



*Ministry Focus: Fellowship*

**Day of Pentecost  
Affirmation of Baptism**

*May 15, 2016*

**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.*

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

*(Please ask an usher)*

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# DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 15, 2016

9:30 AM

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<b>PRELUDE</b>	<i>Prelude and Fugue III</i>	Felix Mendelssohn
<b>WELCOME</b>		Pastor Lyn Crase
<b>OPENING HYMN</b>	<i>O Holy Spirit, Root of Life</i>	Red Book #399

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation..

**C Amen**

**P** Let us come into the light,  
the revealing and healing light of God.

**P** God of grace and glory,

**C** **you have brought us through the night of sin  
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.**

**Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.**

**Make us alive in Christ, O God.**

**Make us new as you make all things new.**

**Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,  
renew us in grace,**

**and restore us to living in your holiness,  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen**

**P** Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!

The light of the risen Christ  
puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin,  
restores innocence to the fallen,  
casts out hate, brings peace,  
and humbles earthly pride.

Jesus Christ loves you

and ✠ frees you from your sins by his blood.

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

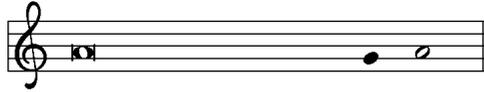
**C Amen**

## **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.



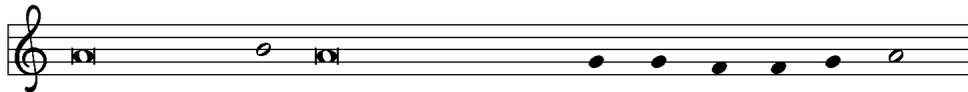
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



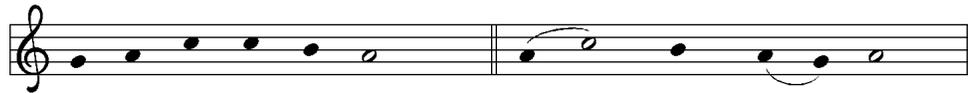
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

# THIS IS THE FEAST

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

*Refrain*



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



<sup>32</sup> You look at the earth | and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup> **I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;**  
**I will praise my God while I | have my being.**

<sup>34</sup> May these words of | mine please God.  
I will rejoice | in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup> **Bless the LORD, | O my soul.**  
**Hal- | lelujah!**

## **SECOND READING: ACTS 2:1-21**

*Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, surrounded by signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages in their midst, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>"In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then 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

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Gospel according to John, Chapter 14

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

## GOSPEL: JOHN 14:8-17 [25-27]

*Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.*

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. [

<sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”]

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)**

*Today we recognize the Fellowship Ministry*

Rue Knoll

### **CHILDREN’S TIME**

**SERMON with Faith Statement papers from Emily Cline and Alora Skustad**

**SERMON HYMN**

*Gracious Spirit, Heed our Pleading*

Red Book #401

### **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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 Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation.

**Response:** ... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

## OFFERTORY

*Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray*

Dietrich Buxtehude

## OFFERING PRAYER

A Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.  
Day by day you shower us with blessings.  
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,  
give us glad and generous hearts,  
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

## SHARING THE PEACE

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

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*Please return to your seats at the signal from the organ and remain standing after the Peace.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

A 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.

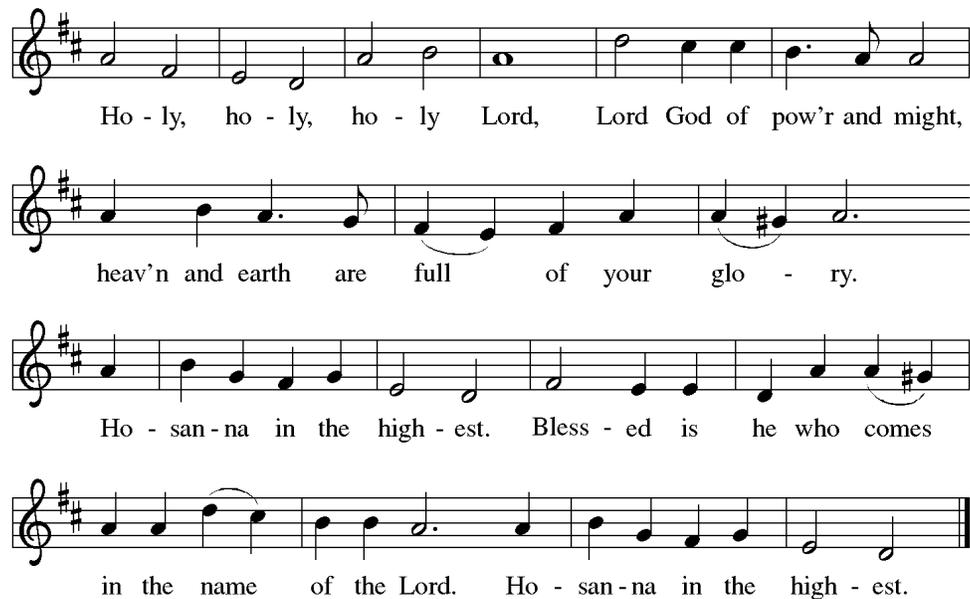
**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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.

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God ...

## 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 Remembering, therefore, his salutary command ...

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 The table of life is spread before you.

Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.

*We practice continuous communion at the altar rail. All 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

Spirit of Gentleness

Red Book #396

O Spirit of Life

Red Book #405

Come Down, O Love Divine

Red Book #804

## 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 give you thanks, O God,  
that you make your home with us,  
bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal.  
Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here,  
that we may wipe away tears,  
tend to those in mourning and pain,  
seek the healing of the nations,  
and bring to earth the presence of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

## **SENDING OF COMMUNION MINISTERS**

*Home Communion Minister(s) come(s) 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 the Lord God Almighty,  
the blessing of ☩ Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth  
be among you and remain with you always.

**C Amen**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SENDING HYMN**

*God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

Red Book #400

### **DISMISSAL**

A Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### **POSTLUDE**

*God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

Paul Manz

## THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

**Presiding Minister** ..... Pastor Lyn Crase  
**Assisting Minister** ..... David Holtz  
**Acolyte**..... Kailyn Knoll  
**Ministers of the Word** ..... Lois Owen, Mike Epting  
**Communion Assistant**..... Lois Owen  
**Home Communion Recipients** ..... Alice Hine, Alma Johnson,  
..... Keith Thurston, Florence Broden  
**Usher/Greeter** ..... Petersen/Troedson  
**Altar Care**..... Johnson/Obermeyer

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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.*



*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.*

*{ If you have taken flowers home in one of the church vases, please be sure to return it. Thank you! }*



**Choir Rehearsal** after service.

**Youth Group** meets tonight at 5:00 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. We are studying Acts of the Apostles. Won’t you join us? All are welcome!

## **On-Going Adult Education**

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! Next month’s study will be held next **Sunday, May 22.**

**2nd Sunday of each month** will be the next time of Healing Prayer during communion.

## **From the Fellowship Committee**

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the June 5th family BBQ. We're celebrating graduates and the beginning of a beautiful summer. Hot dogs & buns will be provided by the Fellowship team. Please bring a salad or dessert. Hope to see you there!

**Chamber Music Concert** at Emanuel this afternoon, May 15 at 4:00 p.m. The concert features MJC students and adults playing a variety of small ensemble works, including duets, trios, and a flute choir, most of which are accompanied by piano. Admission is free. See Barbara Vukich for additional information.

**Lydia Circle Meeting** will be held on tomorrow, May 16 at the home of Barry Schroeder.



*Anthony Pino, RN, a new member, is offering CPR training and certification as well as AED Training at a significantly reduced cost to the church.*

*There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or see Anthony if you have questions. The class is June 25th, 9:00am-12:30pm. **If there are more than 12 signing up, a second class will be offered July 9th at the same time.***

*Cost is \$45.00. \$40.00 of the cost will go towards the purchase of an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator); \$5.00 for the CPR card. Anthony is donating his time and other costs to the church as a gift to this congregation.*

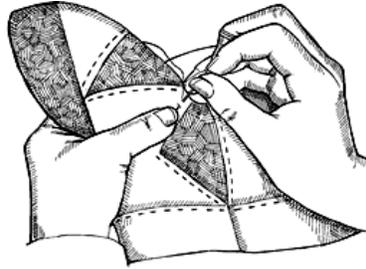


## Pentecost Liturgical Art

The red and orange fabric runners that hang above our heads in the sanctuary were first created and hung in the church for Pentecost in 2013. They are meant to symbolize the tongues of fire which appeared above the heads of the people to foretell the good news being spread to all nations. The fire symbolized the power and zeal given to those who obeyed Christ in taking the gospel to the ends of the earth.



**"Mission Quilt Project":** Thank you for the generous donations of fabric for mission quilts. We are currently making quilt top kits to get out to you to sew. We are still accepting donations of fabric, so if you have some to donate we are happy to accept it! According to Lutheran World Relief, "in addition to



being a cozy, clean new bed cover the quilts are also used as: A baby carrier, tied around a mother's back; a market display, spread on the ground and piled with vegetables; a sack for transporting goods to market; a sunshade; a shawl; most importantly a constant reminder that someone, far away, cares a lot."

Thank you, your Outreach Team



Women  
of the  
EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
IN AMERICA

**WELCA Spring Fling Luncheon** Next Saturday, May 21 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. A catered luncheon, dessert, and beverages will be served. Also included is a special Bible lesson by Pastor Lyn. TODAY is the final day to buy your ticket for \$10.00 each. Please join us for a delicious lunch and a fun Bible lesson!

### **Yosemite Camping for Girls**

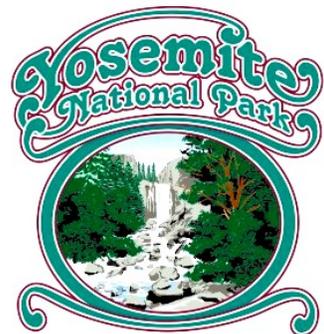
Participate in a volunteer project at Yosemite National Park—a time of service and play in a beautiful place!

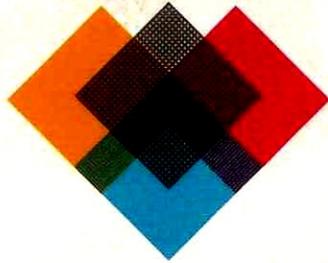
Girls 13 years and older

June 6-10

**Today is the last day to RSVP for this event**

Refer any questions and registration to Miz Ellie (neighborhood Girl Scout Leader) 209-533-0245





# PARENTING CONFERENCE

Getting to the  of Parenting

*God has chosen **YOU** as a primary instrument in the shaping of your child's soul.*

Children are a gift from the Lord.  
**Psalm 127:3**

**JULY 8**  
7:00PM-9:15PM

**JULY 9**  
9:00AM-12:15PM

*in the **BVG** Worship Center*

**\$15** registration (*\$20 July 6 or later*)  
per person

**\$10** per family for childcare  
(*space limited*)

*Getting to the Heart of Parenting* teaches principles of grace for children ages **0-5, 6-12,** and **13-18.**

Join pastor, author and international conference speaker **Paul David Tripp,** as he shares a biblical view of parenting.

**Register today!**  
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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 16	TUE 17	WED 18	THUR 19	FRI 20	SAT 21	SUN 22
		7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	9:30 am Adult Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED	11:00 am WELCA Spring Luncheon	9:30 am Worship Service  <b>BIRTHDAY BLESSING</b>
6:00 pm CANA meets in Katie's Room	12:00 pm Lectionary Study		1:30 pm Rebecca Circle @ V. Dall's			5:30 pm C.S. Lewis Study
7:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ B. Schroeder's		7:00 pm Council Mtg.				6:00 pm Downey H.S. Farewell Program

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Presiding Minister	Assistant Minister	Lectors	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
May 22 The Holy Trinity	Pastor Lyn Crase	Mike Epting	P Barton S Hall	Paula Barton	Alora Skustad	Owen Family	Johnson/ Obermeyer
May 29 Pentecost 2	Pastor Lyn Crase		<b>YOUTH</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>			Lois Silva
June 5 Pentecost 3	Pastor Lyn Crase	Kathleen Reuter	Mike Epting	Zach Cline		Emma Hoover	Lois Silva

## WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

May 22 The Holy Trinity	May 29 Pentecost 2	June 5 Pentecost 3
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15	1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43 Psalm 96:1-9 Galatians 1:1-12 Luke 7:1-10	1 Kings 17:17-24 Psalm 30 Galatians 1:11-24 Luke 7:11-17



***We would like to update the Prayer Requests. Please be sure to let us know who should remain on the list and who can be removed.***

*Thank you!*

**New Prayer Requests:** Chad Vander Veen—military forces (T. Rios); Robin Peterson (Lois Silva’s niece)—healing and recovery from surgery. Comfort and peace for Lois Owen and family for the loss of Lois’ sister, Sharon. Please keep them in your prayers.

**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; Yvonne Troedson; Virginia Dall; Keith Thurston

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

**Our Family:** Betty Hopkins (Wilke); Joyce & Manuel Dillard (Scott); Laurie Spinuzzi (Silva); Cindy Johnson

**Our Friends:** Adrienne (Nelson); Mark, Matthew & Amanda (Scott)

**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**

Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation. *(Pause for silence.)*

O God, move among your people and send forth your Spirit to make your church a holy place where people find welcome, Christ's compassion, and new life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Send forth your Spirit to renew the earth in the wake of storms, earthquakes, or human misuse. Breathe life into every mountain and valley, stream and ocean *(especially)*. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Send forth your Spirit to unite all nations in caring for those who are vulnerable or in need. Help us to put aside our differences and to seek your will. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Send forth your Spirit to aid people in distress *(especially)*. Sweep them up in the movement of your Spirit, and fulfill your everlasting promises for all. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Send forth your Spirit to knock down barriers that prevent people from receiving your good news. Guide interpreters and cultural ambassadors who open lines of communication. 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.)* Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Send forth your Spirit to unite us with the saints of every time and place. By the gifts of your Spirit, rouse us to deeds of mercy and words of kindness. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in the work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into the risen life of Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

ENTRANCE HYMN #399

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -  
2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you  
3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -



a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -  
free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to  
com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -



wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.  
wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.  
cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Hildegard of Bingen, 1098–1179

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

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SERMON HYMN #401

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading



*Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.*  
 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.  
 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.  
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



*Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.*  
 It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.  
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.  
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain



*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

- 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,  
nor rootless liberty;  
turn disquiet to contentment,  
doubt into certainty. *Refrain*
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness,  
unswayed by earth's allure.  
Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
which you alone assure. *Refrain*

Text: Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922  
 Music: NJOOKWETU, ROHO MWEMA, Wilson Niwagila  
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# SENDING HYMN #400

## God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -  
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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