



## ***15th Sunday after Pentecost***

*September 10, 2023*

### **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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## **OFFICE HOURS**

*Monday through Thursday - 8 am to 3 pm*

*Friday - 8 am to 2 pm*

# 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

Pastor Lyn Crase

## OPENING SONG

*O Holy Spirit, Enter In*

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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**

**P:** Beloved in Christ,  
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.  
God's compassion is beyond compare.  
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.  
In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**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, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

*Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.*

## **FIRST READING:** Ezekiel 33:7-11

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

## **PSALM:** Psalm 119:33-40 (Read responsively)

<sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it to the end.

<sup>34</sup>**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;  
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

<sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
for that is my desire.

<sup>36</sup>**Incline my heart to your decrees  
and not to unjust gain.**

<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;  
give me life in your way.

<sup>38</sup>**Fulfill your promise to your servant,  
which is for those who fear you.**

<sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread,  
because your judgments are good.

<sup>40</sup>**Behold, I long for your commandments;  
by your righteousness enliven me.**

**P:** The Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 18.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL:** Matthew 18:15-20

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

Pr. Lyn

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*God, When Human Bonds are Broken*

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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**

## **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.

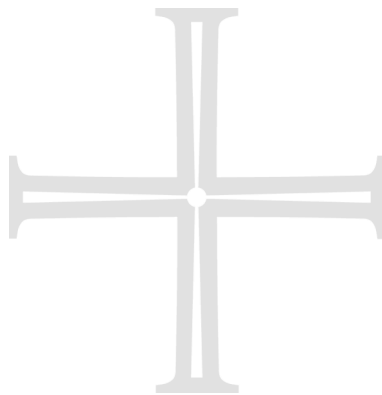
**We lift them to the Lord**

**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.

## 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

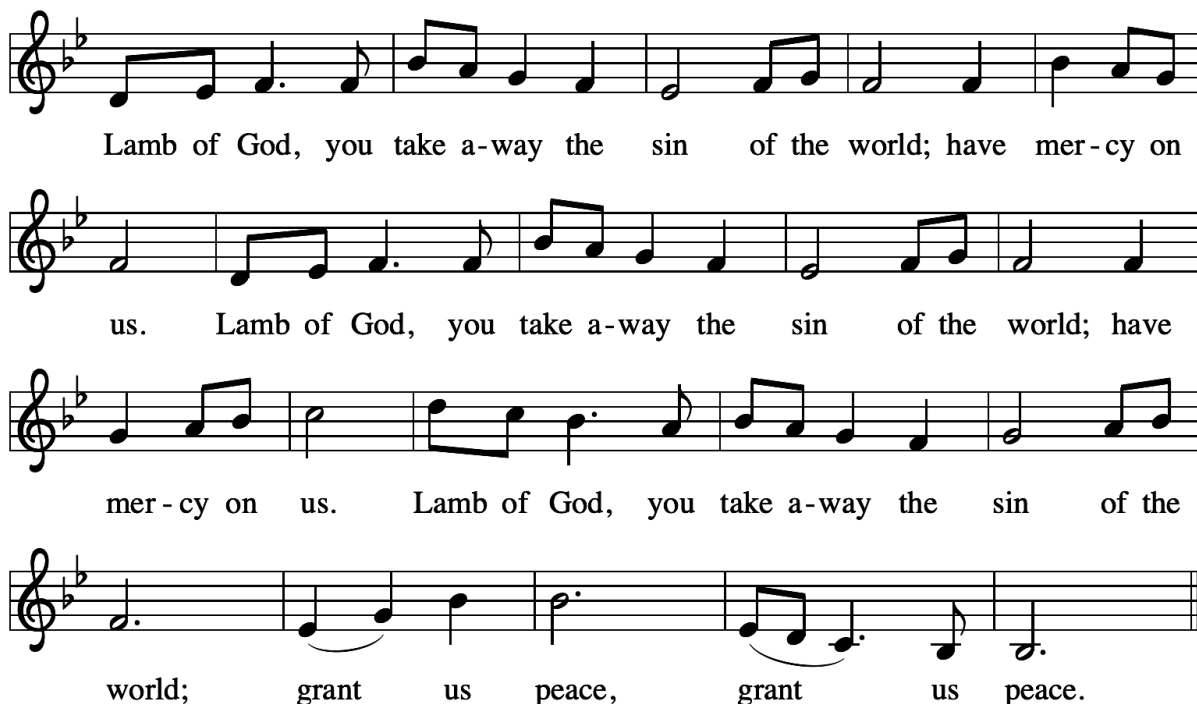
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: 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 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

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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

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

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## DISMISSAL

**A:** Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE



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## **Announcements: Week of September 10, 2023**

### **God's Work Our Hands**

Today is God's Work Our Hands Sunday. We will assemble snack bags and bags of socks 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 today**. 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.*

**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

### **Bible Readings for September 17 — 16th Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Psalm: Psalm 103:1-13

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

## **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 September. 27th, 1:30 pm in Luther Hall.

**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!

**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 at 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.

**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.

≧ **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

### O Holy Spirit, Enter In



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your  
2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the  
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,  
nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -  
doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength  
fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -  
ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is  
ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some  
true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.  
to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.  
pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.  
Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

## Hymn of the Day

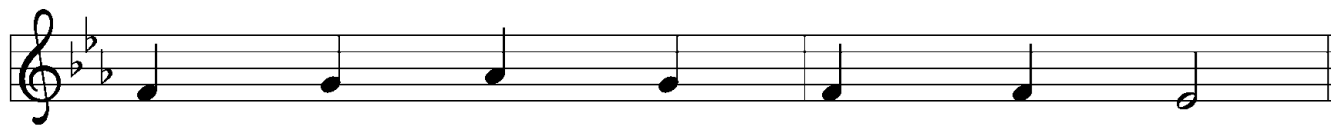
### God, When Human Bonds Are Broken



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the  
2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our  
3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we  
4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful  
5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to



love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,  
world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing  
seek re - lease from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing;  
in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing:  
be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:



give us grace and make us still.  
all the fail - ures we con - fess.  
set us free and grant us peace.  
make us stron - ger, give us faith.  
God, en - cour - age and re - new!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

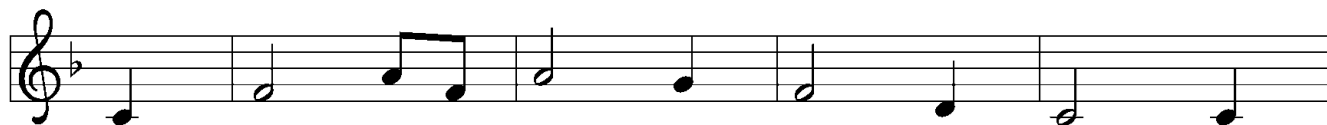
Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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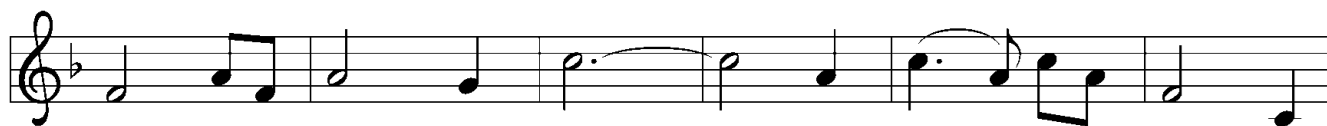
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## Communion Hymn

### Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5  
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## Sending Hymn

### Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.



## **Prayer Requests: September 10, 2023**

✝ Prayers for health for Dee Corrin, friend of Linda Nelson

**PLEASE NOTE:** *The prayer list has been reset.* Please call or email the office with any updates if needed. Thank you!

### **On-going Prayers:**

1. Brendon—health, well-being & friendship  
(Mckenzie/Schmidt)
2. Sally—medical issues & testing
3. Tom & Barbara Norquist—well-being
4. Rose Epting—healing
5. Suzanne Wilke—health issues
6. Jeff Smit—healing (Troedon)
7. Pat Smith—healing, peace & a sense of  
God's presence
8. Sue Allen—healing & well-being

## CALENDAR | SEPTEMBER 11 - 17

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### **Monday, September 11**

8:30 am Outreach Ministry Meeting: Luther Hall  
10:00 am Piecemakers Quilting Bee: Luther Hall  
6:00 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

### **Tuesday, September 12**

12 pm Text Study: Luther Hall  
1:30 pm Sanctuary Arts Meeting: Luther Hall

### **Wednesday, September 13**

7 am ELC Men's Bible Study group meets at The Secret Garden Restaurant, 2401 E. Orangeburg Ave. in Modesto  
5 pm God's Work, Our Hands Day Event at James Marshall Park  
5:30 pm SCIC Meeting: Luther Hall

### **Thursday, September 14**

6 pm Task Force Meeting: Church Office

### **Friday, September 15**

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

### **Saturday, September 16**

12 pm Outreach Ministry—Pride Day Event Participation: Graceada Park

### **Sunday, September 17**

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS SUNDAY  
9:30 am ELC Worship Service  
10:45 am ELC Sunday School  
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.*

