



*Second Sunday in Lent*

*February 21, 2016*

**Emanuel Lutheran Church**

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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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.*

- **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available. •

*(Please ask an usher)*

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# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2016

9:30 AM

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|------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| <b>PRELUDE</b>         | <i>Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless</i>              | Johann Pachelbel                   |
| <b>GATHERING SONGS</b> | <i>As the Deer</i><br><i>Song Over the Waters</i> | Purple Book #9<br>Purple Book #127 |
| <b>WELCOME</b>         |   | Pastor Lyn Crase                   |
| <b>OPENING HYMN</b>    | <i>We Sing to You, O God</i>                      | Red Book #791                      |

## 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.

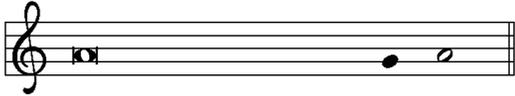
**C Amen**

## 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.



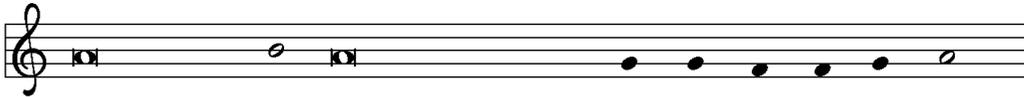
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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** **God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## **FIRST READING: GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18**

*God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a son, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.*

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup>But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup>He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 27 (Read alternately—Pulpit and Lectern sides)

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?
- 2 **When evildoers close in against me to de- | vour my flesh,  
they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- | ble and fall.**
- 3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart | will not fear.  
Though war rise up against me, my trust will | not be shaken.
- 4 **One thing I ask of the LORD; one | thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the  
beauty of the LORD and to seek God | in the temple.**
- 5 For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- | on a rock.
- 6 **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround me.  
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and  
make music | to the LORD.**
- 7 Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;  
have mercy on me and | answer me.
- 8 **My heart speaks your message— | “Seek my face.”  
Your face, O LORD, | I will seek.**
- 9 Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- | vant in anger.  
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of | my salvation.
- 10 **Though my father and my moth- | er forsake me,  
the LORD will | take me in.**
- 11 Teach me your | way, O LORD;  
lead me on a level path, because of | my oppressors.
- 12 **Subject me not to the will | of my foes,  
for they rise up against me, false witnesses | breathing violence.**
- 13 This I believe—that I will see the goodness | of the LORD  
in the land | of the living!
- 14 **Wait for the LORD | and be strong.  
Take heart and wait | for the LORD!**

## SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 3:17--4:1

*Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.*

<sup>17</sup> Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup> For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup> He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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 13

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

## GOSPEL: LUKE 13:31-35

*Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.*

<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup> He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.

<sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

<sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

## **SERMON**

Pastor Lyn Crase

## **SERMON HYMN**

*Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*

Red Book #750

## **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.**

## **TITHES & OFFERINGS**

*On My Heart Imprint Thine Image*

George T. Miles

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

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

A O God, we thank you for gathering and feeding us  
as a mother hen embraces her young.

Release us now to go on our way in these forty days,  
ready to see our work as prayer,  
ready to fast from complacency,  
and ready to share with those in need;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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.

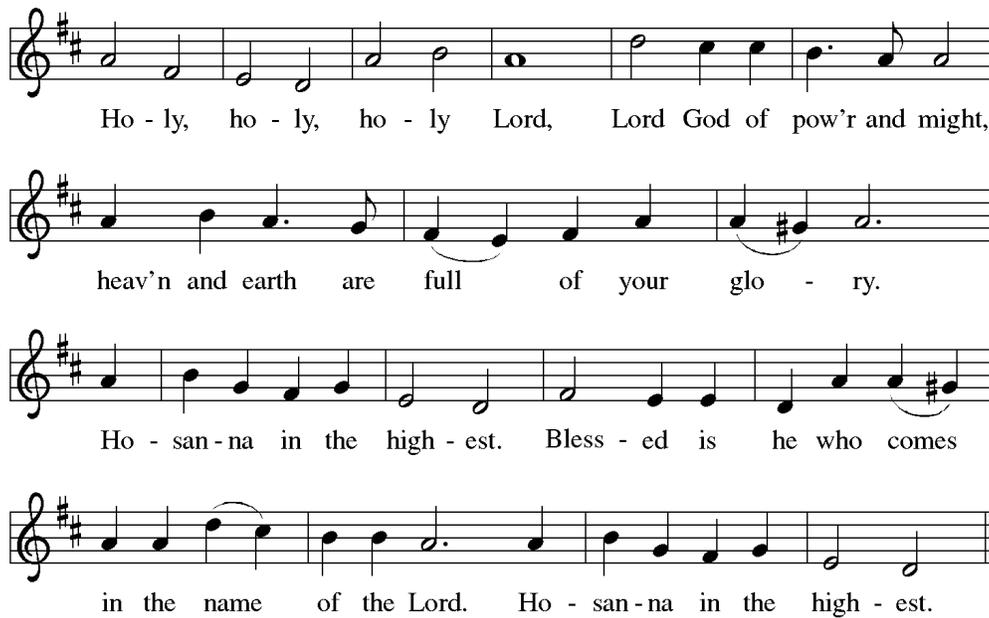
**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **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 All who thirst, all who hunger,

come and be filled with the goodness of God.

*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

*Thy Holy Wings*  
*Around You, O Lord Jesus*  
*Restore in Us, O God*

Red Book #613  
Red Book #468  
Red Book #328

## 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 O God, we thank you for gathering and feeding us

as a mother hen embraces her young.

Release us now to go on our way in these forty days,

ready to see our work as prayer,

ready to fast from complacency,

and ready to share with those in need;

through 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 The blessing of God Almighty,

the wisdom and power of ✝ Christ Jesus,

and the light of the Holy Spirit

be among you and remain with you always.

C Amen

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENDING HYMN

*Oh Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate*

Red Book #722

## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

*O Dearest Jesus*

Johannes Brahms

## THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Presiding Minister</b> .....       | Pastor Lyn Crase                                       |
| <b>Assisting Minister</b> .....       | Garry Hayes  |
| <b>Acolyte</b> .....                  | Chris Schmidt  |
| <b>Song Leader</b> .....              | Marilyn Rowland  |
| <b>Readers</b> .....                  | Susan McCready, Mike Epting                            |
| <b>Communion Assistant</b> .....      | Susan McCready   |
| <b>Home Communion Ministers</b> ..... | Suzanne Wilke, Pat Smith                               |
| <b>Recipients</b> .....               | Kay Altmas, Esther Johnson, Alice Hine, Keith Thurston |
| <b>Usher/Greeter</b> .....            | Owen Family  |
| <b>Altar Care</b> .....               | Knoll/Nelson   |

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# Announcements

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

**Choir Rehearsal** following the service.

**Confirmation Class** after service with Pastor Lyn.

**Youth Group** will meet TODAY at 5 pm.

**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 24 at 6:00 pm for Soup Supper & 7:00 pm** for our Week Two Living Lent service based on the word PEOPLE. We are reminded today that we are called to be among people in this world. People matter to God; he sent Jesus to save them. People should matter to us; we are sent to love them.

**Red Door Ramblings**, a Youth & Young Adult Ministry, **Wednesdays (February 17-March 23) from 1-4 pm** in Augustana Hall. Sign up to be a host with Pr. Lyn.

**Lydia Circle** will meet on **Monday, February 22 at 7 pm** at the home of Kristine Kraft.

**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.

**WELCA General Meeting** in Augustana Hall on **Sunday, February 28** following the service. All ladies of WELCA are asked to attend. Thank you!

**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.**

**Celebrate Robin**

On March 13<sup>th</sup> Emanuel will recognize and celebrate our bookkeeper, Robin Swearingen, and her many years of dedicated service to this congregation. Robin plans to retire on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Plan to join the celebration. If you would like to contribute to a congregational gift to show our appreciation, please mark it "for Robin's gift" and place it in the offering plate or give it directly to Jim Barton before the end of February.



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Thanks to all who contributed so enthusiastically to our First Official Emanuel Garden Bonding Day on Saturday Morning, Feb 13. Without a doubt there was lots of bonding going on all morning with Emanuel's Gardens: pruning, weeding, raking, and general spiffing-up.... which just pointed out that there's much more to accomplish. But that's the subject for a future announcement. For the present, we acknowledge the contributions of Sue Allen, Arie Kroeze, David Holtz (who also set up the coffee), Lois Owen, Richard Norquist, Bill and Ila Reinheimer, Dennis and Martha Strand, Chris Schmidt, Debbie Van Diepen, Barbara Vukich and Marsha Waggoner. There was more or less general agreement that, what it lacked in "fun", the event more than made up for in "purpose"... we got a lot done!... and that maybe, just maybe, we should "do it again(!)"... on the general theory that no good deed should go unpunished.

Stay tuned for an announcement in this same space for our **Second Official Emanuel Garden Bonding Day**, likely in mid-late-March.

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# 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



**Modesto Police Department 600 10th St. has  
a Prescription Drop Box in our lobby.**

**LOBBY HOURS**

Monday & Tuesdays 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

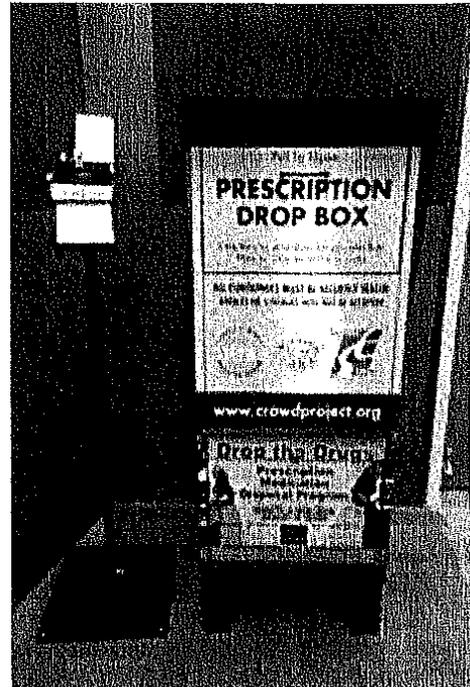
Closed Fridays

**DO DROP THESE ITEMS:**

- Expired, unwanted or unused medication
- Over the counter medications
- Narcotics
- Vitamins
- Pet medications
- Inhalers
- Unopened EpiPens
- Liquid medication (in container or bag)
- Medication samples

**DO NOT DROP THESE ITEMS:**

- Needles, lancets, syringes
- Thermometers
- IV Bags
- Bloody or infectious waste
- Trash
- Mail



Medications in containers or prescription bottles can be placed directly into the drop box. Medications without a container should be placed into plastic bags prior to placement in the drop box. Any containers of liquid must be completely sealed.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

| MON<br>22              | TUE<br>23                       | WED<br>24   | THUR<br>25                         | FRI<br>26        | SAT<br>27                    | SUN<br>28   |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|---|
| <b>ECHOES DEADLINE</b> |                                 | 7:00 am<br>Men's<br>Bible<br>Study @<br>Mimi's      | 9:30 am<br>Adult<br>Bible<br>Study | OFFICE<br>CLOSED | 9:00 am<br>Violin<br>Studio  | <b>INTERFAITH<br/>SUNDAY</b><br>9:30 am<br>Worship Service              |
|                        | 12:00 pm<br>Lectionary<br>Study | 1:00 pm<br>Red Door<br>Ramblings<br>with Pr.<br>Lyn |                                    |                  | 2:00 pm<br>Violin<br>Recital | 10:45 am<br>Confirmation<br>Class<br><br>10:45<br>WELCA General<br>Mtg. |
|                        |                                 | 7:00 PM<br>Lenten<br>Service                        | 7:00 pm<br>Leah<br>Circle          |                  |                              | 5:30 pm<br>C.S. Lewis<br>Study  |

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

| Date             | Presiding<br>Minister | Assistant<br>Minister | Lectors                    | Communion<br>Assist | Acolyte                 | Usher<br>Greeter  | Altar<br>Care            |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Feb 28<br>Lent 3 | Pastor<br>Lyn Crase   | Paula<br>Barton       | B Rokaitis<br>P Kroeze     | Beth<br>Rokaitis    | Kailyn<br>Knoll         | Holtz/<br>Salonen | Lois<br>Silva            |
| Mar 6<br>Lent 4  | Pastor<br>Lyn Crase   | Kathleen<br>Reuter    | L Owen<br>S Wilke          | Chris<br>Schmidt    | Fanney<br>Bjargardottir | Clarke<br>Family  | Waggoner/<br>Castleberry |
| Mar 13<br>Lent 5 | Pastor<br>Lyn Crase   | Barbara<br>Crawford   | B Reinheimer<br>Y Troedson | Lori<br>Skustad     | Alora<br>Skustad        | Shank/<br>Skustad | Waggoner/<br>Castleberry |

## WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

| February 28<br>Lent 3   | March 6<br>Lent 4   | March 13<br>Lent 5   |
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| Isaiah 55:1-9<br>Psalm 63:1-8<br>1 Corinthians 10:1-13<br>Luke 13:1-9 | Joshua 5:9-12<br>Psalm 32<br>2 Corinthians 5:16-21<br>Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 | Isaiah 43:16-21<br>Psalm 126<br>Philippians 3:4b-14<br>John 12:1-8 |



**New Prayer Requests:** Sympathy is expressed to Dave & Kristine Kraft and family for the loss of Dave's father, Eugene Kraft. May God's peace and comfort be with during this time. Please continue to keep the family in your prayers.

Sympathy is also expressed to the Schultz and Dieterich families for the loss of Lisa's mother, Claire. May God's peace and comfort be with them as we pray for them during this time.

**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; Virginia Dall

**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); Kim Petersen (Petersen)

**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.)*

For an end to killings because of faith, we turn to you, O Lord. Protect all those who risk their lives each time they worship you. Give new vision to the intolerant. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For the beauty of the stars, we turn to you in thanksgiving, O Lord. By their vast number and light, remind us of your covenant with Abram and deep love for all creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For peace and justice in our neighborhoods, we turn to you, O Lord. Where gangs, domestic violence, or kidnappings cause your children to live in fear, give courage and wisdom to those in authority. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For older adults with no family to care for them, we turn to you, O Lord. Surround them with social workers, medical professionals, and neighbors to support them. Embrace them with compassion and quell any fear. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For the sick in our congregation and our community, we turn to you, O Lord. Gather all who live with illness under your wings. Make us instruments of your healing. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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

**Your mercy is great.**

For the prophets and all the faithful departed, we turn to you in thanks, O Lord. Empowered by their witness, may we stand firm in you until the day we see you face-to-face. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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

**Amen**

# Entrance Hymn #791

## We Sing to You, O God

- 1 We sing to you, O God,  
the Rock who gave us birth,  
let our rejoicing sing  
your name in all the earth.  
To you, O God, let songs be raised,  
in joyful hymns, our feast of praise.
  
- 2 We wandered far from home  
out in a desert land,  
you shielded with your love  
our fearful pilgrim band.  
You kept us safe within your arms  
and sheltered us against the storm.
  
- 3 You bear us through the world,  
an eagle to its young;  
you rise up on your wings  
and bear us toward the sun.  
We ride the vaults of light and air  
and trust in your unfailing care.
  
- 4 O God, eternal God,  
we hide within your wings,  
the everlasting arms  
to whom our praises ring.  
Your word is true, your way is just,  
You are the God in whom we trust.

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Sermon Hymn  
#750

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart



1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee, ne'er from me de-part;  
2 Yea, Lord, thine own rich boun-ty gave my bod - y, soul, and all I have  
3 Lord, let at last thine an-gels come, to A-br'ham's bos-om bear me home,



with ten-der mer-cy cheer me. Earth has no plea-sure I would share,  
in this poor life of la - bor. Lord, grant that I in ev - 'ry place  
that I may die un-fear - ing; and in its nar - row cham-ber keep



yea, heav'n it - self were void and bare if thou, Lord, were not near me.  
may glo - ri - fy thy lav - ish grace and serve and help my neigh - bor.  
my bod - y safe in peace-ful sleep un - til thy re - ap - pear - ing.



And should my heart for sor-row break, my trust in thee can noth-ing shake.  
Let no false teach-ing me be-guile, let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.  
And then from death a-wak-en me, that these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; thy pre - cious  
Give strength and pa - tience un - to me to bear my  
O Son of God, thy glo - rious face, my Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and Lord,  
cross and fol - low thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and Lord,  
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at - tend,



my God and Lord, for - sake me not! I trust thy word.  
my God and Lord, in death thy com - fort still af - ford.  
my prayer at - tend, and I will praise thee with - out end!

## Sending Hymn #722

### O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate



- 1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
- 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
- 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
- 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.  
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.  
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.  
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme  
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,  
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield  
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.  
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.  
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.  
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

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