



3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2015

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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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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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 14, 2015

9:30 AM

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| PRELUDE | <i>We Know That Christ Is Raised</i> | Wilbur Held |
| GATHERING SONGS | <i>Great Is the Lord</i> | Purple Book #53 |
| | <i>Lord, My Strength</i> | Purple Book #93 |
| ENTRANCE HYMN | <i>For the Fruit of All Creation</i> | Red Book #679 |

DEDICATION OF NEW BANNER

We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for your abundant gifts. By your holy wisdom all things have been made to reflect your glory, for the sustenance of life, and for the use and delight of your living creatures. Send your blessing upon us and upon this new banner given in memory of your faithful servant **Marcy Rudolf**. Give us joy in all your works, and grant that this banner may always be used according to your will and to your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean,
the bread of life coming down from above,
the power at work within us and this world.

C Amen

P Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.
(Silence for reflection) God and Father of all...

C We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

We have thought better of ourselves than others.

We have told lies, said hurtful things,

acted in ways we wish we could take back,

and looked the other way when action was needed.

**In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us,
for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.**

Amen

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; everything has become new!
In Christ, + you are a new creation:
your sins are taken away and you are made new.
Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ has forgiven you.

C Amen

GREETING

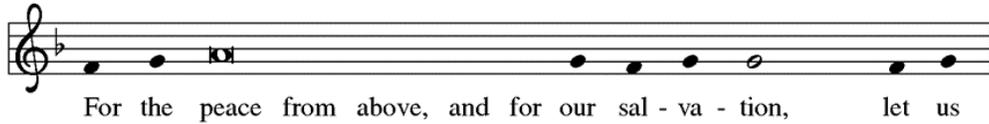
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE



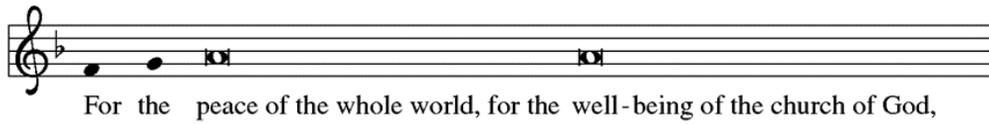
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



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



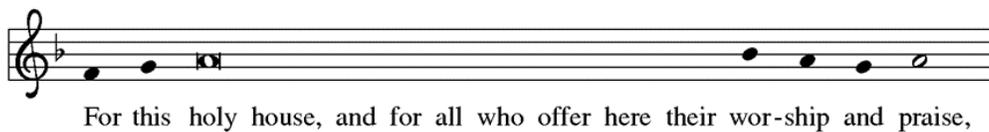
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty 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.

GLORY TO GOD

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



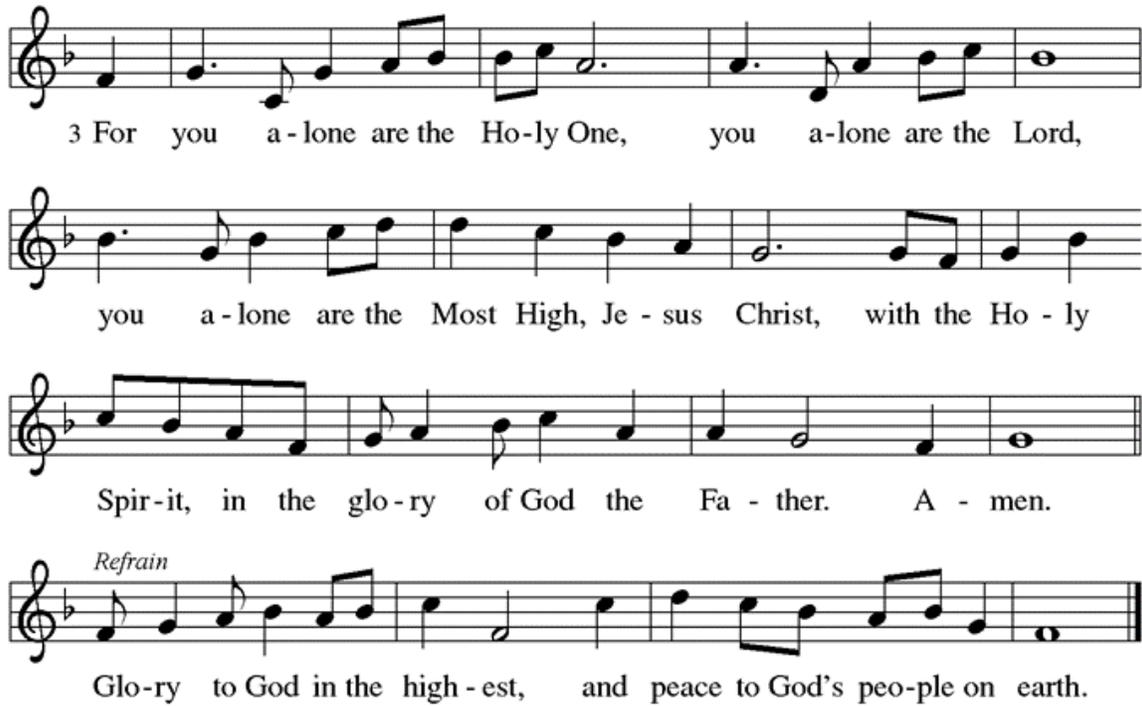
seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

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3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.
Refrain
 Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22–24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the Lord will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

- ²² Thus says the Lord GOD:
 I myself will take a sprig
 from the lofty top of a cedar;
 I will set it out.
 I will break off a tender one
 from the topmost of its young twigs;
 I myself will plant it
 on a high and lofty mountain.
- ²³ On the mountain height of Israel
 I will plant it,
 in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
 and become a noble cedar.
 Under it every kind of bird will live;
 in the shade of its branches will nest
 winged creatures of every kind.

24 All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.
I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15



1 It is a good thing to give thanks ¹ to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, ¹ O Most High;
2 **to herald your love ¹ in the morning**
and your faithful- ¹ ness at night;
3 on the psaltery, and ¹ on the lyre,
and to the melody ¹ of the harp.
4 **For you have made me glad by your ¹ acts, O LORD;**
and I shout for joy because of the works ¹ of your hands.
12 The righteous shall flourish ¹ like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a ce- ¹ dar of Lebanon.
13 **Those who are planted in the house ¹ of the LORD**
shall flourish in the courts ¹ of our God;
14 they shall still bear fruit ¹ in old age;
they shall be ¹ green and succulent;
ALL **that they may show how up- ¹ right the LORD is,**
my rock, in whom there is ¹ no injustice.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord — ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are

at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart.

¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

P The Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 4

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26–34

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰ He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Bill Ruth

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Walk by Faith

Red Book #635

APOSTLES’ CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Trusting the Spirit’s power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God’s creation.

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

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Variation on "Ar Hyd Nos"

Austin C. Lovelace

OFFERING PRAYER

A God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;

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who on this day overcame death and the grave,
 and by his glorious resur - rec - tion
 opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.
 And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
 we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en 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. 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

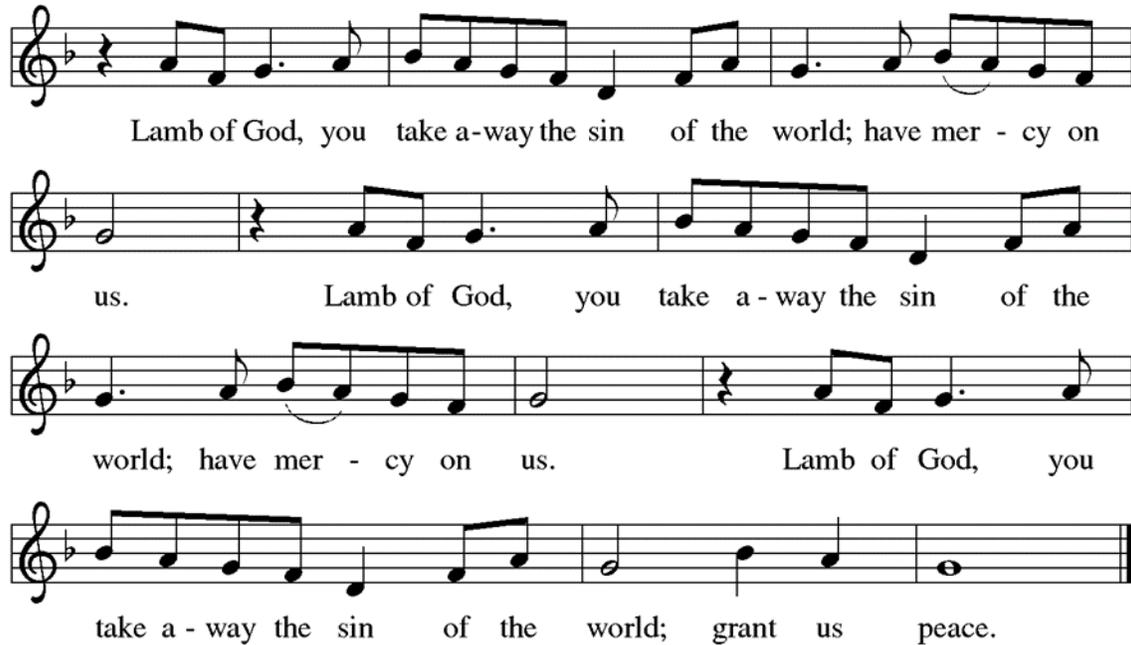
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."
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

As Rain from the Clouds
Seed That in Earth Is Dying
Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Red Book #508
Red Book #330
Red Book #547

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 Wise and generous God, we thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life. Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

BLESSING

P Almighty and merciful God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore.

C Amen

SENDING OF COMMUNION MINISTERS

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recognition of Graduates

SENDING HYMN

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Red Book #449

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Festive Gloria

Aaron David Miller

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

- Presiding Minister Pastor Bill Ruth
- Assisting Ministers.....Sergio Alvarado
- Acolyte..... Emily Cline
- Song LeaderMarilyn Rowland
- Cantor Kathleen Reuter
- Lectors David Holtz, Mary Lou Dieterich
- Communion Assistant..... Mary Lou Dieterich
- Usher/Greeter Fox Family
- Altar Care..... Debbie Van Diepen



Announcements

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

The Alpha-Omega banner is donated by Chuck and Marilyn Rowland to all the Military personnel, especially those who have given their lives so that we Americans are free to worship as we choose.

The Eucharistic banner depicting the bread and fishes is donated by Dick and Pat Norquist to the Glory of God.

The Eucharistic banner depicting the wheat and grapevine is donated by Debbie Van Diepen to the glory of God.



The altar flowers are given by Jack and Pat Smith in celebration of their 48th wedding anniversary.

Flowers are also given to the glory of God by the Castleberry family who is thankful for His blessings in their lives.



Please be sure to return to the sacristy or the church office any vases used to transport altar flowers home. Thank you!

Special Congregational Meeting

TODAY at 10:45 am (in the Sanctuary)
to consider the call of Pastor Lynette Crase

Congratulations

Graduates

Bethany Petersen Gierhan - With Honors/Cum Laude,
California Lutheran University

Stephanie Nicole McCreedy - BA International Relations,
Sacramento State University

June Parra - BA - CSU Fresno

Taylor Shaé Rios - Oakdale High School

Vanessa Wilke - James Logan High School

Peter Cline - 8th Grade



Planning continues for the summer program, **Paul's Pilgrimage**, scheduled for **June 27-28**.

Prayer Requests

Please resubmit the names of any members, family or friends who are currently in need of prayer so that the lists can be updated. Thank you.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

| MON 15 | TUE 16 | WED 17 | THUR 18 | FRI 19 | SAT 20 | SUN 21 |
|---|-----------|---|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------|--|
| | | 7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's | 9:30 am Adult Bible Study | OFFICE CLOSED | | FATHER'S DAY 9:30 am Communion Service |
| 6:00 CANA | | | | | | Holy Baptism Baby Benjamin (Holtz Family) |
| 7:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ Debbie's | | 7:00 pm Council Mtg. | | | | |

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

| Date | Presiding Minister | Assistant Minister | Lectors | Communion Assist | Acolyte | Usher Greeter | Altar Care |
|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| June 21 | Pastor Bill Ruth | Suzanne Wilke | P Kroeze D Santana | Dianne Santana | Chris Schmidt | Clarke Family | Debbie Van Diepen |
| June 28 | Pastor Bill Ruth | Barbara Crawford | P Barton L Owen | Lois Owen | Fanney Bjargardottir | Owen Family | Lois Silva |
| July 5 | Pastor Bill Ruth | Paula Barton | Z Cline K Reuter | Dave Henke | Emily Cline | Holtz/ Salonen | |

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

| June 21 Pentecost 4 | June 28 Pentecost 5 | July 5 Pentecost 6 |
|---|--|--|
| Job 38:1-11 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41 | Lamentations 3:22-33 Psalm 30 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43 | Ezekiel 2:1-5 Psalm 123 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13 |



Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests: Please continue to pray for Emanuel members, family, friends and those serving in our Armed Forces.

“Pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” —James 5:16

Our Members: Drew Shank; Ben Knoll; Lori Knoll; Susan Hayes; Carolyn Crenwelge; Bob Dailey

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

Our Family: Miriam Vejby (Sizemore); Stephen Thoresen (Hoaglund); Sharon (Owen); Elisabeth Maddox and baby Julianne (Jones); Alice Pitts (Turner); Susan Stiver Lie (Reinheimer)

*Please resubmit the names of any **family members** who are currently in need of prayer so that this list can be updated. Thank you!*

Our Friends: Priscilla Pino, Lisa Nixon (Ixcot); Tom Aja (Crawford); Dr. Roger Vogelzang and family, Bethany & Jerry Metcalf, and Elizabeth & Kevin Duggan (Reinheimer);

*Please resubmit the names of any **friends** who are currently in need of prayer so that this list can be updated. Thank you!*

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

Ryan Dangerfield, USAF in Lakenheath Air Base, England and **Joey Sabel, USMC** in Louisville, Kentucky (Marilyn & Chuck Rowland’s grandson & grandson-in-law), **Capt. Timothy Kramer** in Kansas (Megan Armes’ brother), **Ryan Powell** (grandson of Yvonne Troedson) USN, Connecticut.

JUNE 14, 2015

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. You are invited to kneel, as you are able. *(Pause for silence.)*

Gracious God, you reveal yourself in word and water, bread and wine. Show us your will as we worship and send us forth as signs of unexpected grace. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Life-giving God, the trees sing of your faithfulness. Give growth to trees and shrubs, grasses and all flowering things, so that their beauty may flourish for the sake of all your creation.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of wisdom, you provide for all peoples and nations. We pray for governments and international organizations, for all who shelter refugees and strive for peace and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of love, you know our hurts and failings. We pray for those who are homeless, unemployed, imprisoned, hungry, or ill. We pray for your healing touch on those who we name before you now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Faithful God, you prosper the work of our hands. We pray for the outreach ministries of this congregation. We trust your Spirit moving through and among us even when we do not see the fruits of our labors. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We remember in thanksgiving the saints who have gone before us. Anchor us in the triune God, confident in the abundant life you promise. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, gracious God, and those prayers known only to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Entrance Hymn #679

For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

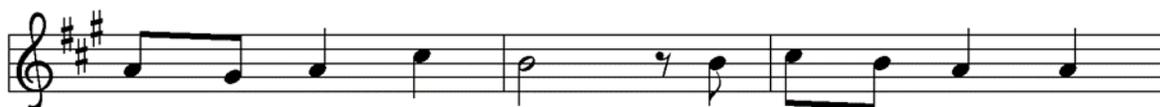
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Music: AR HYDY NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

Hymn of the Day #635

We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Sending Hymn #449

We Know That Christ Is Raised



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



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



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



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932
Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924
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