

Reformation Sunday Confirmation Day

October 29, 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

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PRELUDE

WELCOME Pastor Lyn Crase

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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

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....

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

PSALM: : Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble. The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

³though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult. The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away. ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

(10"Be still, and know that I am God;) PAUSE TO LISTEN

All: I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Gospel according to John, Chapter 8.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED) Please be seated.

SERMON with Faith Statement Paper from Rebeca Owen

HYMN OF THE DAY

Listen, God Is Calling

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P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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,

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

A: Let us rejoice with our sister in Christ!

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God And proclaim the good news to the world.

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

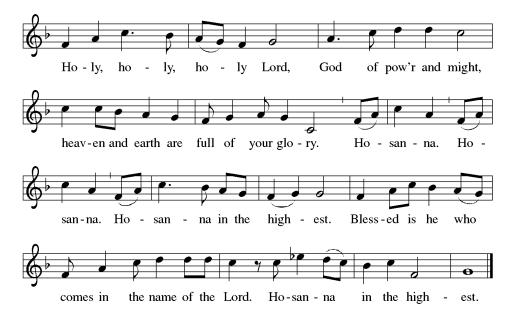
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

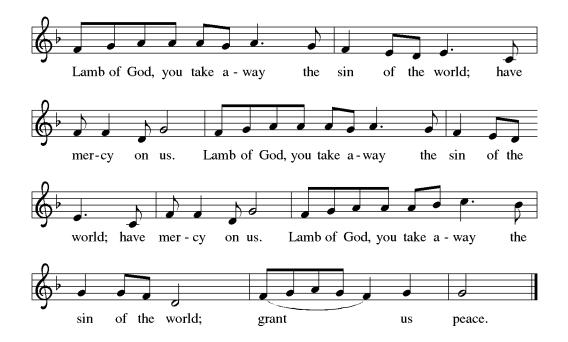
P: Jesus invites you to this table.

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

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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

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Bible Readings for November 5 — All Saints Sunday

First Reading: Micah 3:5-12 Psalm: Psalm 43

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12



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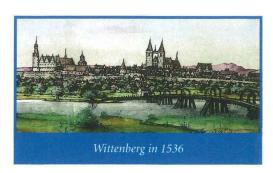
Martin Luther: Monk to Reformer

We live in an era when fame is highly desired. Whether it's getting hits on social media, getting invited to desirable gatherings, or making it big in Hollywood or Nashville, people want to be known, to be memorable—often for the wrong reasons. It's noteworthy, then, that in 2017 the Lutheran church—and the world—marks a big anniversary involving one of our own (our founder, actually). Martin Luther didn't intend to become famous, and yet he changed the world, helping to usher in the modern era.

This little sheet doesn't have room to detail Luther's life and accomplishments, and you will probably be hearing a lot about them from many sources, so this will just provide a brief overview.

Martin Luther was born in 1483 in what is now central Germany but then was a separate principality called Saxony. His parents tried to give him a good education and hoped he would become a lawyer. Instead, when he was twenty-one he became a Catholic monk. He wanted to earn God's love but

was tormented by the sense that he could never be good enough. He punished himself mercilessly until finally a wise mentor sent him to study and teach Bible at the then new University of Wittenberg.



Not long after he arrived there, he became incensed by the church saying, in effect, that if people bought a certain document—an indulgence—it would provide God's forgiveness for their (or a loved one's) sins. Being a

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university professor, he wrote a list of ninety-five sentences to debate about the topic. That list, the Ninety-Five Theses, stirred up a hornet's nest in the church and began the Reformation. He made them public on October 31, 1517—coming up on five hundred years ago.



For challenging the church and refusing to back down, Luther was called before the Holy Roman emperor, Charles V, at a meeting in the imperial city of Worms. Asked to take back what he had written, he refused and was declared an outlaw. Anyone could have captured him and killed him or turned him in to authorities, in which case his death was likely. Fortunately, his own prince protected him, hiding him out in a castle where he began translating the Bible into German. In the process, he helped create the standard German language.

Luther wrote many influential books, most of which are still valued today. He created the Small Catechism to guide ordinary people in learning about God. He wrote hymns such as "A mighty fortress is our God." He was a passionate, sometimes crudely mannered man, and in later life he wrote terrible, cruel things about the Jewish people, statements for which the Lutheran church has apologized.

Yet Luther was a remarkable man, helping to create the modern notion of what it means to be an individual, not just an atom in a sea of molecules, and, of course, reviving and reforming the church. He is a man worth celebrating!

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Announcements: Week of October 29, 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!*

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

December 3rd marks the first day of Advent, a time when Christians eagerly await the birth of Jesus. To celebrate this season, we adorn the Sanctuary with special colors and symbols. In previous years purple, often associated with royalty, was used to signify the anticipated birth of our newborn King. More recently, the ELCA has chosen to use the color blue, signifying Hope to represent our feelings of joyful anticipation as we await the arrival of our Savior. The Advent wreath carries special meaning as well. Developed in Germany centuries ago, the wreath also signifies the season of Advent as we await the birth of our King. Its circular shape represents eternal life and eternal victory over death. The evergreen branches signify God's Faithfulness to us, His children, even in death. The lighted candles remind us that our Savior Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.

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

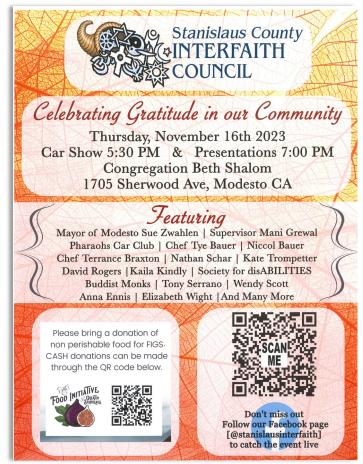
Emanuel Lutheran Church is starting an exciting new ministry called Adult Senior Day Care. We are looking for a program coordinator. This program strives to provide a safe and loving environment for our senior guests. We will supply games, activities, and fellowship. This is initially an unpaid position. 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

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship

Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther

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Hymn of the Day

Listen, God Is Calling Neno lake Mungu



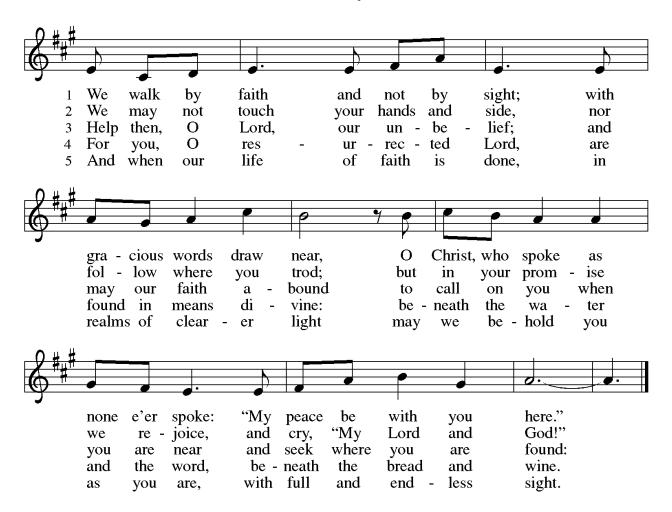
Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune

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Communion Hymn

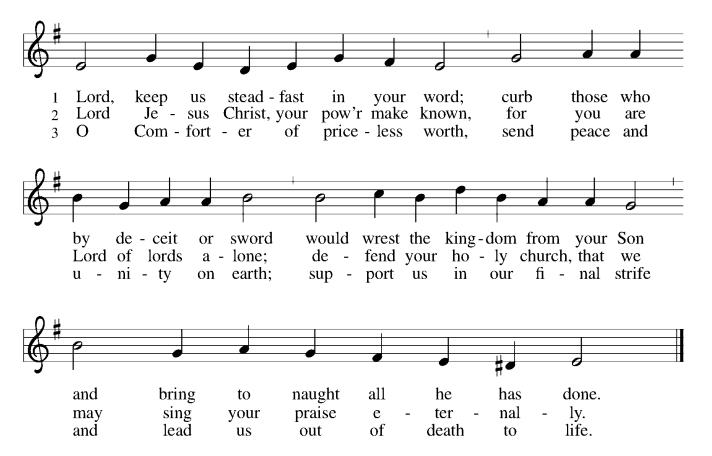
We Walk by Faith



Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.
Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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Communion Hymn

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

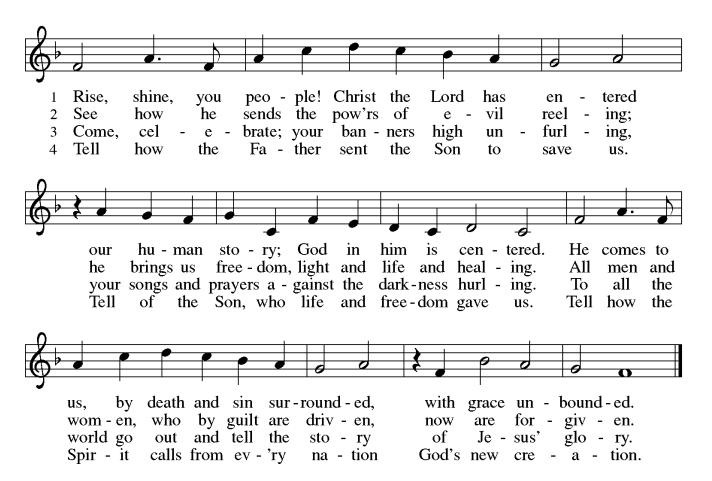


Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543

Sending Hymn

Rise, Shine, You People!



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Prayer Requests: October 29, 2023

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

- Prayers of comfort to the family of Debbie Johnson (Tchmola)
- Prayers of peace & comfort to the family of Sally Sales who passed away on October 19th (Troedson)
- Prayers for healing & well-being for Lisa Poston

On-going Prayers:

- 1. Laura Marquez—health & well-being
- 2. Peace & comfort for the family of Barbara Bauman
- Lena Shirley & family—well-being; daughter Jennifer—successful relocation
- Alexandria—a good outcome/surgery (Watkins)
- 5. Aaron Strait—employment
- 6. Infant Calvin Clark Simon—complete healing and well-being (Simon)
- 7. Ray Simon—strength & healing
- 8. Cara Lee—recovery & healing (Crawford)
- 9. Tom & Barbara Norquist—well-being
- 10. Rose Epting—healing
- Pat Smith—healing, peace & a sense of God's presence
- 12. Sue Allen—healing & well-being
- Darcy Moreno—healing & well-being (Ashlock)

- Stephanie Detmer—healing/cancer treatments (Kraft)
- Stephanie—healing/cancer treatments (Obermeyer)
- Vicki—health issues (Wilke)
- 17. Dee Corrin—health (Nelson)
- 18. Brendon—health, well-being & friendship (Mckenzie/Schmidt)
- 19. Clarice Soares—healing & health (Tchmola)
- 20. Debora Bauer—healing & health (Tchmola)
- 21. Diane McCoy—healing & health (Tchmola)

CALENDAR | OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 5

Monday, October 30

1 pm Ecumenical Grief Group Meeting: Luther Hall

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 31

HALLOWEEN

10 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary

12 pm Text Study: Luther Hall

6:30 pm Radiant Bible Study: Luther Hall

Wednesday, November 1

6 am Radiant Men's Breakfast: Luther Hall, Kitchen

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

5 pm SCIC Meeting: Luther Hall

Thursday, November 2

9 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary

6 pm Radiant Youth Meeting: Luther Hall

Friday, November 3

6 pm Sergio Cleans the Sanctuary

Saturday, November 4

OPEN

Sunday, November 5

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS—Set clocks back 1 hour

9:30 am ELC Worship Service: All Saints Sunday

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.

