th** this year. We will assemble snack bags and bags of socks next Sunday after fellowship.

God's Work Our Hands Project—Shoes for Walking Shoe Drive. The Outreach Ministry is sponsoring a Shoe Drive for the Grace is the Key community in the James Marshall Park community area. We are asking for donations of gently used/new shoes or monetary donations **through next Sunday, (9/10)**. Please bring shoes for the shoe donation box **OR** place monetary donations marked "shoe donation" in the offering plate.

The shoes we have collected, snack bags, and socks will be distributed to the homeless and those in need at James Marshall Park on Wednesday, September 20th through Grace is the Key.

We would like to invite the congregation to go to the park with our Outreach team. A signup sheet will be available in the Narthex.

Thank you so much for your support.

Please join us for an evening of good conversation and delicious food at the home of Manny and Melissa Molina (3617 Fallen Oak Drive in Modesto), our hosts for the next **Wired Word Potluck at 5:30 pm on Sunday, September 24th**. Be sure to add your names to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex for this event.

October 7th Women's Retreat — "With God's Love - I am Enough!" Registration forms are located on the table in the narthex, or you may obtain one from Donna Vickroy. I do hope you have "Saved The Date" for this exciting event. Remember that it is open to ALL women - ladies from Emanuel, family and friends, neighbors, etc. The only requirement is that those registering are adult age (18+).

Please see me during fellowship hour if you have questions. I am looking forward to sharing this special time with you.

Donna Vickroy and the Women's Retreat Team

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.

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 — Resumes in September.

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 the home of Marsha Waggoner - 916 Kenilworth Ct. at 1:00 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!

(NEW) Miriam Circle meets every 4th Monday at member's homes. See Melissa Molina for more information.

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.

Emanuel Lutheran Church is starting an exciting new ministry called Adult Senior Day Care. We are looking for a program coordinator. This program strives to provide a safe and loving environment for our senior guests. We will supply games, activities, and fellowship. This is initially an unpaid position. The hours will be approximately 6 to 8 hours a week with the possibility of additional hours pending the expansion of the program to an additional day each week. If you are interested come to the next **Outreach Task Force meeting, September 14, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Emanuel Lutheran Church office, 324 College Ave, Modesto. The office is in the building on Stoddard Ave. and there is a parking lot located near that entrance.

Leah Circle will meet at the home of Suzanne Wilke on Monday, September 18th rather than at The Park.

Rebecca Circle will meet in Luther Hall on Thursday, September 21st.

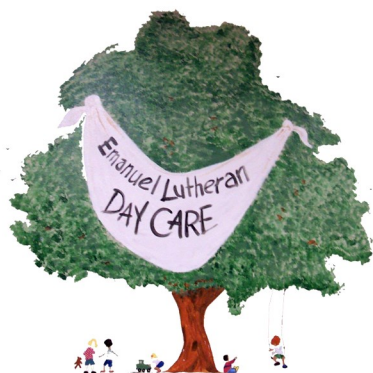
≧ **Save the Date** ≦

Emanuel Lutheran Day Care Fundraiser Events

Bunco and Taco Bar Dinner—September 29, 2023

Spaghetti Dinner and Paint Night—October 13, 2023

See insert flyer for details

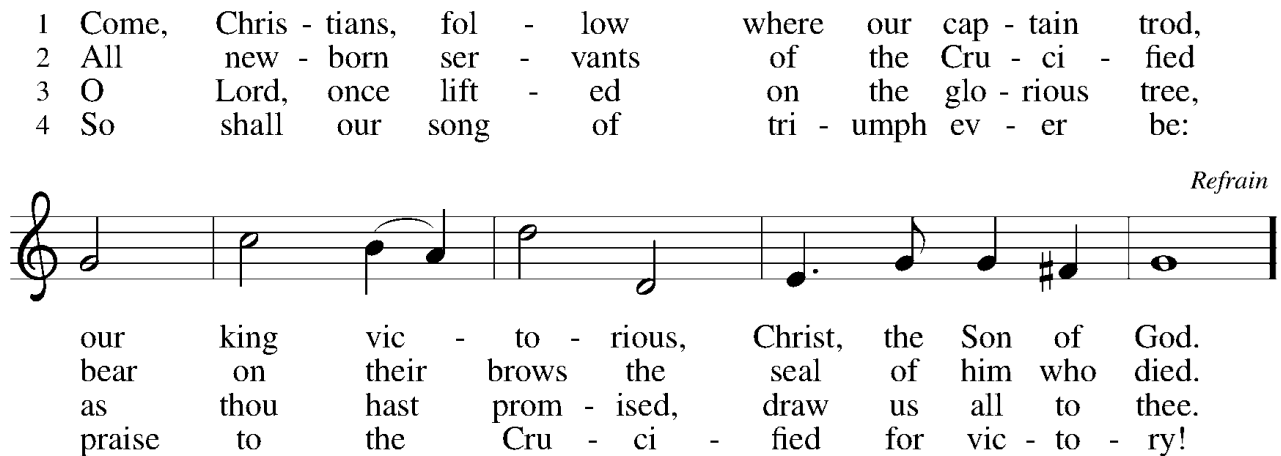
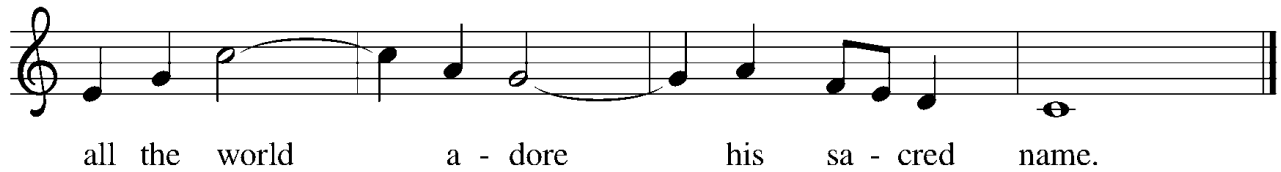
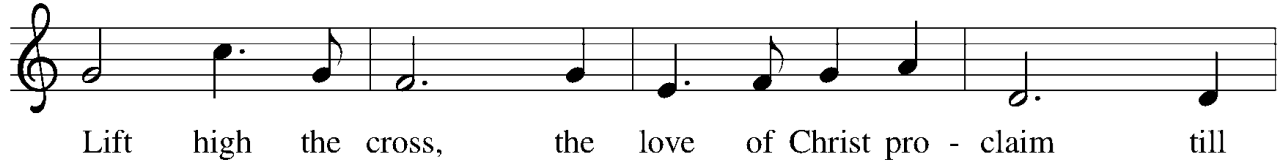


Mark your Calendars!

Emanuel's Outreach Fund Raiser will be on Saturday, October 14th at Dave & Kristine Kraft's. Come help pick walnuts to be sold at Emanuel for Outreach.

Entrance

Lift High the Cross



Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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Hymn of the Day

Will You Come and Follow Me *The Summons*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

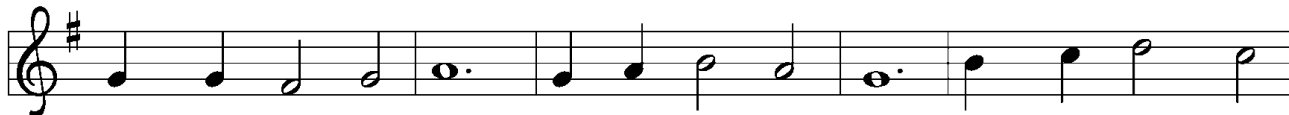
Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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Communion Hymn

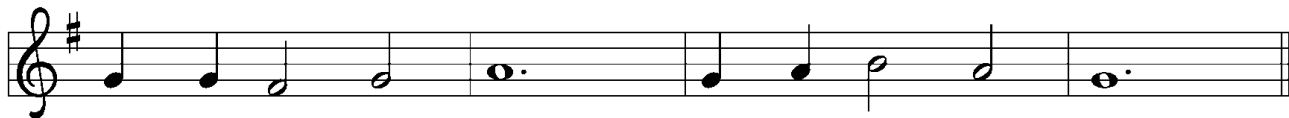
Jesus, Still Lead On



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
Music: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701

Communion Hymn

Around You, O Lord Jesus



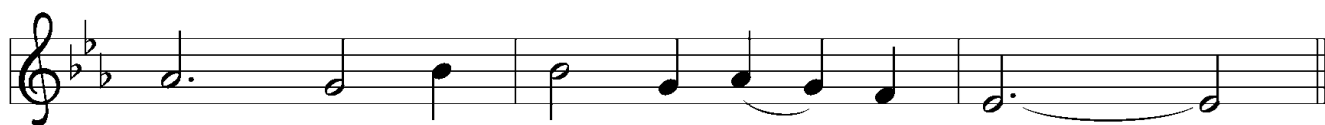
1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
we will be true and nev - er—in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



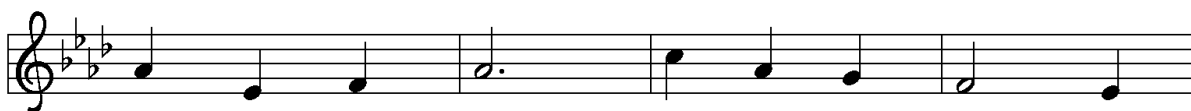
bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. composite
Music: O JESU, ÄN DE DINA, H. Thomissön, *Den danske Psalmebog*, 1569
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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!



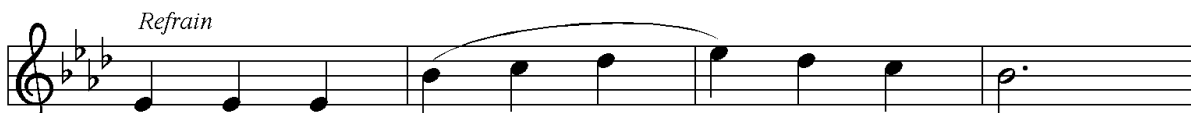
Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!



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!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 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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Prayer Requests: September 3, 2023

✠ Prayers for health & well-being and friendship for Brendon, a family friend of Ian McKenzie, Chris Schmidt's nephew

PLEASE NOTE: The prayer list will be reset on September 10th. Please call or email the office with any updates if needed. Thank you!

On-going Prayers:

1. Sally—medical issues & testing
2. Tom & Barbara Norquist—well-being
3. Rose Epting—healing
4. Parker—strength & healing (Obermeyer)
5. Stephanie—comfort & healing (Obermeyer)
6. Suzanne Wilke—health issues
7. Kathy Obermeyer—healing
8. Laurie Carley & family—peace & comfort (Waggoner)
9. Vanessa & family—well-being (Nelson)
10. Vicki—healing (Wilke)
11. Jeff Smit—healing (Troedon)
12. Pat Smith—healing, peace & a sense of God's presence
13. Sue Allen—healing & well-being
14. Jeanine Clarke—healing; comfort and peace
15. Alice Hoaglund—health & well-being
16. William Teaney—healing & well-being
17. Bob Reuter—healing
18. Shelda Fritts, Mya & Julia—peace of mind
19. Laurie Spinuzzi—healing
20. Francie—strength (Waggoner)
21. Cyndi—strength (Waggoner)
22. NB—comfort & peace (Waggoner)
23. Phil—comfort & peace (Waggoner)
24. Jessica Niblett—health & well-being (Marquez)
25. David Lofton—health (Nelson)
26. John Turner—healing (Dieterich)
27. Julie Johnson—healing & well-being (Marquez)
28. Tracy Griffin—healing (Ferreira)
29. Debbie Johnson—healing & health (Tchmola)
30. Clarice Soares—healing & health (Tchmola)
31. Ed DeCoite—healing (Epting)
32. Stephanie Detmer—healing & successful cancer treatment (Kraft)
33. Tanya—healing (Watkins)
34. Angela—health as she recovers from surgery (Watkins)
35. Rachel Riggs—recovery, healing and prayers for her family (Maylen)
36. Kelli Salipigni—diagnosis & surgery (Watkins)
37. Darcy Moreno—walking & well-being (Ashlock)
38. Kyle Ollenborger—healing (Strand)
39. Jennifer Turner—healing & well-being (Dieterich)
40. Harold Hackett—healing & well-being (Dieterich)

CALENDAR | SEPTEMBER 4 - 10

Monday, September 4

Office and Day Care CLOSED for Labor Day Holiday

6:00 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 5

12 pm Text Study: Luther Hall

Wednesday, September 6

6 am Radiant Men's Breakfast: Luther Hall

7 am ELC Men's Bible Study group meets at The Secret Garden Restaurant, 2401 E. Orangeburg Ave. in Modesto

11:30 am Day Care Board Meeting: Church Office

Thursday, September 7

6 pm Radiant - Youth Meeting

Friday, September 8

6 pm Emanuel Lutheran Day Care Back to School Night & Art Gala

Saturday, September 9

OPEN

Sunday, September 10

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY

9:30 am ELC Worship Service

10:45 am ELC Sunday School (resumes)

11:30 am Council Meeting: Church Office

3 pm Radiant Leadership Meeting

5 pm Radiant 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.

