

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2014

WELCA Thankoffering Sunday

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

324 College Avenue, Modesto, California 95350

(209) 523-4531 www.emanuellutheran.org

Welcome to Emanuel

Communion Service 9:30 a.m..... Page 3
Announcements and Prayer Concerns Page 17

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)

Children/Youth & Family:

Council member – Mary Murray

Spiritual Life:

Council member – Lois Owen

Worship:

Council member – Suzanne Wilke

Outreach:

Council members – David Holtz and Karl Williams

Resource:

Bob Reuter, Treasurer

Council members – Tom Hardin and Brian Skustad

Fellowship:

Council member – Rue Knoll

Technology/Communications:

Council member – Mike Epting

Volunteer Coordinator:

Council member – Debbie Van Diepen

Endowment Team

Bob Reuter, Chairman

Team members: Pat Norquist, Rob Shank, Bill Reinheimer

Staff

Presiding Minister

Pastor Lee Heim

Organist & Choir Director

Barbara Vukich

Day Care Director

Laura Marquez

Bookkeeper

Robin Swearingen

Secretary

Paula Braxton

Council Officers

President

Suzanne Wilke

Vice President

David Holtz

Treasurer

Bob Reuter

Secretary

Debbie Van Diepen

23ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 16, 2014

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Variations on a Ground

Alfred V. Fedak

WELCOME

GATHERING SONGS

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Red Book #817

You Are Holy

Red Book #525

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Please rise.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(A brief silence for reflection.)* Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

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. 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

(See next page for the Kyrie)

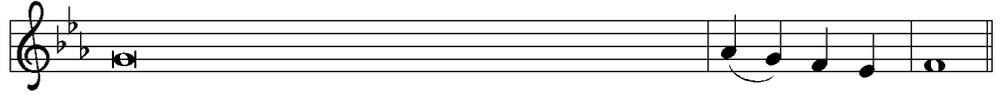
Kyrie, Setting 1



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



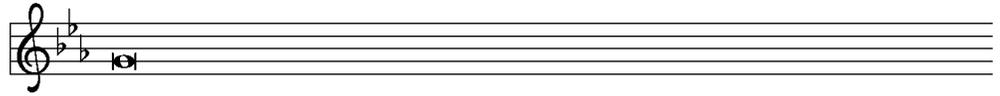
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



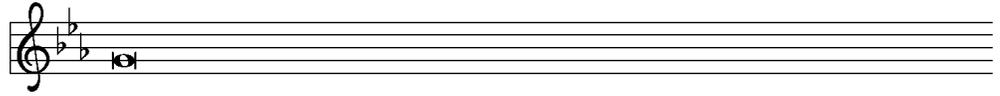
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

P Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Bible page 859-860

L A reading from Zephaniah.

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the Lord as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the Lord.

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."

¹³Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,

near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,

¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)



Psalm tone reproduced from *Psalter for Worship Year C* © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.
May be reproduced by permission for local use only.

¹Lord, you have ¹ been our refuge
from one generation ¹ to another.

²**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the ¹ earth were born,
from age to age ¹ you are God.**

³You turn us back to the ¹ dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- ¹ ren of earth."

⁴**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when ¹ it is past
and like a watch ¹ in the night;**

⁵you sweep them away ¹ like a dream,
they fade away suddenly ¹ like the grass:

⁶**in the morning it is ¹ green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried ¹ up and withered.**

⁷For we are consumed ¹ by your anger;
we are afraid because ¹ of your wrath.

⁸**Our iniquities you have ¹ set before you,
and our secret sins in the light ¹ of your countenance.**

⁹When you are angry, all our ¹ days are gone;
we bring our years to an end ¹ like a sigh.

¹⁰**The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength ¹ even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and ¹ we are gone.**

¹¹Who regards the power ¹ of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your ¹ indignation?

**ALL: ¹²So teach us to num- ¹ ber our days
that we may apply our ¹ hearts to wisdom.**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Bible page 1077

L A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and

security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P Please stand for the 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.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

Bible page 904

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 25.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

¹⁴For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to

APOSTLE'S CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith in 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 A Remembering the saints who have gone before us and giving thanks for God's blessings, we pray for the church, all in need, and God's good creation. You are invited to kneel.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church, that it continues to sow seeds of mercy, love, forgiveness, and joy, even as it anticipates your coming again to bring restoration to the new heaven and earth. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for all creation, for the wonder of climate and tide, of mountains, valleys, rivers, and oceans, that we become better stewards of this bounty. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for all nations, their leaders and governments, that they replace power, pride, greed, and enmity with justice, mercy, reconciliation, and peacemaking. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for the lonely, the disheartened, those who suffer from debilitating illness, those who cannot speak for themselves, and those in any need. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for our congregation's leaders, that they continue to encourage us and send us out in peace and love to follow your call. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A We give thanks for all the saints, for their faithfulness and perseverance in following you, whose examples will bring us closer to you. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Receive our prayers and hopes, Good Shepherd, and bring us safely into all joy and peace, through Christ our Lord.

C Amen

SHARING THE PEACE

P Please rise.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Please be seated as we collect the offering.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

If Thou Art Near

J. S. Bach

Barry Schroeder, Flute

OFFERING

WELCA THANKOFFERING

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Red Book #538



Women of the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
Thankofferings will be used by Women of the ELCA for the total outreach of the women's organization.

OFFERTORY 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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor Lee Heim

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

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 the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
 You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

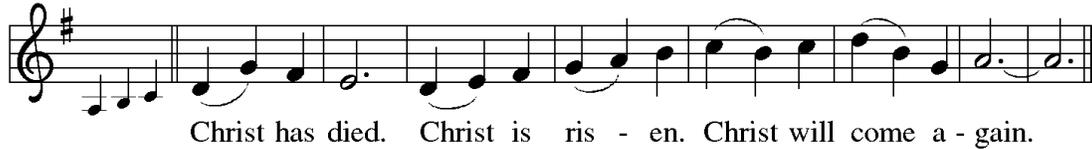
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
 so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
 but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
 to fulfill for us your holy will
 and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

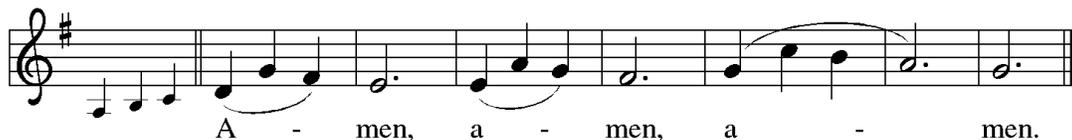
Again, after supper, he **took the cup**, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C **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

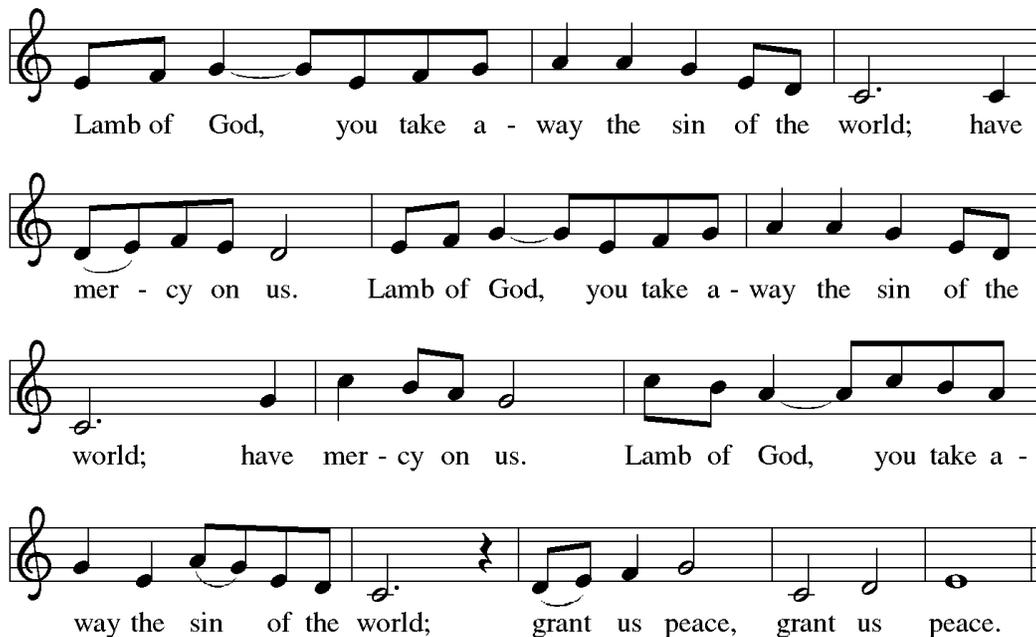
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The reign of God is at hand. Come, taste the joy prepared for you.

Please be seated.

We will practice continuous communion at the altar rail. All baptized Christians are welcome to commune.

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

*Oh Happy Day When We Shall Stand
For the Fruit of all Creation*

Red Book #441

Red Book #679

COMMUNION BLESSING

P Please rise.

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

C Amen

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister.....Pastor Lee Heim
Assisting Minister..... Paula Barton
Lectors Dianne Santana, Susan McCready
Acolyte..... Kailyn Knoll
Communion Assistant..... Susan McCready
Usher/Greeter Kraft/Knoll Team
Altar TeamKathy Obermeyer



Announcements

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
by Lois Owen.



CALLING OF PASTOR:

The Congregational Meeting held last Sunday, November 9 voted that Cary Bass-Deschenes not be called as Emanuel's pastor. The Call Committee will officially contact the Bishop to request another slate of candidates.



Animate: Faith

Our adult "Sunday School" meets each Sunday **at 8:30 am.**

Animate: Faith is an imaginative exploration of Christianity's big questions. Won't you join us?

From the Outreach Ministry:

We collect non-perishable food items each Sunday in November for the Modesto Gospel Mission. Items can be placed on the designated tables in the Narthex and will be delivered on November 23rd.

Chuck and Marilyn Rowland have often volunteered at the Mission and can tell you about their work serving dinners there. Help is always needed with the many good programs offered by the mission.



All singers are welcome for the 7th Annual Sing-along "Messiah"

Dr. Ginger Covert Colla, conducting

When: Sunday, November 23, 2014 from 4-6 pm

Where: Trinity United Presbyterian Church, 1600 Carver Road, Modesto

Information: (209) 765 6388

Free admission (freewill donation)

Scores available to borrow

NEW Office Hours beginning 11/17/14

8 am—12 pm Monday through Thursday



Saturday, November 29 at 10:00 am

WELCA Holiday Cookie Exchange
and Christmas Church Decorating

Sunday, November 30 at 10:30 am

WELCA Bake Sale



WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
		7 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	9:30 am Adult Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED		9:30 am Communion Service
	6:30 pm PFLAG Social Evening					10:45 Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ S. Wilkie's	7:30 pm Confirmation Class	7 pm Ministry Mtg.	7 pm Rebecca Circle @ M. Dieterich's			

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Presiding Minister	Assistant Minister	Lectors	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Nov 23	Dianne Finnecey	Marilyn Rowland	S Wilke M Epting	Bob Dailey	Emily Cline	Petersen Family	Lois Silva
Nov 30	Pastor Lee Heim	Kathleen Reuter	B Reinheimer S McCready	Chris Schmidt		Fox Family	Lois Silva

Weekly Bible Readings	
November 23 Christ the King	November 30 Advent 1
Ezekiel 34:11-16 Psalm 95:1-7a Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46	Isaiah 65:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37



Prayer Requests



New Prayer Requests:

May the LORD richly bless and keep Emanuel members, family and friends; make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; surround you with his perfect love; lift up his holy countenance upon you, and give you his everlasting peace, today and always.

Our Members: Drew Shank; Ben Knoll; Lori Knoll; Susan Hayes; Dianne Santana; Carolyn Crenwelge; Bob Dailey; Roland Loeffler; Marilyn Rowland

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

Our Family: Angela (Dieterich); Sharon & Harold (Owen); Meghan Ewald (Smith); Torrie & Nathan (Teaney); Marsha Schlipman (Nelson); Geraldine Walton (Hollmann); Ian McKenzie and Marian McKenzie (Schmidt); Steve Jeske (B. Norquist); Don Harlow (Virginia Dall's son-in-law); Carlene Russell (sister to Yvonne Troedson); Trevor Jeske (Steve's son) (B. Norquist); Heide Brockmann (Petersen); Harry Belletto (Ixcot); Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer); Allen Frisby (Turner); Claudette Gaydon (Lori Skustad's aunt); Rusty Skustad (Skustad)

Our Friends: Dawn, Keith and Ed (Dieterich); Doyle Williams, Gene Loftis (Teaney); Nancy (Owen); Donna (Waggoner); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Teri Scott; Melissa Gates (D. Norquist); Alice Cumbie (D. Norquist)

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

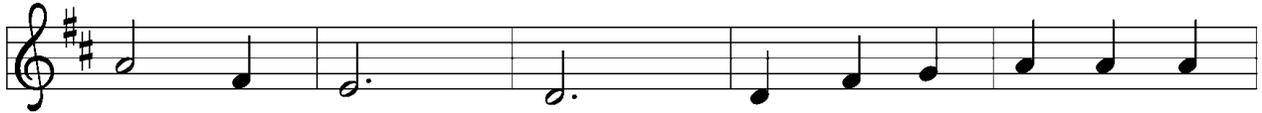


Ryan Dangerfield, USAF in Lakenheath Air Base, England and **Joey Sabel, USMC** in Louisville, Kentucky (Marilyn & Chuck Rowland's grandson & grandson-in-law), **Timothy Kramer** in Afghanistan (Megan Armes' brother), **Ryan Powell** (grandson of Yvonne Troedson) USN, Connecticut.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson
Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.