



Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor Lyn Crase

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (Candle of Peace)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, v. 1, 2

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OPENING HYMN

Prepare the Royal Highway

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
who opens the heavens
and draws near to us with salvation.

Amen

P: God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance.
Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

P: Everlasting God,

you love justice and you hate wrongdoing.

**We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness
that make us reluctant to work against oppression.**

We are complicit in systems of exploitation.

We choose comfort over courage.

We are careless with creation's bounty.

Look upon us with mercy.

Turn our hearts again to you.

**Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways
for the sake of our waiting world.**

Amen

P: Hear these words of assurance:

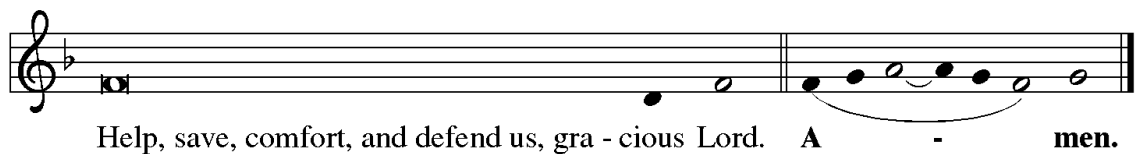
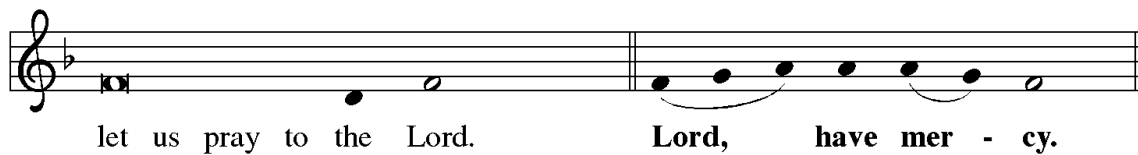
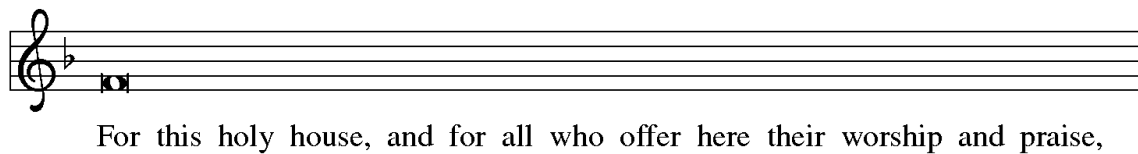
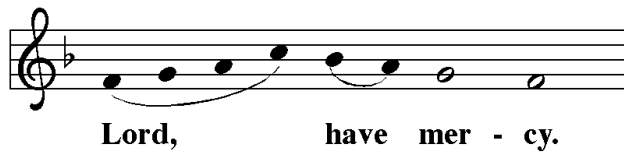
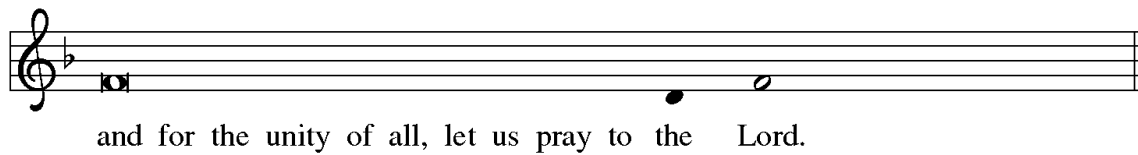
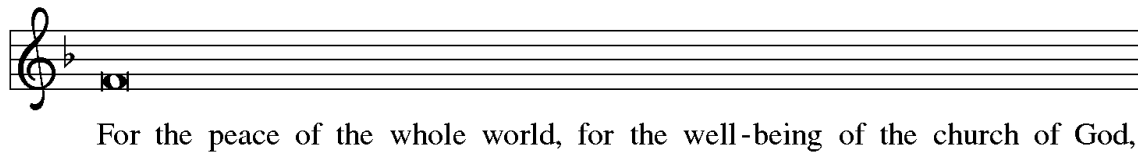
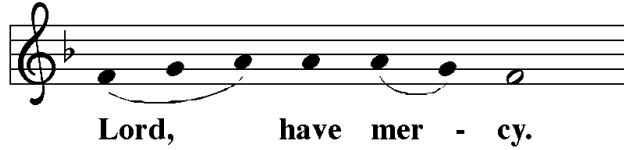
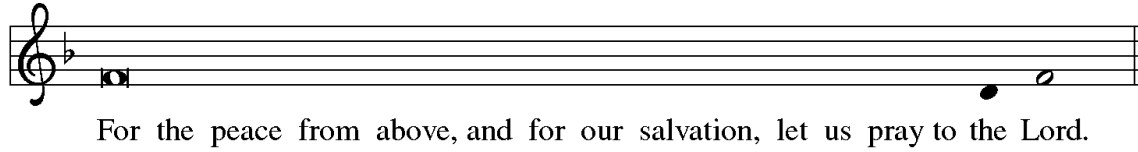
God clothes you with garments of salvation
and covers you with robes of righteousness.

In the tender compassion of ✙ Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.

God's covenant is eternal,
and God's blessing rests upon us all.

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

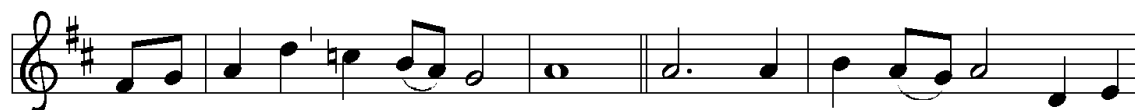
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

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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



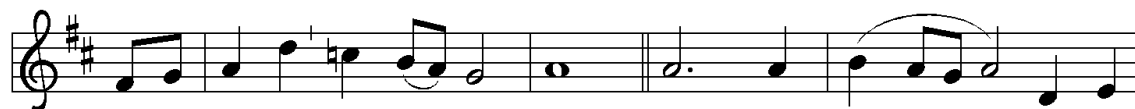
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,



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....

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

John calls people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing gets in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

In grand, flowing, poetic lines, the prophet announces that the exile of God's people in Babylon is over. God will deliver Israel and will care for her as a shepherd cares for the sheep. This word can be trusted, because the only enduring reality in life is the word of God.

PSALM: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

¹You have been gracious to your land, O LORD;
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

²**You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.**

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

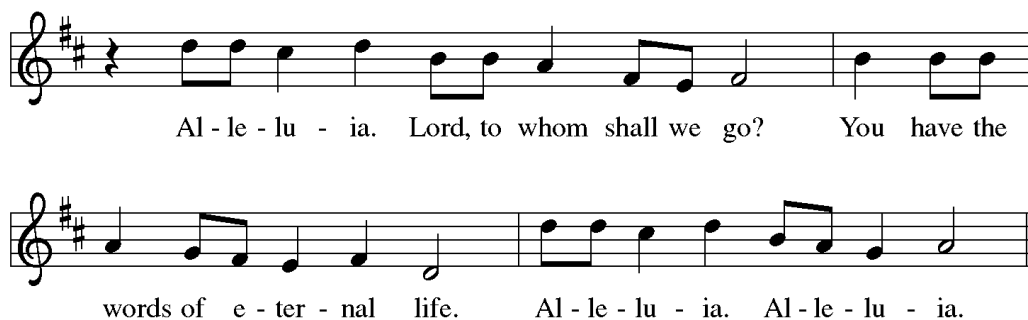
¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

This short letter deals with pressing concerns regarding the final advent of Jesus, especially concerns that could arise over its apparent delay. The author of the letter calls on Christians to anticipate the promised coming of the Lord through conduct dedicated to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 1.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a story of Jesus' birth but with the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.

P: The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED) *Please be seated.*

SERMON

Pastor Lyn

HYMN OF THE DAY

There's a Voice in the Wilderness

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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 “receive 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 our provider,
by your merciful hand
abundance springs up from the earth.
Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty.
Let them be a sign of your steadfast love
and faithfulness for all people,
through 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

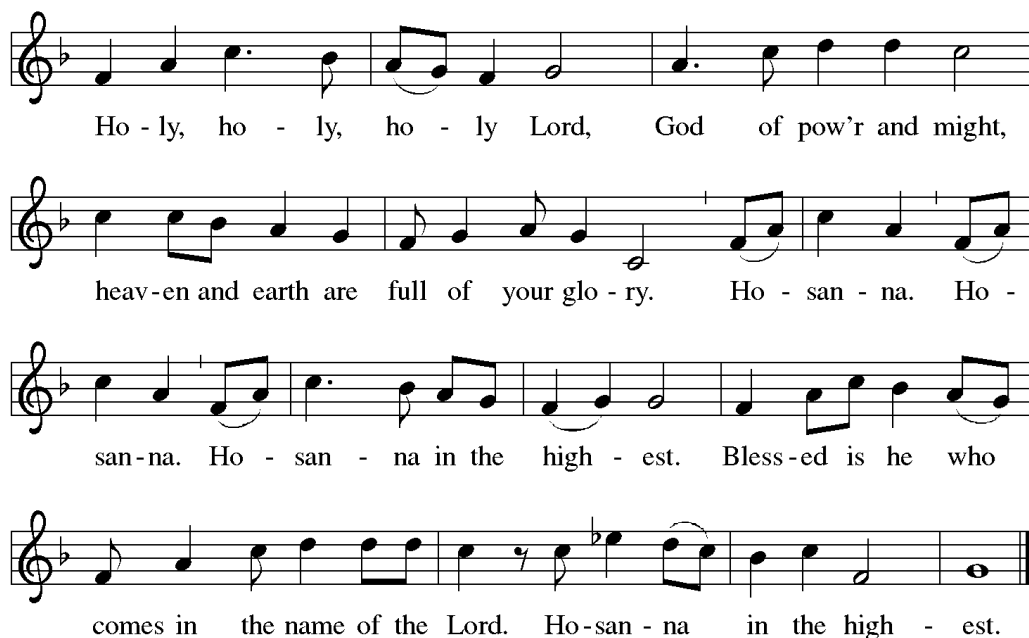
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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**

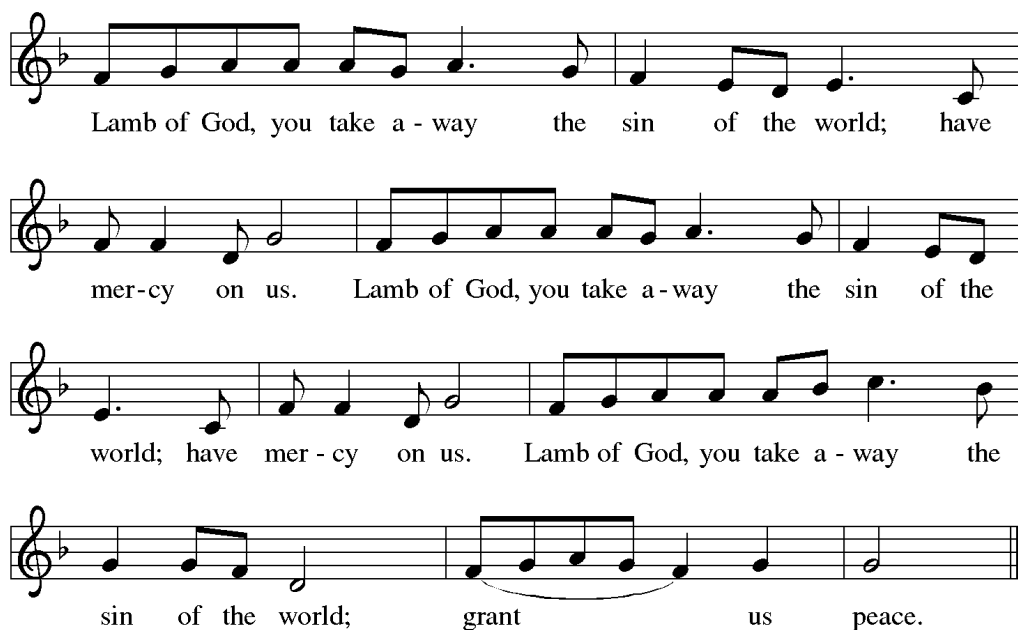
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together.

Come, take your place at the 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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Hark, the Glad Sound!

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Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

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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: Generous God,
in bread and cup you have revealed your glory
for all people to see together.
Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim
your good news of liberation and release,
brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen

BLESSING

P: The God of peace bless you,
the love of Christ sustain you in hope,
and the anointing of the Spirit ✝ remain upon you
now and forever.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Keep awake.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Bible Readings for December 17 - Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalm: Psalm 126

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

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Announcements: Week of December 10, 2023

Thank you everyone for the notes, cards, and good wishes on the anniversary of my ordination! A very special thank you for the stunningly beautiful crystal clergy collar and the creative musical performance of Rhinestone Collar by the Emanuel Singers! That was a total surprise! It was not only fun but a blessing to be able to celebrate with you, partners in ministry, this milestone in my life!

In deep appreciation,

Pastor Lyn



**Emanuel Lutheran Church
Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve**
Sunday, December 24th at 5 pm

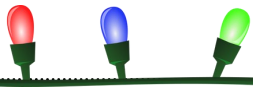


Drew Shank is working on his Eagle Scout Project. His project benefits Emanuel Lutheran Church's property. If you'd like to donate, please indicate "Eagle Scout Project" in the memo line of your check. *Thank you.*



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From Dave Henke: The Christmas light show is ready for viewing! Lights, singing characters, and special song, "Oh What a Glorious Night" by the Sidewalk Prophets. 2521 Piazza Ct. in Modesto.



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!



In Appreciation

*Be sure to join us after the worship service as we celebrate **Barbara Vukich** with an Appreciation Day on Sunday December 17 to acknowledge her gift of music to Emanuel during the past 35 plus years.*

Adult Senior Day Care

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

Ongoing Announcements

Food For Faith (FIGS) now has a location to accept donations of non-perishable food. We will collect food for them every 1st Sunday.

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.



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Week of December 18 - 22 — 10 am to 2 pm

December 25 — CLOSED Christmas Day

December 26 — CLOSED Christmas

December 27 - 29 — 8 am to 12 pm

January 1, 2024 — CLOSED New Year's Day

Upcoming Community Holiday Event



Christmas Traditions by Candlelight Experience the Holiday in the Victorian Era

At the McHenry Mansion
Friday & Saturday
December 15th & 16th
Admission is \$10 for adults
\$5 for kids 10 and under

**THE MCHENRY MANSION
PRESENTS...**

**Christmas Traditions
by Candlelight**

Experience the Holiday in the Victorian Era

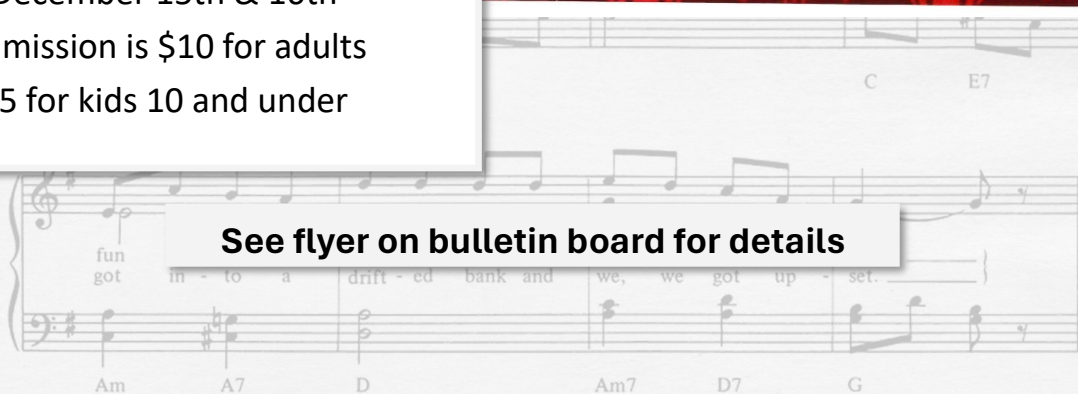
Doors open at 5:30 PM
to last entrance @ 7:30 PM

Friday & Saturday
December 15 & 16,
2023

McHenry Mansion
15th & I Street
Modesto

\$10 adults
\$5 kids 10 and under

*Discover the origins
and popularization of
current Christmas customs*



See flyer on bulletin board for details

Advent Candle Lighting, sing verse 1 & 2

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



- 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

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Entrance

Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

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Hymn of the Day

There's a Voice in the Wilderness



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
 2 O Je - ru - sa - lem, her - ald good tid - ings, as -
 3 But the word of our Sav - ior is faith - ful, the

call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 cend to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of our God is strong, who stands in the midst of the

high - way, a high - way for our God!
 peo - ple the com - ing of their king.
 na - tions and soon will right the wrong.

The val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 Like flow'rs of the field we per - ish, like
 Lord, feed your flock like a shep - herd, the

loft - y hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay; the pow'r and the pomp of
 lambs so gent - ly hold; in pas - tures of peace now

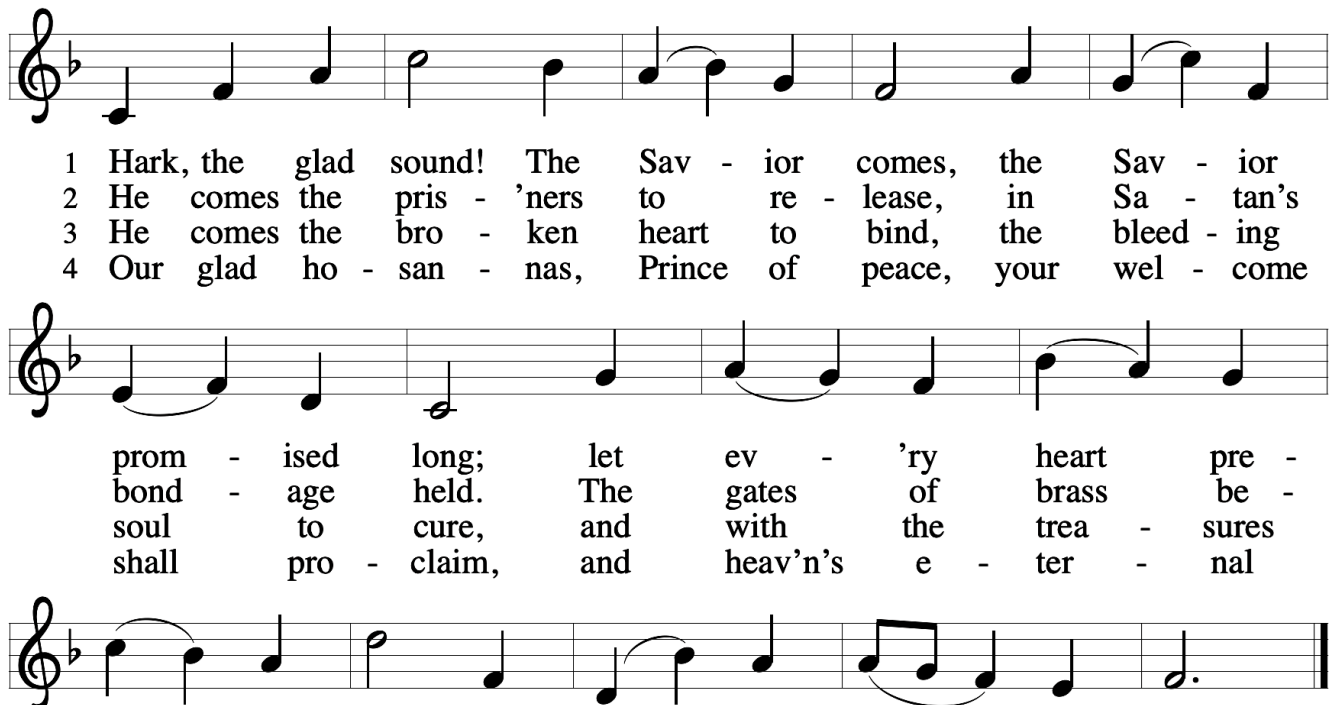
plac - es where God, our God, may go!
 na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way.
 lead them, and bring them to your fold.

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Communion Hymn

Hark, the Glad Sound!



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

Communion Hymn

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen

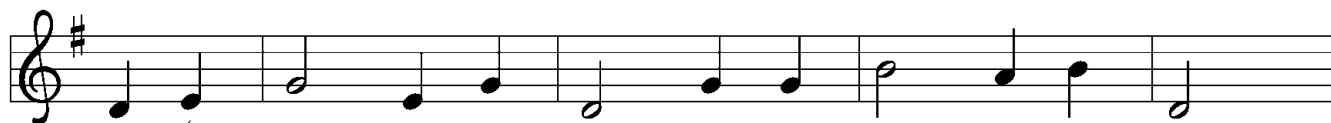
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Sending Hymn

How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

Prayer Requests: December 10, 2023

- ✝ *Prayers for health, healing and strength for Nancy Leo, friend Kim Petersen & Marlisa Ferreira*
- ✝ *Prayers for healing from a recent accident for John, son of Jack & Pat Smith*
- ✝ *Prayers for health & well-being for Kyle Ollenborger, grandson of Dennis & Martha Strand*
- ✝ *Prayers for recovery & healing from a heart procedure for Richard Clark, brother-in-law of Martha Strand*

On-going Prayers:

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

CALENDAR | DECEMBER 11 - 17

Monday, December 11

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

Tuesday, December 12

10 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary
12 pm Text Study: Luther Hall

Wednesday, December 13

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
6 pm ELC Christmas Caroling hosted by David Holtz, 926 Mt. Vernon Ave.
 in Modesto

Thursday, December 14

10 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary
6 pm Task Force Meeting: Church Office

Friday, December 15

ALL DAY Set up for ELDC Christmas Program: Luther Hall, Augustana &
 Kitchen
6 pm ELDC Christmas Program: Luther Hall

Saturday, December 16

OPEN

Sunday, December 17

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS SUNDAY
9:30 am ELC Worship Service
10:45 am ELC Sunday School
11 am Barbara Vukich Appreciation: Luther Hall
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.

