



22nd Sunday After Pentecost

Care of Our Time

October 16, 2016

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Welcome to Emanuel

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WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please help us to know you by filling out a worship attendance form (located in your bulletin) and placing it in the offering plate.

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(Please ask an usher)

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 16, 2016

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Bristol Suite

Peter Hurford

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

WELCOME

Pastor Lyn Crase

TEMPLE TALK

Kathleen Reuter

OPENING HYMN

O Word of God Incarnate

ELW #514

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the only Sovereign, who dwells in light;
Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners;
the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of overflowing grace,

C we come to you with repentant hearts.

Forgive us for shallow thankfulness.

Forgive us for passing by the ones in need.

Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures.

Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness.

Bring us home from the wilderness of sin,

and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

P There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents.

By the grace of God in ✝ Christ Jesus,

who gave himself up for us all,

your sins are forgiven and you are made free.

Rejoice with the angels and with one another!

We are home in God's mercy, now and forever.

C Amen

GREETING

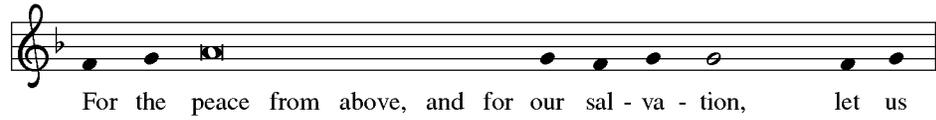
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

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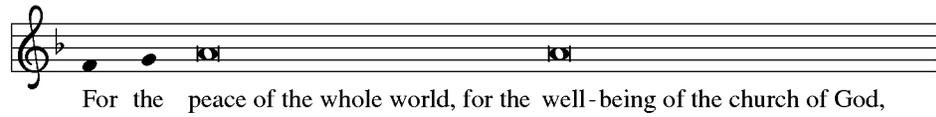
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



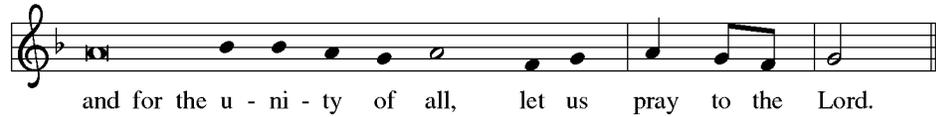
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



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



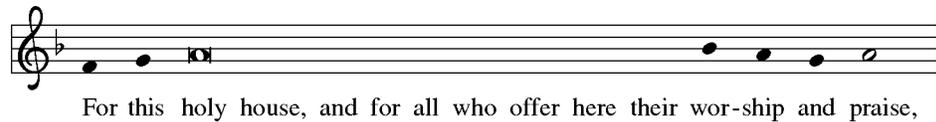
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



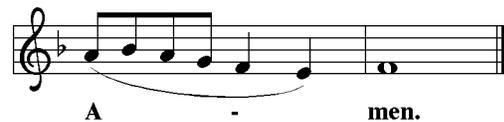
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

GLORIA



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.



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.



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



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.



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

⁵ the LORD watches | over you;
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;

⁶ **the sun will not strike | you by day,
nor the | moon by night.**

⁷ The LORD will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.

**ALL: ⁸ The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 3:14--4:5

Paul continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

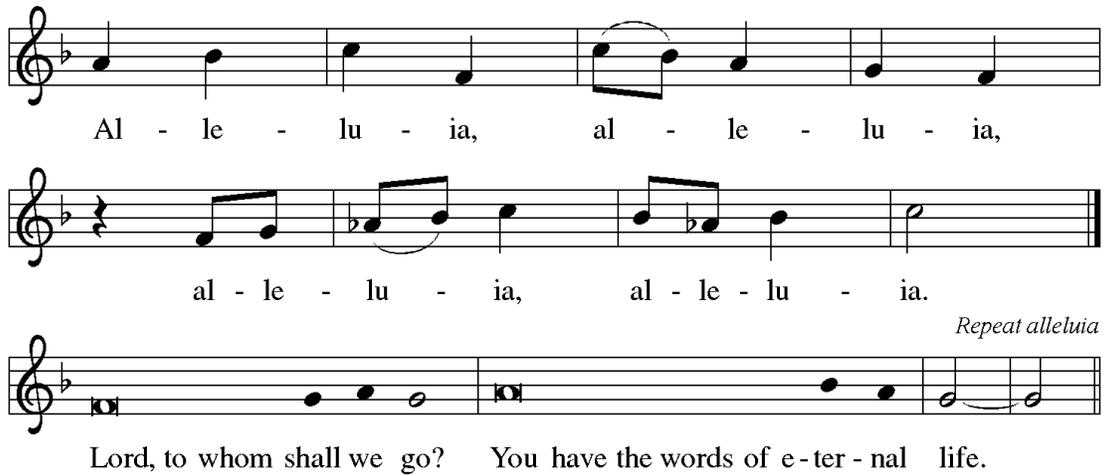
¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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 Luke Chapter 18

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

GOSPEL: LUKE 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of a hateful judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Lyn Crase

SERMON HYMN

Day by Day

ELW #790

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 Set free by the truth of God's gracious love, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's good 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

Sonatina
Piano Duet

C. M. von Weber

OFFERING PRAYER

A Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills
were gathered together to become one bread,
so let your church be gathered together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C Amen

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, 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 Take hold of the life that really is life.
Come, take your place at the table.

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

ELW #742

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

ELW #751

Here Is Bread

ELW #483

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 come again to you, O God,
giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy
you have embraced us and healed us,
making us one in the body of Christ.
Go with us on our way.
Equip us for every good work,
that we may continue to give you thanks
by embracing others with mercy and healing;
through 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 God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

C Amen

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

P Let us pray:

C God of all creation, we offer you grateful praise for the Gift of Life, and especially the gift of the lives of our sisters and brothers who stand before us this day and who recall this month the day of their birth. They rejoice in your gifts of life and love, family and friends.

Bless them with your presence and surround them with your love that they may enjoy many happy years, all of them pleasing to you. We ask this grace and blessing for each one of them through Christ our Lord. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Jesus, Still Lead On

ELW #624

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune

C. S. Lange

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister Pastor Lyn Crase
Assisting Minister Barbara Crawford
Acolyte..... Alora Skustad
Ministers of the Word Paula Barton, David Holtz
Cantor David Holtz
Communion Assistants Lori Skustad
Usher/Greeter Shank/ Skustad
Altar Care..... Waggoner/Castleberry

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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 are given to the glory of God by Bill and Carol Fox.



Choir Rehearsal after the service at about 11:00.

If you are bringing treats on Sunday, please be prepared to make coffee also. The coffee pot is large so if you anticipate having trouble lifting it, be sure to notify Tom Hardin in advance and someone from the Men’s Bible Study will help you. Thanks!

Text Study meets Tuesdays at noon in Katie’s Room. All are welcome. Bring your sack lunch if you’d like.

Thursday Morning Bible Study Bible study on the Minor Prophets. First Thursdays only, meets at Casa de Modesto with our members who are residents there. Regularly meets in Katie’s Room. Everyone is welcome!

On-Going Adult Education Sunday evenings twice a month from 5:30—7:00 pm (will meet in Katie’s room). “The Abrahamic Traditions, Honoring Our Neighbor’s Faith.” Guest speaker at the next class will be Bob Whitt. Mr. Whitt teaches “Great Courses” and will present information on the Abrahamic Faiths. Next class meets 10/23.

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

Confirmation Classes 11:00 am - 12:30 pm, meeting in the Narthex.

NEW Adult Class meets every 3rd Sunday at 3:00 pm—“Biblical Art Journaling.” See Megan Armes for more information. Meets *TODAY*.

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God’s hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. If you would like to help, please visit the Lutheran Disaster Response website to make a donation:

www.elca.org/disaster

Lifeline Screening will again be offered at Emanuel on December 1. Watch for more details and a sign-up sheet, Emanuel members receive a 10% discount on all screening tests with advance registration.

Emanuel's "Story Corps"

In 2003 **Story Corps** (storycorps.org) was launched in NYC and quickly spread across the country in an effort to build an oral portrait of America and Americans. Audio recordings are stored in the Library of Congress for anyone to use. Their stated objective is, "... to remind one another of our shared humanity, to strengthen and build the connections between people, to teach the value of listening, and to weave into the fabric of our culture the understanding that everyone's story matters. At the same time, we are creating an invaluable archive for future generations."

With the support of our own Social Media Ministry Team, Emanuel is developing a compilation of members' 10-minute oral reflection on their faith journey through life, including what it means to you to be Lutheran. Recordings will be stored and accessible on the ELC website (emanuellutheran.org). We would like every member to be a part of this valuable collection. These conversations could take place at Emanuel, or in your or my home, or in a coffee shop – your choice. You may be asked in the near future to participate or you may sign up in the Narthex.

Advent is coming ...

Our crane mobile has migrated from the sanctuary and into storage along with the red and orange Pentecost fabric runners. The space is soon to be filled with the advent and excitement of Christmas. Plans are being created to suspend a large number of Christmas ornaments high, just below the beams, to build on the anticipation and joy of this wonderful season.

Would you like to be part of this display? If so, you may contribute an ornament for inclusion by placing it in the collection box in the Narthex. There will be a general color theme of red and gold but really, any color ornament is okay – but it must be a round "ball type" ornament (no novelty ornaments please). You might want to write on the ornament or insert a prayer into it. Contact David Holtz with questions (578-0926).

If you have an old unused pair of prescription glasses and don't know what to do with them, bring them to church with you and place them in the labeled box in the Narthex. The glasses will be given to an optometrist who will repurpose them through the Lion's Club. Any questions, please see Susan Hall.

SPSYC Junior High Retreat at Mt. Cross Camp—November 11-13

This retreat is for kids in grades 6-8. Friday at 7 pm—Sunday at 12 pm

Cost: \$140.00 per person. On October 18, 2016 the cost per person goes up to \$175.00

Scholarships are available. Talk to Pr. Lyn for more information.

[TODAY]

Back to Youth Group Night!

4:30 –6:00 pm (Meet back at the church for dinner)

Laser Quest Modesto

2100 Standiford Ave. Ste. D2, Modesto, CA 95350

Bring your friends! See you there!!

Cost is: \$7.50 per person





Family Promise guests return to Emanuel the week of October 16-22. Your participation is essential in supporting these families who are working to establish more permanent housing and get their lives back on track. Please keep the program in prayer as Emanuel members sign up to bring a meal, host an evening @ Emanuel, spend the night or supply funds for supplies. The volunteer sign-up board is in the narthex and contributions may be placed in the offering plate. Direct questions to David Holtz (davidholtz@sbcglobal.net or 578-0926)



There is a date change for the Harvest WELCA Luncheon-Bible Study. The theme will be Autumn Leaves Luncheon. As previously announced, the original date was October 8, however, due to several people having commitments on that date, the steering committee has **rescheduled for November 5, beginning at 11am**. This will be a potluck luncheon with food provided by the WELCA circles. There is no charge for the luncheon, but there will be a sign up sheet so we know how many tables to set up. Pastor Lyn will provide a bible study titled, "Women and Their Traditions: The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly." The luncheon will follow. Please save the date and join us in Luther Hall for a fun event.

~Jeanne Hardin, WELCA President



**Stop by Emanuel Lutheran Day Care's Pumpkin Patch
and pick up a pumpkin (or two)**

**Support the Day Care and have a family fun day!
Prices range from \$2-\$10 each.**

**Treats, face painting and photo booth
*See you there!!***

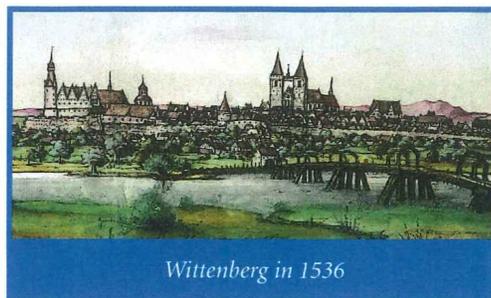
ABOUT THE LUTHERANS

Martin Luther: Monk to Reformer

We live in an era when fame is highly desired. Whether it's getting hits on social media, getting invited to desirable gatherings, or making it big in Hollywood or Nashville, people want to be known, to be memorable—often for the wrong reasons. It's noteworthy, then, that in 2017 the Lutheran church—and the world—marks a big anniversary involving one of our own (our founder, actually). Martin Luther didn't intend to become famous, and yet he changed the world, helping to usher in the modern era.

This little sheet doesn't have room to detail Luther's life and accomplishments, and you will probably be hearing a lot about them from many sources, so this will just provide a brief overview.

Martin Luther was born in 1483 in what is now central Germany but then was a separate principality called Saxony. His parents tried to give him a good education and hoped he would become a lawyer. Instead, when he was twenty-one he became a Catholic monk. He wanted to earn God's love but was tormented by the sense that he could never be good enough. He punished himself mercilessly until finally a wise mentor sent him to study and teach Bible at the then new University of Wittenberg.



Not long after he arrived there, he became incensed by the church saying, in effect, that if people bought a certain document—an indulgence—it would provide God's forgiveness for their (or a loved one's) sins. Being a

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university professor, he wrote a list of ninety-five sentences to debate about the topic. That list, the Ninety-Five Theses, stirred up a hornet's nest in the church and began the Reformation. He made them public on October 31, 1517—coming up on five hundred years ago.

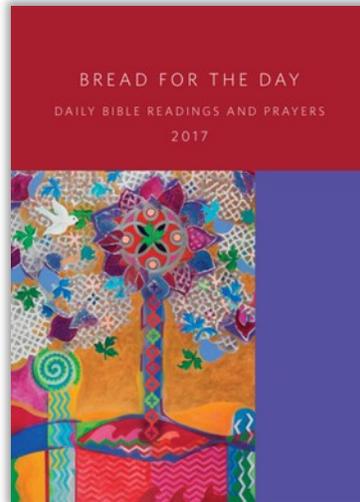


For challenging the church and refusing to back down, Luther was called before the Holy Roman emperor, Charles V, at a meeting in the imperial city of Worms. Asked to take back what he had written, he refused and was declared an outlaw. Anyone could have captured him and killed him or turned him in to authorities, in which case his death was likely. Fortunately, his own prince protected him, hiding him out in a castle where he began translating the Bible into German. In the process, he helped create the standard German language.

Luther wrote many influential books, most of which are still valued today. He created the Small Catechism to guide ordinary people in learning about God. He wrote hymns such as “A mighty fortress is our God.” He was a passionate, sometimes crudely mannered man, and in later life he wrote terrible, cruel things about the Jewish people, statements for which the Lutheran church has apologized.

Yet Luther was a remarkable man, helping to create the modern notion of what it means to be an individual, not just an atom in a sea of molecules, and, of course, reviving and reforming the church. He is a man worth celebrating!

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A Small Book Filled with Rich Treasures

Offering Bible readings and prayers for each day, along with household prayers and blessings appropriate to the changing seasons, this devotional is perfect for individuals, congregations, households, or small groups.

The 2017 edition includes Morning and Evening blessings from the [Reformation 500 Sourcebook](#) as contemporary interpretations of Luther's prayers. Also included are newly written prayers within the Prayers for Various Situations section, including "A prayer to begin the work day" and "A prayer to begin the school day," as well as additional seasonal table prayers for Lent and Summer.

To purchase *Bread for the Day* for yourself, see Kathleen Reuter to add your name to a group purchase order, or go to www.augsburgfortress.org and search for *Bread for the Day* for more information.

Inviting All Emanuel Women

There is an event happening in July 2017 you won't want to miss!

The Women of the ELCA will be joining together to know the "power of women gathered together" under the Isaiah 43:19 verse, "I am about to do a new thing". The women will be gathering for" four days of conversation, prayer, laughter, worship, praise, lament, challenge and invitation- to be women who act boldly on their faith."

This event will take place at the Tenth Triennial Gathering, July 13-16, 2017 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Registration is beginning September 6, 2016.

Information about the conference is posted on the WELCA portion of the bulletin board. Our own WELCA is providing some financial support to all who attend.

Presently Kristine Kraft and Marsha Waggoner will be attending and **STRONGLY** encourage all women of Emanuel to join us. You will not be disappointed.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 17	TUE 18	WED 19	THUR 20	FRI 21	SAT 22	SUN 23
FAMILY PROMISE	FAMILY PROMISE Pr. Lyn @ Professional Conference	FAMILY PROMISE Pr. Lyn @ Professional Conference 7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	FAMILY PROMISE Pr. Lyn @ Professional Conference 9:30 am Adult Bible Study @ Katie's Rm.	FAMILY PROMISE OFFICE CLOSED	FAMILY PROMISE Council Retreat	9-11 am Augsburg Book Fair 9:30 am Worship Service 10:00 am Confirmation Class
6:00 pm CANA Mtg. Katie's Room	12:00 pm Lectionary Study	10:00 am Weekly Staff Mtg.				10:30 am Discipleship Extravaganza
7:00 pm Lydia Circle @ K. Kraft's		7:00 pm Council Mtg.				5:30 pm Adult Study-Abrahamic Traditions

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Ministers of the Word	Cantor	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Oct 23 Pentecost 23	Kathleen Reuter	M Rowland P Cousins		Marilyn Rowland	Chris Schmidt	Petersen/ Troedson	Waggoner/ Castleberry
Oct 30 Reformation	Mike Epting	L Owen S McCready	Kathleen Reuter	Susan McCready	Kailyn Knoll	Owen Family	Lois Silva
Nov 6 All Saints	Garry Hayes	P Kroeze M Epting		Mike Epting	Emma Hoover	Clarke/Hall	Johnson/ Obermeyer

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

October 23 Pentecost 23	October 30 Reformation Day	November 6 All Saints Sunday
Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 Psalm 84:1-7 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36	Job 19:23-27a Psalm 17:1-9 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38



New Prayer Requests: Mabel Kraft (Dave’s mother) - healing (Kraft); Mary Martin—health & healing (Martin); Lydia Reynoso (visitor)— for her family to serve our Lord Jesus, and prayers for Gabi e & Tina Layne’s kids

Sympathy is expressed to Millie Golding and family for the loss of her sister, Delores Adams who passed away on October 7. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Our Members: Drew Shank; Ben Knoll; Lori Knoll; Carolyn Crenwelge; Bob Dailey; Kelly Dailey; Gary Knoll; Bill Fox; Elaine Urch; Jill Klenz; Virginia Dall; Keith Thurston; Anna Hooper; Anthony Pino & Aaron Daubenspeck; Lena Shirley; Marj Sample; Teri Scott; Pat Smith

Our Homebound Members: Florence Broden, Kay Altmas, Shelda Fritts

Our Family: Ian McKenzie (Schmidt); Sheila Barton (Barton); Joy Morgan (Scott); Dona Molet (Dieterich); Matt Allen (Allen); Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer); Evelyn Thurston (Thurston); Cindy Johnson (Salonen); Helen Opitz (Smith); Robert Schlipman; Sherry Orsetti; Laurie Spinuzzi (Silva); Donald Murray (Murray); Adeline Otterness (Hoaglund); Linda Luis-Thompson (Strand); Loretta (Watkins); Bobby Horton (Crawford); Joyce & Manuel, Greg & Alley (Scott); Gay McCready (McCready)

Our Friends: Mark, Matthew & Amanda (Scott); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Adrienne (Nelson); Pastor Stan Niemi; Tom Aja (Crawford); Jennifer Turner (Dieterich); Sandy Dalby (Allen); John Pienado (Knoll); Dawn Wagner; Mark Davis (Ixcot); Leila Afshin (Skustad); Donna Thayer (Petersen)

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; **Chad Vander Veen** (friend of Susan Hall), US Army in Kuwait.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free by the truth of God's gracious love, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's good creation.

Protector of all, you guard your people from evil. Help your church to provide sanctuary for all who are in need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creator of all, you made the sun, the moon, and the stars. Bless efforts to restore clean air, that your pure light may shine in the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Keeper of all life, you provide justice for the nations. Call upon leaders and judges, lawyers and advocates to proclaim your justice where injustice rules. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Nurturing healer, you reach out to those who have lost heart. Ease their suffering, relieve their pain, comfort the dying, and calm the troubled. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of unfailing love, you are our first and best teacher. Guide all who teach in schools, homes, churches, seminaries, and in public life. Let your love shine forth in their teaching. 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.

Holy One, you bless all those who cry out to you. We give thanks for the persistent witness of your blessed saints who now rest in your just and righteous presence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of hope, today we pray for the pastors & churches of our newly named conference, Sierra Central Valley. This morning we lift up our Pastor, Lyn Crase, and Emanuel Lutheran Church in Modesto. Sustain Pastor Lyn and enliven our leadership of Emanuel Lutheran Church; energize us for ministry in our community, and enable bold witness for the sake of the Gospel. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, faithful God, we place ourselves and our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

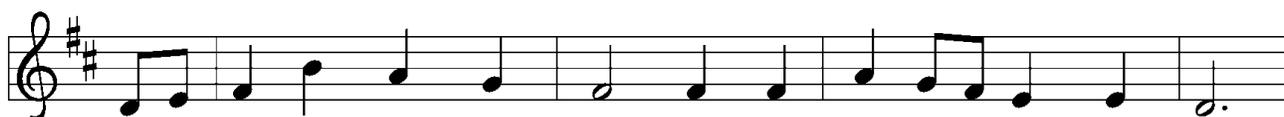
Amen

ENTRANCE HYMN #514

O Word of God Incarnate



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
oh, teach your wand - 'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

SERMON HYMN #790

Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936–2005

Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882

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SENDING HYMN #624

Jesus, Still Lead On



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
Music: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701