

Christ the King Sunday

November 26, 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 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

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME Pastor Lyn Crase

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG Crow

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

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.

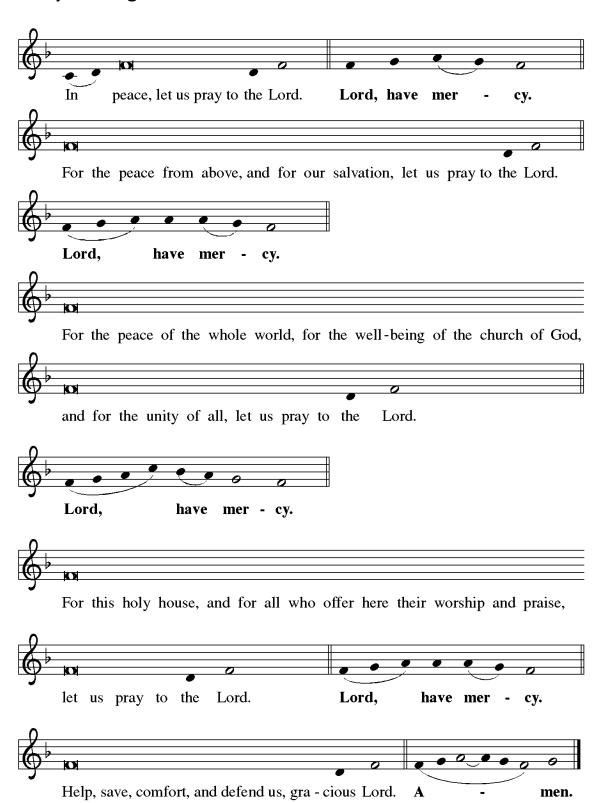
Amen

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....

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7a

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

³For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

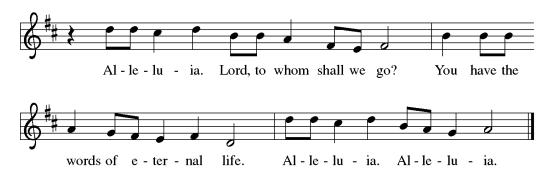
⁶Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

^{7a}For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 25.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED) Please be seated.

SERMON Pastor Lyn

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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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

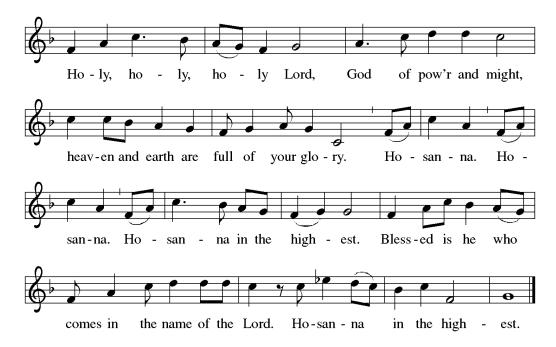
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

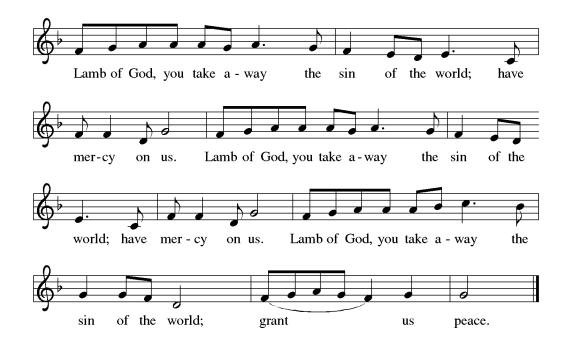
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

Rejoice, for Christ is King!

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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 December 3 - First Sunday of Advent

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 26, 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. The deadline is *TODAY*. If you would like to help us meet our goal, there is a basket in the Narthex to collect flashlights. *Thank you for your help!*



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!

Food For Faith (FIGS) now has a location to accept donations of non-perishable food. We will begin collecting food for them on December 3, 2023. *Thank you, the Outreach Team*

Adult Senior Day Care

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

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.*

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

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.

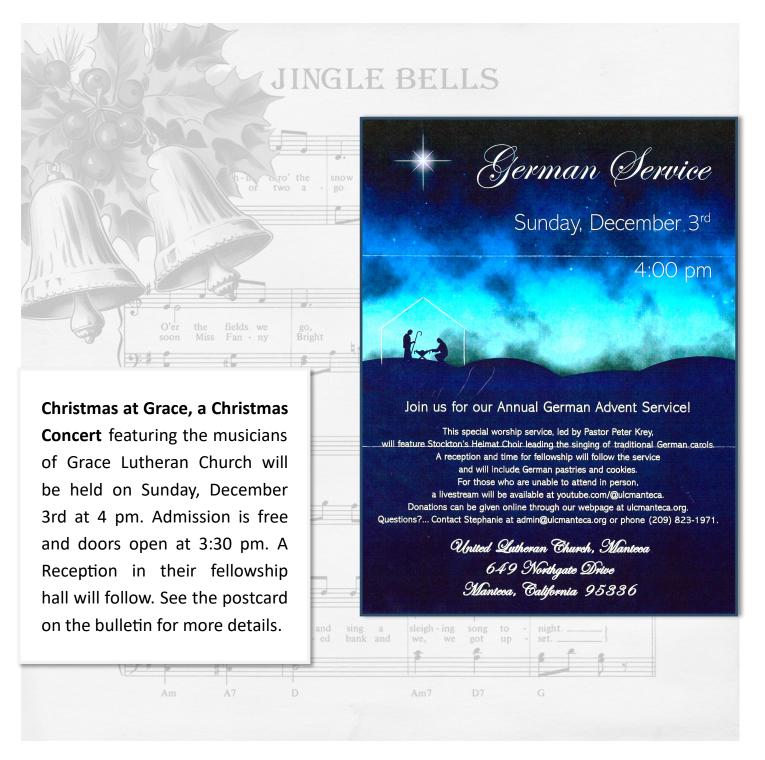
Rebecca Circle meets every 3rd Thursday at 1:30 pm in member's homes. All are welcome! **Miriam Circle** meets every 4th Monday at member's homes. See Melissa Molina for more information.

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.

Upcoming Community Holiday Events

See flyers on bulletin board for details



Entrance

Crown Him with Many Crowns



Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

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life

Hymn of the Day

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877 Music: St. Columba, Irish tune

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Communion Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

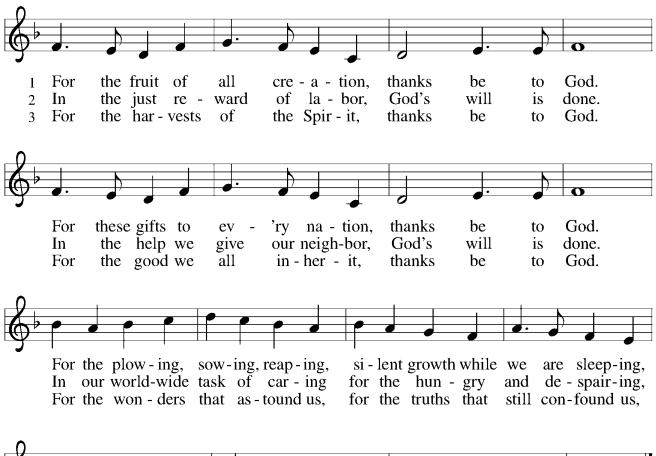


Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Communion Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation





Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

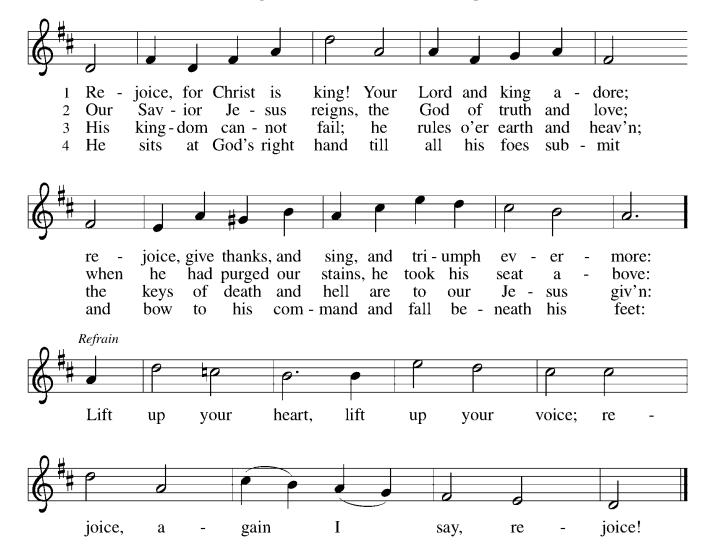
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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Sending Hymn

Rejoice, for Christ Is King!



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849-1936

Prayer Requests: November 26, 2023

- Prayers for recovery from a broken am for Michelle Meyers, friend of Chris Schmidt and a former member of ELC
- Prayers of comfort & peace for the family of baby Cooper in Livermore, CA (Vickroy)
- 🕆 Prayers for peace & well-being for day care parent, Kyra Loretelli

On-going Prayers:

- 1. James Nelson—health & healing
- 2. Lisa Poston—healing & well-being
- 3. Laura Marquez—health & well-being
- Jennifer Turner—health & well-being (Dieterich)
- Eliot Furlan—healing & well-being (Dieterich)
- Terry Martinez—comfort & healing (Crawford)
- 7. Peace & comfort for the family of Barbara Bauman
- 8. Lena Shirley & family—well-being; daughter Jennifer—successful relocation
- Alexandria—a good outcome/surgery (Watkins)
- 10. Aaron Strait—employment
- 11. Infant Calvin Clark Simon—complete healing and well-being (Simon)
- 12. Ray Simon—strength & healing
- 13. Cara Lee—recovery & healing (Crawford)
- 14. Tom & Barbara Norquist—well-being
- 15. Rose Epting—healing

- 16. Pat Smith—healing, peace & a sense of God's presence
- 17. Sue Allen—healing & well-being
- 18. Darcy Moreno—physical recovery (Ashlock)
- Stephanie Detmer—healing/cancer treatments (Kraft)
- 20. Stephanie—healing/cancer treatments (Obermeyer)
- 21. Vicki—health issues (Wilke)
- 22. Dee Corrin—health (Nelson)
- 23. Brendon—health, well-being & friendship (Mckenzie/Schmidt)
- 24. Clarice Soares—healing & health (Tchmola)
- 25. Debora Bauer—healing & health (Tchmola)
- 26. Diane McCoy—healing & health (Tchmola)

CALENDAR | NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 3

Monday, November 27

ECHOES DEADLINE

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

6:30 pm Miriam Circle: Meets off-site

Tuesday, November 28

10 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary

12 pm Text Study: Luther Hall

6:30 pm Radiant Bible Study: Luther Hall

Wednesday, November 29

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

Thursday, November 30

10 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary

Friday, December 1

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Saturday, December 2

OPEN

Sunday, December 3

9:30 am ELC Worship Service 10:45 am ELC Sunday School

11 am ELC Soup Lunch: Luther Hall & Kitchen

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.

