



Reformation Sunday

Confirmation Day

October 30, 2016

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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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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REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 30, 2016

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Minor

J. S. Bach

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jubilate Deo

Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME

Pastor Lyn Crase

OPENING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW #504

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

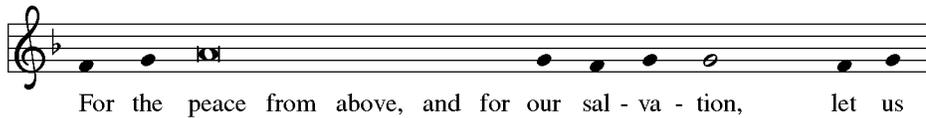
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

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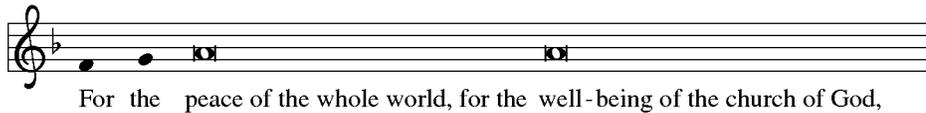
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



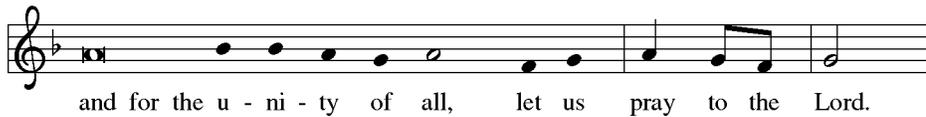
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



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



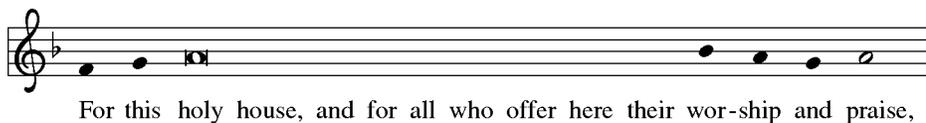
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together....

C Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46



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- 1 God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.
- 2 **Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,**
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;
- 3 though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

4 **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High. Refrain (Choir)**

5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

6 **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

7 The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. **Refrain**

8 **Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up on the earth;**

9 behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

10 **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

ALL: ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

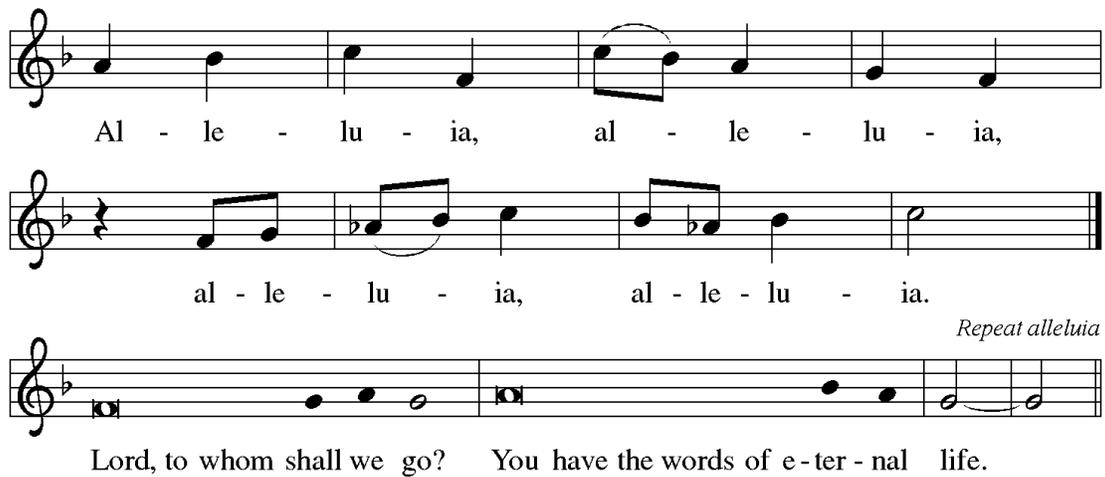
²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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 John Chapter 8

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

CHILDREN'S TIME // INTERFAITH COLLECTION

SERMON with Faith Statement Papers from Fanney Bjargardottir and Emma Hoover

SERMON HYMN

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

ELW #517

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM pg. 235 ELW

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

A Let us rejoice with these sisters in Christ!

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
And proclaim the good news to the world.**

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

A Choral Fanfare

Linda Spevacek

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

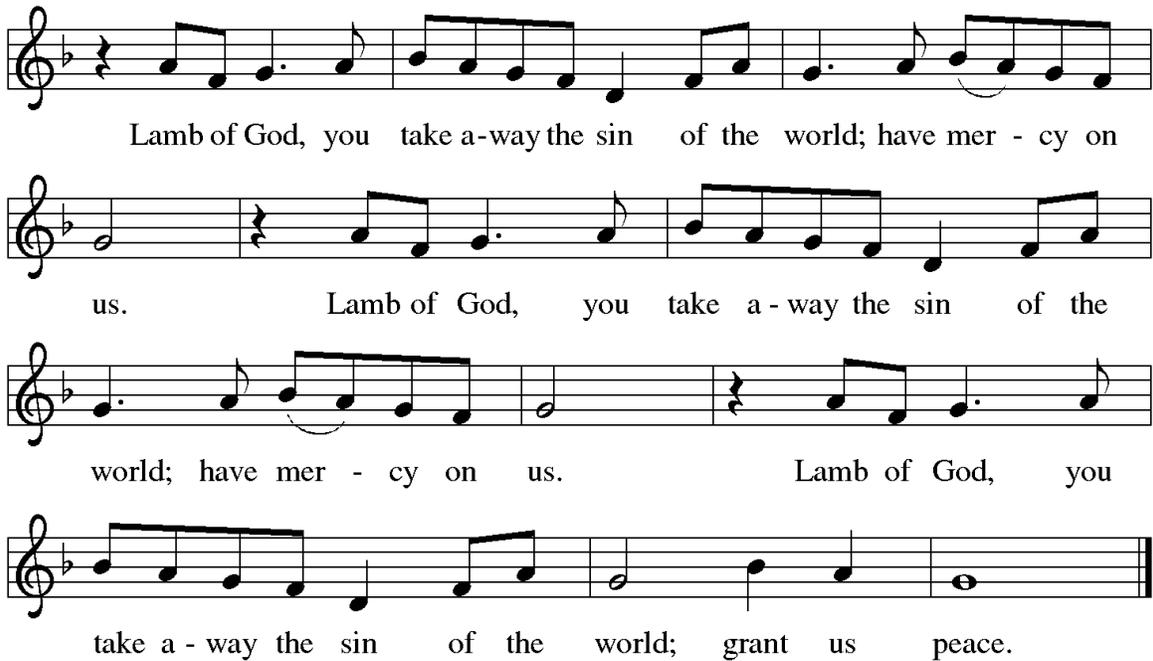
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial 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 offer 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

The Church's One Foundation

ELW #654

Listen, God Is Calling

ELW #513

The Church of Christ in Every Age

ELW #729

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

SENDING HYMN

We Are Called

ELW #720

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Flor Peters

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister Pastor Lyn Crase
Assisting Minister Mike Epting
Acolyte..... Kailyn Knoll
Ministers of the Word Hailey Rios, Lois Owen
Communion Assistant(s)..... Emma Hoover, Fanney Bjargardottir
Usher/Greeter Alora Skustad, Brett Shank
Altar Care..... Lois Silva
Trumpet..... Phil Beck

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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 today are given to the Glory of God for all His blessings and also in memory of Duilio Pierini (Jeanne Hardin's Dad), whose birthday is October 31.



Thank you! What an unexpected and joyous surprise to be honored last Sunday during clergy appreciation month. Thank you for the beautiful cards and extraordinary words as well as the plant clippings which I will tend with care, praying they survive & thrive! It is such huge blessing for me to be doing ministry with you! In Christ, Pastor Lyn

Reminder—Please be sure to check the church calendar and also let the office know when you plan to borrow any tables and/or chairs from the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

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 on Martin Luther. *First Thursdays only*, meets at Casa de Modesto with our members who are residents there. Regularly meets in Katie’s Room from 9:30-11:00 am. Everyone is welcome!

On-Going Adult Education Sunday evenings twice a month from 5:30—7:00 pm (meet in Katie’s room). “The Abrahamic Traditions, Honoring Our Neighbor’s Faith.” Next classes 11/13 and 11/27.

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

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

Election Prayer Vigil on Monday, November 7 between 5:00-8:00 pm, focused on the upcoming election. We ask for the Lord’s wisdom and guidance as voters make important choices that will affect the future of our country. A schedule is available in the Narthex to sign up for a half hour or more to pray prior to Election day and a handout will be available to take home.



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 or Time & Talent 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.



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.**



Fall Emanuel Canned Food Drive



We have an opportunity to support others through food and nutrition by collecting canned and non-perishable food to share with Interfaith Ministries Modesto. Please place food items in the container in the Narthex.

Sunday 10/23 to Sunday 11/20

Thank you for your support of this annual community activity.



Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer yes to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque buildup in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on 12/1/2016 at Emanuel Lutheran Church. 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.



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

 **Rebecca Circle** - will meet at the home of Lois Silva on November 17 at 1:30 pm.

Help us build a playground in Modesto, CA with KaBOOM!, Kaiser Permanente, Stanislaus County, Stanislaus County Police Activities League, Manos Unidas!



Project Information

Who: A total of approximately 200 volunteers from Kaiser Permanente, Stanislaus County, Stanislaus County Police Activities League, Manos Unidas, and KaBOOM!

****Please note—All youth under the legal working age for this state will be welcome to participate in youth activities but will not be able to participate in building in the construction areas.****

When: Saturday, November 5, 2016, 8:00 am—3:00 pm

Where: Fairview Park—Tucson Ave. Modesto, CA 95358

What's Provided: Breakfast, lunch and plenty of water will be provided. Gloves and other safety materials will be provided for the projects that need them. T-shirts will also be provided for all volunteers.

What to Wear: The playground build will happen rain or shine. Please come dressed for the weather in clothes you don't mind getting dirty or a bit of paint/stain on. Also closed-toe shoes are required; sneakers or work boots that you don't mind getting dirty are advisable.

Build Week Schedule

Prep Day 1: Thursday, November 3, 2016
30 volunteers from the community are needed.

- 8:00 AM—Volunteers arrive and register
- 5:00 PM—All prep work completed (approximate time)

Prep Day 2: Friday, November 4, 2016
15 volunteers from the community should be on "stand-by" in case they are needed.

- 9:00 AM—Volunteers arrive and register
- TBD—All prep work completed

Build Day: Saturday, November 5, 2016
100 volunteers from Kaiser Permanente, Stanislaus County, Stanislaus County Police Activities League, Manos Unidas, and the community are needed.

- 6:30 AM—Team Leaders arrive
- 8:00 AM—Volunteers arrive and register
- 8:30 AM—Kick-off ceremony
- 2:30 PM—Ribbon cutting ceremony

See Elaine Ixcot for more information.

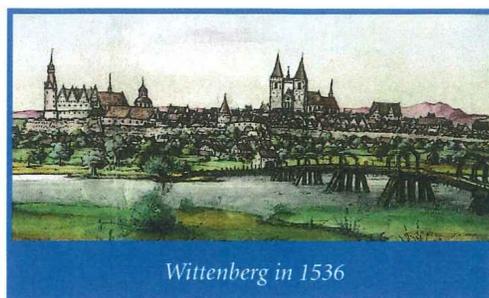
ABOUT THE LUTHERANS

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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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 31	TUE 1	WED 2	THUR 3	FRI 4	SAT 5	SUN 6
		7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	9:30 am Adult Bible Study Katie's Rm.	OFFICE CLOSED	11:00 am WELCA Luncheon	9-11 am Augsburg Book Fair 9:30 am Worship Service All Saints Sunday
	12:00 pm Lectionary Study	10:00 am Weekly Staff Mtg.				
6:30 pm TRUNK OR TREAT						

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Ministers of the Word	Cantor	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Nov 6 All Saints	Garry Hayes	P Kroeze M Epting		Mike Epting	Emma Hoover	Clarke/Hall	Johnson/ Obermeyer
Nov 13 WELCA Sunday	Suzanne Wilke	S McCready P Smith	Paula Barton	S McCready B Crawford	Kailyn Knoll	Knoll/ Hardin	Johnson/ Obermeyer
Nov 20 Christ the King	Barbara Crawford	S Hall D Santana	David Holtz	Dianne Santana	Fanney Bjargardottir	Reuter/ Dieterich	Johnson/ Obermeyer

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

November 6 All Saints Sunday	November 13 Pentecost 26	November 20 Christ the King
Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31	Malachi 4:1-2a Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43



New Prayer Requests: Sydney—healing and well-being (Silva); Ali Moraitis—health, surgery (Watkins); Richard Epting (Mike & Rose’s son)—recovery, healing and well-being; Sue and George Reinheimer—healing, strength and well-being (Reinheimer)

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); Cheryle Pickel (Crawford)

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 Iraq.

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.

Righteous God, write your law on our hearts. Unite your church. Let your word spread throughout the earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Earth-maker, show your power and goodness in the mountains, the depths of the sea, the rivers, and all of your creation. Teach us how to care for our earthly home. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Source of hope, you make wars to cease in all the world. Visit places devastated by war and conflict. Break the bow, shatter the spear, and bring your perfect peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our refuge and strength, you are a very present help in trouble. Comfort those who are sick or in pain, the lonely and grieving, those without a home or meaningful work. Especially we pray for Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Faithful God, call this assembly to remember the everlasting covenant you have made with us. Shape us to live in the freedom Christ gives us and to welcome others into this way of life. 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.

God our stronghold, the saints from every age gather around your throne. Help us to wait with patience and joy until that day when we too see you face to face. 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 Karen Johnson and Faith Lutheran Church in Murphys and Mountain Ranch Lutheran in Mountain Ranch. Sustain Pastor Johnson and enliven the leadership of Faith Lutheran Church and of Mountain Ranch Lutheran Church; energize them for ministry in their communities, 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 #504

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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SERMON HYMN #517

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

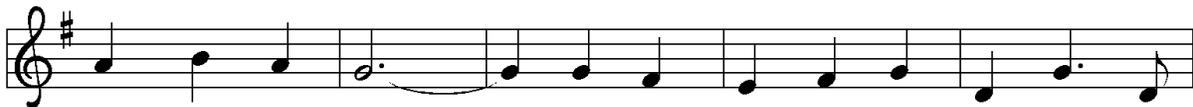
Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

SENDING HYMN #720

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

Text: David Haas, b. 1957

Music: WE ARE CALLED, David Haas

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