



24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 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).

- ***LARGE PRINT BULLETINS* are available.** •

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday - 8 am to 3 pm

Friday - 8 am to 2 pm

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor Lyn Crase

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

My Lord What a Morning

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen

P: Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you.

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

We are infected by sin

that divides your beloved community.

Open our hearts to your coming,

open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,

open our hands to serve your creation.

Amen

P: Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through ✝ Jesus you are forgiven,

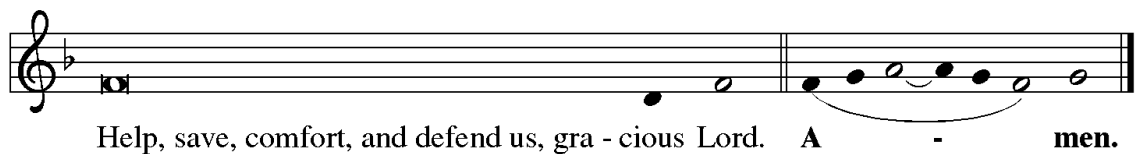
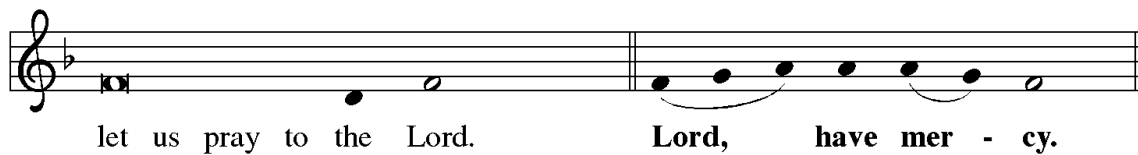
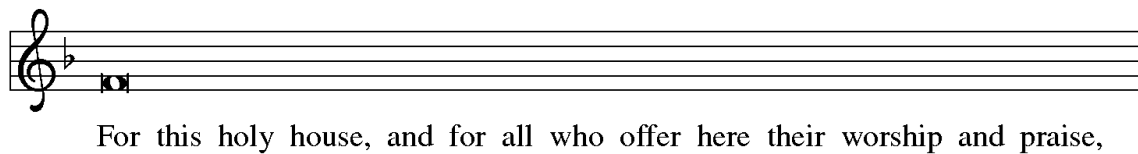
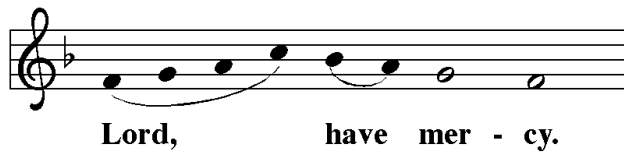
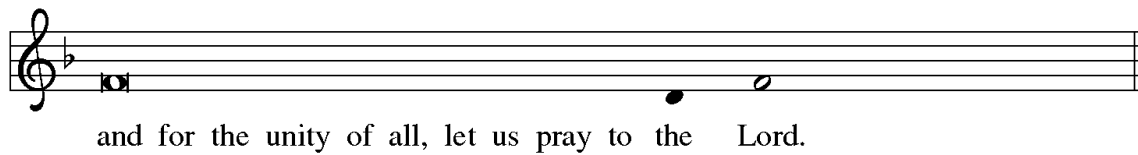
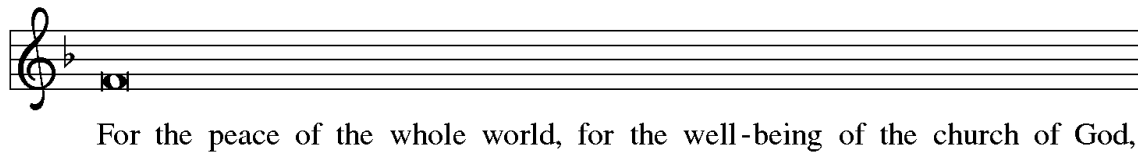
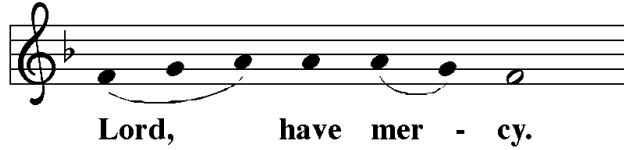
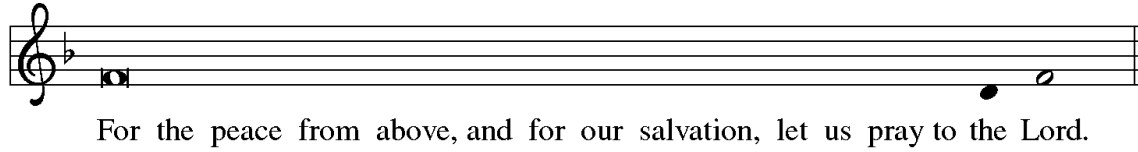
by Jesus you are welcome,

in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world.

Amen

KYRIE—everyone sings



THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and

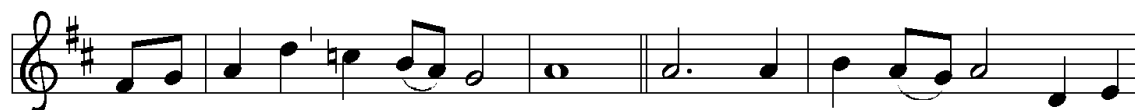
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

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THIS IS THE FEAST (continued)



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



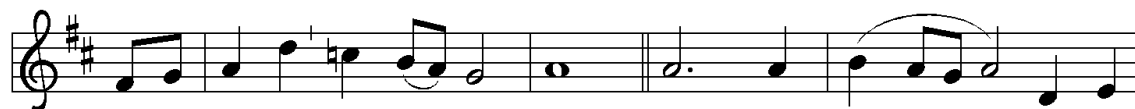
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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 of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son.
Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. Amen**

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

PSALM: Psalm 70

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**

³Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.

⁴**But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the LORD!”**

⁵Yet as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 25.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED) *Please be seated.*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

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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 **"Your mercy is great."**

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 all goodness,
generations have turned to you,
gathered around your table,
and shared your abundant blessings.
Number us among them
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,
and give thanks for your rich blessings,
we may feast upon your very self
and care for all that you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

Amen

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.

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.

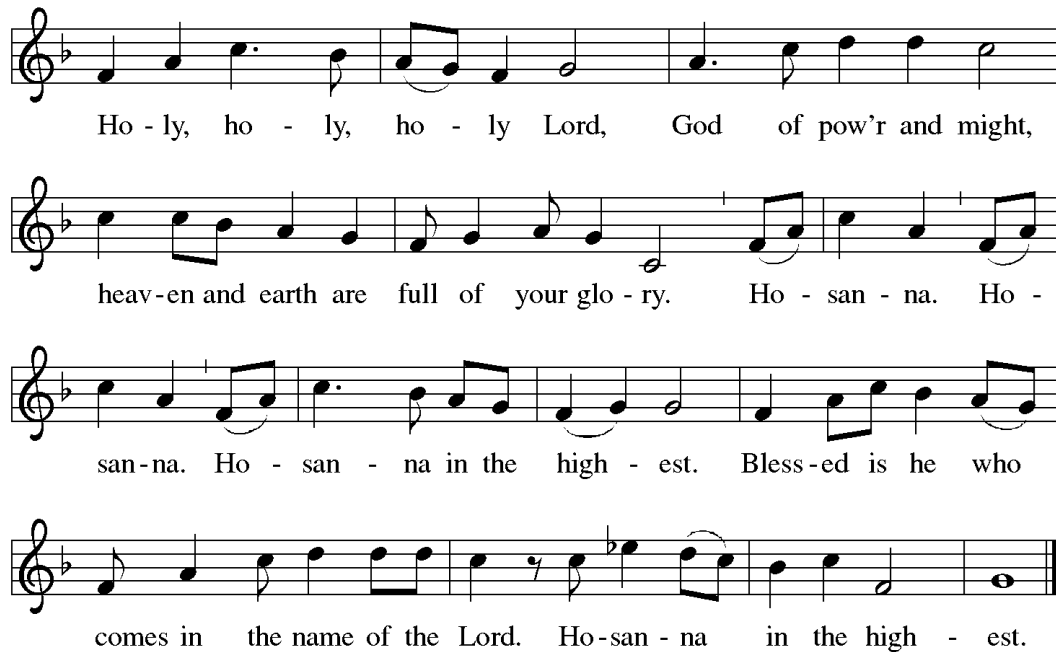
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. 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**

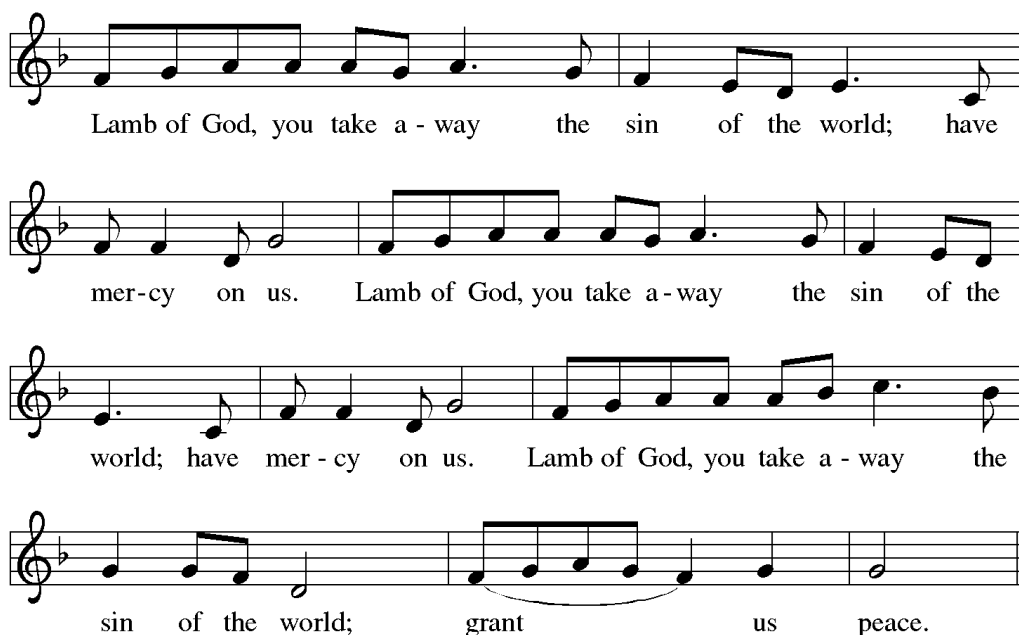
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: There is a place for you at the banquet.

Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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

*Blessed Assurance
When Peace Like a River*

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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: Lord Jesus,
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey,
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
and give us glad and generous hearts
as we meet you on the way.

Amen

BLESSING

P: May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God,
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

Soon and Very Soon

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DISMISSAL

A: Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Bible Readings for November 19— 25th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalm: Psalm 90:1-12

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

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Announcements: Week of November 12, 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 Property Team has scheduled a yardwork day on November 18th from 9 am to 11 am. We will focus on trimming bushes on the College and Stoddard sides of the church. Bring your tools!

Adult Senior Day Care

Emanuel Lutheran Church continues its search for a volunteer program coordinator. For more information, contact the Pastor.

Upcoming Community Events

See flyers on bulletin board for details



**Stanislaus County
INTERFAITH
COUNCIL**

Celebrating Gratitude in our Community

Thursday, November 16th 2023
Car Show 5:30 PM & Presentations 7:00 PM
Congregation Beth Shalom
1705 Sherwood Ave, Modesto CA

Featuring

Mayor of Modesto Sue Zwahlen | Supervisor Mani Grewal
Pharaohs Car Club | Chef Tye Bauer | Niccol Bauer
Chef Terrance Braxton | Nathan Schar | Kate Trompetter
David Rogers | Kaila Kindly | Society for disABILITIES
Buddist Monks | Tony Serrano | Wendy Scott
Anna Ennis | Elizabeth Wight | And Many More

Please bring a donation of
non perishable food for FIGS.
CASH donations can be made
through the QR code below.



Don't miss out
Follow our Facebook page
[@stanislausinterfaith]
to catch the event live

**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!

LAST DAY



German Service

Sunday, December 3rd

4:00 pm

Join us for our Annual German Advent Service!

This special worship service, led by Pastor Peter Krey,
will feature Stockton's Helmat Choir leading the singing of traditional German carols.
A reception and time for fellowship will follow the service
and will include German pastries and cookies.
For those who are unable to attend in person,
a livestream will be available at youtube.com/@ulcmanteca.
Donations can be given online through our webpage at ulcmanteca.org.
Questions?... Contact Stephanie at admin@ulcmanteca.org or phone (209) 823-1971.

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649 Northgate Drive
Manteca, California 95336

Ample parking is available on-site
and in the surrounding
neighborhood.

Reception with light refreshments
to follow.

RSVP is preferred, but not
required.

<https://bit.ly/BishopRSVP>

Your prayers and presence are
requested at the service of



HOLY EUCHARIST

with the

RITE OF INSTALLATION

for the 6th Bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod,
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

THE REV. JEFF R. JOHNSON

December 9th, 2023 | 2:00 PM

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
399 Wiget Lane
Walnut Creek, CA

See flyer on bulletin board for details

Sons of Norway Garborg Lodge 6-56

Annual Lutefisk Dinner

November 18, 2023

Come join us for a fun time with amazing Food
and Friends at
Calvary Lutheran Church
547 Rose Ave, Modesto, CA 95350.

The doors open at 12:00PM and we will begin serving at
12:30PM.

We will enjoy lutefisk, cod, meatballs with gravy, potatoes,
lefse, and coleslaw for dinner.

And don't forget all of the YUMMY Norwegian desserts!

We will also have available:

- *entertainment
- *crafts for sale

*RAFFLE baskets (tickets purchased separately)

Tickets are \$25 and are available by preorder only by
Nov 12, 2023

** If you are unable to stay for dinner or are feeling ill and
unable to attend, please consider ordering a TO-GO dinner

**Please contact Linda Silva for tickets or questions at
(209)300-1260

*payment accepted: cash/check/Credit Card



Drew Shank is working on his
Eagle Scout Project. His project
benefits Emanuel Lutheran
Church's property. If you'd like
to donate, please indicate
"Eagle Scout Project" in the
memo line of your check.

Thank you.

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.

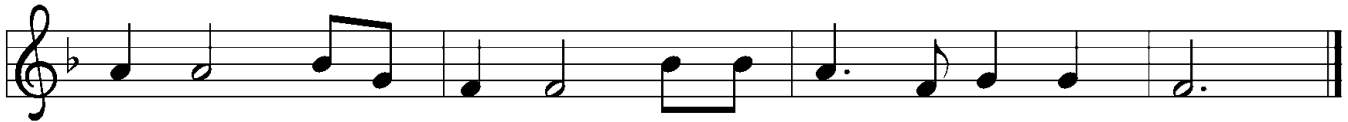
Entrance

My Lord, What a Morning

Refrain



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



Refrain

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

Hymn of the Day

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



- 1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
- 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
- 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
- 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907

Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

Communion Hymn

Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di - vine!
- 2 Per - fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per - fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

Communion Hymn

When Peace, like a River *It Is Well with My Soul*



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888

Music: VILLA DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

Sending Hymn

Soon and Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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Prayer Requests: November 12, 2023

Philippians 4:19-20 ...God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen

On-going Prayers:

1. Lisa Poston—healing & well-being
2. Laura Marquez—health & well-being
3. Jennifer Turner—health & well-being (Dieterich)
4. Eliot Furlan—healing & well-being (Dieterich)
5. Terry Martinez—comfort & healing (Crawford)
6. Peace & comfort for the family of Barbara Bauman
7. Lena Shirley & family—well-being; daughter Jennifer—successful relocation
8. Alexandria—a good outcome/surgery (Watkins)
9. Aaron Strait—employment
10. Infant Calvin Clark Simon—complete healing and well-being (Simon)
11. Ray Simon—strength & healing
12. Cara Lee—recovery & healing (Crawford)
13. Tom & Barbara Norquist—well-being
14. Rose Epting—healing
15. Pat Smith—healing, peace & a sense of God's presence
16. Sue Allen—healing & well-being
17. Darcy Moreno—healing & well-being (Ashlock)
18. Stephanie Detmer—healing/cancer treatments (Kraft)
19. Stephanie—healing/cancer treatments (Obermeyer)
20. Vicki—health issues (Wilke)
21. Dee Corrin—health (Nelson)
22. Brendon—health, well-being & friendship (Mckenzie/Schmidt)
23. Clarice Soares—healing & health (Tchmola)
24. Debora Bauer—healing & health (Tchmola)
25. Diane McCoy—healing & health (Tchmola)

CALENDAR | NOVEMBER 13 - 19

Monday, November 13

10:00 am Piecemakers Quilting Bee: Luther Hall
1 pm Lydia Circle meets off-site
6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 14

10 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary
12 pm Text Study: Luther Hall
6:30 pm Radiant Bible Study: Luther Hall

Wednesday, November 15

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
12 pm M-Linc Meeting: Luther Hall
1:30 pm Bible Study: Luther Hall

Thursday, November 16

10 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary
1:30 pm Rebecca Circle meets off-site
5:30 pm SCIC Celebrating Gratitude Event at Beth Shalom Congregation
 1705 Sherwood Ave in Modesto. See flyer on bulletin board for
 details
6 pm Radiant Youth Meeting

Friday, November 17

6 pm Radiant Candle Making Event: Luther Hall & Kitchen

Saturday, November 18

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Sunday, November 19

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.

