



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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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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PRELUDE

WELCOME

Suzanne Wilke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen

P: Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name.

Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Amen

P: Gracious God,

Have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly repent,
in your compassion forgive our sins,
known and unknown, things we have done
and things we have failed to do.**

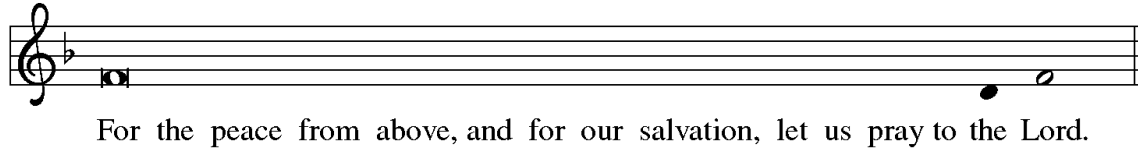
**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your spirit,
so that we may live and serve you
in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen

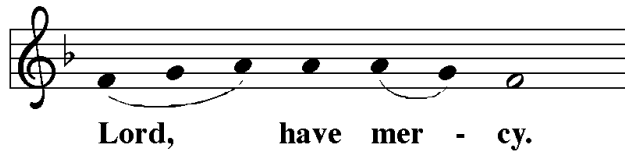
KYRIE—everyone sings



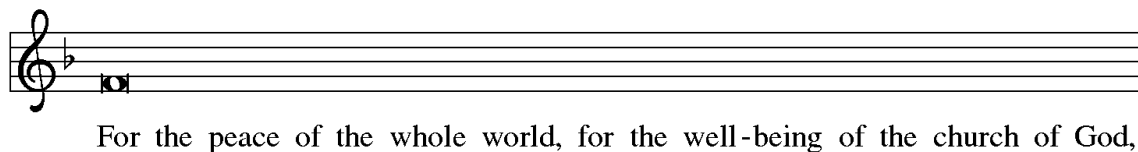
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



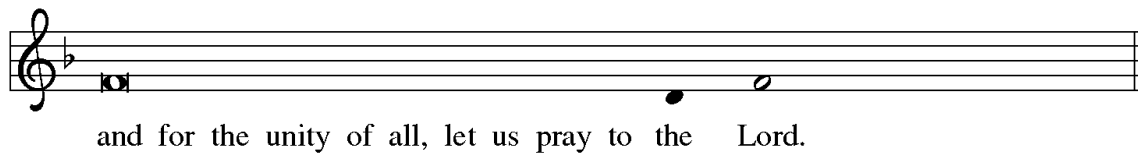
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



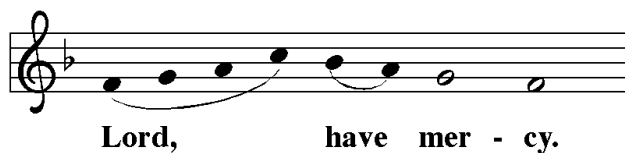
Lord, have mer - cy.



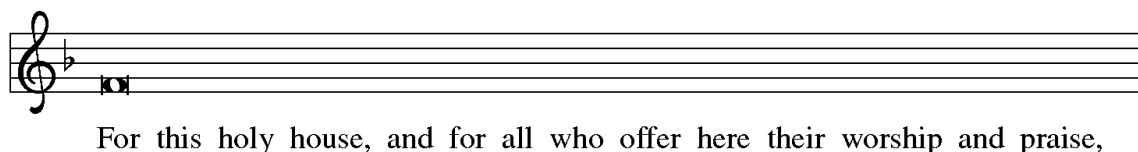
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



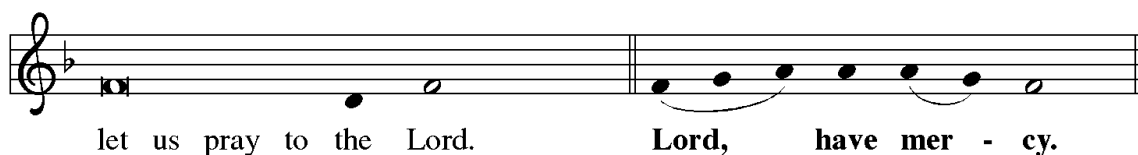
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



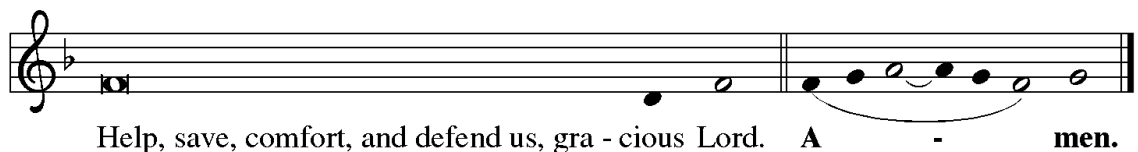
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



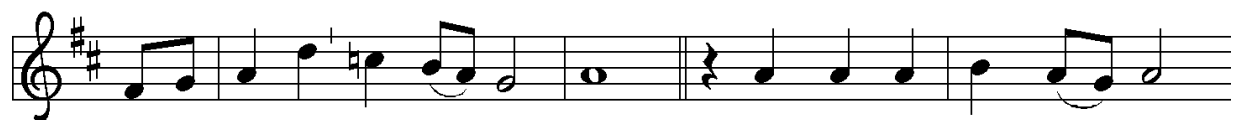
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

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

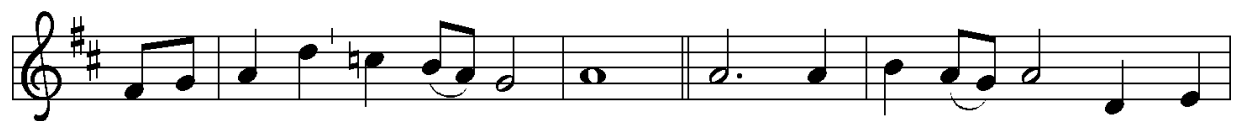


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

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)

Refrain




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.

Refrain



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.

Final refrain



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, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

PSALM: Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

*God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments.
Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.*

P: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Gospel according to John, Chapter 15.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED) *Please be seated.*

SERMON

Dan Johnson

HYMN OF THE DAY *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

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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 “hear our prayer.”

A: Please sit or kneel as comfortable.

SHARING THE PEACE

The sharing of peace is an individual and communal act of forgiveness.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

The offering is our response to God’s grace and mercy.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here

be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

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.

Presider: *We will continue with distribution of communion which was consecrated last week.*

When our congregation gathered for worship last Sunday and met around this table for the celebration of Holy Communion, we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. With thanksgiving we remembered that "in the night in which he was betrayed, he 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."

We were given the assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of his Holy Spirit. Now, this same bread of life and this same cup of blessing, is brought again to you that you may be strengthened through your participation in the body of Christ

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: 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**

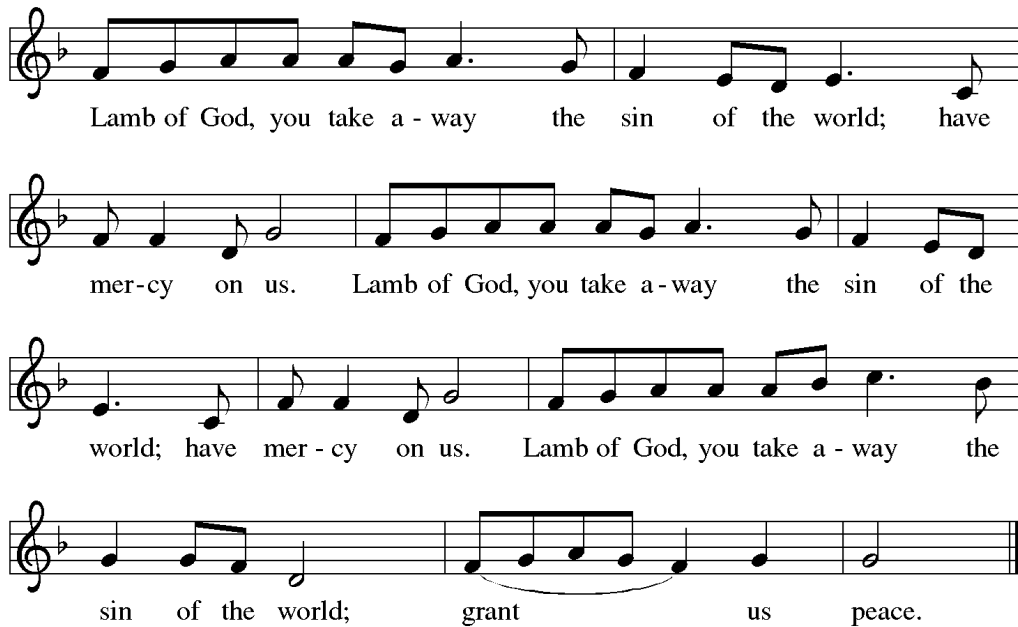
L: *All things are now ready.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

We practice continuous communion at the rail. 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

Beautiful Savior

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Jesus Loves Me

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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: Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

Amen

BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope

✝ bless you now and always.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

We Know That Christ Is Raised

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DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Bible Readings for May 12 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm: Psalm 1

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

Gospel Reading: John 17:6-19

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Announcements: Week of May 5, 2024

If you have church keys that you are no longer using, please turn them in to the office. *Thank you!*

Prayer Team: Interested in being part of ELC's Prayer Team? Please ask Pr. Lyn or Yvonne Troedson to add your name to the prayer chain.

Needed: Pictures over the years. If you have old photos from the early years at ELC, please let Suzanne Wilke borrow them to scan for an Anniversary project. *Thank you!*

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP for the "Next Steps" workshop? You owe it to yourself to invest a day and what questions we, as women, need to research and think about as we plan for our future in a positive and proactive way AND how to go about moving toward pulling this information together as an action plan. Every "Plan A" needs a "Plan B". What are your plans for your health, housing, social network, resources, caring team, and spiritual growth? **Registration is limited to 20 participants** and closes next Sunday, May 12. Cost for the day is \$40 and helps cover the costs for speaker, meals and supplies. Questions? Please see Donna V. For a registration form see Sue.



May 26 - Workshop Two - Visioning and Wondering, 11:00 am

During the first session we explored several topics. See the new edition of Echoes for a brief overview if you missed the first one. If you were unable to attend the first session, please consider attending this one. In addition to discussing the findings of session one, we will utilize a brief survey that will help to further explore what God is up to at Emanuel.

These workshops designed to take an honest look at who we are and where we want to be as an active congregation in our community. It will be a time to do some imagining around what God desires of us.

It's a time when all voices will be heard and respected. The sessions are approximately an hour. They are interactive and fun! Don't miss out! Your voice is important!

In addition, during the summer - **June 22nd, July 20th, and August 24th, (Saturdays, 5:00 pm)** join me and other pizza lovers for "**Pizza with the Pastor**".

Build your own pizza, enjoy fellowship with others, and ask those burning questions you've been dying to ask!

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 — on break until September.

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

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!


Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

Hymn of the Day

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

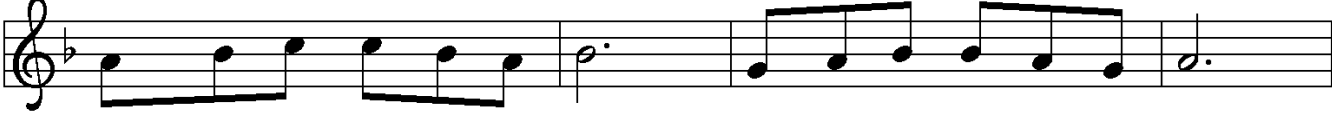
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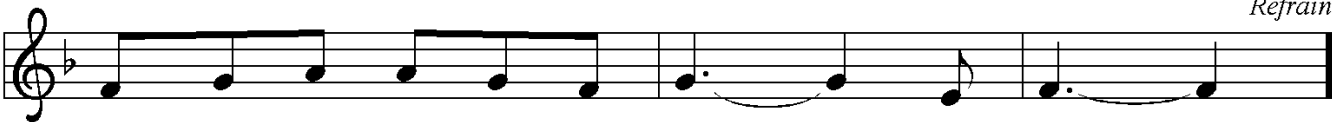
Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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Communion Hymn

Beautiful Savior



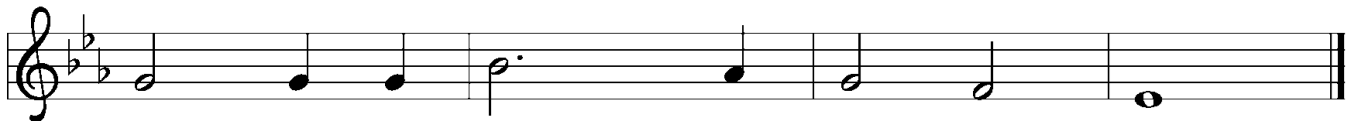
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

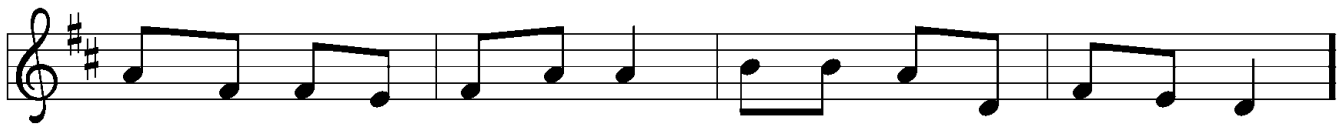
Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Communion Hymn

Jesus Loves Me!

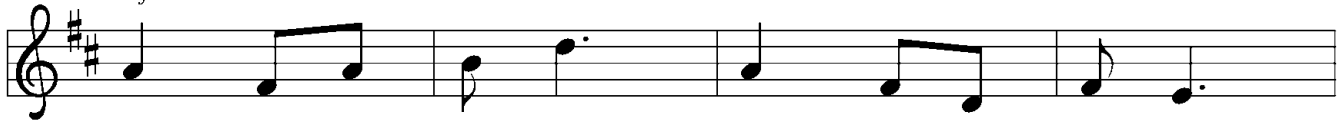


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Sending Hymn

We Know That Christ Is Raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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Prayer Requests: May 5, 2024

- ✝ *From the Salonen Family: Prayers answered! Thanks be to God!*
- ✝ *Prayers for Glenna Toste who has cancer. Glenna is Lois Silva's neighbor*
- ✝ *Prayers for healing & recovery from COVID for Julia Polillio, Lois Silva's daughter*

On-going Prayers:

1. Jack Smith & family—comfort & peace
2. Connie Petersen—health & well-being
3. Mary Lou Dieterich—health & healing
4. Marilyn—health & well-being
5. Lisa Poston—healing & well-being
6. Laura Marquez—health & well-being
7. Rose Epting—healing
8. Ray Simon—strength & healing
9. Tom & Barbara Norquist—well-being
10. Pr. Lyn & family—comfort & peace
11. Chris Paulsen—strength in adversity
12. Laurie Spinuzzi—healing & well-being (Silva)
13. Sue Allen—healing & well-being
14. Deborah Bauer—health & healing (Tchmola)
15. George—brain cancer (Kim/ELDC)
16. Aaron Strait—success in every aspect at his new location
17. Kari—healing & well-being (Hoaglund)
18. Goldie Harris—comfort & peace (Harris)
19. Carl Schmidt—healing (Schmidt)
20. Bob Reuter & family—comfort & peace
21. Dan Farrell—recovery from a fall (Waggoner)
22. Kim Keen—health & well-being (Harris)
23. Dick Lippert—healing (D. Norquist)
24. Jacqueline—healing & well-being (Hoaglund)
25. Logan S., age 10—healing of leukemia (Jeff Hopson)
26. Manuel Furtado—healing (Norquist)
27. Patti V.—healing & well-being/lung cancer treatment (Maylen)
28. Marian Schmidt McKenzie—slowing the progression of Parkinson's disease (Schmidt)
29. Ian McKenzie—acceptance of new temporary Santa Barbara apartment (Schmidt)
30. Gary Johnson— healing after an injury (Crawford)
31. Marge Thomas—Alzheimer's diagnosis (Rowland)
32. Richard Clark—recovery & healing (Strand)
33. Kyle Ollenborger—health & well-being (Strand)
34. John Smith— healing (Smith)
35. Jennifer Turner—health & well-being (Dieterich)
36. Darcy Moreno—physical recovery (Ashlock)

CALENDAR | MAY 6 - 12

Monday, May 6

- 10:30 am **ELDC Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-10)**
Outreach Ministry Meeting: Luther Hall
- 6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 7

- 12 pm Text Study: Luther Hall
- 2 pm Organ Practice: Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 8

- 7 am ELC Men's Bible Study group meets at The Secret Garden
Restaurant, 2401 E. Orangeburg Ave. in Modesto
- 11:30 am Day Care Board Meeting: Church Office

Thursday, May 9

- 12 pm ELDC Teacher Appreciation Brunch: Luther Hall
- 2 pm Organ Practice: Sanctuary
- 4 pm Set-Up for ELDC Mother's Day Luncheon: Luther Hall & Kitchen

Friday, May 10

- 11 am ELDC Mother's Day Luncheon: Luther Hall & Kitchen
- 6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Saturday, May 11

- 9 am-4 pm No events are scheduled

Sunday, May 12

- MOTHER'S DAY
- 9:30 am ELC Worship Service
- 3 pm Radiant Leadership
- 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.

God is calling us to joyfully follow the Holy Spirit in ministry to others.



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