

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 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

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 22, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME Pastor Lyn Crase

STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK

Dennis and Martha Strand

OPENING SONG God Is Here! Page 16

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.

Amen

KYRIE—everyone sings



THIS IS THE FEAST



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THIS IS THE FEAST (continued)



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....

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

PSALM: : Psalm 96:1-13 (Read responsively)

¹Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

³Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

¹⁰Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!

The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."

- ¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- ¹²Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.
- ¹³You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 22.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED) Please be seated.

SERMON Pr. Lyn

HYMN OF THE DAYHow Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

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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 "hear 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.

OFFERTORY

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

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

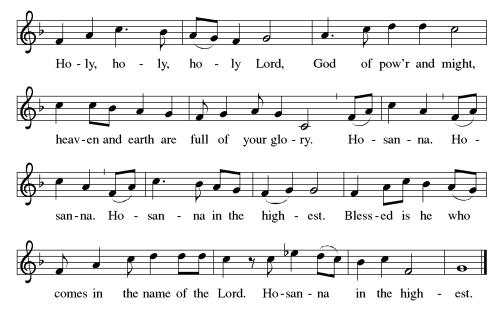
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



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

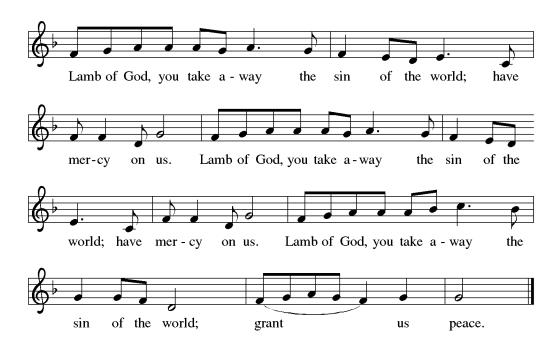
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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



COMMUNION HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee
All My Hope on God Is Founded

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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

Amen

SENDING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Bible Readings for October 29 — 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Psalm: Psalm 1

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

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Announcements: Week of October 22, 2023

Our Sunday School is helping to provide comfort kits to foster children in Modesto and the rest of Stanislaus County.

These kits will be assembled and given to foster kids to help make their transition to a new foster home easier. We have chosen to donate 95 flashlights. Our deadline is Sunday, November 26, 2023. If you would like to help us meet our goal, there will be a basket in the Narthex to collect flashlights. *Thank you for your help!*

Modesto Gospel Mission—Thanksgiving at the Mission

Donations of coats, hats scarves and gloves will be accepted through November 12th and can be placed in the container located in the Narthex. Thank you!

Adult Senior Day Care Position Opening

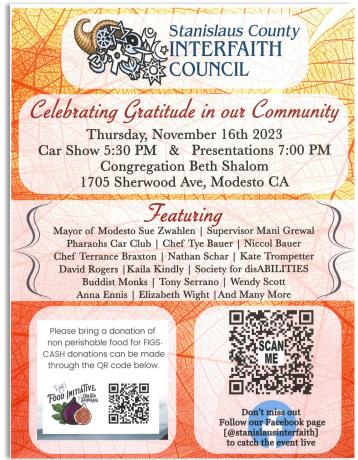
Emanuel Lutheran Church is starting an exciting new ministry called Adult Senior Day Care. We are looking for a program coordinator. This program strives to provide a safe and loving environment for our senior guests. We will supply games, activities, and fellowship. This is initially an unpaid position. 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 please contact Kathy Obermeyer, 209-556-8092. Thank you!

Applications may be picked up in the office.

Upcoming Community Events







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 — 1:30 pm in Luther Hall. Join anytime.

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.

Entrance

God Is Here!



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Hymn of the Day

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord



- How clear our is vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
- But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to
- 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin-dranc-es more sure;
- what you give us, Lord, to to - geth - er In do,



live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re - stored, to world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not if whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name, old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look



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Communion Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee



3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,

4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



spire; for me, may my be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's shall o'er me roll; blest Say - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



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Communion Hymn



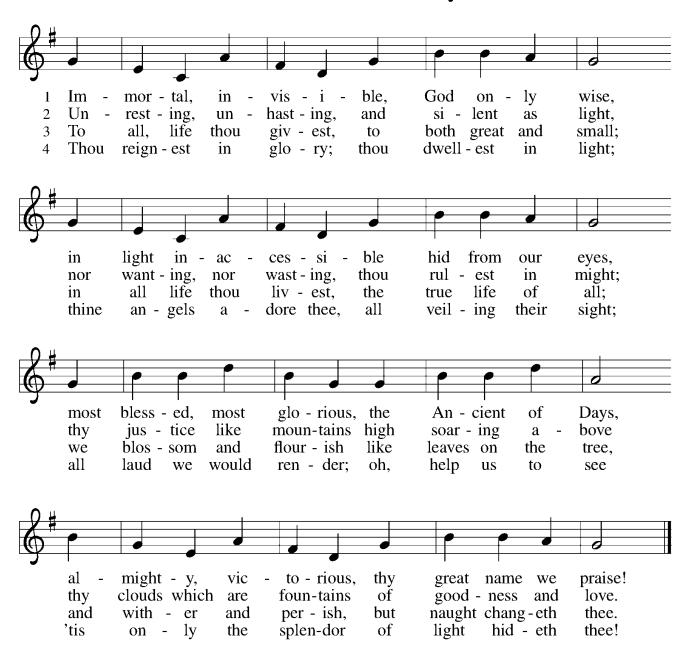
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Sending Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt. Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

Prayer Requests: October 22, 2023

Memorial Service for Barbara Bauman will be held on November 11th at 11 am. A reception will follow.

- Prayers for health & well-being for Laura Marquez
- Prayers for Lena Shirley & family, especially her daughter Jennifer who is moving out of the area

On-going Prayers:

- Peace & comfort for the family of Barbara Bauman
- Alexandria—a good outcome/surgery (Wakins)
- 3. Aaron Strait—employment
- 4. Infant Calvin Clark Simon—complete healing and well-being (Simon)
- 5. Ray Simon—strength & healing
- Cara Lee—recovery & healing (Crawford)
- 7. Linda Lee—strength, well-being & health issues
- 8. Tom & Barbara Norquist—well-being
- 9. Rose Epting—healing
- 10. Pat Smith—healing, peace & a sense of God's presence
- 11. Sue Allen—healing & well-being
- 12. Darcy Moreno—healing & well-being (Ashlock)

- Stephanie Detmer—healing/cancer treatments (Kraft)
- Stephanie—healing/cancer treatments (Obermeyer)
- 15. Vicki—health issues (Wilke)
- Randy Powell—strength, well-being & health issues (Troedson)
- 17. Dee Corrin—health (Nelson)
- Brendon—health, well-being & friendship (Mckenzie/Schmidt)
- Sally Sales—medical issues & testing (Troedson)
- 20. Jeff Smit—healing (Troedson)
- 21. Clarice Soares—healing & health (Tchmola)
- 22. Debbie Johnson—healing & health (Tchmola)
- 23. Debora Bauer—healing & health (Tchmola)
- 24. Diane McCoy—healing & health (Tchmola)

CALENDAR | OCTOBER 23 - 29

Monday, October 23

ECHOES DEADLINE

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

6:30 pm Miriam Circle: Meets off-site

Tuesday, October 24

12 pm Text Study: Luther Hall 1:30 pm Organ Practice: Sanctuary

6:30 pm Radiant Bible Study: Luther Hall

Wednesday, October 25

7 am ELC Men's Bible Study group meets at The Secret Garden

Restaurant, 2401 E. Orangeburg Ave. in Modesto

1:30 pm Bible Study: Luther Hall

Thursday, October 26

9 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary

Friday, October 27

6 pm Radiant — Yoga: Luther Hall

Saturday, October 28

OPEN

Sunday, October 29

9:30 am ELC Worship Service

9:30 pm Reformation Confirmation

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.

