



13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 2014

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Welcome to Emanuel

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WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!

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

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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Benedictus

Max Reger

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Red Book #864

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Please rise.

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

C Amen

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

C Amen

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

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

C Amen

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen

*(See next page for **Now the Feast and Celebration**)*

Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of



God; to make all things new.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C Amen

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

P Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-14

Bible page 57

L A reading from Exodus.

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains

until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

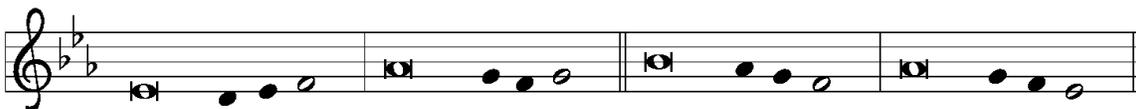
L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 119:33-40

I desire the path of your commandments. (Ps. 119:35)



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³³Teach me, O LORD, the way [|] of your statutes,
and I shall keep it [|] to the end.

³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall [|] keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with [|] all my heart.**

³⁵Lead me in the path of [|] your commandments,
for that is [|] my desire.

³⁶**Incline my heart to [|] your decrees
and not to [|] unjust gain.**

³⁷Turn my eyes from be- [|] holding falsehood;
give me life [|] in your way.

³⁸**Fulfill your promise [|] to your servant,
which is for [|] those who fear you.**

³⁹Turn away the reproach [|] that I dread,
because your judg- [|] ments are good.

⁴⁰**Behold, I long for [|] your commandments;
by your righteousness en- [|] liven me.**

L A reading from Romans.

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself."¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

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

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

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 18.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should show wrongdoers their need for repentance.

¹⁵If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL RESPONSE *(See previous page for Gospel Acclamation)*

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

"Exit From Egypt"

Pastor Lee Heim

HYMN OF THE DAY

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Red Book #359

APOSTLE'S CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. You are invited to kneel. *(A brief silence.)*

God of love, your church is a place of relationship. Give us understanding to care for you and each other with our whole hearts. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of love, your creation is a precious gift. Turn our hearts to share its resources wisely rather than in selfish gain. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of love, your desire for us is peace. Lead us along paths of justice and give us delight in living with honor and loving our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of love, your ways are goodness and life. Free us from those things that create fear and dread, loneliness and heartache, pain and disgrace. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of love, you gather us around your word, your font, and your table. Teach us to be a community of grace and witness. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A God of love, your promise to us is resurrection. Confirm in us that promise as we remember those who have died trusting in you. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Trusting in your mercy and goodness, we bring before you these prayers and whatever else you see that we need, in the name of the one who sets us free, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen

SHARING THE PEACE

P Please rise.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Please be seated as we collect the offering.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Let My Prayer Rise Up

Marty Haugen

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

C Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor Lee Heim

P Please rise.

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

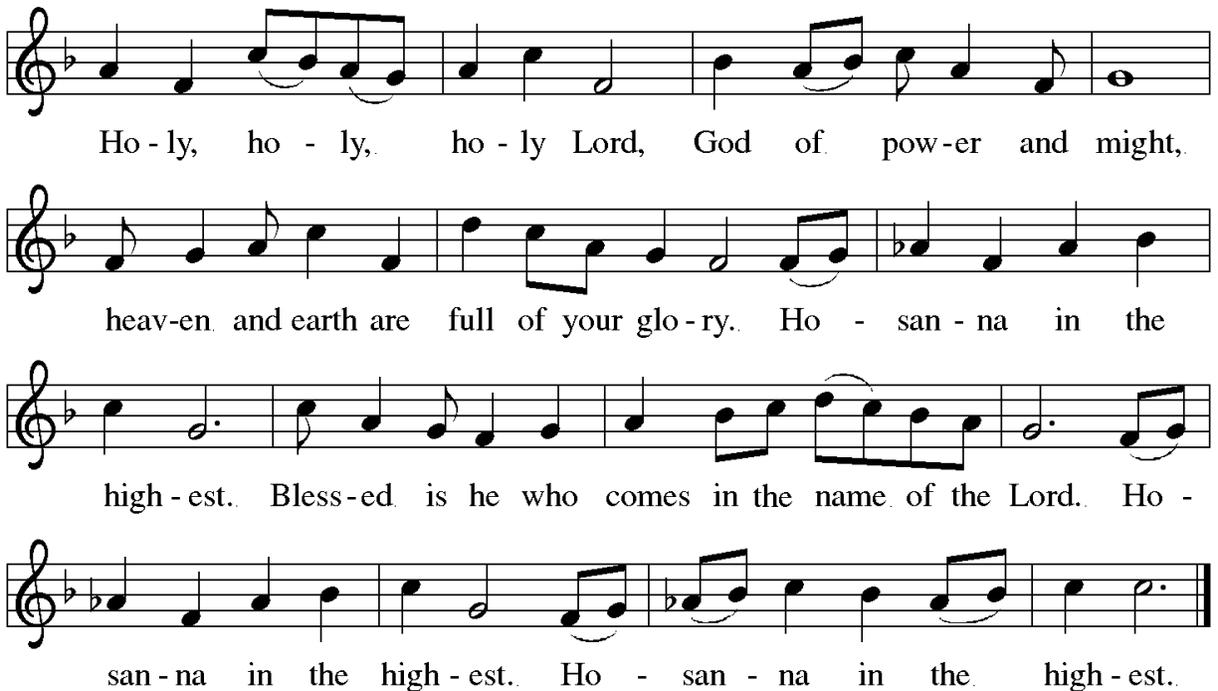
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Please be seated.

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

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

<i>Beloved, God's Chosen</i>	Red Book #648
<i>As We Gather at Your Table</i>	Red Book #522

BLESSING

P The blessing of almighty God, the Father of glory, + Jesus Christ our peace, and the Spirit of truth, be upon you and remain with you always.

C **Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A O God, the host at every meal, at this table you spread out a feast for all peoples, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Send us from this banquet to invite others into these good things, to let justice roll down like waters, and to care for the least of our sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and our Savior.

C **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Red Book #836

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

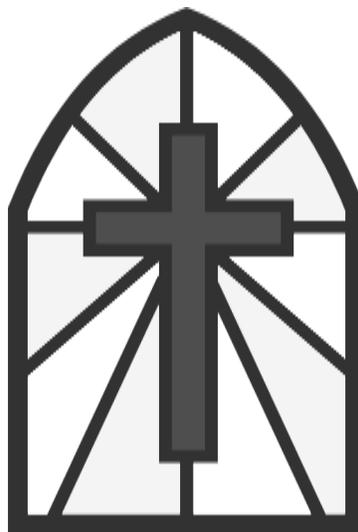
POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Paul Manz

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister.....Pastor Lee Heim
Assisting Minister..... Garry Hayes
Lector..... Beth Rokaitis
Communion Assistant.....Dave Henke
Usher/Greeter Fox Family
Altar Team Pat Norquist



Announcements



Flowers on the altar are given by William Teaney in memory of his beloved, James Wysong.

Be sure to pick up a new Directory today on the table in the Narthex.

Emanuel's Women of the ELCA Steering Committee will meet at 8:30 AM on Sunday, September 21 in the church office.

All God's Creatures

There will be a "Blessing of the Animals" by Pastor Roger on Saturday, September 20 at 5:30 pm for our Stewardship Kick-Off. This is a special time for all ages to bring any or all of the animals in your household. Even if you're not bringing an animal, come for the fellowship. Emanuel's Youth will be serving root beer floats. Mark your calendar so you won't miss it!

"All God's creatures got a place in the choir. Some sing low and some sing higher, some sing out loud on a telephone wire; some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got, now."

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."
1 Peter 4:10

Have you found your place in the choir? Pray for God's direction.

~ A message from your Stewardship Ministry

Where in the World is Jesus? Remember Jesus in your travels and be sure to mark the map in the Narthex.

You Have the Words of Eternal Life

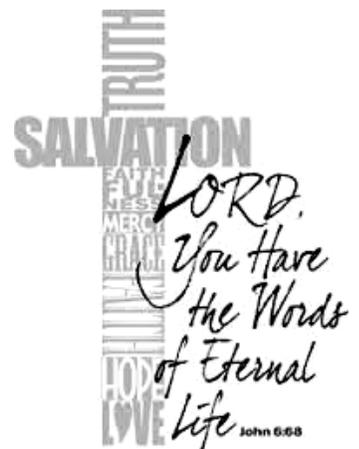
Yes, YOU!

Peter said it about Jesus. But now Jesus says it about you. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ... teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." (Matt. 28:19-20) These are the words with which our Lord commissions all of his disciples. When we read the words of scripture during the service on Sunday we are sharing the words of eternal life. The **redeemed** life. The **new** life in Christ. The life that lasts—**eternally**.

It is no small task. While it may be true that anybody can read, not every reading is riveting. But we might also agree that the words of eternal life ought to, need to, and certainly can engage our imaginations, help us understand the law's demands, and assure us of God's grace.

We will provide a workshop at **6:30 pm this Tuesday, September 9** in which we will explore many ways and means to improve our reading of scripture aloud in worship. If you are currently serving as a reader or assistant minister, or if you are interested in exploring this opportunity to serve, this one's for you. Come find out how **you** can make a difference!

After all, we have the words of eternal life to share, and we want to sound like it!





The banners today, which are placed on each side of the altar, are given to the Glory of God by Dick and Pat Norquist and Debbie Van Diepen. Our new banner on the wall is given to the church by Chuck and Marilyn Rowland. Their wish is to dedicate the Alpha-Omega banner to all military personnel, especially those who have given their lives so that we Americans are free to worship as we choose.

Thank you all who have purchased the beautiful banners to enhance the beauty of our church.

We are pleased to receive an invitation to attend the installation service of The Reverend *William Robert Kroeze* as Pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, 869 Townline Road, Hauppauge, New York on Sunday, September 21 at 4:00 pm. His family will be joining him for the celebration.



Emanuel's Women of the ELCA of many generations

Isaiah 58:12 "Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in."

Would you like to know more about the Triennial? Would you like you have lunch in a lovely garden?

You're invited to Ila and Bill's beautiful back yard for fellowship and lunch on **Saturday, Sept. 27th at 11 am**. Marsha and Kristine will be sharing their adventures from the 9th Triennial Gathering in Charlotte, NC.

The cost of the lunch will be \$10. Please reserve your place by giving your name and money to Susan McCready, Marsha Waggoner, or Kristine Kraft by Sept. 21st.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
		7 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	9:30 am Adult Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED	8:30 am Virginia Corridor Clean-up	9:30 am Communion Service
		7 pm Confirmation Class	7 pm Leah Circle @ M. Murray's			10:30 am Fellowship: Fox 10:45 am Choir Rehearsal
6 pm Women's Bible Study @ S. Wilke's	6:30 pm Worship Leader's Training	7 pm Ministry Mtg.				

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Presiding Minister	Assistant Minister	Lector/CA	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Sep 14	D. Finney/ Pr. R. Lee	David Holtz		Kathleen Reuter	Kailyn Knoll	Smith/ Knoll	Pat Norquist
Sep 21	Pastor Bill Ruth	Sergio Alvarado	Kathleen Reuter	Suzanne Wilke		Dieterich/ Reuter	Pat Norquist
Sep 28	Pastor Lee Heim	Kathleen Reuter		Lori Skustad	Alora Skustad	Clark Family	Lois Silva

Weekly Bible Readings	
September 14 Time After Pentecost	September 21 Time After Pentecost
Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35	Jonah 3:10—4:11 Psalm 145:1-8 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16



Praise Reports: Chris Schmidt shares that “our prayers have been answered in a positive way—Roger Warner’s hip surgery last week was successful.” Details are posted on the bulletin board in Luther Hall.

William Teaney shares that his niece, Torri Lemmings prayer request has been answered for the health of her unborn son Nathan. “His organs are now working and the doctors said it is nothing short of a miracle!”

Suzanne Wilke shares that “Donna Ronninger is in remission and home after 3 months in the hospital.”

New Prayer Requests: Lisa Nixon—health, healing & well-being (Ixcot); Marsha Schlipman—healing (Nelson);

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

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

Our Family: Sheila Barton (Barton); Teri Scoot (Taylor); Angela (Dieterich); Sharon & Harold (Owen); Meghan Ewald (Smith);

Our Friends: Lorena Loftis (P. Norquist); Dawn, Keith and Ed (Dieterich); Doyle Williams, Gene Loftis (Teaney); Nancy (Owen)

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



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

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.