



20th Sunday After Pentecost

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October 2, 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.

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

(Please ask an usher)

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 2, 2016

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

Stewardship

Rick Unruh, Tom Hardin

OPENING HYMN

God Is Here!

ELW #526

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

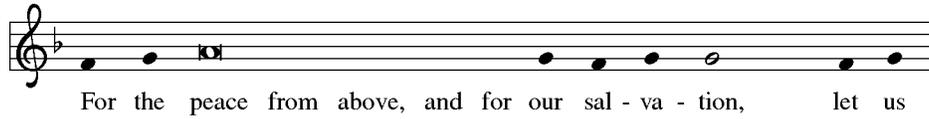
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

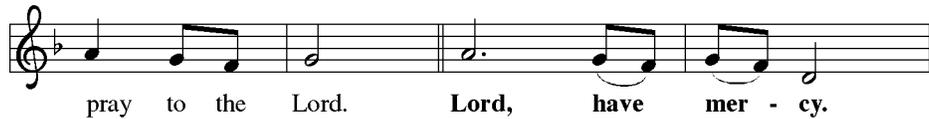
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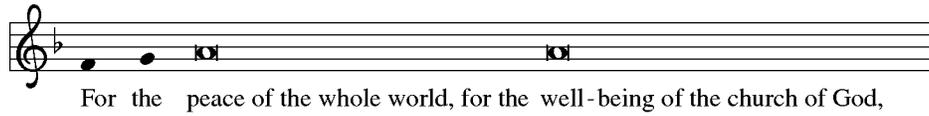
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



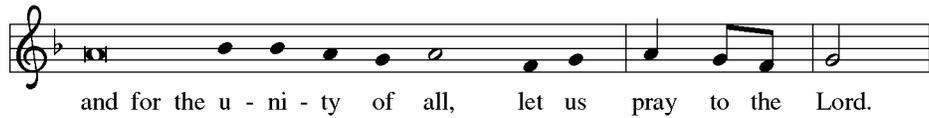
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



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



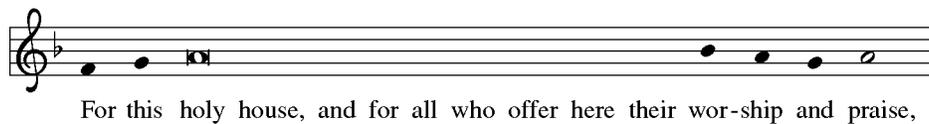
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



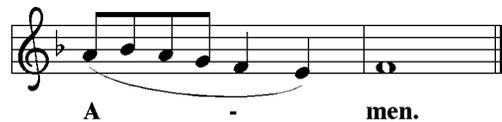
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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



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



A - men.

GLORIA

Refrain



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.

Refrain



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.

Refrain



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.

Refrain



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 Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:6-12

God's ways and thoughts are not the same as the people's ways and thoughts, and that is good news for those who repent. "Seek" and "call" are invitational words of mercy toward human beings who are often rebellious and sinful. Returning to God's word is as life giving and nourishing as rain and will accomplish God's purpose.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
⁷let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 150

This, the final Psalm in the book, is a call for all creation to praise God's holy name! Everything that has life is called to praise the Lord.

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!

**²Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

³Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!

**⁴Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!**

⁵Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

**⁶Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!**

SECOND READING: REVELATION 22:1-5

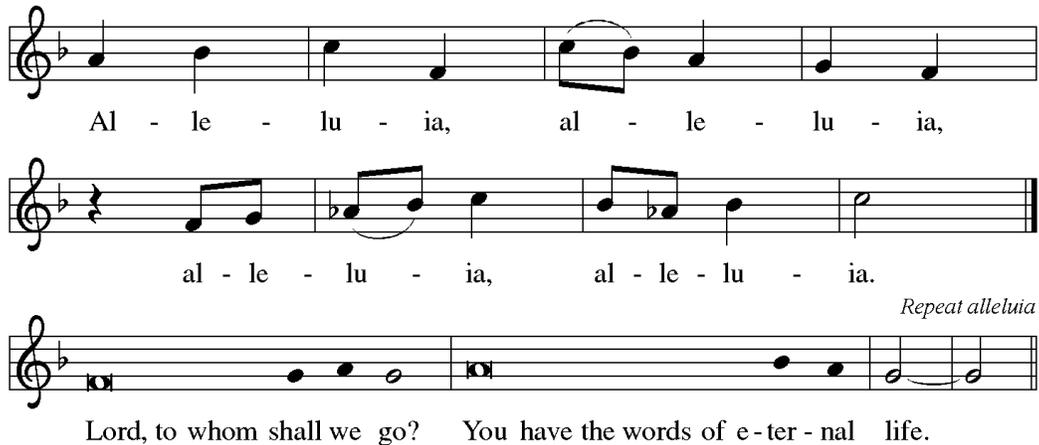
In this reading we are brought back to the image of the Garden of Eden from Genesis 2-3. Like an tree that produces an abundance of fruit so will our witness, the seeds we have planted, produce fruit in our generation and the next.

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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 according to Luke Chapter 17

GOSPEL: LUKE 17:5-10

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Lyn Crase

SERMON HYMN

We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord

ELW #690

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 Rejoicing in the Spirit's work among us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

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

Fugue in F Major

George F. Handel

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

<i>We Walk By Faith</i>	ELW #635
<i>O Jesus, I Have Promised</i>	ELW #810
<i>O Master, Let Me Walk with You</i>	ELW #818

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

Faith of Our Fathers

ELW #812

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

For a Festive Occasion

Jack Hawes

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister Pastor Lyn Crase
Assisting Minister Garry Hayes
Acolyte..... Emma Hoover
Ministers of the Word Beth Rokaitis, Susan Hall
Communion Assistant..... Beth Rokaitis
Usher/Greeter Holtz/Salonen
Altar Care..... Castleberry/Waggoner

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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 the Castleberry family.



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 New Bible study on the Minor Prophets has begun. **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.

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.

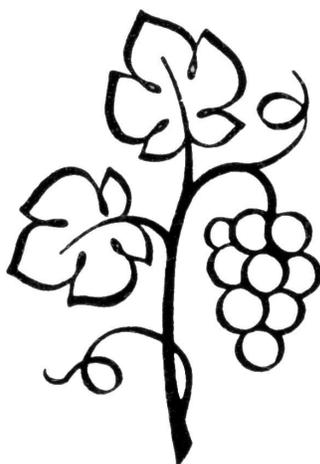
NEW Adult Class meets every 3rd Sunday at 3:00 pm—“Biblical Art Journaling.” See Megan Armes for more information. Next session will be October 16.

Blessing of the Animals *TODAY*—We will have our more standard blessing in the courtyard this afternoon beginning at 5 pm. The youth will be serving lemonade and cookies.

3rd Quarter Statements will be available for distribution on Sunday, October 2.

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 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 Elementary Retreat at Mt. Cross Camp—October 14-16

This retreat is for kids in grades 3-6. Friday at 7 pm—Sunday at 12 pm

Cost: 175 per person

Scholarships are available for everyone on a first-come, first-served basis until funds run out. See website to apply.

Emanuel's Youth Service Project / Fundraiser Saturday, October 15

Emanuel's Youth group meeting will be held at Dave & Kristine Kraft's, **350 Roscoe Rd, Modesto**. The youth will pick walnuts for their annual fundraiser. They will also be helping Dave & Kristine, by hopefully removing many walnuts. Youth are invited to come from 9:30 AM-12:30 PM and/or 1:30 PM-4:30 PM. A Hot Dog and Taco Soup Lunch will be from 12:30-1:30. Parents are welcome to come and help.

Anyone from Emanuel who would like to pick walnuts for your use or to give away are invited to arrange a time with Kristine. She and Dave would love to find takers for walnuts.



[RESCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 16]

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!

Cost is: \$7.50 per person



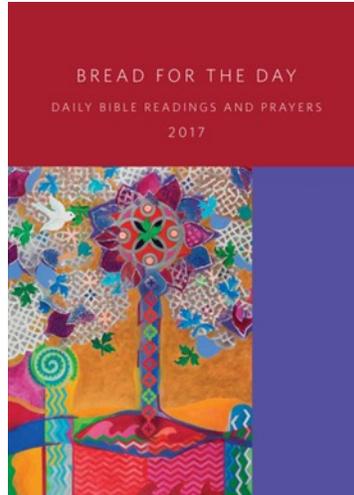


Family Promise guests return to Emanuel the week of October 16-22. Your participation is essential in supporting these families who are working to establish more permanent housing and get their lives back on track. Please keep the program in prayer as Emanuel members sign up to bring a meal, host an 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



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.

BRIDGES VOLUNTEER DRIVER PROGRAM

What is BRIDGES Volunteer Driver Program?

- BRIDGES Volunteer Driver Program is a mileage reimbursement program that allows the rider to give their drivers some money to put towards gas.
- The program is designed to provide service to those that require transportation assistance in accessing everyday needs including: medical appointments, grocery shopping, and social activities.
- BRIDGES uses a comprehensive eligibility criteria to ensure that qualified residents can access the program based on an individualized assessment of their transportation needs.

How does BRIDGES work?

Step 1 – Application

You'll receive an application, 2 consent forms and a self-addressed stamped envelope in the mail. Fill out the application, sign the consent forms, and mail everything back in the envelope provided.

Step 2- Eligibility

Once we receive your completed application, we may call you with some follow up questions. Then your application will go to a committee to determine if you are eligible for our services. In some cases the application and follow -up questions will be done in person.

Step 3-Find a Driver

Once eligible, you will need to find a driver. A driver can be a friend, family member, neighbor, or care provider. All drivers must be at least 25 years old. Once you have found a driver, we will have them fingerprinted. Fingerprinting is mandatory for all drivers. We will cover the fee so there is no cost to you or your driver.

Step 4- Begin Mileage Reimbursement

When we get the results of your driver's background check, we will contact you with a phone call to let you know you can start getting reimbursed for mileage. Riders will make all arrangements for rides directly with the driver. Mileage checks are made out to and sent to the rider at the rate of up to \$0.50/mile.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 3	TUE 4	WED 5	THUR 6	FRI 7	SAT 8	SUN 9
ECHOES DEADLINE		7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	9:30 am Adult Bible Study Katie's Rm.	OFFICE CLOSED		9:30 am Worship Service LAYNE BAPTISMS
6:30 pm Girl Scout Leaders Mtg.	12:00 pm Lectionary Study	10:00 am Weekly Staff Mtg.				10:00 am Confirmation Class
7:00 pm Bible Study @ M. Waggoner's						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 9 Pentecost 21	Suzanne Wilke	D Santana M Dieterich	Paula Barton	D Santana D Henke	Fanney Bjargardottir	Clarke Family	Waggoner/ Castleberry
Oct 16 Pentecost 22	Barbara Crawford	P Barton D Holtz	David Holtz	Lori Skustad	Alora Skustad	Shank/ Skustad	Waggoner/ Castleberry
Oct 23 Pentecost 23	Kathleen Reuter	M Rowland P Cousins		Marilyn Rowland	Chris Schmidt	Petersen/ Troedson	Waggoner/ Castleberry

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

October 9 Pentecost 21	October 16 Pentecost 22	October 23 Pentecost 23
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5 Luke 18:1-8	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 Psalm 84:1-7 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14



New Prayer Requests: Please continue to pray for Emanuel members, family, friends and those serving in our Armed Forces.

“Pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” —James 5:16

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); Raymond LeCain; Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer); Evelyn Thurston (Thurston); Cindy Johnson (Salonen); Helen Opitz (Smith); Joyce & Manuel Dillard, Alley & Greg Taylor (Scott); Robert Schlipman; Sherry Orsetti; Laurie Spinuzzi (Silva); Delores Adams (Hoaglund); Donald Murray (Murray); Julie Johnson (Marquez); Vanessa Wilke (Wilke); Adeline Otterness (Hoaglund); Linda Luis-Thompson (Strand); Loretta (Watkins); Bobby Horton (Crawford)

Our Friends: Mark, Matthew & Amanda (Scott); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Dan Hinshaw (Hall); Adrienne (Nelson); Pastor Stan Niemi; Tom Aja (Crawford); Jennifer Turner (Dieterich); Sandy Dalby (Allen); John Pienado (Knoll); Dawn Wagner; Mark Davis (Ixcot); Jennifer Berndsconi (Hall); Leila Afshin (Skustad); Nancy Walsh (Santana); Rosie Perez (Marquez)

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

Rejoicing in the Spirit's work among us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Increase the faith of your church, O God. Raise up faithful parents and grandparents, prophets and teachers who know, love, and spread your gospel. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Tend and nurture the lands and seas, O God. Raise up faithful stewards of all you have entrusted to human care. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Save the nations, O God. Raise up faithful leaders who strive for peace and justice in the midst of violence and destruction. Especially we pray for Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Guard those in need, O God. Raise up faithful advocates and caretakers for those who are oppressed, poor, lonely, imprisoned, bereaved, or sick. Especially we pray for Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give vision to this congregation, O God. Raise up faithful teachers, staff, volunteers, worship leaders, and council members who serve with purpose, joy, boldness, and love. 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.

You abolished death, O God. Thank you for all those you called according to your purpose and who now rest in your light. 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 Vicar Sharon Amundson and Mariposa Lutheran Church in Mariposa. Sustain Vicar Sharon and enliven the leadership of Mariposa 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, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen

ENTRANCE HYMN #526

God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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SERMON HYMN #690

We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord

- 1 We raise our hands to you, O Lord,
like empty vessels.
Oh, come to us and give us life
from springs where living waters flow.

- 2 What good and blessing you bestow
are freely given.
Your pow'r will make the weakest strong
and barren branches start to bud.

- 3 Oh, make our barren trees to grow,
our hands to blossom,
and let our lives bring forth such fruit
that heals our neighbor's grief and pain.

- 4 As summer follows springtime's rain,
grace follows sorrow,
and grief and joy shall bear much fruit,
though hidden from our human eyes.

- 5 Through grace your new creation lies
in hands held open.
O Giver of all goodness, come,
dwell with us in our earthly home.

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SENDING HYMN #812

Faith of Our Fathers



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

Refrain



when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word.
if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain