



18th Sunday after Pentecost

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Emanuel Lutheran Church

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WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!

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

- **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available. •

(Please ask an usher)

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

9:30 AM

PRELUDE	<i>Chorale in E Major</i>	Cesar Franck
GATHERING SONGS	<i>He Is Exalted</i> <i>Kyrie Eleison</i>	Purple Book #55 Purple Book #81
WELCOME		Pastor Lyn Crase
ENTRANCE HYMN	<i>O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True</i>	Red Book #675
TEMPLE TALK		Jim Barton

CONFSSION 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.

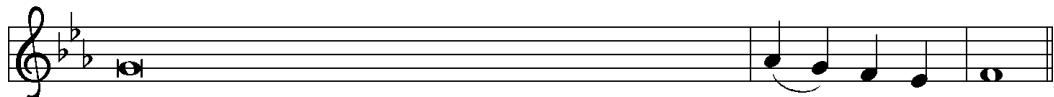
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



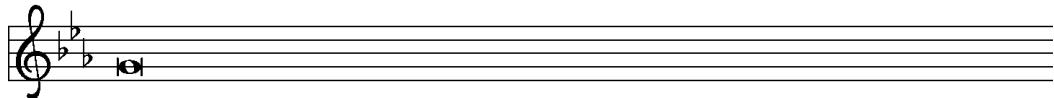
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



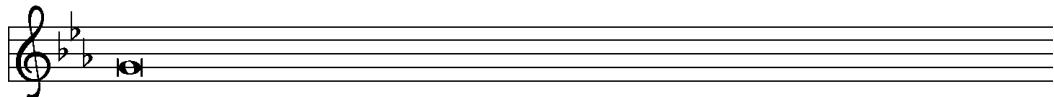
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Refrain

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 Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: NUMBERS 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?

⁴ The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

¹⁰ Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

¹⁶ So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

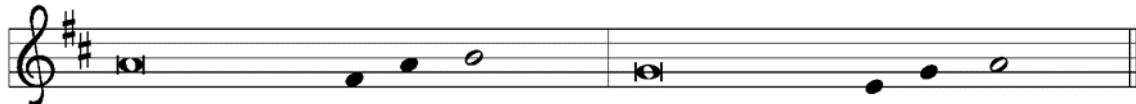
²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶ Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19:7-14



⁷ The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

⁸ **The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;**
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,**
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.

¹¹ By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

¹² **Who can detect one's | own offenses?**
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.

¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion | over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

¹⁴ **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,**
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.

SECOND READING: JAMES 5:13-20

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

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 9:38-50

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

³⁸ John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹ But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.

⁴⁰ Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴² “If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹ “For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Lyn Crase

SERMON HYMN

Come, Ye Disconsolate

Red Book #607

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 Made alive with God in Christ, we pray for the church, those in need, 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

Melody in F

Anton Rubinstein

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

Spirit of Gentleness

Red Book #396

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Red Book #614

Where the Cross Crowded Ways of Life

Red Book #719

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

Home Communion Minister comes 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 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

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

Red Book #807

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.
C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Carillon

Kenneth Udy

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister	Pastor Lyn Crase
Assisting Minister	Bill Reinheimer
Acolyte.....	Chris Schmidt
Song Leader	Marilyn Rowland
Readers.....	Paula Kroeze, Dianne Santana
Communion Assistant.....	Dianne Santana
Home Communion Minister.....	Suzanne Wilke
Recipient	Kay Altmas
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 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 William Teaney in memory of beloved parents, Kathleen Forsythe Wysong and Billy Joe Teaney.



Choir Rehearsal after the service.

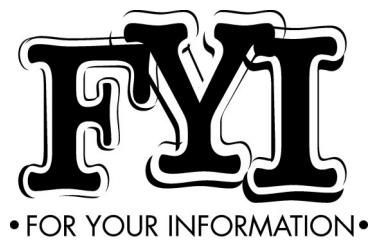
Adult Bible Study

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



Butte Fire

The organizers have put donations on hold for now due to the generous response of those who have given so far. Although the need for supplies will be on-going, they are currently in need of people to help organize the goods for distribution. A huge thank you to all who gave. Please continue to pray for those who have lost their homes and possessions and especially for those still in harm's way.



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/>

- **Confirmation Classes** will begin next Sunday, October 4 after worship services. Candidates will meet with Pastor Lyn in the conference room of the church office.

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.
- Thank you Mike and Jeanine Clarke for maintaining our Luther Hall bulletin boards!

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" Stewardship 2016 Sunday kickoff is today. Stewardship Packets are on the back table in the narthex to pick up. (They are in alphabetical order.) Please pick up your 2016 Commitment Form and prayerfully consider filling it out.

Put your personal **Talents** and abilities into action by serving. God's love is alive at Emanuel through our **Time**. It is the generous giving of **money** and material goods that allows Emanuel to do their ministry and run our church. When we plan, pledge, and give generously, we are able to manage our budgets. Be generous. Feel the joy of God's glory in the work that will be done with what you have given!

When finished filling out the tri-fold, you are invited to place your 2016 Commitment Form in the basket in front of the church during our offering every Sunday from October 4 until November 1 (or mail it).



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 October 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 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THUR 1	FRI 2	SAT 3	SUN 4
ECHOES DEADLINE		7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	9:30 am Adult Bible Study with Pr. Lyn @ Casa de Modesto	OFFICE CLOSED	FAMILY PROMISE	FAMILY PROMISE 8:30 am Adult Education—Acts of the Apostles
	12:00 noon LECTIONARY STUDY					9:30 am Communion Service 10:45 am WELCA Steering Committee mtg.
7:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ Marsha's	7:00 pm Gospel Mission Ministry					10:45 am Confirmation Class 11:00 am Choir Practice

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Presiding Minister	Assistant Minister	Lectors	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
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
Oct 18	Pastor Lyn Crase	Paula Barton	B Rokaitis L Owen	Beth Rokaitis	Emma Hoover	Owen Family	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: Tom Watkins—recovery and healing (Watkins)

Remembering Harvey Hardel, we give thanks for his life and celebrate the new life he now has with our Lord.

Note: Art and Dorothy Scully sent a note thanking everyone for their thoughts and prayers following the passing of Dorothy's sister. The card has been posted in Luther Hall (see bulleting board).

Our Members: Drew Shank; Ben Knoll; Lori Knoll; Susan Hayes; Carolyn Crenwelge; Bob Dailey; Kelly Dailey; Gary Knoll; Pat & Jack Smith; Bill Fox; Sam Gierhan

Our Homebound Members: 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 (Ixco); Marcella Mangnall, Dona Molet (Dieterich);

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); Georgia Butterfield (Petersen); Art & Dorothy Scully (Waggoner); Marie Fuxa (Silva); Emmet Pletschette (Smith); Priscilla Pino, Don Rousseau (Ixco)

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. Timothy Kramer** in Kansas (Megan Armes' brother), **Ryan Powell** (grandson of Yvonne Troedson) USN, Connecticut.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Made alive with God in Christ, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. You are invited to kneel, as you are able. (*Pause for silence.*)

God of all wisdom and truth, send your Spirit on all your people, opening our mouths to prophesy and speak truth to one another. Give us words that make your will known. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Uphold farmers and field workers who harvest as nights grow longer and days get colder. Use their labor to deliver sustenance to people and animals. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lead public servants and government officials to work on behalf of all people. Send advocates to halls of justice and guide legislation that breaks the bonds of injustice. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Redeem all who are in trouble or danger. Speak healing words to them, and restore them to wholeness, that praise may flow from their lips. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Fill those who are hungry with good things. Enfold those who are weary in communities where their bodies and souls may be fed. 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.

You have drawn your people into one great community. Show to us the same faithfulness you have shown your saints throughout the ages, and lead us to live faithfully. Lord, in your mercy,

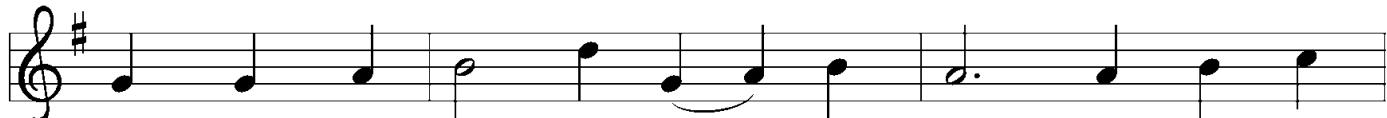
Hear our prayer.

Gather these prayers and all who are in need into your abundant care, O God, remembering your promise of mercy, through Christ our Lord.

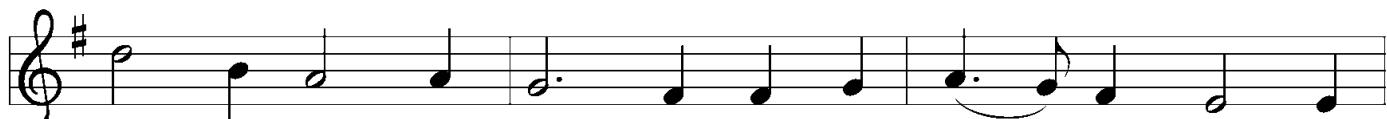
Amen

Entrance Hymn #675

O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True



1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on
2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the wan - d'lers
3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -
4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on
5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,



those es - tranged from you, and bring them to your home a -
lost in er - ror's maze. Set free all those whose hearts and
way the need - less fears of those who trem - ble to ex -
oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed
ev - er to re - joice with wond - ring grat - i - tude and



gain, where their de - light shall nev - er end.
minds some deep de - lu - sion haunts and binds.
press the faith their in - most hearts con - fess.
sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.
praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. composite

Music: O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT, *Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1676

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Sermon Hymn #607

Come, Ye Disconsolate



come to the mer - cy - seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure;
forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.

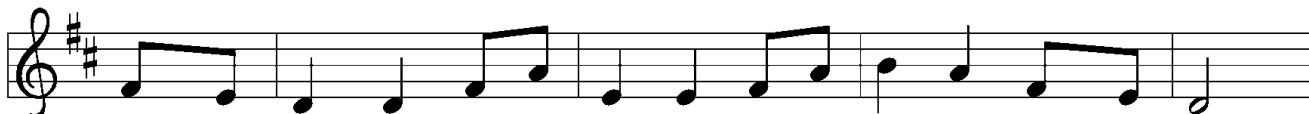
Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
here speaks the Com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,
Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing

earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.
"Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."
earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

Text: Thomas Moore, 1779–1852, sts. 1–2; Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872, st. 3
Music: CONSOLATOR, Samuel Webbe Sr., 1740–1816

Sending Hymn #807

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813