

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 25, 2016

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Welcome to Emanuel

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WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!

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

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(Please ask an usher)

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Pastorale

Ned Rorem

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jubilate Deo

Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME

Pastor Lyn Crase

OPENING HYMN

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

ELW #531; W&P #319

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

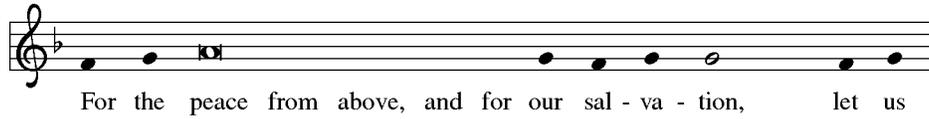
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE



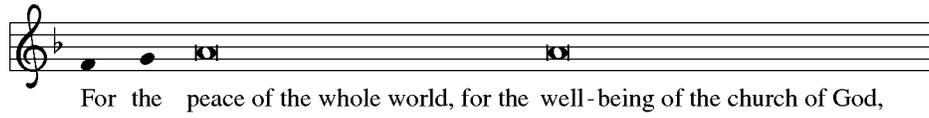
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



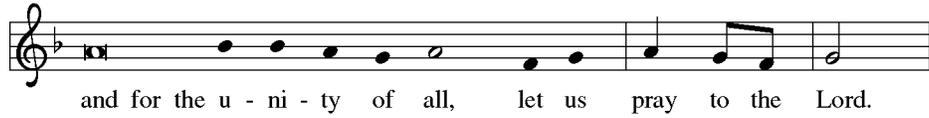
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



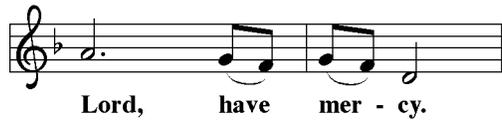
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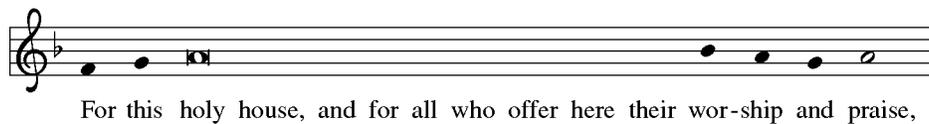
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



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



A - men.

GLORIA



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together....

C God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: AMOS 6:1A, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;

⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;

⁶who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146



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¹Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

³Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,
and in that day | their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;
who keeps promis- | es forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.
The LORD sets the | captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;
the LORD | loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares | for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall | reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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 Word from 2 Corinthians 5:6-15

C 2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-15

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord — ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart.

¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

CHILDREN'S TIME // INTERFAITH COLLECTION

SERMON

“Chasing the Wild Goose”

Rev. Marvin Jacobo, Modesto
Neighborhoods, Incorporated

APOSTLE’S CREED

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

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

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

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

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

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

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

TITHES & OFFERINGS

The offering is an act of worship; a response of gratitude and thankfulness.

OFFERTORY

Serve the Lord with Gladness

Theodore Beck

OFFERING PRAYER

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

C Amen

SHARING THE PEACE

The sharing of peace is an individual and communal act of forgiveness.

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please return to your seats at the signal from the organ and remain standing after the Peace.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

A In recognition of God's forgiveness, mercy and grace let us continue with the Great Thanksgiving.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

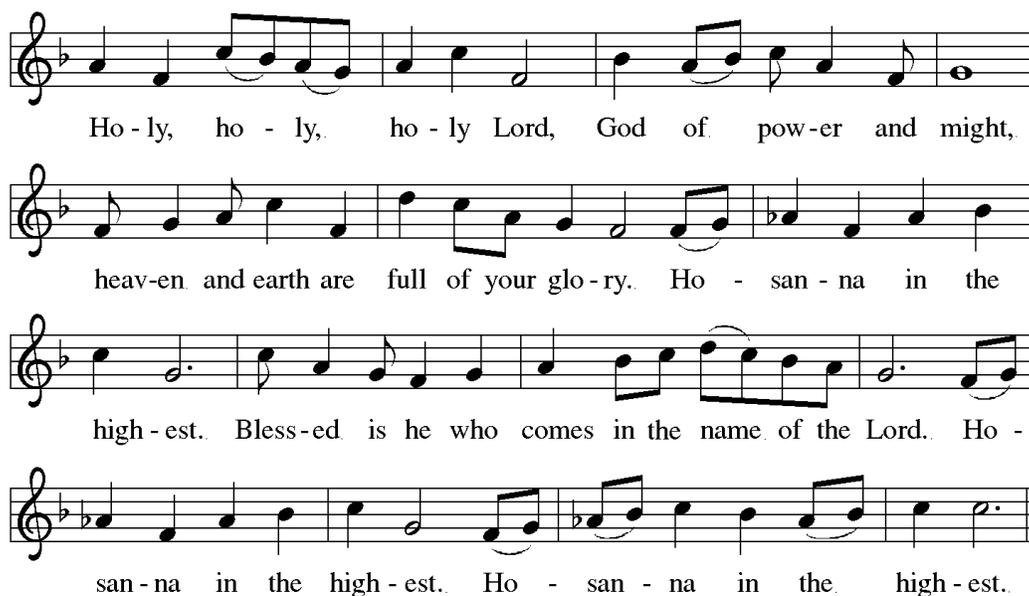
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

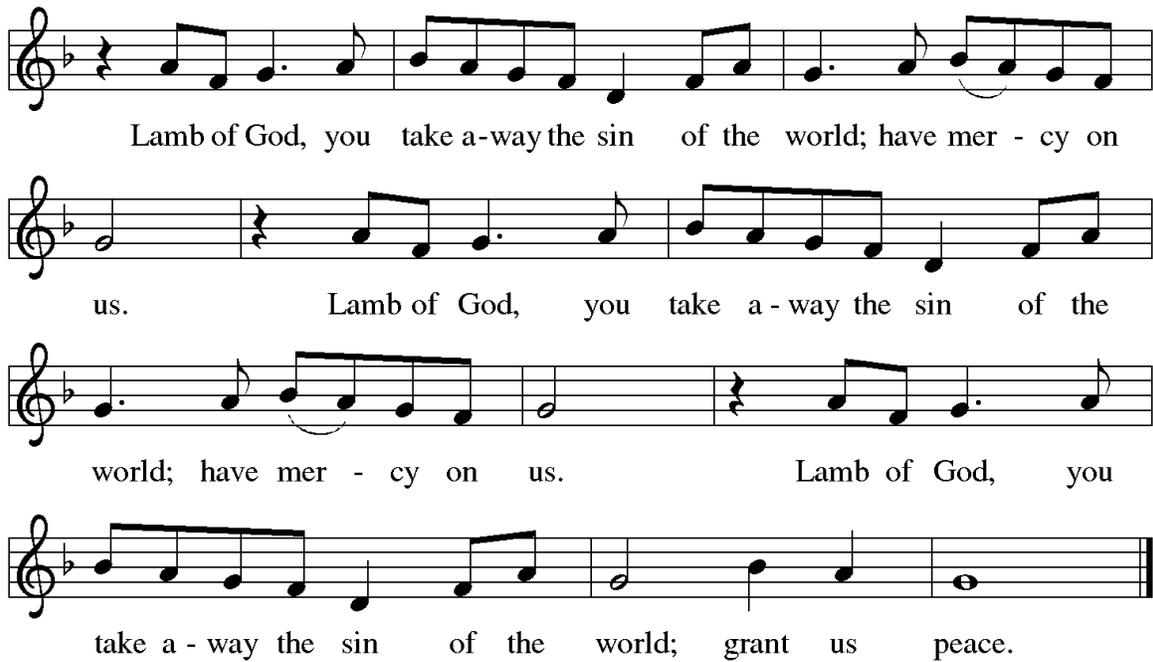
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Take hold of the life that really is life.
Come, take your place at the table.

We practice continuous communion at the altar rail. All are welcome.

LAMB OF GOD



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

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

<i>Canticle of Turning</i>	ELW #723; W&P #26
<i>We Come to the Hungry Feast</i>	ELW #479
<i>Will You Let Me Be Your Servant</i>	ELW #659

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A We come again to you, O God,
giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy
you have embraced us and healed us,
making us one in the body of Christ.
Go with us on our way.
Equip us for every good work,
that we may continue to give you thanks
by embracing others with mercy and healing;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

SENDING OF COMMUNION MINISTERS

Home Communion Minister(s) come(s) forward.

P Let us pray,

C O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are homebound. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life.

The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you;

and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be with you now and forever.

C Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

To Be Your Presence

ELW #546

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Matthias Weckman

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister	Pastor Lyn Crase
Guest Speaker	Rev. Marvin Jacobo
Assisting Minister	Bob Dailey
Acolyte.....	Alora Skustad
Ministers of the Word	Bill Reinheimer, Yvonne Troedson
Cantor	Paula Barton
Communion Assistant.....	Lois Owen
Usher/Greeter	Owen Family
Altar Care.....	Lois Silva

Announcements

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



The flowers on the altar today are given by Susan McCready in loving memory of Alfred McCready, born September 27, 1950.



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 New Bible study on the Minor Prophets has begun. First Thursdays only, meets at Casa de Modesto with our members who are residents there. Regularly meets in Katie’s Room. Everyone is welcome!

On-Going Adult Education Sunday evenings twice a month from 5:30—7:00 pm (will meet in Katie’s room). “The Abrahamic Traditions, Honoring Our Neighbor’s Faith.” Next class is TODAY 9/25.

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

Confirmation Classes 11:00 am - 12:30 pm, meeting in the Narthex.

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

Blessing of the Animals On Sunday, October 2, we will set up on our front lawn, visible to pedestrians and motorists on Stoddard and College, with an offer to bless their pets. People walking their dogs will be welcomed and their companions will be blessed by Pastor Lyn. She will be there starting at 7:30 am and will shut down at 9 am to prepare for regular worship. We will also have our more standard blessing in the courtyard that Sunday afternoon beginning at 5 pm. The youth will be serving lemonade and cookies.

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

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.

**Gallo Center for the arts presents a Red Carpet Gala benefitting
Modesto Gospel Mission, featuring musical guests**

UNSPOKEN

in concert on Thursday, September 29 at 7:00 pm
in the Mary Stuart Rogers Theater.
Pre-show reception begins at 5:30 pm.

Tickets are available now – \$20-35. Price includes pre-show reception. ELC members receive a 15% discount for groups of 10 or more by phone or in person. See poster on the bulletin board in Luther Hall for more information.

Table Talks with Luther

*Read Luther with other pastors, seminarians, and
laypeople, in-person or online*

Orientation:

Wednesday, September 21, 2:30pm @ PLTS
(after Founder's Day)

Sessions held the last Wednesday of the month starting October 26th.

Hosted By: Prof. Kirsi Stjerna, Ph.D and
Rev. Daniel Smith, Ph.D.

All meetings held at PLTS:
2770 Marin Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94708

For more info visit
www.ref500.info

Brought to you by Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and the Sierra Pacific Synod

Sign up for Brave Cave Fall Fest!



A Family Event (children ages 3-10)

October 1, 2016 at Emanuel

9:30 - 11:30 am

Invite your friends and their families to this FREE event!

*RSVP to Laura Marquez—daycare@emanuellutheran.org
or Paula Braxton—secretary@emanuellutheran.org*

Do you have any cardboard boxes (medium or larger) that you'd like to discard? We can use them for the upcoming "Brave Cave" event on October 1st. Just call Lois Owen (ph. 577-8868, or 204-8868) and we'll take them off your hands. Thanks!



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 with the luncheon to follow. Please save the date and join us in Luther Hall for a fun event.

~Jeanne Hardin, WELCA President

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

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

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



[RESCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 16]

Back to Youth Group Night!

4:30 –6:00 pm (Meet back at the church for dinner)

Laser Quest Modesto

2100 Standiford Ave. Ste. D2, Modesto, CA 95350

Bring your friends!

Cost is: \$7.50 per person





Family Promise guests return to Emanuel the week of October 16-22. Your participation is essential in supporting these families who are working to establish more permanent housing and get their lives back on track. Please keep the program in prayer as Emanuel members sign up to bring a meal, host an evening @ Emanuel, spend the night or supply funds for supplies. The volunteer sign-up board is in the narthex and contributions may be placed in the offering plate. Direct questions to David Holtz (davidholtz@sbcglobal.net or 578-0926)



BRIDGES VOLUNTEER DRIVER PROGRAM

What is BRIDGES Volunteer Driver Program?

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

How does BRIDGES work?

Step 1 – Application

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

Step 2- Eligibility

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

Step 3-Find a Driver

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

Step 4- Begin Mileage Reimbursement

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

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 26	TUE 27	WED 28	THUR 29	FRI 30	SAT 1	SUN 2
ECHOES DEADLINE		7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	9:30 am Adult Bible Study Katie's Rm.	OFFICE CLOSED	10:00 am Brave Cave for children	7:30 am Blessing of the Animals 9:30 am Worship Service
6:00 pm CANA	12:00 pm Lectionary Study	10:00 am Weekly Staff Mtg.				Guest Speaker Marvin Jacobo
7:00 pm Bible Study @ M. Waggoner's			Gospel Mission Concert			

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Ministers of the Word	Cantor	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Oct 2 Pentecost 20	Garry Hayes	B Rokaitis S Hall		Beth Rokaitis	Emma Hoover	Holtz/ Salonen	Waggoner/ Castleberry
Oct 9 Pentecost 21	Sue Wilke	D Santana M Dieterich	Paula Barton	D Santana D Henke	Fanney Bjargardottir	Clarke Family	Waggoner/ Castleberry
Oct 16 Pentecost 22	Barbara Crawford	P Barton D Holtz	David Holtz	Lori Skustad	Alora Skustad	Shank/ Skustad	Waggoner/ Castleberry

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

October 2 Pentecost 20	October 9 Pentecost 21	October 16 Pentecost 22
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-9 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5 Luke 18:1-8



New Prayer Requests: Loretta (Janice Watkin's cousin) - comfort and peace; Bobby Horton (Barbara Crawford's brother-in-law) - healing of lung cancer

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

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

T/Sgt. Ryan Dangerfield, USAF in Ramstein AB, Germany and **SSgt. Joey Sabel, USMC** in Kaneohe Marine Corps Base, Hawaii (Marilyn & Chuck Rowland's grandson & grandson-in-law); **Capt. Tim Kramer** (Megan Armes' brother) will be in Kuwait through June of 2016; **Ryan Powell** (grandson of Yvonne Troedson) USN, Connecticut; **Chad Vander Veen** (friend of Susan Hall), US Army in Kuwait.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

God, we thank you for the church, its mission, and its ministry. Help us to be examples of the faith and to pursue righteousness in all we say and do. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the well-being of all creation. Make us wise stewards of your rich and beautiful world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Ruler of the nations, we pray for peace in places of conflict and war. We pray for exiles, refugees, and those far from home. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all those who are lonely or homebound, those who are trapped in any kind of prison of body, mind, or spirit, and for those who are sick or injured. Especially we pray for Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God who sits high but looks low, we pray for our brothers and sisters who struggle to make ends meet. Provide for all of our physical and spiritual needs. 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 remember and give thanks for all your saints in light and for those who have recently died. Thank you for the good foundation of their lives and witness. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of hope, today we pray for the pastors & churches of our newly named conference, Sierra Central Valley. This morning we lift up Pastor Rick Alpers and the people of Zion Lutheran Church in Stockton. Sustain Pastor Rick and enliven the leadership of Zion; energize them for ministry in their community, and enable bold witness for the sake of the Gospel. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

Amen

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SERMON HYMN #690

We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord

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

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

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

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

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

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To Be Your Presence



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

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