



YOUTH SUNDAY

December 6, 2015

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Emanuel

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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 filling out a worship attendance form (located in your bulletin) and placing it in the offering plate.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT // YOUTH SUNDAY

DECEMBER 6, 2015

9:30 AM

PRELUDE	<i>Variations on "Puer Nobis"</i>	Michael Burkhardt
GATHERING SONGS	<i>Hark, the Herald Angels Sing</i> <i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	Red Book #270 Red Book #289
WELCOME		Pastor Lyn Crase
ENTRANCE HYMN	<i>Prepare the Royal Highway</i>	Red Book #264

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (Congregation sings as the candle is lit)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free,
the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy,
the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

C Amen

P Let us come before God in confession. (*silence for reflection*)
To you, O God, ...

C we lift up our souls.

**You know us through and through;
we confess our sins to you.
Remember not our sins;
remember us with your steadfast love.
Show us your ways;
teach us your paths;**

**and lead us in justice and truth,
for the sake of your goodness
in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

P Sisters and brothers, come with joy
and draw water from the well of salvation.
Remember the gift of baptism:
your sin is washed away in the name of ✝ Jesus;
you belong to Christ;
you are anointed to serve.
Stand up and raise your heads!
The reign of God is near.

C Amen

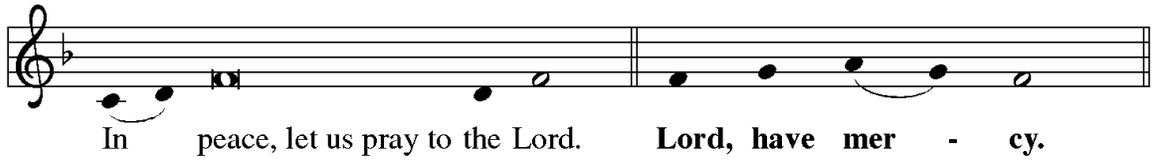
GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

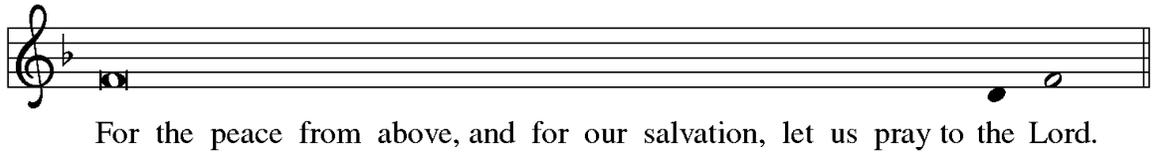
C And also with you.



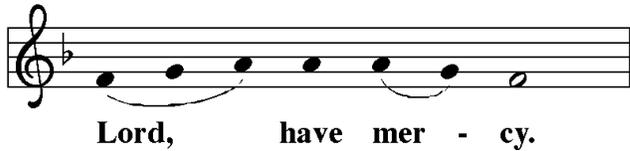
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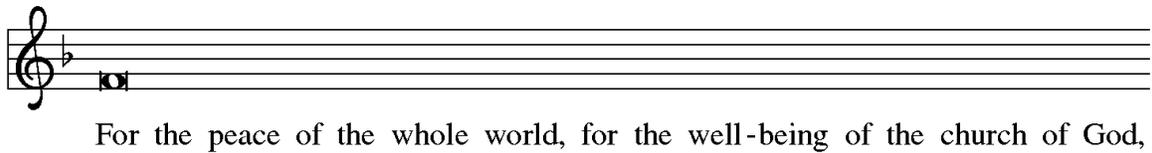
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



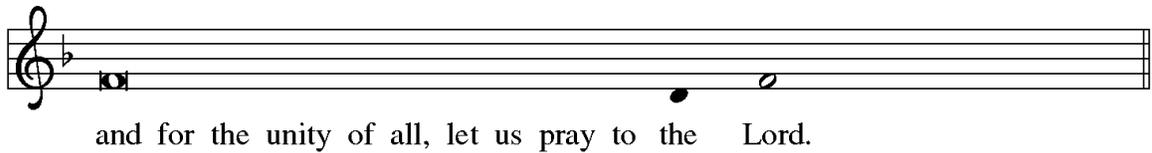
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



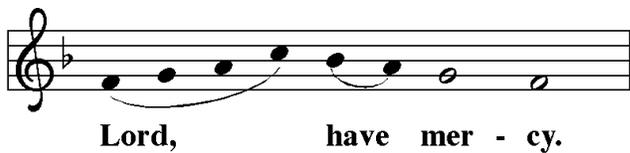
Lord, have mer - cy.



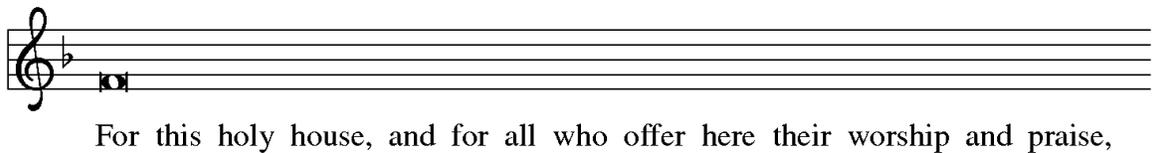
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



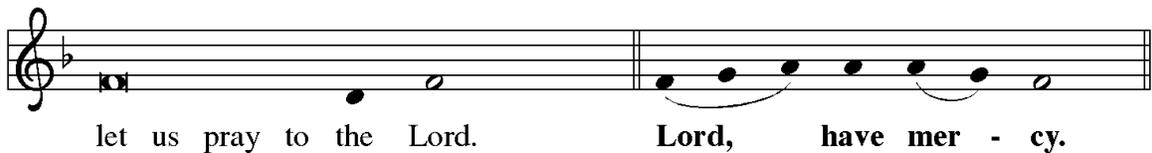
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.**

free to worship you | without fear,
⁷⁵**holy and righteous before you, all the days | of our life.**
⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of | the Most High,
 for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare the way,
⁷⁷**to give God's people knowledge | of salvation**
by the forgiveness | of their sins.
⁷⁸In the tender compassion | of our God
 the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,
⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- | ow of death,**
and to guide our feet into the | way of peace.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

L The word of the Lord.

C **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. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 3

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1-6

John the Baptist is a herald of the saving Lord, whose way is prepared by “repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Lyn Crase

SERMON HYMN

There’s a Voice in the Wilderness

Red Book #255

APOSTLES' CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' 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

A Emmanuel has come, is here, and is coming soon. Let us join in prayer for the church, the earth, and those who are in need, that all receive what God promises to give.

Response: ... Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

TITHES & OFFERINGS

He Shall Feed His Flock

George Handel

Connor Skustad, Clarinet // Barry Schroeder, Flute

OFFERING PRAYER

A God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives.

Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

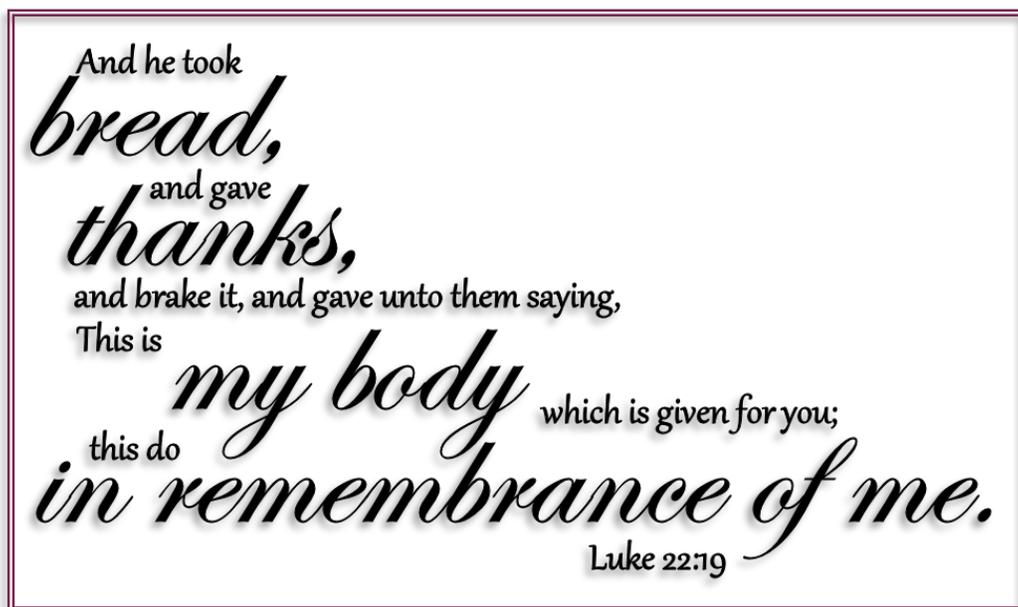
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C 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.

C 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 God fills the hungry with good things.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

We will practice continuous communion at the altar rail. All baptized Christians are welcome.

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

What Child Is This?
O Little Town of Bethlehem
O Come, All Ye Faithful

Red Book #296
Red Book #279
Red Book #283

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Holy One, we give you thanks
that in this bread and cup
we have feasted again on your endless love.
Let that love overflow more and more in our lives,
that we may be messengers to prepare your way,
harvesters of justice and righteousness,
and bearers of your eternal Word,
our Savior Jesus Christ.

C Amen

SENDING OF COMMUNION MINISTERS

Home Communion Minister comes forward.

P Let us pray,

C **O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are homebound. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

P May God direct your ways in peace,
make you abound in love for one another and for all,
and strengthen your hearts
until the coming of our Lord Jesus.

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Red Book #290

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Jan Bender

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister Pastor Lyn Crase
Assisting Minister Paula Barton
Acolyte..... Jillian Klenz
Song Leader Marilyn Rowland
Readers..... Zack Cline, Fanney Bjargardottir
Communion Assistant..... Emily Cline
Home Communion Minister Mary Lou Dieterich
 Recipient Shelda Fritts
Ushers..... Brett Strand, Peter Cline
Greeter Hailey Rios
Altar Care..... Debbie Van Diepen, Susan Hall



Announcements

Please use your “soft” voice during and following the Prelude, as others may be in prayer and meditation. Thank you.



The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Tom and Jeanne Hardin.



The Candle Advent banner was donated by the Johnson children, celebrating the life of their mother, Esther Johnson. The large and small Advent banners were donated by the ELC congregation in honor of Pastor Roger Lee.

- **A brief Service of Dedication**, honoring Harvey Hardel and dedicating the plaque placed on the Memorial Wall in his honor will be held immediately after worship TODAY (12/6).
- **Choir Rehearsal** after the service.
- **Confirmation Class** meets after the service with Pastor Lyn in Katie’s Room.
- **Text Study** a weekly study of the upcoming Lectionary texts on Tuesdays from 12-1 pm; bring a sack lunch.
- **Adult Bible Study** Thursday mornings, 9:30 - 11:00. All are welcome! ***On break after 12/10; resumes 1/7 (meet at Casa de Modesto)***
- **Youth Group Coat Drive Through December 15th**. Please bring older unwanted jackets to the Narthex for collection. Donations will be brought to Interfaith Ministries.
- **6th Annual WELCA Advent Cookie Exchange and Carol Sing!** Saturday, **December 12** at 1:00 pm in Luther Hall. Bring 3 dozen cookies to share and a plate to take home your goodies! See Susan McCready for more information.
- **WELCA Bake Sale** Sunday, **December 13** after church. Please drop off your baked goods at the table in the Narthex before service that day. Donations will go towards Emanuel’s Building Fund. Contact Rue Knoll for more information.

See “Christmas Blessings” insert page for more details about the following exciting events:

Parent’s Day Out

Emanuel’s Annual Neighborhood Christmas Caroling Party



Upcoming Advent Service Schedule

Wednesdays

12/9

12/16

5:30-6:30 pm—Supper

6:30-7 pm—Crafts & Fellowship, Book Discussion

7-7:30 pm—Holden Evening Prayer

Bring you own soup bowl and place setting

Sunday, December 20—9:30 Worship Service

You will want to be there, for answers to this and other questions:

“He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David.”
How did the King of Judea feel about the mighty savior”?

Christmas Giving Tree and Sock Tree

During Advent two trees will stand in the narthex which present you with opportunities for Christmas giving. A **Sock Tree** will be a bare tree to be adorned with new socks for our brothers and sisters at the Modesto Gospel Mission. The **Giving Tree** will have tags for specific children by age, sex and size. These are children in our community who would not have as much under their tree without the generous support of Emanuel members. Emanuel’s Outreach Ministry encourages you to share the joy of Christmas by supporting these great projects.



Sock Tree

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 7	TUE 8	WED 9	THUR 10	FRI 11	SAT 12	SUN 13
		7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	9:30 am FINAL Adult Bible Study for 2015	OFFICE CLOSED		9:30 am Worship Service Coffee Host— LEAH
5:30 pm Girl Scouts event in Luther Hall	12:00 pm Lectionary Study				1:00 am WELCA Cookies & Carols	10:45 am Confirmation Class WELCA Bake Sale
7:30 pm Women's Bible Study		5:30 pm Advent Service (Dinner & worship)	7:00 pm Leah Circle (location TBD)			11:00 am Choir Practice

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Presiding Minister	Assistant Minister	Lectors	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Dec 13 Advent 3	Pastor Lyn Crase	Paula Barton	B Reinheimer P Kroeze	Bill Reinheimer	Faney Bjargardottir	Owen Family	Van Diepen/Hall
Dec 20 Advent 4	Pastor Lyn Crase	Kathleen Reuter	S McCready P Barton	Susan McCready	Emma Hoover	Petersen/ Troedsen	Van Diepen/Hall
Dec 24 Christmas Eve	Pastor Lyn Crase	D Holtz P Barton	D Santana L Owen M Epting D Cline	L Owen D Cline	K Knoll H Rios	Clarke Family B Reuter	

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

December 13 Advent 3	December 20 Advent 4	December 27 Advent 5
Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18	Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:46b-55 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52



Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests: Family—grandchildren Gregory and Alley Taylor—healing and well being (Scott)

Sympathy is expressed to Emanuel 's former Youth Director, Eric and Kathy Nelson for the passing of their son, Nick. Please keep them in your prayers.

See Mary Lou Dieterich for more information.

Our Members: Drew Shank; Ben Knoll; Lori Knoll; Carolyn Crenwelge; Bob Dailey; Kelly Dailey; Gary Knoll; Pat & Jack Smith; Bill Fox; Tom Watkins; Elaine Urch; Jill Klenz

Our Homebound Members: Florence Broden, Kay Altmas, Esther Johnson, Shelda Fritts, Alma Johnson

Our Family: Sharon (Owen); Elisabeth Maddox and baby Julianne (Jones); Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer); Ian & Marian McKenzie (Schmidt); Marsha Schlipman (Nelson); Cameron Brown (Tina La Vornia); Sean Sizemore (Sizemore); Keegan Lyons (Turner); Rich Crawford (Crawford); Joy & Michael Morgan (Scott); Joyce Morgan (Scott); Dona Molet (Dieterich); Sabrina Hill (ELDC); Vince and family (Ixcot); Elizabeth Parchem (Nelson); Carla Thurston (Thurston); Janet Sullivan (Hollmann); Susan Young (Dieterich)

Our Friends: Tom Aja (Crawford); Dr. Roger Vogelzang and family, Bethany & Jerry Metcalf, and Elizabeth & Kevin Duggan (Reinheimer); Jennifer Turner, Pam & Tom (Dieterich); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Georga Butterfield (Petersen); Emmet Pletschette (Smith); Priscilla Pino, Don Rousseau (Ixcot); Frank and Linda Gutierrez & family (Marquez); Felicia & Kendra (Barton); Dennis Medford (Silva); Jerry & Barbara Larson (Clarke); Lara Shirley (Shirley); Steven Perry (Crawford)

We Pray for Peace in the Middle East, and for all those serving in our armed forces.

T/Sgt. Ryan Dangerfield, USAF in Ramstein AB, Germany and **SSgt. Joey Sabel, USMC** in Kaneohe Marine Corps Base, Hawaii (Marilyn & Chuck Rowland's grandson & grandson-in-law), **Capt. Tim Kramer** (Megan Armes' brother) will be in Kuwait through June of 2016, **Ryan Powell** (grandson of Yvonne Troedson) USN, Connecticut.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Emmanuel has come, is here, and is coming soon. Let us join in prayer for the church, the earth, and those who are in need, that all receive what God promises to give. *(Pause for silence.)*

O God, our hope of unity, come to your church around the world. Purify your people and give to all the wisdom and courage to proclaim your word of forgiveness and renewal. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O God our Savior, come to the earth that you made. Nurture the health of lands and seas. Give to plants and animals favorable weather. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O God of peace, come to all the nations. Inspire heads of state and regional leaders with a passion for justice. Bring peace throughout the world. We pray especially for *(here places or situations in need of peace may be named)*. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O God of love, come to everyone in need. Heal the sick. Answer the cries of those who are poor, those without housing, and those who have fled from violence or famine. We pray especially for Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O God of compassion, come to our congregation and our community. This Advent, help us to prepare for your coming. Make us gifts to one another, that no one remains destitute or despairing. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O Lord of hosts, we praise you for the lives of all the faithful. Bring us with them to your feast of eternal compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers, merciful God, and make us ready to receive you when you come through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Entrance Hymn #264

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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Sermon Hymn #255

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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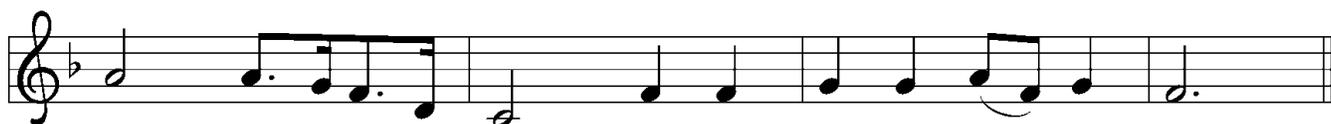
Sending Hymn #290

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual