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**Indicates those who are able, may stand.*

P = Pastor speaking; AM = Assisting Minister speaks; C = Congregation speaks

GATHERING

Prelude

The Invitation of the Bell

***Gathering Song— “Beautiful Savior” ELW 838**

Welcome and Praise Reports

Prayer of the Day

C: Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Nov. 22, 2015

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle—This week
Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger

Give thanks for: The freedom for Christians to worship in Mauritania even though it is an Islamic country. Christians who retain their faith and continue to serve Christ even though they are tiny minorities in some of these countries. Those who depend on semi-nomadic and nomadic ways of life and who continue to survive and retain their ethnic heritage. Those who plant trees to counter the spread of the desert.

Office Hours
Pastor Anne Carlson
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*Tues. and Thurs. afternoons*  
*And by appointment*  
**For emergencies dial**  
**(408) 406-8749**  
*\*Church phone is answered from*  
*9:00 AM—7:00 PM*

***In Our Prayers...***  
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- Nathan Balcomb/Crall
- Sharon Biller
- Elizabeth Krc
- Marie Hughes
- Pastor Kimm
- Lira Kingston
- Connie Zimmerman
- Bill Mowson—Passing of his mother

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nov. 22, 2015

Youth/Children's Sunday School—8:30 AM, Room 2

Adult Sunday Bible Study—Sundays at 8:45 AM

Lord's Pantry deliveries are made every Monday

Church Decorating—Saturday, Nov. 28th, 4:00 PM

Smorgasbord/baby blankets due—Sunday, Dec. 13th

Financials/Attendance for Nov. 15th

Attendance: 28

Offering: \$2,055.00

Turkey for Lord's Pantry \$405.00

INTERFAITH GATHERING—Tues. Nov. 24, 2015, 7:30—9 PM

Each year during Thanksgiving week, several local faith communities join together (via the Los Gatos Interfaith Clergy Association) to give thanks and welcome the entire community to join them at an interfaith service. The location rotates from one house of worship to another annually. This year it will be Tuesday, November 24, 2015, 7:30 pm to 9pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Rose Ave, Los Gatos.

Donations of food to support St. Luke's pantry and Second Harvest Food Bank plus money donations can be accepted too.

Faith Lutheran Church has been asked to bring 6 dozen cookies. If you are available to donate, please bring them on Sunday, Nov. 15th or as you participate the day of the event.

This is the Feast ...

Refrain
Assisting minister
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All
1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and
strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

~November Celebration~



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jay & Jayne Viner

25

Christmas Smorgasbord—Dec. 13th at ?? pm

Please join us in celebrating Christs' birth with some holiday music, a feast and good cheer!

Sign up in the Narthex to bring a dish or two... Bring friends and family!

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**Service Needs for Nov. 29th:**

**Can you help?**

*As you walk back to the refreshments, please stop at the sign up sheet in the Narthex.*

\*Reader \*Refreshments \*Greeter

## Psalm 93

*Read responsively*

AM: The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;

**C: the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.**

AM: He has established the world; it shall never be moved

**C: your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.**

AM: The floods have lifted up, O Lord,

**C: the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.**

AM: More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,

**C: more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!**

AM: Your decrees are very sure;

**C: holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.**

AM: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

**God's Word Is Our Great Heritage**

God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;

to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.

Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while

time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Bebbheim, 1861–1925, alt.  
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

**\*Sending Hymn—“Shout to the Lord”**

**ELW 821**

**\*Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

Term Pastor: Pastor Anne Carlson  
Organist: Catherine Ellacer  
Ushers: Bob Balcomb/Les Grundy  
Reader/Intercessions: Len Brothers  
Refreshments:  
Altar: Linda Perez  
Flowers: Sharon Biller

“In Celebration of Son, Robert’s Birthday”

## **Post-Communion Blessing**

**P:** The life and covenant of Jesus, our companion, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

## **SENDING**

### **Offering**

**P:** In response to all that God does for us, it is appropriate that we give in return . . .

We will now receive our offering.

### **Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all people here below;  
praise God above, all heav'nly hosts;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**Amen**

### **Invitation & Announcements**

#### **\*Blessing**

**P:** The blessing of God's eternal love, the courage to follow the way of Christ's cross, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the broken places of our world, be upon you and remain with you forever.

**C: Amen**

## **The Holy Gospel according to John 18:33-37**

### **C: Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>33</sup> Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

**P:** Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Message

Pastor Anne

### **\*Song of the Day - “Jesus, Name Above All Names” W&P 77**

(During the hymn, hand the usher any prayer request cards.)

### **\*Apostles Creed**

P: With the whole Church, let us affirm our faith.

**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 power of 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.**

Pour us out for each other. Ignite your church.

Come Holy Spirit in this place.

Let us join our voices together and pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our  
trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

### **Invitation to the table**

P: Come to the banquet, for nothing and no one can take your place. This is God’s table, and Jesus is the host of this meal. It is a table of grace and it is all we will ever need.

Come, for all are welcome.

P: Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness, you have made this world and called us to be your children. We praise you, as you call us to build your people into a community of love.

You sent your son Jesus to show us who we are to be.

He showed us how to forgive and taught us that love is stronger than any force of evil or sin. Help us to remember the call you have given us as we gather here at Jesus' table to celebrate this meal.

We recall on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, blessed, broke it, and shared it with all who were there, saying:

Take and eat; this is my life, given for you.

Whenever you do this, re-member me.

In the same way, he took a cup of wine from the table, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant given to you and to all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Whenever you do this, remember me.

Holy God, we pray for your Spirit to come.

Enliven this bread. Awaken this body of Christ.

**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 Intersession**

AM: United into one by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with all God's saints for healing, wholeness, and peace in all the earth.

*A brief silence.*

Ancient One, you are beyond our understanding. Forgive us when our imaginations limit the depth of your being. Expand our vision of who you have been, who you are, and who you will be. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

Mountain maker, you created Earth and all that is in it. Heal environments damaged by human carelessness. Teach us to honor and care for your whole creation. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

Gracious sovereign, your majesty knows no bounds. Bring your kingdom to violent places. Send us out to share your peace in the world. Help us see how we participate in systems of injustice. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

Divine nurse, you care for all people. Stir us to care for all your children. Be with all who experience unemployment, homelessness, abuse, or who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*).

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

Holy Trinity, you call some to be prophets and some to be priests. Be with all who discern a call to ministry in your church. Bless the work of call committees and candidacy committees. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

AM: We pray for the world. This week from the Cycle of World Prayer we especially lift up Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger. May they live in your peace and protection. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

AM: Bless the ministry of Pueblo de Dios, San Jose, our sister congregation in our parish and we lift them up in prayer. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

Eternal truth, your word goes forth in every generation. We give you thanks for the priesthood of all believers and remember with joy and sorrow the saints who shared the gospel with us. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Into your care, Alpha and Omega, we entrust all for whom we pray. Be with us now and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Sharing the Peace**

P: Peace of the Lord be with you

**C: And also with you**

## MEAL

**Communion Prayer**

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 God thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise