



# *Transfiguration of Our Lord*

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**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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# TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

FEBRUARY 7, 2016

9:30 AM

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**PRELUDE** *Prelude & Fugue in G Major* J. S. Bach

**GATHERING SONGS** *Awesome God* Purple Book #13  
*Come to the Mountain* Purple Book #32

**WELCOME** Pastor Lyn Crase

**OPENING HYMN** *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* Red Book #308

**ALL: verses 1, 3, 6; Verse 2: Women; Verse 4: Men; Verse 5: Organ**

## 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.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



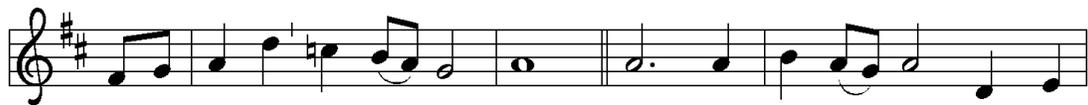
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



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



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



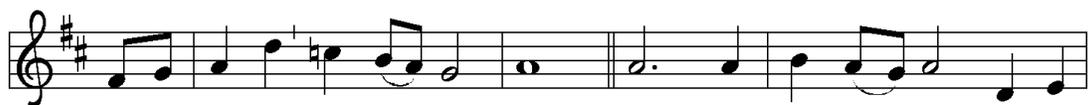
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



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



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,



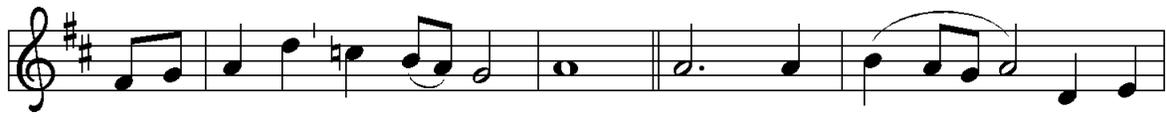
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE (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. 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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together....

**C Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## FIRST READING: EXODUS 34:29-35

*Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the ten commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.*

<sup>29</sup>Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all



## SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 3:12--4:2

*In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.*

<sup>12</sup>Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup>but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

<sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight 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 9

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

## GOSPEL: LUKE 4:21-30

*The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.*

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” —not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

[<sup>37</sup>On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup>Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup>Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup>I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” <sup>41</sup>Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” <sup>42</sup>While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43a</sup>And all were astounded at the greatness 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**

*How Good, Lord, to Be Here!*

Red Book #315

## **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 Rejoicing with all the faithful, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

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

## **TITHES & OFFERINGS**

*Christ upon the Mountain Peak*

Paul Bouman

*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.

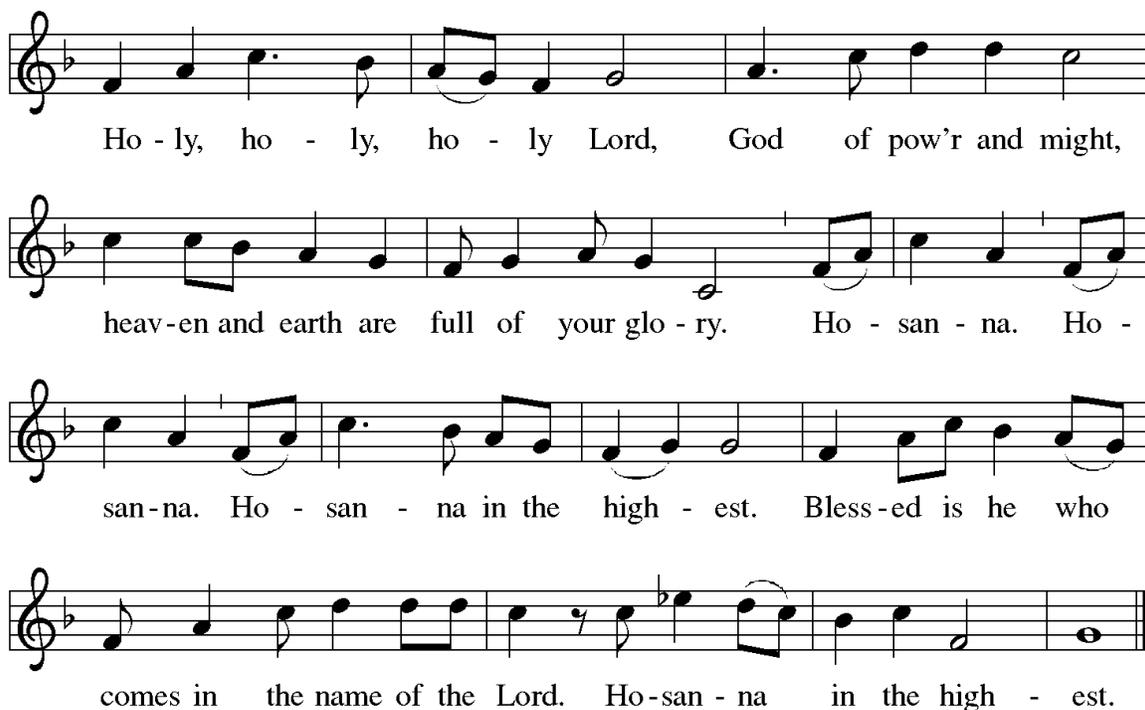
**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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, 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**

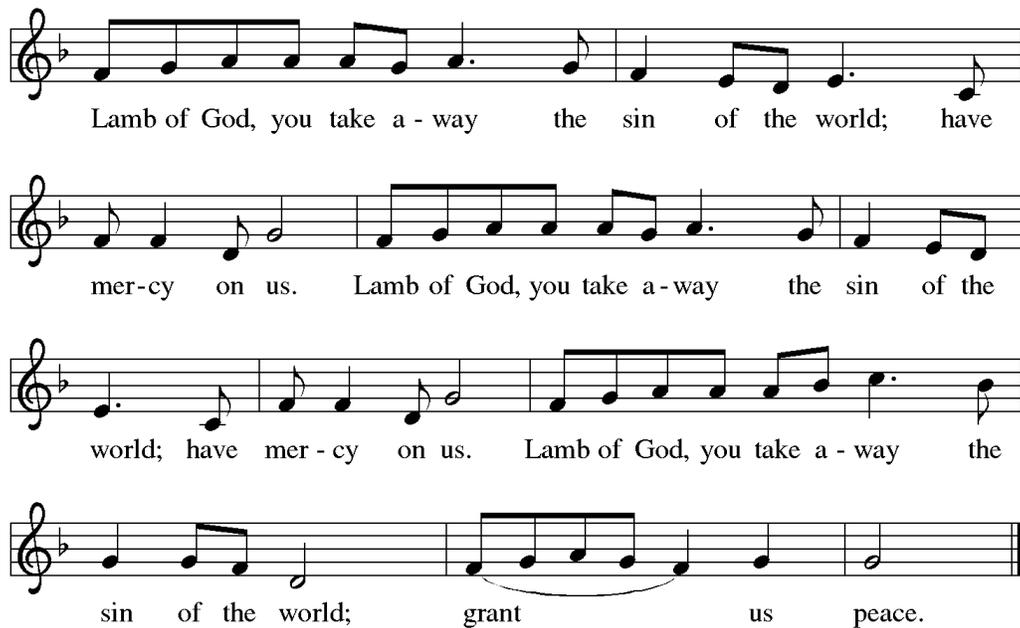
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P 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.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Beautiful Savior*  
*We Are Marching in the Light*  
*In Thee is Gladness*

Red Book #838  
Red Book #866  
Red Book #867

## 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

*Alleluia, Song of Gladness*

Red Book #318

### DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C **Thanks be to God!**

### POSTLUDE

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

Jan Bender

## THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister .....	Pastor Lyn Crase
Assisting Minister .....	David Holtz
Acolyte.....	Emily Cline
Song Leader .....	Marilyn Rowland
Readers.....	Paula Kroeze
Communion Assistant.....	Bob Dailey
Usher/Greeter .....	Petersen/Troedson
Altar Care.....	Knoll/Nelson

# 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.*



The flowers on the altar today are given by Barbara Crawford in celebration of her mother, Esther Johnson’s 104th birthday. Flowers are also given to the glory of God by Jack & Pat Smith.



**Choir Rehearsal** following the service.

**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!

**Ash Wednesday** We invite you to join us on **February 10 at 7:00 pm** for a special Ash Wednesday service, imposition of ashes and communion. We are reminded that Lent is a time to ponder our relationship with God and with one another and to discover the love of God seen in the cross and empty tomb. You are invited to attend weekly Soup Suppers at 6:00 pm and Lenten Worship at 7:00 om during Lent. We are using the series “Living Lent as people of the resurrection”. Invite friends, neighbors, co-workers to journey Lent with you.

**There will be an informational gathering** for anyone new to Emanuel Lutheran Church who would like to learn more about ELC’s vision for ministry on **Sunday, February 14 at 10:30 – 11:00 am.**

**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** Families with children in Grade 3 and older who are interested in more information, please contact Kristine Kraft or Pastor Lyn.

**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.

*The Fellowship Ministry would like to thank everyone who helped with and participated in the pancake breakfast last Sunday. The food was delicious and everyone had a good time.*



### **Fellow Gardening Fans:**

As indicated in announcements this past Sunday morning, we'll be offering a **Second Opportunity of a Lifetime event** on Saturday, Feb 13 at 8:00 am.

Now that we've "done" the roses, (and they look very sharp, thanks to the efforts of Arie Kroeze, David Holtz, Bill and Ila Jean Reinheimer), we must move on to shape up other areas of our grounds. Keeping in mind the motto "many hands make light the work", I'd like to hear from others who'd like to participate in this maintenance/beautification project. There will be weeding, pruning (light and heavy), raking, and two-hours' worth of exciting activities associated with gardening. There will be a task list, too, so you can select the work area that best suits your own skill set. We will even entertain your suggestions as to areas YOU think need attention. But wait! There's more!! It will be a fabulous bonding experience with your fellow Emanuel Congregants, to cherish even after the liniment and Aleve wear off.

Don't be left out! Join this enthusiastic band of dedicated horticulturalists NOW, by calling Bill or Ila at (209) 545-1244, or email: [billnila@sbcglobal.net](mailto:billnila@sbcglobal.net)



**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.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 8	TUE 9	WED 10	THUR 11	FRI 12	SAT 13	SUN 14
		<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>  7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	9:30 am Adult Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED	9:00 am Violin Studio	<b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b>  9:30 am Worship Service
	12:00 pm Lectionary Study					10:45 am Confirmation Class
7:30 pm Lydia Circle @ M. Rowland's	7:00 pm Ministry Mtg.	7:00 PM Lenten Service	7:00 pm Leah Circle			

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Presiding Minister	Assistant Minister	Lectors	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Feb 14 Lent 1	Pastor Lyn Crase	Suzanne Wilke	P Cousins M Dieterich	Dave Henke	Emma Hoover	Dieterich/ Reuter	Knoll/ Nelson
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

## WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

February 14 Lent 1	February 21 Lent 2	February 28 Lent 3
Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13	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



**Thank You For Your Prayers:** (via Lois Silva) The family of Dennis Medford would like to express heartfelt thanks to ELC family for their prayers. Dennis' health is improving.

**New Prayer Requests:** Eugene Kraft—healing, comfort & peace (Kraft); Laurie Spinuzzi—health and healing; Ron Silva—healing (L. Silva); Russell Skustad—healing, health & well-being (Skustad)

**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; Elaine Ixcot; 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); Vince and family (Ixcot); Elizabeth Parchem (Nelson); Carla Thurston (Thurston); Janet Sullivan (Hollmann); Susan Young (Dieterich); Gregory & Alley Taylor (Scott); Charles Shirley (Shirley); Dan Harris (Jones); Dan & Nathan Porter (Ixcot); Azaria Marquez (Marquez)

**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); Dennis Medford (Silva); 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**

Rejoicing with all the faithful, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. (*Pause for silence.*)

God of glory, guide and empower your church's leaders to trust your promises as Moses and Elijah did. Shine the light of Christ through your church to the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of majesty, from the highest mountain to the lowest valley, your power is seen in your creation. Help us to protect and care for soil, air, water, and all the creatures you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope and freedom, give just laws; fair leaders; sufficient food, water, and shelter; and abundant peace to all nations in poverty, strife, or at war (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of wholeness, bring clarity to those in confusing times, healing to those in painful times, and peace to those in trying times. We pray especially for . . . . Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. **hear our prayer.**

God of new life, show us your will for the ministries in this place and transform us for mission and witness. 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.**

God of glory, we give thanks for all the beloved who rest in your loving arms. Keep us from losing heart and strengthen our faith in your promise of everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all of your beloved for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

# Entrance Hymn #308

## O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -  
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there  
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,  
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es  
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with  
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,  
of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though  
heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your  
and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich  
dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and  
mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For  
lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

- 5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,  
our voices gaily blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way—  
today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out!  
Jubilation!  
Exultation!  
Tell the story!  
Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!
- 6 What joy to know, when life is past,  
the Lord we love is first and last,  
the end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
transport us to that happy place  
beyond all tears and sinning!  
Amen! Amen!  
Come, Lord Jesus!  
Crown of gladness!  
We are yearning  
for the day of your returning.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai  
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## Sermon Hymn #315

### How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



- 1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
- 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
- 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
- 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
- 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

## Sending Hymn #318

### Alleluia, Song of Gladness



- 1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
- 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
- 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
- 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
al - le - lu - ia our trans - ges - sions make us for a while for - go;  
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.  
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880