



23rd Sunday After Pentecost

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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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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 23, 2016

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

The Celestial Banquet

Olivier Messiaen

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

Alora Skustad

OPENING HYMN

Morning Has Broken

ELW #556

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

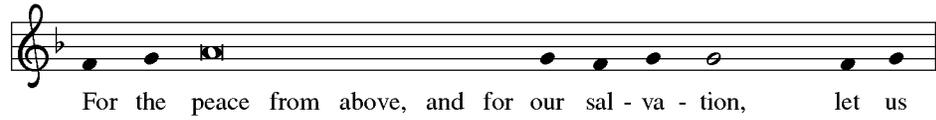
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

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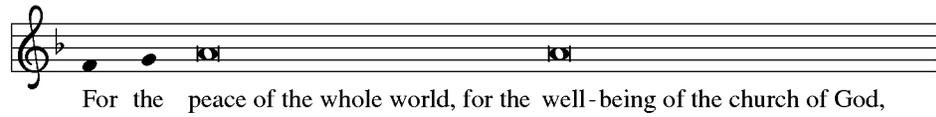
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



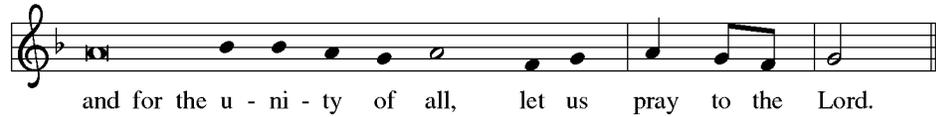
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



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



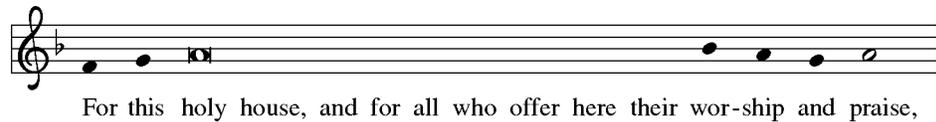
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



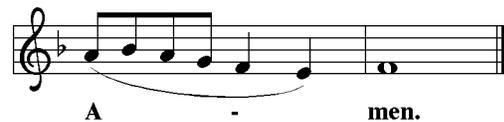
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together....

C Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 14:7-10, 19-22

In a time of drought, the people pray for mercy, repenting of their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They appeal to God to remember the covenant, to show forth God's power, and to heal their land by sending life-giving rain.

⁷Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O LORD, for your name's sake;
our apostasies indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.

⁸O hope of Israel,
its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveler turning aside for the night?

⁹Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!

¹⁰Thus says the LORD concerning this people:
Truly they have loved to wander,
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the LORD does not accept them,
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.

¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion?
Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?
We look for peace, but find no good;
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.

²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonor your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

²²Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?
Is it not you, O LORD our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 84:1-7



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- 1 How dear to me | is your dwelling,
O | LORD of hosts!
 - 2 **My soul has a desire and longing for the courts | of the LORD;**
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the | living God.
 - 3 Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may | lay her
young,
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king | and my God.
 - 4 **Happy are they who dwell | in your house!**
They will always be | praising you.
 - 5 Happy are the people whose strength | is in you,
whose hearts are set on the | pilgrims' way.
 - 6 **Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a | place of springs,**
for the early rains have covered it with | pools of water.
- ALL: ⁷They will climb from | height to height,**
and the God of gods will be | seen in Zion.

SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 16-18

The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who is now facing death. Though others have let him down, Paul is sure of his faith in the Lord, who has stood by him and lent him strength.

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 18:9-14

The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.

⁹Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Lyn Crase
Council Members Faith Stories

DEDICATION OF (OUR LUTHERAN HERITAGE PHOTO)

SERMON HYMN

Our Father, We Have Wandered

ELW #606

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

Air

G. F. Handel

Barry Schroeder, Kaya Stanford

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

Lord Jesus, Think on Me
Change My Heart, O God
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW #599

ELW #801

ELW #815

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Praise to You, O God of Mercy

ELW #208

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Joseph Callaerts

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister	Pastor Lyn Crase
Assisting Minister	Kathleen Reuter
Acolyte	Chris Schmidt
Ministers of the Word	Marilyn Rowland, Peter Cousins
Communion Assistant(s)	Marilyn Rowland
Usher/Greeter	Petersen/Troedson
Altar Care	Waggoner/Castleberry

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 Mary Lou Dieterich.



Bill and Ila Reinheimer have family attending church with them this morning. Visiting from Norway is Ila’s nephew Jan Erik, His wife Astrid Lie, and their sons Carl and Henrik. The family especially wanted to visit Emanuel, as Henrik, now 10 years old, was baptized here in 2006 by Pastor Roger Lee.

Choir Rehearsal after the service at about 11:00.

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, Bob Whitt. Mr. Whitt teaches “Great Courses” and will present information on the Abrahamic Faiths. Meets TODAY.

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

NEW Adult Class meets every 3rd Sunday at 3:00 pm—“Biblical Art Journaling.” See Megan Armes for more information. Next class meets 11/20.

Prayer Vigil November 7 from 5:00-8:00 pm. Sign up in the Narthex for a time slot.

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.

If you have not completed a Stewardship Card please be sure to pick one up from the table in the Narthex. Thank you!

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 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!

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.



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

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: \$175.00 per person. Scholarships are available.

Talk to Pr. Lyn for more information.



**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!!***



October 31st
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Trunk or Treat

**Emanuel Lutheran Day Care's
large parking lot.**

**All participating cars,
Please arrive before 6:00 pm to decorate your trunks.**

**Entrances will be closed at 6:15 pm
to ensure safety for our children.**

**Trunk or Treaters may park on the street and walk in.
Be safe.**



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Emanuel Lutheran Church on Thursday, 12/1/2016. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$120, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

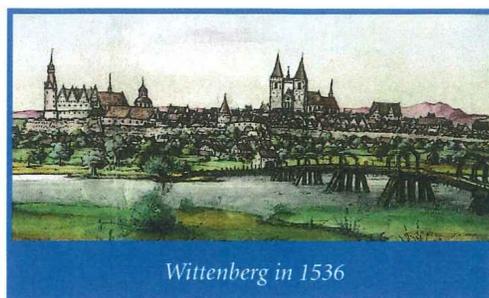
ABOUT THE LUTHERANS

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.

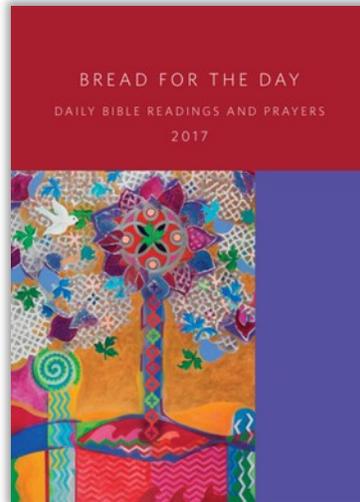


For challenging the church and refusing to back down, Luther was called before the Holy Roman emperor, Charles V, at a meeting in the imperial city of Worms. Asked to take back what he had written, he refused and was declared an outlaw. Anyone could have captured him and killed him or turned him in to 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 24	TUE 25	WED 26	THUR 27	FRI 28	SAT 29	SUN 30
ECHOES DEADLINE		7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	9:30 am Adult Bible Study Katie's Rm.	OFFICE CLOSED		9-11 am Augsburg Book Fair 9:30 am Worship Service REFORMATION DAY Confirmation Day
	12:00 pm Lectionary Study	10:00 am Weekly Staff Mtg.				Interfaith Sunday
7:00 pm Women's Bible Study @ M. Wagonner's		7:00 pm Council Mtg.				

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Ministers of the Word	Cantor	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
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
Nov 13 Pentecost 26	Suzanne Wilke	S McCready P Smith	Paula Barton	S McCready B Crawford	Kailyn Knoll	Knoll/ Hardin	Johnson/ Obermeyer

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

October 30 Reformation Day	November 6 All Saints Sunday	November 13 Pentecost 26
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	Malachi 4:1-2a Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19



Answered Prayers: Emanuel Prayer Warriors! (Yes, that's you!!)

Dave and I want to thank you for all the prayers said for my sister Cindy Johnson, who has been battling Multiple Myeloma since April. God has heard and answered our prayers! On October 13th we received news from Cindy's Oncologist that she is now in remission! This is miraculous news! Thanks be to our most gracious, loving and merciful God!
—Karryn & Dave Salonen

New Prayer Requests: Cheryle Pickel—health & well-being (Crawford)

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); 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); Mabel Kraft (Kraft); Millie Golding and family

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); Mary Martin (Martin)

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.

Only you are righteous, O God. Lead your church to true repentance so that we reflect your light and truth to the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Only you can bring rain, O God. Be with those who lack clean water or must walk miles to quench their thirst. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Only you can judge the nations, O God. Raise up leaders with humble hearts so that your peace spreads across the earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Only you can bring healing, O God. Be with all whose hearts ache, who hold out empty hands, who long for forgiveness. Comfort the grieving and heal the sick. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Only you know the depths of our hearts, O God. Call this congregation to loving action in your name and open our eyes to what you are doing among us. 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.

Those who live in your house are happy, O God. Keep us by your grace until we join the saints around your throne. 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 Pastor Ginger DuMars, and Mountain Lutheran Church in Groveland. Sustain Pastor DuMars and enliven the leadership of Mountain Lutheran Church; energize them for ministry in their 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 #556

Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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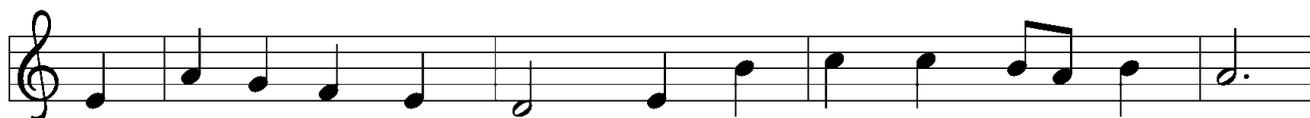
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SERMON HYMN #606

Our Father, We Have Wandered



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
com - pas-sion-ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929–2006

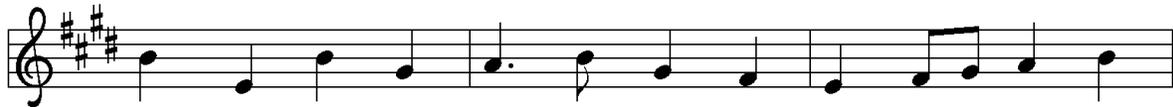
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SENDING HYMN #208

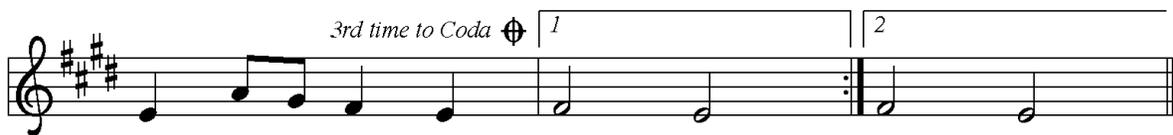
Praise to You, O God of Mercy



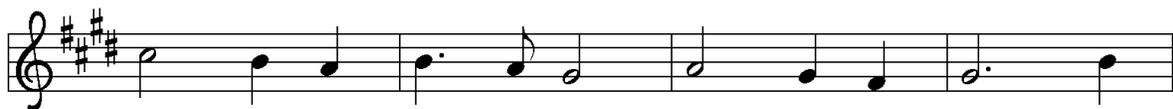
1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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