



16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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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

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Barbara Crawford

OPENING SONG

Gather Us 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**

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 Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Admittedly, we do sin against one another. Jesus issues a challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times, indicative of God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

PSALM: Psalm 103:1-13 (Read responsively)

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

²**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—**

³who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;

⁴**who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

⁵who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶**O LORD, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.

⁸**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

⁹you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.

¹⁰**You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

¹²**As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

¹³As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

P: The Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 18.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Dan Johnson

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Come With Joy

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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."

A: Please sit or kneel as comfortable.

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.

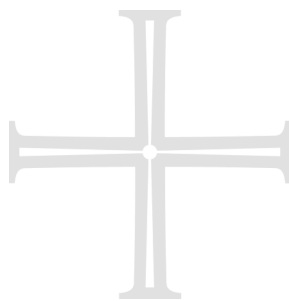
We lift them to the Lord

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.

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 he 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

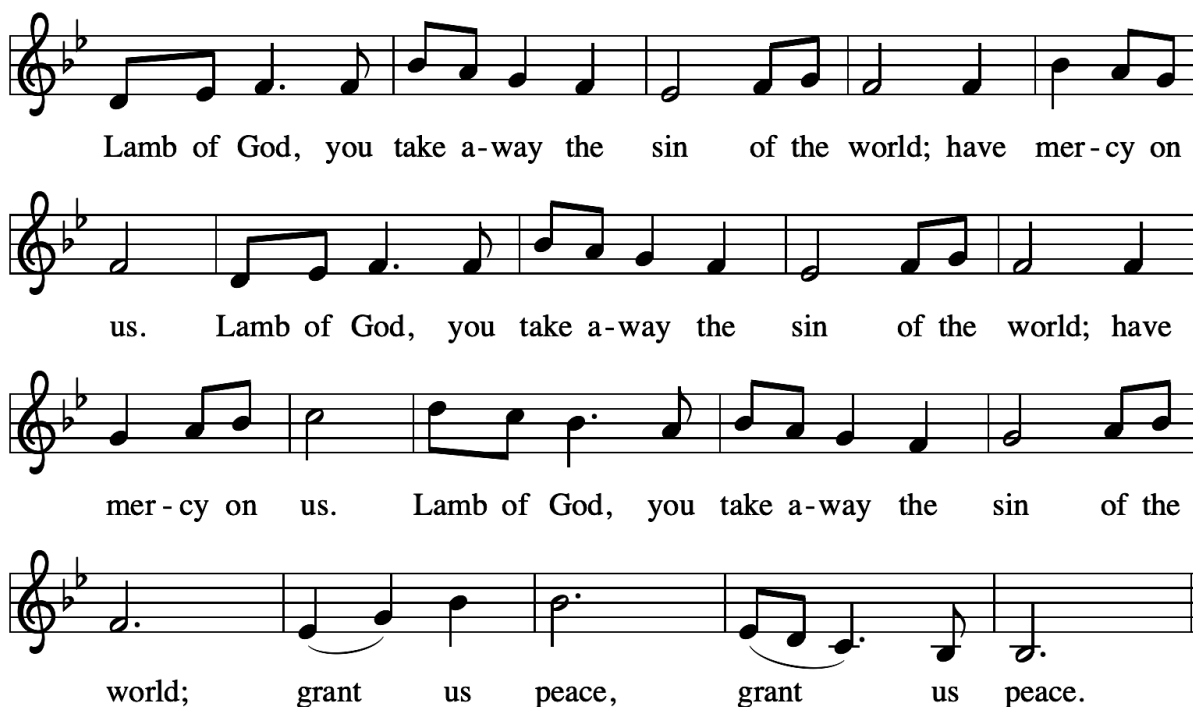
L: *All things are now ready.*

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

Word of God, Come Down on Earth
Change My Heart, O God, (sing 2 times)

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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

QUILT BLESSING

Dan Johnson
Piecemakers Quilters

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

P: Let us pray:

God of all creation, we offer you grateful praise for the Gift of Life, and especially the gift of the lives of our sisters and brothers who stand before us this day and who recall this month the day of their birth. They rejoice in your gifts of life and love, family and friends.

Bless them with your presence and surround them with your love that they may enjoy many happy years, all of them pleasing to you. We ask this grace and blessing for each one of them through Christ our Lord. 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

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Thank you to Melissa Molina and Barbara Crawford for leading worship. Thank you to Dan Johnson for preaching today.

Announcements: Week of September 17, 2023

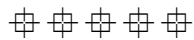
Bible Readings for September 24th — 17th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Jonah 3:10--4:11

Psalm: Psalm 145:1-8

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16



Ushers for 9/24: Arie Kroeze, Chris Schmidt

God's Work Our Hands Project—Shoes for Walking Shoe Drive

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 the park with our Outreach team. A sign-up sheet is 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. Due to a wonderful response, a 2nd site has been added—Lois Owen's home, 4113 Lamarck Ave.

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 September. 27th, 1:30 pm in Luther Hall. *Signs & Wonders: The Miracles of Jesus.*

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.

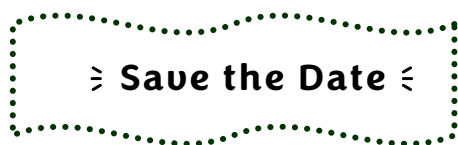
The Shower Shuttle and Laundry Shuttle are actively taking care of our homeless communities, and the needs remain the same: personal hygiene items, etc. *Thank you all for your contributions to this Ministry, Marilyn and Chuck Rowland*

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, October 12th, 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 TOMORROW, September 18th rather than at The Park.

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



Emanuel Lutheran Day Care Fundraiser Events

Bunco and Taco Bar Dinner—September 29, 2023

See insert flyer for details

Paint Night—Friday, October 13th

Details coming soon!



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.

Save the Date

Holy Closure: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
1505 E. Street
Livingston, CA 95334
Sunday, October 15th
Time TBA

Entrance

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Hymn of the Day

I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Communion Hymn

Word of God, Come Down on Earth



1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Text: James Quinn, SJ, b. 1919

Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

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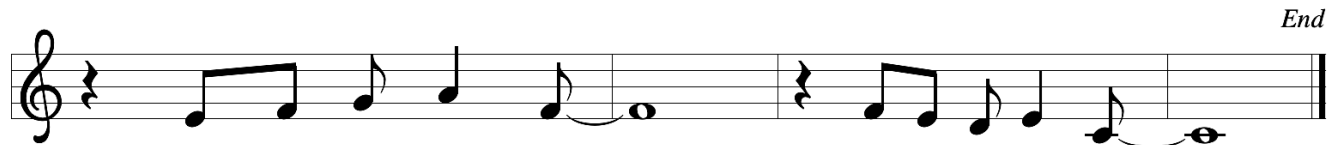
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Communion Hymn

Change My Heart, O God



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953

Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa

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Sending Hymn

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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Prayer Requests: September 17, 2023

- ✝ Prayers for strength, well-being & health issues for Randy Powell, family member of Yvonne Troedson
- ✝ Prayers for Vicki, friend of Suzanne Wilke. Vicki is having health issues related to diabetes
- ✝ Prayers for healing/cancer treatments for Stephanie, friend of Kathy Obermeyer
- ✝ Prayers for healing/cancer treatments for Stephanie Detmer, friend of Kristine Kraft

On-going Prayers:

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

CALENDAR | SEPTEMBER 18 - 24

Monday, September 18

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| 1 pm | Leah Circle will meet at the home of Suzanne Wilke this month |
| 1 pm | SCIC Ecumenical Grief Group: Luther Hall |
| 6:00 pm | Sergio cleans the Sanctuary |

Tuesday, September 19

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| 12 pm | Text Study: Luther Hall |
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Wednesday, September 20

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| 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 |
| 12 pm | M-Linc Meeting: Luther Hall |
| 4:30 pm | God's Work, Our Hands Day Event: James Marshall Park |

Thursday, September 21

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| 1:30 pm | Rebecca Circle will meet in Luther Hall this month |
| 6 pm | Radiant - Youth Meeting |

Friday, September 22

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| 6 pm | Sergio cleans the Sanctuary |
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Saturday, September 23

OPEN

Sunday, September 24

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| 9:30 am | ELC Worship Service |
| 10:45 am | ELC Sunday School |
| 3 pm | Radiant Leadership Meeting |
| 5 pm | Radiant Worship Service |
| 5:30 pm | Wired Word Potluck at the Molina home—group #1 |
| 5:30 pm | Wired Word Potluck at the Owen home—group #2 |



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.

