



17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 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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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

9:30 AM

PRELUDE *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* John A. Behnke

GATHERING SONGS *You, Lord* Purple Book #162
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace Purple Book #95

WELCOME Pastor Lyn Crase

ENTRANCE HYMN *God Is Here!* Red Book #526

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose name is majestic in all the earth,
who rescues and heals in every time of trouble,
who does all things well.

C Amen

P Let us come before God, seeking forgiveness and life (silence for reflection).
Steadfast and saving God, ...

C Have mercy on us.

**We confess to you all the ways
we turn from you and harm one another.
In your compassion,
forgive our sins and heal our hurts.
Bring forth from us a harvest of righteousness,
the fruits of gentleness and peacemaking,
the sheaves of wisdom and justice;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen**

P In the name of † Jesus, the Son of God,
receive mercy and find grace in your time of need.
Your transgressions are forgiven;
God's love is healing balm for your wounds.
Rejoice, for God raises you up to new life in Christ.

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.

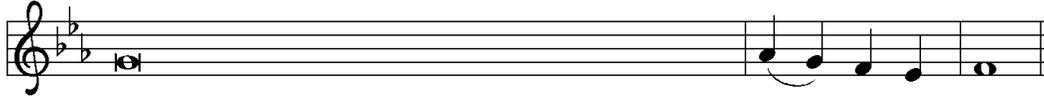
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



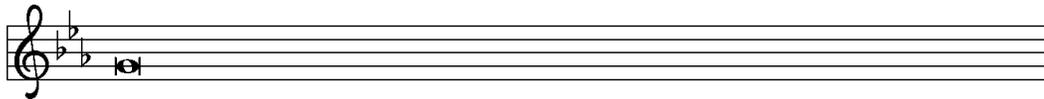
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



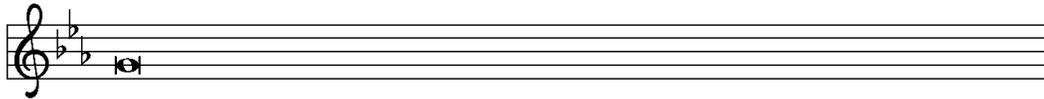
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

Refrain



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 -

Refrain



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together....

C O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

¹⁸ It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹ But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰ But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM 54



- 1 Save me, O God, | by your name;
in your might, de- | fend my cause.
- 2 **Hear my | prayer, O God;**
give ear to the words | of my mouth.
- 3 For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have | sought my life,
those who have no re- | gard for God.
- 4 **Behold, God | is my helper;**
it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who | spy on me;
in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.
- 6 **I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice**
and praise your name, O LORD, for | it is good.
- ALL **For you have rescued me from | every trouble,**
and my eye looks down | on my enemies.

SECOND READING: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

^{4:1} Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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 Mark, Chapter 9.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

³⁰ [Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."

³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Lyn Crase

SERMON HYMN

Loving Spirit

Red Book #397

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

Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door

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



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.

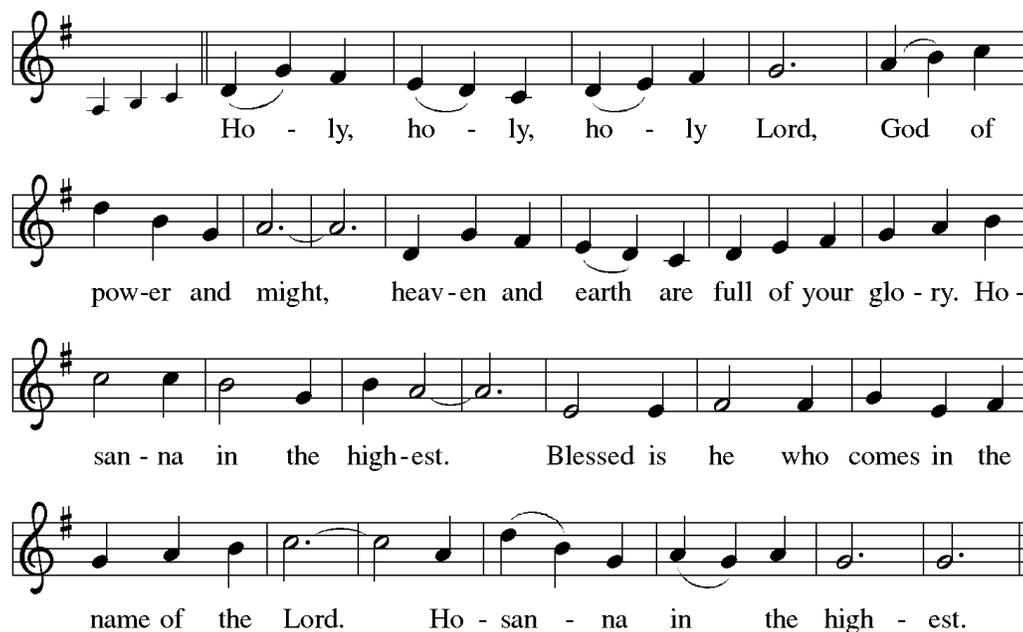
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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**

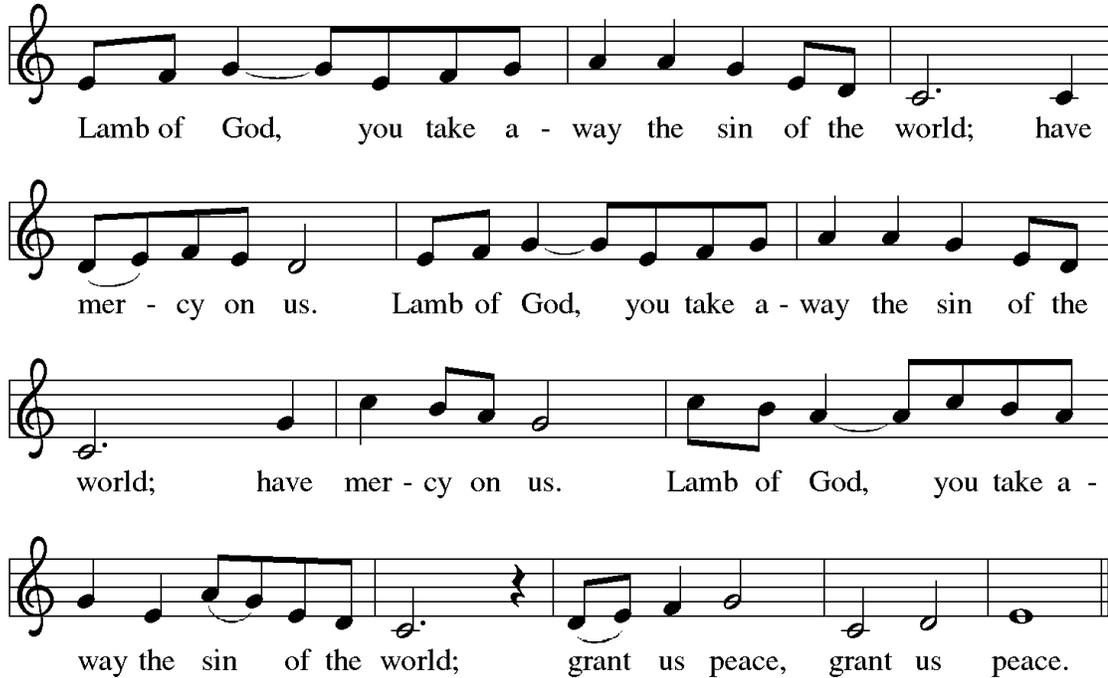
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Children of the Heavenly Father

Red Book #781

Thy Holy Wings

Red Book #613

Jesus Loves Me!

Red Book #595

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

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

P Let us pray:

C God of all creation, we offer you grateful praise for the Gift of Life, and especially the gift of the lives of our sisters and brothers who stand before us this day and who recall this month the day of their birth. They rejoice in your gifts of life and love, family and friends.

Bless them with your presence and surround them with your love that they may enjoy many happy years, all of them pleasing to you. We ask this grace and blessing for each one of them through Christ our Lord. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Red Book #815

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Postlude in C Minor* Anton Bruckner

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister Pastor Lyn Crase
Assisting Minister Sergio Alvarado
Acolyte..... Kailyn Knoll
Song Leader Marilyn Rowland
Readers..... Suzanne Wilke, Mike Epting
Communion Assistant..... Suzanne Wilke
Usher/Greeter Clarke Family
Altar Care..... Rue Knoll, Linda Nelson

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 by Bill & Carol Fox in celebration of their 61st Wedding Anniversary.

Flowers are also given by Lois Silva and Laurie Spinuzzi to celebrate the wedding of Kyle and Amanda Spinuzzi who are getting married today in Colorado Springs, Colorado.



Choir Rehearsal after the service.

Adult Bible Study

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

Butte Fire Donations Needed



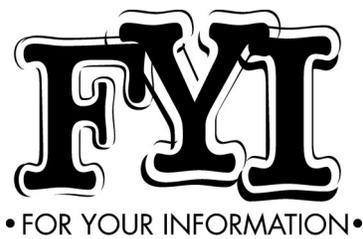
The following items are needed for persons displaced by the Butte Fire in Calaveras and Amador counties. Donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at Emanuel to be picked up and delivered to those in need:

NEW ITEMS ONLY—socks, white t-shirts, Gatorade, water, blankets, pillows, wet wipes, toiletries, non-perishable food items and food for animals.

Also, “Comfort Kit” items such as wash cloths, small toiletries, toothpaste, toothbrushes, tissue packs, lotion, disposable razors, shaving cream, small toys for children, diapers, and feminine products.

Other helpful items include—dust masks, gloves, baby formula, duct tape, markers and flashlights.

The collection box will be in the Narthex for the next two Sundays (9/27 & 10/4). For more information, please see Rose Epting.



Excerpts from SPS ELCA Response to Butte and Valley Fires:

Grace, mercy and peace be with you in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ.

The devastation has been of a scale that we can scarcely comprehend. ... In our Lutheran family, four congregations have been directly affected by these fires: Faith Lutheran in Pioneer, Mountain Ranch Lutheran in Mountain Ranch, Faith Lutheran in Murphys, and Galilee Lutheran in Kelseyville.

The Red Cross and other relief agencies have already begun to respond, and donations of cash and material are being generously offered. We are grateful for all who have supported these efforts to deal with the immediate needs of the people most affected by these fires.

Please, generously support the relief work of LDR and LSS as you consider offering your financial gifts to help the people and communities which have been affected by the Butte and Valley Fires. Their immediate needs are being met - let's commit to being there for the long journey of recovery and rebuilding by giving to LDR or LSS. Thank you.

God's Peace,
Bp. Mark

For more information on how you can help contact **Lutheran Disaster Response:**

Website: <http://www.elca.org/en/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Ways-to-Give>

Call 1-800-638-3522. Operators are ready to assist you M—F 8 am—5 pm Central Time

Or contact **Lutheran Social Services of Northern California** at 1-916-453-2900

Website: <http://www.lssnorcal.org/>

TODAY 9/20 —

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 to talk about the plan for conformation this school year. If you cannot be present, please let Pastor Lyn know.

On-going Bible Study Opportunities —

- **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.

**This
Saturday**

girl scouts



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.

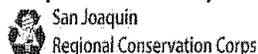
We will accept: Cans, bottles, plastic. Monitors, televisions, desktop and notebook PC's, VCR's, stereo equipment, CD's, speakers, keyboards, mice, PDA's, digital cameras, zip drives, telephones, cell phones, printers, copiers, laser and multifunction scanners and fax machines, small household appliances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

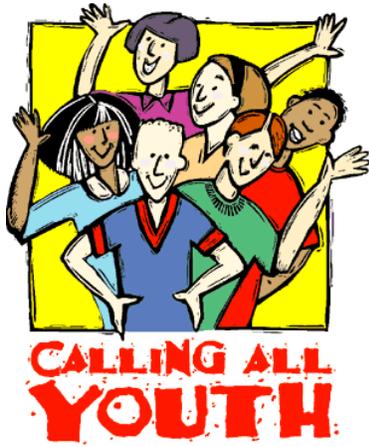
We will not accept: Large household appliances (i.e.. refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc.). Furniture, hazardous household waste including batteries, car batteries, paint, pesticides, used oil, cleaning supplies, fluorescent light bulbs, water heaters, tires, etc.

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

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

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Youth News

Youth Group will begin meeting the 3rd Sunday of the month from 5-7 pm, beginning October 18, 2015. We will meet for Bible study, games, food & fun.

Other activities include:

- ✓ Gathering walnuts at the Kraft residence on October 17 and will include Bible study.
- ✓ Laser Tag on September 24 (see Lori Skustad).
- ✓ The next Corridor 99 group event will be an Advent party on December 5th.

Invite your friends and plan to attend!



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).



WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 21	TUE 22	WED 23	THUR 24	FRI 25	SAT 26	SUN 27
		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
6 pm CANA	12:00 noon LECTIONARY STUDY		1:30 pm Rebecca Circle		10:00 am E-Waste Fundraiser w/ Girl Scouts	9:30 am Communion Service Choir Practice
7:30 pm Lydia Circle						Interfaith Sunday Stewardship Kick-Off

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Presiding Minister	Assistant Minister	Lectors	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Sept 27	Pastor Lyn Crase	Bill Reinheimer	P Kroeze D Santana	Dianne Santana	Chris Schmidt	Owen Family	Lois Silva
Oct 4	Pastor Lyn Crase	Eric Obermeyer	P Barton K Reuter	Dave Henke	Alora Skustad	Shank/ Skustad	Castleberry/ Waggoner
Oct 11	Pastor Lyn Crase	Kathleen Reuter	B Reinheimer W Teaney	Bill Reinheimer	Hailey Rios	Holtz/ Salonen	Castleberry/ Waggoner

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

September 27 Pentecost 18	October 4 Pentecost 19	October 11 Pentecost 20
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	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90:12-17 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31



Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests: Bill Fox—healing & well-being (Fox); Priscilla Pino, Don Rousseau—healing, health and well-being (Ixcot); Marcella Mangnall—surgery/recovery, Dona Molet—upcoming surgery and cancer treatment (Dieterich); Sam Gierhan—recovery & good health (T. Gierhan)

Sympathy is expressed to the family of Barbara Robertson, a former member of Emanuel, who passed away Sunday night. Please keep them in your prayers.

Prayers and sympathy are also expressed to the family of Helen DeVe who also passed away recently. A Celebration of Life service is scheduled for 9/27/15, 2:00 pm, at Casa de Modesto.

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); Joyce Morgan (Scott); Vince & Andi (Ixcot)

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); Georga Butterfield (Petersen); Art & Dorothy Scully (Waggoner); Marie Fuxa (Silva); Emmet Pletschette (Smith)

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 20, 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.)*

Gracious God, we pray for the church in its many expressions. Give it the gift of discernment to know what is needed and the humility to ask for what is necessary. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for another year of harvests, for farmers, gardeners, farmers markets, and community gardens. Teach us to share the earth's abundance with all who hunger. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for the leaders of all nations. Take away selfish ambition, conflicts, and disputes, and guide leaders to work for the good of all people. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for those affected by shortened daylight hours, for those who struggle with envy, and for those who suffer from impulses that are at war within them. We pray for all those in any kind of need. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for children in this congregation and community. Give them compassionate and patient families, caregivers, mentors, teachers, and friends. Assure them that Jesus is always with them and loves them. 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.

We give thanks for the saints and all those who have seasoned our lives of faith. Preserve us in faith until we join them in your eternal kingdom. 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

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!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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Sermon Hymn #397

Loving Spirit

1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—

you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. hymnal version

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Sending Hymn #815

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



All cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson
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