



Ministry Focus: Worship & Social Ministry

Ascension of Our Lord

May 8, 2016

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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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ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

MAY 8, 2016

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Sonate

J. A. van Eyken

WELCOME

Happy Mother's Day!

Pastor Lyn Crase

OPENING HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Red Book #392

CONFSSION 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!

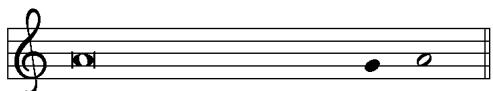
C Amen

GREETING

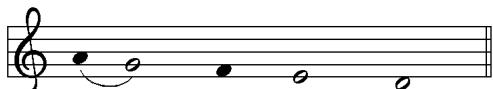
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



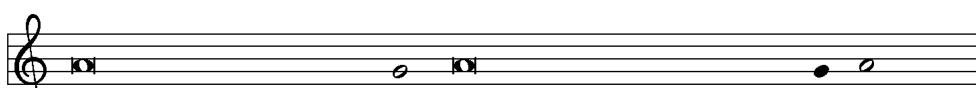
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



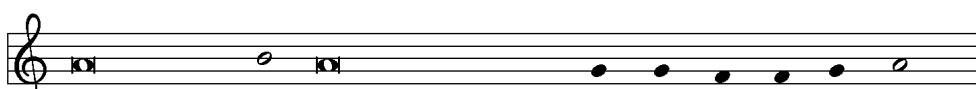
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray together....
- C Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 47



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- ¹ Clap your hands, | all you peoples;
shout to God with a | joyful sound.
- ² **For the LORD Most High is | to be feared:**
a great king over | all the earth,
- ³ who subdues the | peoples under us,
and the nations un- | der our feet;
- ⁴ **who chooses our inheri- | tance for us,**
the pride of Jacob, | whom God loves.
- ⁵ God has gone up | with a shout,
the LORD with the sound | of the ram's horn.
- ⁶ **Sing praises to | God, sing praises;**
sing praises to our | king, sing praises.
- ⁷ For God is king of | all the earth;
sing praises | with a song.
- ⁸ **God reigns o- | ver the nations;**
God is en- | throned on high.

ALL: ⁹ The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the | God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- | ly exalted.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:15-23

The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we would be given the wisdom to comprehend this and display it through love toward others.

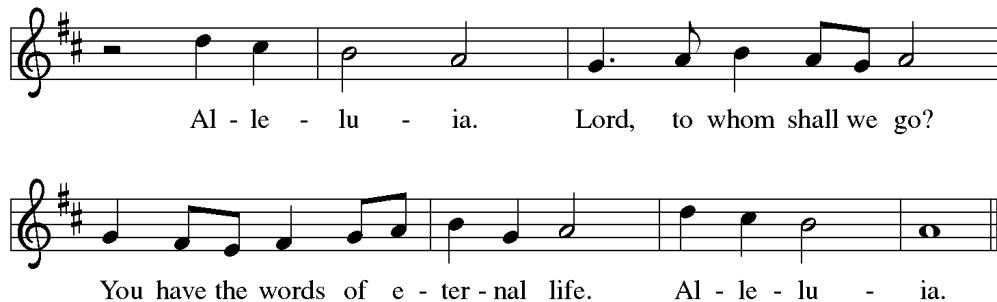
¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name

that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major, common time, with a treble clef. The first staff shows the beginning of the Alleluia: "Al - le - lu - ia." The second staff continues the melody and includes the text "Lord, to whom shall we go?" followed by another Alleluia phrase: "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: LUKE 24:44-53

On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy;⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

CHILDREN'S TIME

Today we recognize the ministries of Worship and Social Media.

SERMON with remarks from Dianne Santana and Mike Epting

Pastor Lyn Crase

SERMON HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

Red Book #393

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 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

Tranquillo

Tomaso Albinoni

Barry Schroeder, Flute

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.

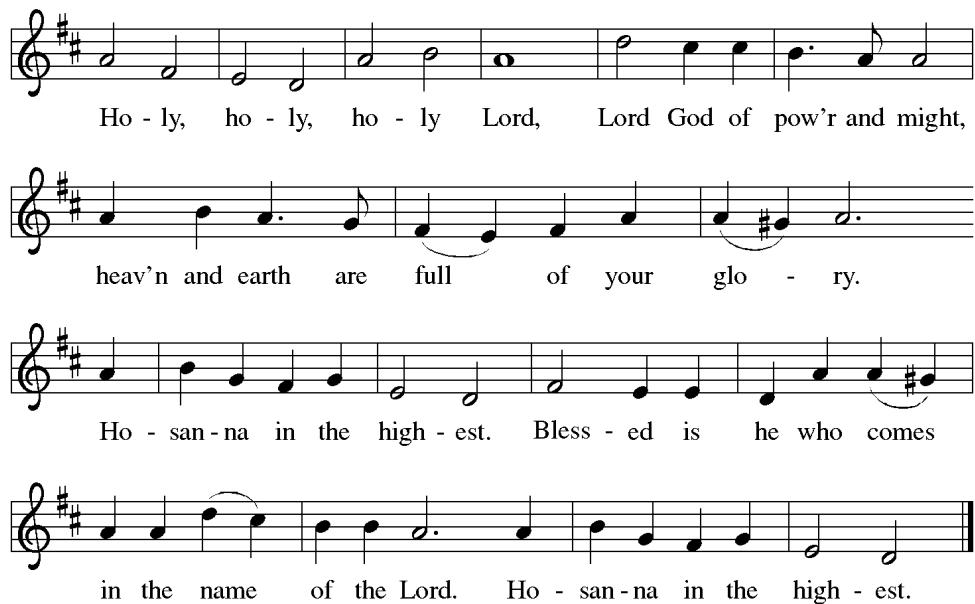
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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.

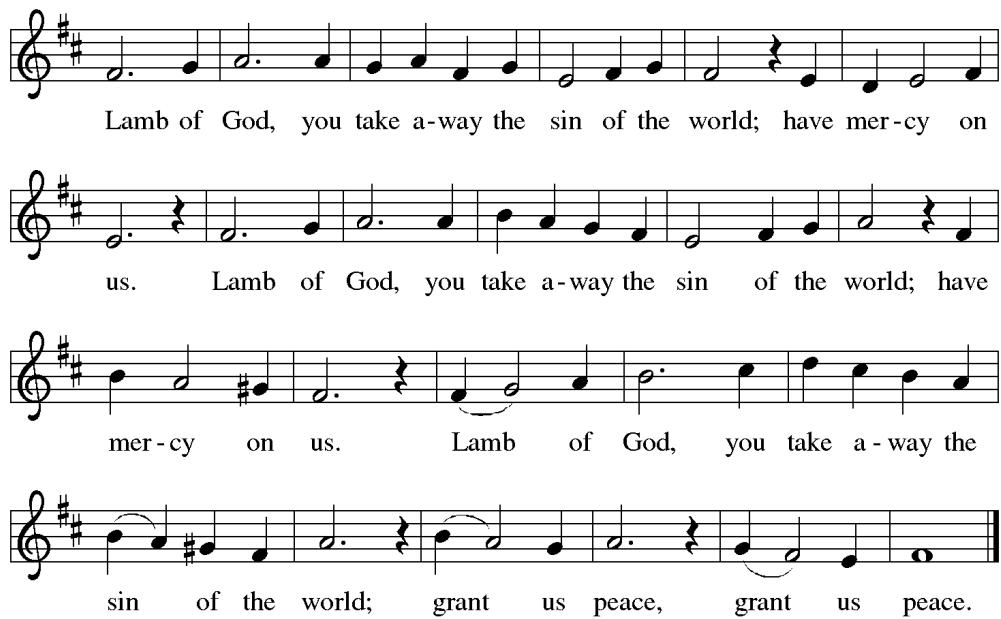
Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.

We practice continuous communion at the altar rail. All are welcome.

HEALING PRAYER

Healing prayer and anointing are available during communion at the side kneeler.

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

Beautiful Savior
My Lord of Light
O Christ, Our Hope

Red Book #838
Red Book #832
Red Book #604

COMMUNION BLESSING

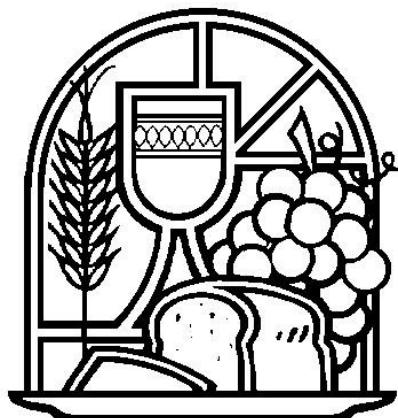
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

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 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Red Book #855
ALL: v. 1, 3, 5; **Pulpit Side:** v. 2; **Lectern Side:** v. 4

DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *Grand Chœur* Theodore Dubois

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister Pastor Lyn Crase
Assisting Minister Barbara Crawford
Acolyte Chris Schmidt
Ministers of the Word Lois Owen, Bill Reinheimer
Communion Assistant Dave Henke
Home Communion Recipient Shelda Fritts
Usher/Greeter Marquez Family
Altar Care Johnson/Obermeyer

Announcements

*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 were given to the glory of God by
Dick & Pat Norquist.



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

Choir Rehearsal after service.

The Rite of Confirmation will be May 15. Join us in celebrating this milestone with two young women of Emanuel

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 **Sunday, May 22.**

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

From the Fellowship Committee

Mark your calendar for June 5 and join us for a potluck/BBQ following our church service. More to follow....we do need 2 volunteers with grills. Please see Rue Knoll or Susan Hall.

Chamber Music Concert at Emanuel on Sunday, 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.

Wedding Announcement

Arie and Paula Kroeze are pleased to announce the wedding of their son, Rev. William Kroeze to Steven Tompkins on May 14, 2016 at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, New York, NY.

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

Lena Shirley, new member, needs a ride to the airport in Sacramento on May 23 and a ride back to Modesto on June 6. She will reimburse a driver for gas. If you are able to help with one or both of these requests, please call Lena at 209-345-1983.

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.

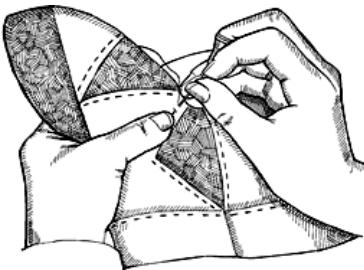
There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or see Anthony if you have questions. The class is June 25th, 9:00am -12:30pm. If there are more than 12 signing up, a second class will be offered July 9th at the same time.

Cost is \$45.00. \$40.00 of the cost will goes 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.



Regarded as Gustav Mahler's masterpiece, Resurrection Symphony will be performed by the Modesto Symphony Orchestra beginning at 8 pm both Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14. Intense and passionate, Resurrection explores uplifting themes of the afterlife and covers the full depth of human emotion. This is MSO's most ambitious production in its 85-year history, with the full MSO Chorus and CSUS Chorale/Chamber Singers sharing the stage with the symphony throughout the concert. A show of this scale will NOT be seen in Modesto for a generation. For tickets or more information, please call the Gallo Center for the Arts Box Office at 209.338.2100 or visit www.modestosymphony.org

"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



WELCA Spring Fling Luncheon 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. Tickets are on sale now through May 15 for \$10.00 each. Please join us for a delicious lunch and a fun Bible lesson!

Yosemite Camping for Girls

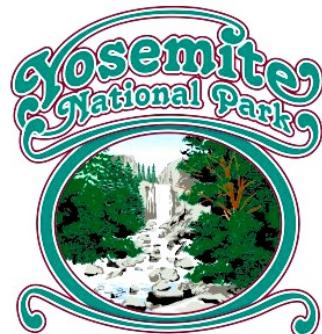
Participate in a volunteer project at Yosemite National Park—a time of service and play in a beautiful place!

Girls 13 years and older

June 6-10

RSVP by May 15

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



WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 9	TUE 10	WED 11	THUR 12	FRI 13	SAT 14	SUN 15
		7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	9:30 am Adult Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED		PENTECOST 9:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Rite of Conformation
	12:00 pm Lectionary Study					10:45 Confirmation Class
7:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ B. Schroeder's		7:00 pm Ministry Mtg.				3:00 pm MJC Chamber Music Concert 5:00 pm Emanuel Youth Group

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Presiding Minister	Assistant Minister	Lectors	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
May 15 Pentecost	Pastor Lyn Crase	David Holtz	L Owen M Epting	Lois Owen	Kailyn Knoll	Petersen/ Troedsen	Johnson/ Obermeyer
May 22 The Holy Trinity	Pastor Lyn Crase	Kathleen Reuter	P Barton S McCready	Susan McCready	Alora Skustad	Owen Family	Johnson/ Obermeyer
May 29 Pentecost 2	Pastor Lyn Crase						Lois Silva

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

May 15 Pentecost	May 22 The Holy Trinity	May 29 Pentecost 2
Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17 [25-27]	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

PRAYER Requests

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!

Answered Prayers: Nancy Jones thanks Emanuel family for your prayers and shares that, "Dan Harris is recovering from his leg amputation. Juliana, baby (Maddox) Costa will be one year old in May."

New Prayer Requests: Cindy Johnson (Karryn Salonen's sister)—fast recovery from back surgery and radiation treatment

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: Sharon (Owen); Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer); Ian & Marian McKenzie (Schmidt); Marsha Schlipman (Nelson); Cameron Brown (Tina La Vornia); Keegan Lyons (Turner); Joy Morgan (Scott); Joyce Morgan (Scott); Dona Molet (Dieterich); Sabrina Hill (ELDC); Janet Sullivan (Hollmann); Gregory & Alley Taylor (Scott); Charles Shirley (Shirley); Dan Harris (Jones); Dan, Vince & their families (Ixcot); Azaria Marquez (Marquez) Debra Skustad (Skustad) Alyssa (Nelson); Betty Hopkins (Wilke); Joyce & Manuel Dillard (Scott); Laurie Spinuzzi (Silva)

Our Friends: Tom Aja (Crawford); Dr. Roger Vogelzang and family, Bethany Metcalf & family (Reinheimer); Jennifer Turner, Pam & Tom (Dieterich); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Emmet Pletschette (Smith); Priscilla Pino, Don Rousseau (Ixcot); Felicia & Kendra (Barton); Kathy Nicholas (Skustad); Jerry Larson (Clarke); 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.*)

Holy and ever-present God, your messengers promised the apostles that Jesus would come again. Reveal his presence to us each day while we await his coming in fullness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

As you did for Noah and his family and for the Israelites crossing into freedom, make a way through raging waters for those in the path of floods or storms. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Sustain the leaders of every nation with your righteousness and abundant mercy. Humble those who seek to use power for gain, and foster work among leaders for the well-being of all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Come swiftly with compassion and healing to all who suffer in any way (*especially*). Comfort those for whom death draws near, and bring peace to all who struggle. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Breathe your Holy Spirit throughout all expressions of Christ's church, in order to move us toward greater visible unity. Teach us to welcome, pray for, and learn from one another. 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.

Gather all the witnesses of your saving work from every time and every place. Join our voices in proclamation and praise of the good things you have done for all people. 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 #392

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

SERMON HYMN #393

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!



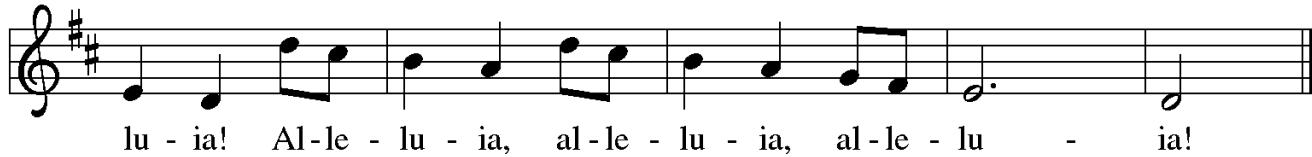
1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the
5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - l'wers
sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they
sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.
say, "this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."
run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - ia!

Text: Bede, 673–735; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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SENDING HYMN #855

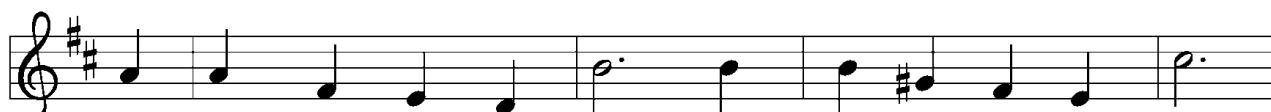
Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893