

Ascension Sunday

May 12, 2024

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Welcome to Emanuel

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 introducing yourself to those you encounter and please be sure to sign our guest book (located on the stand in the Narthex).

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday - 8 am to 3 pm Friday - 8 am to 2 pm

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PRELUDE

WELCOME Pastor Lyn Crase

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMNAll Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

→ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Amen

P: Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

P: Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

KYRIE—everyone sings



THIS IS THE FEAST



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THIS IS THE FEAST (continued)



GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together....

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world, and that the disciples will be accompanied and empowered by the Holy Spirit. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

PSALM: Psalm 47

¹Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a joyful sound.

²For the LORD Most High is to be feared: a great king over all the earth,

³who subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet;

⁴who chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.

⁵God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of the ram's horn.

⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.

⁷For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with a song.

*God reigns over the nations; God is enthroned on high.

⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham. The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we are given the wisdom to know the power of the risen Christ and the empowering hope that the knowledge of this inheritance provides.

P: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 24.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED) Please be seated.

SERMON Pr. Lyn

HYMN OF THE DAY Lord, You Give the Great Commission Page 16

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.....congregation responds with "hear our prayer."

A: Please sit or kneel as comfortable.

SHARING THE PEACE

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

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

The offering is our response to God's grace and mercy.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here

be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen

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.

And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

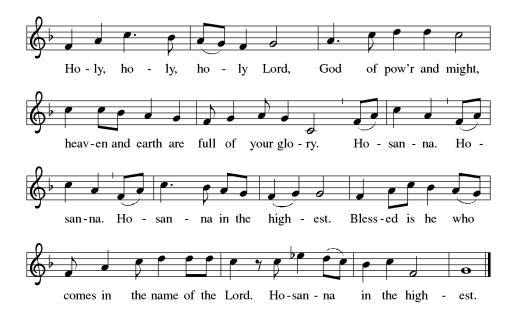
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

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

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: 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

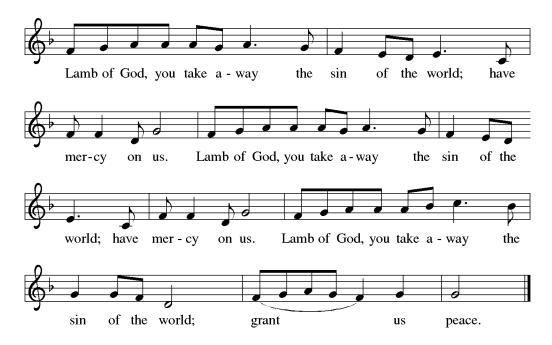
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table.

We practice continuous communion at the rail. All are welcome. White grape juice is available for those who prefer that instead of wine. Gluten free wafers available.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMNS

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COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

Amen

BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope

+ bless you now and always.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

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DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Bible Readings for May 19 - Day of Pentecost

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21
Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27

Gospel Reading: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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Announcements: Week of May 12, 2024

If you have church keys that you are no longer using, please turn them in to the office. *Thank you!*

Prayer Team: Interested in being part of ELC's Prayer Team? Please ask Pr. Lyn or Yvonne Troedson to add your name to the prayer chain.

Needed: Pictures over the years. If you have old photos from the early years at ELC, please let Suzanne Wilke borrow them to scan for an Anniversary project. *Thank you!*

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY YOU MAY REGISTER FOR THE UPCOMING NEXT STEPS WORKSHOP. Don't miss the opportunity to explore the questions we, as women, need to research and think about as we plan for our future in a positive and proactive way AND how to go about moving toward pulling this information together as an action plan. Every "Plan A" needs a "Plan B". What are your plans for your health, housing, social network, resources, caring team, and spiritual growth? **Registration is limited to 20 participants.** Cost for the day is \$40 and helps cover the costs for speaker, meals and supplies. Questions? Please see Donna V. For a registration form see Sue.



May 26 - Workshop Two - Visioning and Wondering, 11:00 am

During the first session we explored several topics. See the new edition of Echoes for a brief overview if you missed the first one. If you were unable to attend the first session, please consider attending this one. In addition to discussing the findings of session one, we will utilize a brief survey that will help to further explore what God is up to at Emanuel.

These workshops designed to take an honest look at who we are and where we want to be as an active congregation in our community. It will be a time to do some imagining around what God desires of us.

It's a time when all voices will be heard and respected. The sessions are approximately an hour. They are interactive and fun! Don't miss out! Your voice is important!

In addition, during the summer - June 22nd, July 20th, and August 24th, (Saturdays, 5:00 pm) join me and other pizza lovers for "Pizza with the Pastor".

Build your own pizza, enjoy fellowship with others, and ask those burning questions you've been dying to ask!

Ongoing Announcements

Food For Faith (FIGS) now has a location to accept donations of non-perishable food. We will collect food for them every 1st Sunday.

Text Study: Every Tuesday, year-round, in Luther Hall at noon. We discuss the lessons for the next Sunday. Come anytime you are available, leave early if you need to, bring your lunch. Generally, this lasts about an hour and 15 minutes....give or take.

The Men's Bible Study Group meets at 7 am on Wednesday mornings at The Secret Garden Restaurant, 2401 Orangeburg Ave.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study — on break until September.

Hosts are needed for Coffee Hour. Please see the sign-up sheet in Luther Hall.

We are asking for donations to help support the Coffee Hour. A donation container will be available on a table in Luther Hall.

Coin Jar -- Your spare change makes a difference! Proceeds go to Outreach.

Quilting Bee -- meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 10:00 am. All are welcome & all skill levels as well. If you can use scissors and/or tie a knot, there will be a job for you!

Lydia Circle — usually meets the 2nd Monday of each month, at the home of Marsha Waggoner - 916 Kenilworth Ct. at 1:00 pm. Please be sure to check the weekly calendar in the bulletin for any updates! We use the GATHER magazine as our Bible Study. All women of Emanuel are invited to join us.

Leah Circle meets on the third Monday of the month at 1:00 pm at The Park Independent Senior Living Community in Modesto.

Rebecca Circle meets every 3rd Thursday at 1:30 pm in member's homes. All are welcome!

Miriam Circle meets every 4th Monday at member's homes. See Melissa Molina for more information.

The Shower Shuttle and Laundry Shuttle are actively taking care of our homeless communities, and the needs remain the same: personal hygiene items, etc. *Thank you all for your contributions to this Ministry, Marilyn and Chuck Rowland*

Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran World Relief directed donations go directly to the people most in need.

Entrance

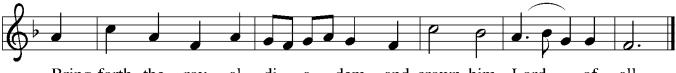
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je sus'name! Let an gels pros-trate fall;
- 2 O seed of Is rael's cho-sen race now ran-somed from the fall,
- 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da-vid's line, whom Da vid Lord did call—
- Sin ners, whose love can ne'er for get the worm-wood and the gall,



bring forth the di - a - dem roy - al and crown him Lord all. hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all. God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all. the spread your tro-phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all. go



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all. his grace all. Hail him who saves you by and crown him Lord of The God in - car - nate, man di - vineand crown him Lord of all. Go spread your tro-phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6 Music: Coronation, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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Hymn of the Day

Lord, You Give the Great Commission



Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

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

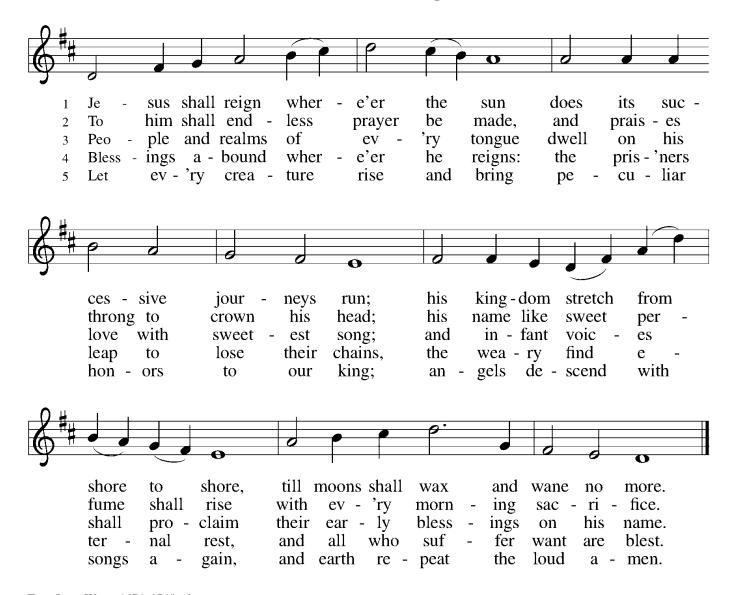
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Communion Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

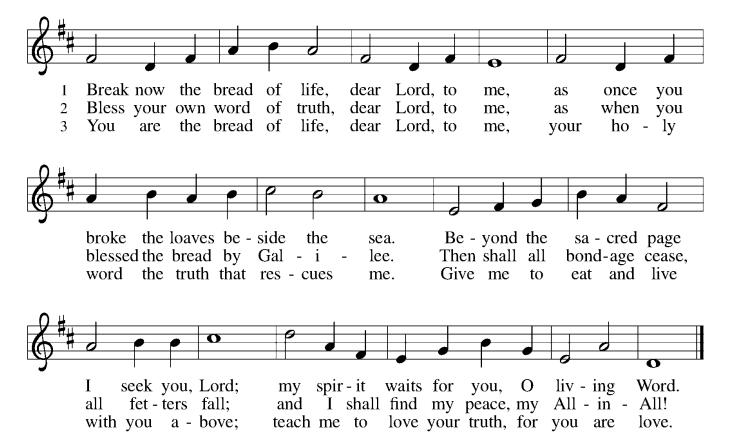


Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Communion Hymn

Break Now the Bread of Life

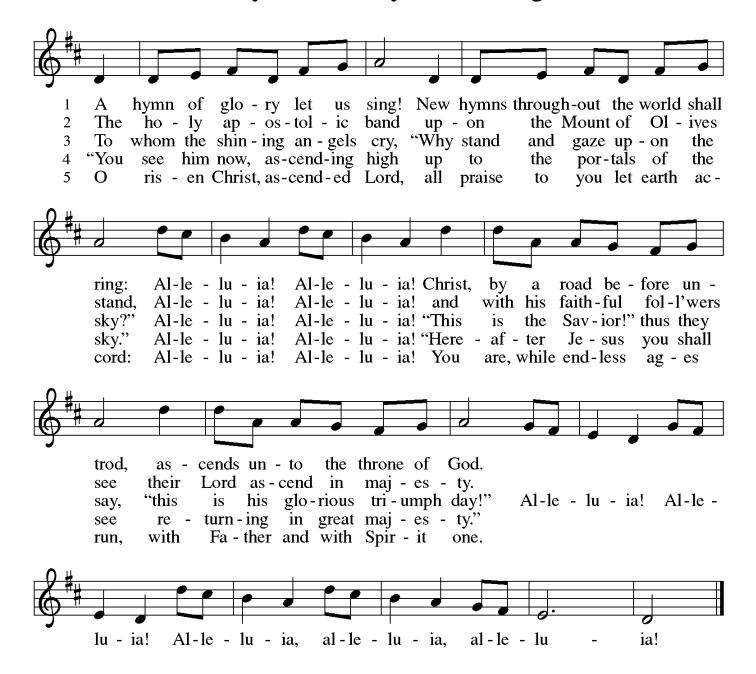


Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.

Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826-1888

Sending Hymn

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!



Text: Bede, 673–735; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623

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Prayer Requests: May 12, 2024

Philippians 4:19-20 ...God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen

On-going Prayers:

- 1. Jack Smith & family—comfort & peace
- 2. Connie Petersen—health & well-being
- 3. Mary Lou Dieterich—health & healing
- 4. Marilyn—health & well-being
- 5. Lisa Poston—healing & well-being
- 6. Laura Marquez—health & well-being
- 7. Rose Epting—healing
- 8. Ray Simon—strength & healing
- 9. Tom & Barbara Norquist—well-being
- 10. Pr. Lyn & family—comfort & peace
- 11. Chris Paulsen—strength in adversity
- 12. Laurie Spinuzzi—healing & well-being (Silva)
- 13. Sue Allen—healing & well-being
- 14. Glenna Toste –cancer (Silva)
- Julia Polillio—healing & recovery from COVID (Silva)
- 16. Deborah Bauer—health & healing (Tchmola)
- 17. George—brain cancer (Kim/ELDC)
- Aaron Strait—success in every aspect at his new location
- 19. Kari—healing & well-being (Hoaglund)
- 20. Goldie Harris—comfort & peace (Harris)
- 21. Carl Schmidt—healing (Schmidt)
- 22. Bob Reuter & family—comfort & peace
- 23. Kim Keen—health & well-being (Harris)

- 24. Dick Lippert—healing (D. Norquist)
- 25. Jacqueline—healing & well-being (Hoaglund)
- 26. Logan S., age 10—healing of leukemia (Jeff Hopson)
- 27. Manuel Furtado—healing (Norquist)
- 28. Patti V.—healing & well-being/lung cancer treatment (Maylen)
- Marian Schmidt McKenzie—slowing the progression of Parkinson's disease
 (Schmidt)
- Ian McKenzie—acceptance of new temporary Santa Barbara apartment (Schmidt)
- 31. Gary Johnson– healing after an injury (Crawford)
- Marge Thomas—Alzheimer's diagnosis (Rowland)
- 33. Richard Clark—recovery & healing (Strand)
- 34. Kyle Ollenborger—health & well-being (Strand)
- 35. John Smith— healing (Smith)
- 36. Jennifer Turner—health & well-being (Dieterich)
- 37. Darcy Moreno—physical recovery (Ashlock)

CALENDAR | MAY 13 - 19

Monday, May 13

10:00 am Piecemakers Quilting Bee: Luther Hall

1 pm Lydia Circle Meets off-site

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 14

12 pm Text Study: Luther Hall

2 pm Organ Practice: Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 15

6 am Radiant Men's Breakfast: Luther Hall & Kitchen

7 am ELC Men's Bible Study group meets at The Secret Garden

Restaurant, 2401 E. Orangeburg Ave. in Modesto

12 pm M-Linc Meeting: Luther Hall

Thursday, May 16

10 am Organ Lesson: Sanctuary

1:30 pm Rebecca Circle meets off-site

6 pm Radiant - Youth Meeting

Friday, May 17

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Saturday, May 18

9 am-4 pm No events are scheduled

Sunday, May 19

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS SUNDAY

9:30 am ELC Worship Service
10:30 am Next Steps Orientation
10:45 am ELC Sunday School

3 pm Radiant Leadership

5 pm Radiant Worship Service



Our Mission

To share Christ's unconditional love with everyone.

Our Vision

Emanuel's vision is to be loving, supportive, and welcoming, as we reach out in service and in witness to our neighborhood and the city beyond.

We share a passion to nurture people in all stages and circumstances of life.

We, as disciples of Christ, minister to our changing community in challenging cultural times.

God is calling us to joyfully follow the Holy Spirit in ministry to others.



