



16th Sunday after Pentecost

Youth Sunday

September 13, 2015

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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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in B Flat

J. S. Bach

GATHERING SONGS

*Awesome God
Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Purple Book #13
Purple Book #123

WELCOME

Pastor Lyn Crase

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kicking & Screaming by Third Day

Youth

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean,
the bread of life coming down from above,
the power at work within us and this world.

C Amen

P Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin
(*silence for reflection*).
God and Father of all...

**C We confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.
We have thought better of ourselves than others.
We have told lies, said hurtful things,
acted in ways we wish we could take back,
and looked the other way when action was needed.
In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us,
and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.
Amen**

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; everything has become new!
In Christ, ✠ you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new.
Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven
you.

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.

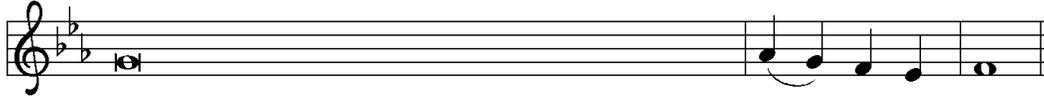
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



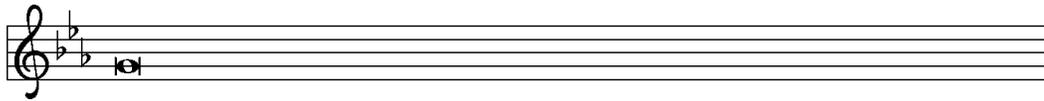
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



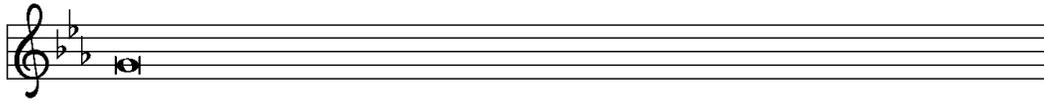
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



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



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together.

C O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

4 The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

6 I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

7 The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

8 he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

9a It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-9

Spoken responsively: Pulpit side reads odd verses; lectern side reads even verses; all read final verse.

¹ I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

² **for the Lord has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

³ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴ **Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”**

⁵ Gracious is the Lord and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

⁶ **The Lord watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.**

⁷ Turn again to your rest, O my soul.
for the Lord has dealt well with you.

⁸ **For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

**ALL I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

This text uses images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it is to reflect our faith.

¹ Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴ Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

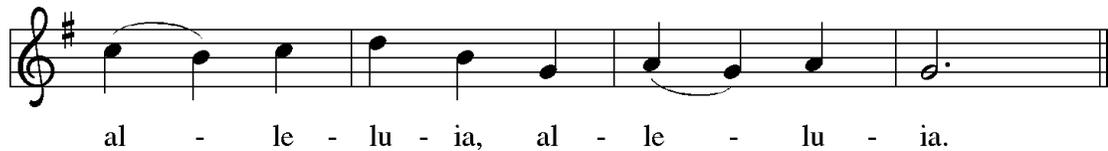
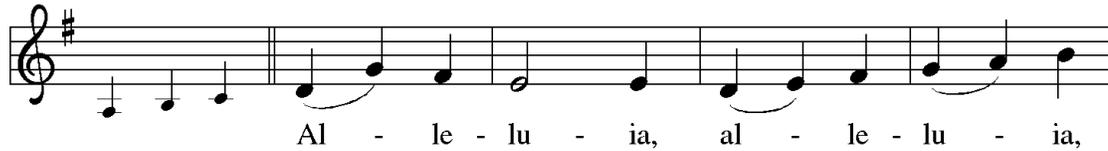
How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸ but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring

pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



P The Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 8.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and

of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Lyn Crase

SERMON HYMN

Built on a Rock

Red Book #652

APOSTLES’ CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles’ 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 confidence in God’s compassion and generosity, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God’s creation.

Response: ... Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Romanze

Carl Stamitz

Connor Skustad, Clarinet

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand.

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. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. 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 God gives food to those who hunger.
Come, be fed, be healed.

We will practice continuous communion at the altar rail. All baptized Christians 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, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

One Bread, One Body

Purple Book #111

Thy Word

Purple Book #144

Seek Ye First

Purple Book #122

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 give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By your gifts of word and holy meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, following after Jesus Christ, our servant Lord.

C Amen

SENDING OF COMMUNION MINISTERS

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 Like children in the arms of Jesus, receive blessing:
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN *We Are Marching In the Light of God* Purple Book #148

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE *Thy Strong Word* Paul Manz

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

- Presiding Minister Pastor Lyn Crase
- Assisting Minister Barbara Crawford
- Acolyte..... Emma Hoover
- Song Leader Youth Group
- Readers..... Allie Shank, Zach Cline
- Psalm Leaders..... Brett Shank, Peter Cline
- Communion Assistant..... Hailey Rios
- Usher/Greeter Hailey Rios, Alora Skustad, Fanney Bjargardottir, Emily Cline
- Special Music..... Connor Skustad, Brett Shank, Sam Gierhan
- Altar Care..... Debbie Van Diepen



Announcements

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

*The Alpha-Omega banner is donated by Chuck and Marilyn Rowland to all the
Military personnel, especially those who have given their lives so that we Americans
are free to worship as we choose.*

*The Eucharistic banner depicting the bread and fish is donated by Dick and Pat
Norquist to the Glory of God.*



The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God
by Marsha Waggoner.

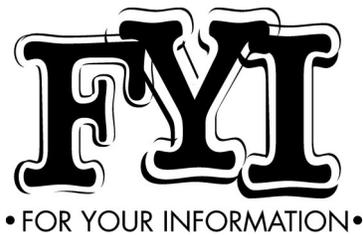


Choir Rehearsal after the service.

Adult Bible Study - Thursday mornings, 9:30 - 11:00 in Katie’s Room. All are
welcome!

Council Meeting - Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 pm.

Weekly Text Study - 12:00 noon on Tuesdays in Katie’s Room. Bring your own
lunch (BYOL)



- **Parents and confirmation age students** (grade 6-8 and anyone older who has yet to be confirmed). There will be a brief meeting with Pastor Lyn after services on September 20, 2015 to talk about the plan for confirmation this school year. If you cannot be present on 9/20, please let Pastor Lyn know.
- **Adult education on Sunday mornings** meets in the meditation room off the Chancel area in the sanctuary at 8:30 am. For the month of September, the plan is to finish the Animate series and then a new study will begin on October 4 on the Acts of the Apostles using a new book by Dr. Matthew Skinner titled “Intrusive God, Disruptive Gospel: Encountering the Divine in the Book of Acts”. It is a very accessible book and conducive to good conversation. Cost for the book is \$13.00. Please see the sign-up list. A book is not required, but will be helpful and interesting! If you have questions, please see Pastor Lyn.
- **Text Study** Pastor Lyn invites you to participate with her in a weekly study of the upcoming Lectionary texts on Tuesdays from 12—1 pm. Bring a sack lunch to the church office at noon and enjoy a time of lively conversation and spiritual encouragement! The texts are always listed in the bulletin for your individual study. This will be an opportunity for you to share wisdom and insight into the upcoming preaching texts.



FREE EWASTE

DROP OFF & COLLECTION

Coordinated by Girl Scout TROOP 724

Saturday September 26, 2015

9am-1pm

Emanuel Lutheran Church Parking Lot
324 College Ave in Modesto (Across from MJC East)

Girl Scout Troop 724 in conjunction with Emanuel Lutheran Church and the San Joaquin Regional Conversation Corps (SJRCC) will collect and recycle all of the collected E-Waste. SJRCC is a State approved recycler of electronic waste. They **completely shred all hard drives** at their securely monitored facility. Please contact SJRCC at (209)292-2700 or dphillips@sicoe.net with any questions regarding their environmentally responsible E-Waste Recycling.

We will accept: Cans, bottles, plastic. Monitors, televisions, desktop and notebook PC's, VCR's, stereo equipment, CD's, speakers, keyboards, mice, PDA's, digital cameras, zip drives, telephones, cell phones, printers, copiers, laser and multifunction scanners and fax machines, small household appliances such as toasters, mixers, microwaves and blenders. Vacuum cleaners with the dust bag removed, curling irons and lamps.

We will not accept: Large household appliances (i.e.. refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc.). Furniture, hazardous household waste including batteries, car batteries, paint, pesticides, used oil, cleaning supplies, fluorescent light bulbs, water heaters, tires, etc.

Questions regarding this event or need to drop off prior to September 26?

Contact Event Coordinator Ginger Stewart at **209-606-3831**



Family Promise

One of the recent Sunday morning scripture readings was from the book of James. The last sentence of that reading said, "So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." The return of Family Promise to Emanuel on **October 4th** is a wonderful opportunity to put our faith to work by extending the loving hospitality of Christ to families who are struggling to get back on their feet. Sign up on the chart in the narthex to join that project. If you have questions about any of the jobs you can ask anyone who has already signed up or call David Holtz (578-0926).

- *This event is FREE to all Lutheran youth, family and friends. All ages are welcome & there is no need to bring anything.*
- *See bulletin board for more info:*



'99 Corridor Youth
Fun Day

 **You are invited!**
Saturday, Sept 19
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Music – Games
Food – Fun 

Shepherd of the Valley
Lutheran Church
1455 Yosemite Ave, Merced, CA

All ages welcome – bring your friends
RSVP by Sept 11 to your Youth Leader at Church

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 14	TUE 15	WED 16	THUR 17	FRI 18	SAT 19	SUN 20
	LECTIONARY STUDY	7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	9:30 am Adult Bible Study with Pr. Lyn	OFFICE CLOSED		8:30 am Adult Education ----- 9:30 am Communion Service
6 pm Girl Scouts - Katie's Room			1:30 pm Rebecca Circle			BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS 10:30 Confirmation Mtg.
7:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ Marsha's		7:00 pm Council Mtg.				Choir Rehearsal - after service

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Presiding Minister	Assistant Minister	Lectors	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Sept 20	Pastor Lyn Crase	Sergio Alvarado	S Wilke M Epting	Suzanne Wilke	Kailyn Knoll	Clarke Family	R Knoll L Nelson
Sept 27	Pastor Lyn Crase	Bill Reinheimer	P Kroeze D Santana	Dianne Santana	Chris Schmidt	Owen Family	R Knoll L Nelson
Oct 4	Pastor Lyn Crase	Eric Obermeyer	P Barton K Reuter	Dave Henke	Alora Skustad	Shank/ Skustad	N Castleberry M Waggoner

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

September 20 Pentecost 17	September 27 Pentecost 18	October 4 Pentecost 19
Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 54 James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Psalm 19:7-14 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50	Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16



Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests: Steve Thoresen and family send thanks for prayers and support as he continues his recovery.

Joyce Morgan—health/successful treatment for ovarian cancer (Scott); Vince & Andi—well-being, health and strength (Ixcot); Emmet Pletschette—biposy (Smith)

Our Members: Drew Shank; Ben Knoll; Lori Knoll; Susan Hayes; Carolyn Crenwelge; Bob Dailey; Kelly Dailey; Gary Knoll; Pat & Jack Smith; Kristine Kraft

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

Our Family: Stephen Thoresen (Hoaglund); Sharon (Owen); Elisabeth Maddox and baby Julianne (Jones); Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer); Lisa Dieterich (Dieterich); Ian & Marian McKenzie (Schmidt); Marsha Schlipman (Nelson); Cameron Brown (Tina La Vornia); Joe & Christine Evangelist (Allen); Boyce Lutes (Teaney); Sean Sizemore (Sizemore); Keegan Lyons (Turner); Rich Crawford (Crawford); Joy & Michael Morgan (Scott)

Our Friends: Tom Aja (Crawford); Dr. Roger Vogelzang and family, Bethany & Jerry Metcalf, and Elizabeth & Kevin Duggan (Reinheimer); Jennifer Turner, Pam & Tom (Dieterich); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Darrell Meyer (Teaney); Helen Deve (Crawford); Georga Butterfield (Petersen); Art & Dorothy Scully (Waggoner); Marie Fuxa (Silva)

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 **SSgt. Joey Sabel, USMC** in Kaneohe Marine Corps Base, Hawaii (Marilyn & Chuck Rowland's grandson & grandson-in-law), **Capt. Timothy Kramer** in Kansas (Megan Armes' brother), **Ryan Powell** (grandson of Yvonne Troedson) USN, Connecticut.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With confidence in God's compassion and generosity, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. You are invited to kneel, as you are able. *(Pause for silence.)*

O God, we pray for the church throughout the world, that it not be found wanting or ashamed of its mission. Each day, inspire the church to continue to pick up the cross of Christ. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for places affected by storms, floods, and forest fires *(especially)*. Grant safety to those who rescue and repair, and hope to those whose families, homes, or livelihoods have been lost. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations of the world, their governments, leaders, and citizens *(especially)*. Let peace and justice flourish. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are victims of gossip, false accusations, or threats. Speak a word of healing to those who have been lashed by others' tongues. Heal and preserve those in any need. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for ministries of teaching and learning in this congregation and community. Bless teachers and students, and use their words and actions to build up, not rip down. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for your healing touch on those we name before you now, aloud or in silence. *(Pause for silence.)* Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of steadfastness, we remember with joy and thanksgiving all who have taught us to pick up the cross boldly. With them, may we bear the life of Christ to those around us. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

Sermon Hymn #652

Built on a Rock

1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones; we are his own hab - i -
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is

fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our

chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with

souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,
 grant that, when church bells are ringing,
 many may come to hear your Word,
 who here this promise is bringing:
 "I know my own, my own know me;
 you, not the world, my face shall see;
 my peace I leave with you. Amen."