



First Sunday in Lent

February 14, 2016

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

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 14, 2016

9:30 AM

PRELUDE	<i>Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless</i>	J. S. Bach
GATHERING SONGS	<i>Praise the Name of Jesus</i> <i>Out in the Wilderness</i>	Purple Book #117 Purple Book #115
WELCOME		Pastor Lyn Crase
OPENING HYMN	<i>Jesus, Still Lead On</i>	Red Book #624

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P In the name of the Father, and of the , ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your
promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the
gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your
forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, now and forever.

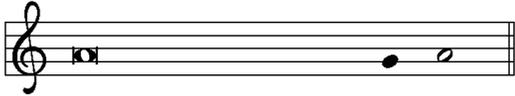
C Amen

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.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



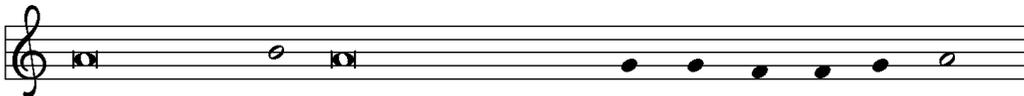
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together....

C O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11

The annual harvest festival, called the feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91

On Eagle's Wings



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath on dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un - der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

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PSALM 91 (CONT.)

Leader or All

3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by

Refrain

day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

Leader or All

4 For to the an-gels God's giv - en a com-mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Final refrain
All

And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the breath on dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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SECOND READING: ROMANS 10:8b-13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

^{8b}“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P The Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 4

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: LUKE 4:1-13

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil he defines what it means to be called “the Son of God.”

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.

⁶And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’

¹¹and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Lyn Crase

SERMON HYMN

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

Red Book #319

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

A Hearing the call to return to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope.

Response: ... Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The offering is an act of worship; a response of gratitude and thankfulness.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills
were gathered together to become one bread,
so let your church be gathered together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C Amen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
God promises to heal us and forgive us.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God , holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with
humility and gentleness:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

P For longing to have what is not ours,
and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

P For misuse of human relationships,
And for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

P For jealousies that divide families and nations,
and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

P For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God,
and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

P For hurtful words that condemn,
and for angry deeds that harm:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

P For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ,
and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us and gives us the power to
proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called us out of darkness
into his marvelous light.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire
forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

SHARING THE PEACE

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C hear our prayer.

Please remain standing after the Peace.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P In recognition of God's forgiveness, mercy and grace let us continue with the Great
Thanksgiving.

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.

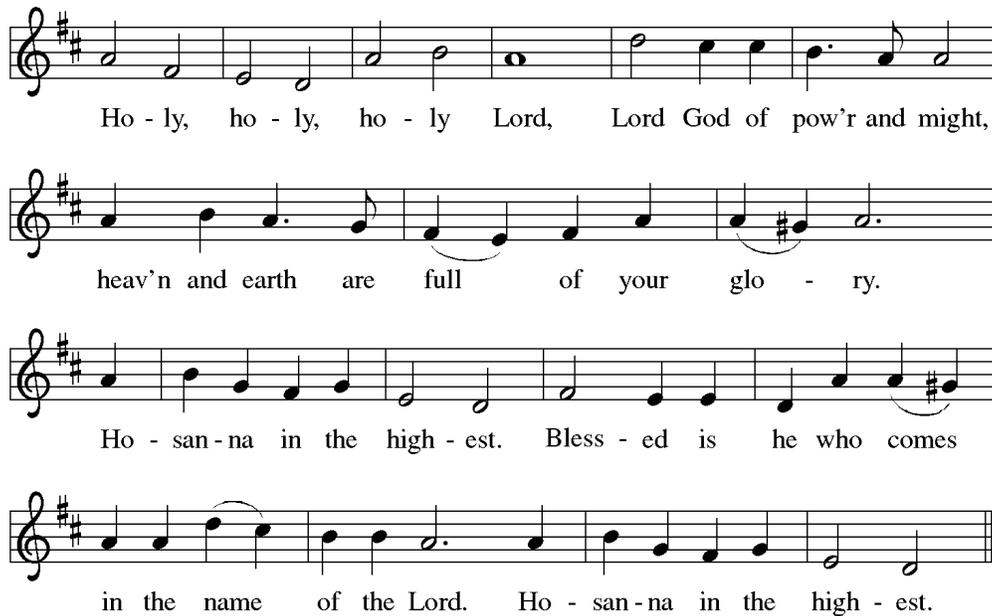
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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 Come to the table.

Feast on God's abundant life for you.

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, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

O Love, How Deep

Lead Me, Guide Me

Red Book #325

Red Book #322

Red Book #768

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 We thank you, O God,
that you have fed us at your banqueting table
with bread and wine beyond compare,
the very life of Christ for us.
Send your Spirit with us now,
that we may set the captive free,
use your gifts to build one another up,
and in everything reflect your glory
revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life.
The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and forever.

C Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

Red Book #326

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Agincourt Hymn

John Dunstable

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister Pastor Lyn Crase
Assisting Minister Suzanne Wilke
Acolyte..... Emma Hoover
Song Leader Marilyn Rowland
Readers..... David Holtz, Mary Lou Dieterich
Communion Assistant..... Dave Henke
Usher/Greeter Dieterich/Reuter
Altar Care..... Knoll/Nelson

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1 John 3:1 - "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"

Announcements

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

There will be a brief informational gathering for anyone new to Emanuel Lutheran Church who would like to learn more about ELC’s vision for ministry *TODAY*, immediately following worship in the meditation room.

Choir Rehearsal following the service.

WELCA General Meeting in Augustana Hall TODAY following the service. All ladies are asked to attend. Thank you!

Confirmation Class after service with Pastor Lyn.

Monday Night Bible Study for the month of February will be held at the home of Marilyn Rowland.

Text Study meets Tuesdays at noon in Katie’s Room. All are welcome. Be sure to bring a sack lunch.

Thursday Morning Bible Study meets in Katie’s Room at 9:30 am. All are welcome!

Lenten Services We invite you to join us on **February 17 at 6:00 pm for Soup Supper & 7:00 pm** for our Week One Living Lent service based on the word PURPOSE. We are reminded that Lent is a time to find God’s purpose for our lives, fulfilled in our redemption by Jesus, who seeks and saves the lost and gives us new life.

Red Door Ramblings, a Youth & Young Adult Ministry, begins **February 17 from 1-4 pm** in Augustana Hall. Sign up to be a host with Pr. Lyn.

The Youth Group will be making fleece-tie blankets for the homeless on **February 21**. They are requesting fleece blankets that are approximately 48”x60”.

First Communion If you have or know of a child **grade 3 and up** who has not yet celebrated their First Communion, please speak with Kristine Kraft or Pastor Lyn. First Communion will be April 3.

New Adult education opportunity!

Sunday evenings once a month from 5:30—7:00 pm (will meet in Katie’s room) for a video and discussion on C.S. Lewis’ “The Screwtape Letters.” You can find the book at used book stores, online or at the library. Hope to see you there! This month’s study will be held on **Sunday, February 28**.

**AARP TAX SITES IN STANISLAUS
COUNTY
FEBRUARY 1st to APRIL 18th, 2016**

MODESTO SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, 211 BODEM AVE
THURSDAYS 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

KING KENNEDY MEMORIAL CENTER
601 SO., MARTIN LUTHER KING DR., MODESTO
MONDAYS 9:30 a.m. TO 2:00 p.m.

TURLOCK SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, 1191 CAHILL
WEDNESDAYS 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

HAMMON SENIOR CENTER
1033 W. LAS PALMAS AVENUE, PATTERSON
MONDAY 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CERES CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 3502 ROEDING RD, CERES
FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



99 Corridor Youth Event

**Saturday, March 5, 2016
at
Emanuel Lutheran Church
324 College Ave, Modesto, CA
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Taco Bar



WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 15	TUE 16	WED 17	THUR 18	FRI 19	SAT 20	SUN 21
PRESIDENT'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED		7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	9:30 am Adult Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED	9:00 am Violin Studio	9:30 am Worship Service BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS
	12:00 pm Lectionary Study					10:45 am Confirmation Class
	7:00 pm Council Mtg.	7:00 PM Lenten Service	7:00 pm Leah Circle		6:00 pm Wired Word Potluck @ Barton's	5:00 pm Emanuel Youth Group

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Presiding Minister	Assistant Minister	Lectors	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Feb 21 Lent 2	Pastor Lyn Crase	Garry Hayes	S McCreedy M Epting	Susan McCreedy	Chris Schmidt	Owen Family	Knoll/ Nelson
Feb 28 Lent 3	Pastor Lyn Crase	Paula Barton	B Rokaitis P Kroeze	Beth Rokaitis	Kailyn Knoll	Holtz/ Salonen	Lois Silva
Mar 6 Lent 4	Pastor Lyn Crase	Kathleen Reuter	L Owen S Wilke	Chris Schmidt	Faney Bjargardottir	Clarke Family	Waggoner/ Castleberry

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

February 21 Lent 2	February 28 Lent 3	March 6 Lent 4
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17--4:1 Luke 13:31-35	Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9	Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



Thank You For Your Prayers: Elaine Ixcot would like to thank all of her Emanuel friends for your prayers, all is better now.

New Prayer Requests: Kim Petersen—health & healing (Petersen); Virginia Dall—healing & well-being

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; Keith Thurston; Teri Scott; Yvonne Troedson; Susan Hayes

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 Morgan (Scott); Joyce Morgan (Scott); Dona Molet (Dieterich); Sabrina Hill (ELDC); Elizabeth Parchem (Nelson); Carla Thurston (Thurston); Janet Sullivan (Hollmann); Gregory & Alley Taylor (Scott); Charles Shirley (Shirley); Dan Harris (Jones); Dan, Vince & their families (Ixcot); Azaria Marquez (Marquez); Ron Silva (Silva); Russell Skustad (Skustad)

Our Friends: Tom Aja (Crawford); Dr. Roger Vogelzang and family, Bethany Metcalf & family (Reinheimer); Jennifer Turner, Pam & Tom (Dieterich); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Georga Butterfield (Petersen); Emmet Pletschette (Smith); Priscilla Pino, Don Rousseau (Ixcot); Nathan Yarbrough (Marquez); Felicia & Kendra (Barton); Kathy Nicholas (Skustad); Jerry Larson (Clarke); Steven Perry; Rich Crawford (Crawford); Roger Benson (Clarke)

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

Hearing the call to return to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope. *(Pause for silence.)*

Break down and mend divisions within your church, Holy One. Bring together rich and poor, homeless and housed, and those who hold differing political views as the one body of Christ. Unite us in worship of you. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Sustain citrus groves and orchards, divine Gardener. Provide rich soil and water in due season for an abundant harvest. Help us share the fruit of your harvest with all people. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Raise up peacemakers, almighty God. In nations ravaged by war, pour out your Spirit of wisdom on their leaders. Equip them to respond with your mercy and justice. Make peace flourish in all the world. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Protect all who flee oppression, eternal Father. Grant refuge on their journey. Provide shelter as there is need. Turn the hearts of those who oppress. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Teach us to love as you love, gracious Lord. Open us to encounter our enemies as our neighbors. Give us courage to trust in your redeeming love and proclaim your gospel to all people. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for your healing touch on those we name before you now, aloud or in silence *(Pause for silence.)* Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Show all people your salvation, Alpha and Omega. Bring us to eternal joy with all the saints who have gone before us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

Entrance Hymn #624

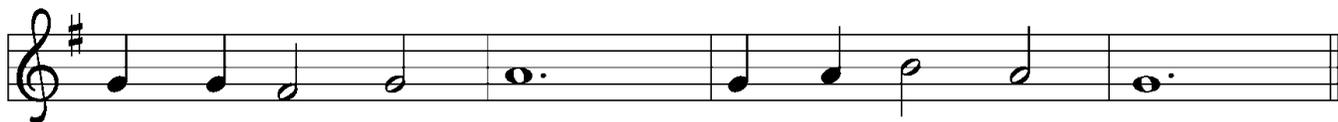
Jesus, Still Lead On



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

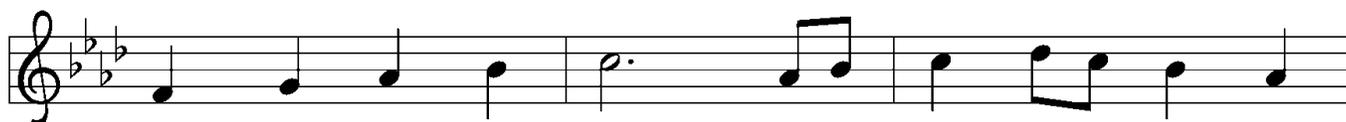
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Sermon Hymn

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

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Sending Hymn

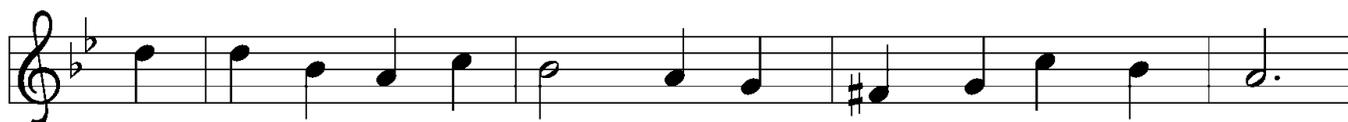
Bless Now, O God, the Journey



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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