

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

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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 quest 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

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME Pastor Lyn Crase

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG Lord of Light Page 18

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



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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....

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-13, 18

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the LORD as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the LORD.

PSALM: Psalm 90

Section I

¹Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

²Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

³You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."

⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;

⁵you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:

⁶in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

⁷For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

⁸Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

⁹When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

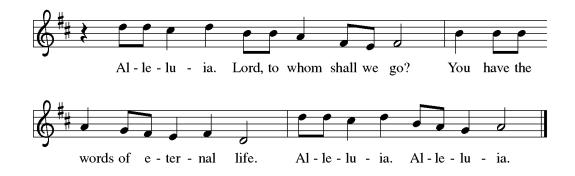
Section II

- ¹⁰The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
 - ¹¹Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?
 - ¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- ¹³ Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!
- ¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- ¹⁵ Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us and as many years as we have seen evil.
- ¹⁶ Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children.
- Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 25. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED) Please be seated.

SERMON Pastor Lyn

HYMN OF THE DAY

Light Dawns on a Weary World

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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

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

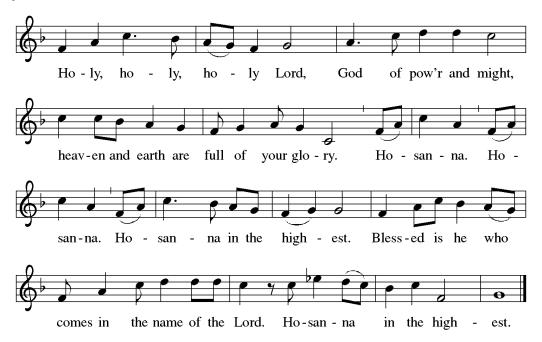
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

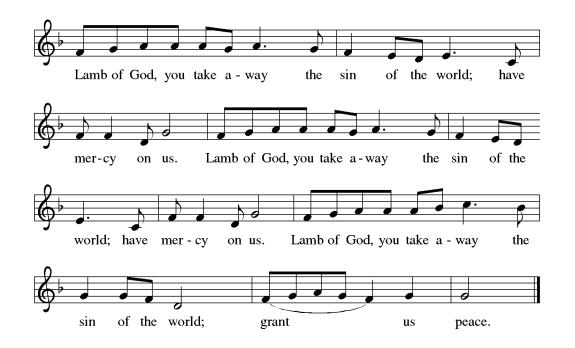
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: 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

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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

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: 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,

Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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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 26— Christ the King Sunday

Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7a
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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Announcements: Week of November 19, 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 next 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!*

Adult Senior Day Care

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



The rose on the altar today is in honor of the birth of Lois Tollefson-Silva's great-grandchild, John Palombo, born on November 8, 2023 to parents Sadie & John Palombo who reside in New Jersey

Upcoming Community Events

See flyers on bulletin board for details

Christmas at Grace, a Christmas Concert featuring the musicians of Grace Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, December 3rd at 4 pm. Admission is free and doors open at 3:30 pm. A Reception in their fellowship hall will follow. See the postcard on the bulletin for more details.



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

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.*



Please save the date and join us for Neighborhood Christmas Caroling, Wednesday, December 13th, at 6:00. We'll gather at the Holtz home (926 Mt. Vernon Drive) for a bowl of soup prior to a bit of caroling in the neighborhood. Then, we'll return for cookies and a warm drink. Bring a warm jacket and a flashlight. Please sign up in the Narthex. If you forget to sign up, come anyway. The more voices, the better!

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

Lord of Light



Text: Howell E. Lewis, 1860-1953, alt.

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991
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Hymn of the Day

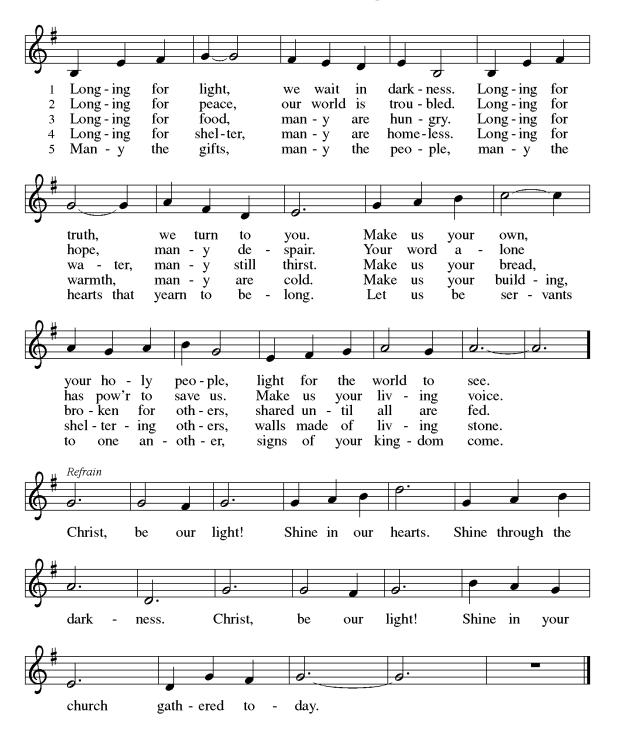
Light Dawns on a Weary World



Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951
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Communion Hymn

Christ, Be Our Light



Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957
Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell
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Communion Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



- 1 O God, our help in a ges past, our hope for years to come,
- 2 Un der the shad ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se cure;
- 3 Be fore the hills in or der stood or earth re ceived its frame,
- 4 A thou-sand a ges in your sight are like an eve-ning gone,



e - ter - nal shel-ter from the blast, and storm-y our home: suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and de - fense is our sure. from ev - er - last - ing you are God, end-less years the to same. short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: St. Anne, William Croft, 1678–1727

Sending Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration

Prayer Requests: November 19, 2023

Prayers for health & healing for James Nelson

On-going Prayers:

- 1. Lisa Poston—healing & well-being
- 2. Laura Marquez—health & well-being
- Jennifer Turner—health & well-being (Dieterich)
- Eliot Furlan—healing & well-being (Dieterich)
- Terry Martinez—comfort & healing (Crawford)
- 6. Peace & comfort for the family of Barbara Bauman
- 7. Lena Shirley & family—well-being; daughter Jennifer—successful relocation
- 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
- Darcy Moreno—healing & well-being (Ashlock)
- Stephanie Detmer—healing/cancer treatments (Kraft)
- 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 20 - 26

Monday, November 20

1 pm Leah Circle meets at The Park Independent Senior Living Community

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 21

10 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary

12 pm Text Study: Luther Hall

6:30 pm Radiant Bible Study: Luther Hall

Wednesday, November 22

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

Restaurant, 2401 E. Orangeburg Ave. in Modesto

7 pm ELC & Radiant Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thursday, November 23

THANKSGIVING DAY — Office and Day Care CLOSED

1:30 pm Rebecca Circle meets off-site

Friday, November 24

Morning/afternoon Sergio will clean carpets in Luther Hall & Augustana Hall

Office & Day Care CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday

7 am-3 pm ELDC Parent's Day Out (for Day Care Parents)

Saturday, November 25

OPEN

Sunday, November 26

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.

