

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 14, 2018



WELCOME TO EMANUEL

If you have any questions or need assistance of any kind,
please see an usher or ask any of Emanuel's parishioners.

For recycling, you may leave this bulletin and any inserts on your seat.

WELCOME VISITORS! If you are visiting with family or friends, we pray that your time together is filled with joy and love. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become part of our community of faith here at Emanuel Lutheran. Please consider filling out one of our “blue forms” back on the usher’s table, if you would like to receive more information about Emanuel.

HYMNS are taken from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Service Book & Hymnal (the red book in the pew rack), unless otherwise indicated.

PLEASE TURN OFF cell phones and all electronic devices during the Service.

PRAYER REQUESTS can be submitted to the Church Office using a “**blue form**” which can be found on the back Usher’s table. These forms can also be used for address changes, and other information.

SERVING TODAY

Ministers ... All the people of Emanuel

Presider/Preacher The Reverend Dr. Paula V. Mehmel
Assisting Minister Mal Doyle
Acolyte and Crucifer..... Addison Fastiggi and Brittany Caldwell
Lector Randy Olson (8 am) and Marjorie Johnson (10 am)
Communion Preparer Eileen Mitchell and Marjorie Johnson
Greeters Elizabeth Kieschnick and Jim Flanders
Director of Music Jonathan Reuning-Scherer
Musician Sarah Asmar
Assistant Music Director Katie Cox
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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

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We live in a culture of invitation. Television invites us to join complicated story arcs so that we feel connected to the characters. Commercials invite us to see their product as a new movement and invite us to join it. We are invited to join groups on Facebook and invited into chat rooms and blog responses. The number of social networks is exploding as we are invited into ever expanding ways to connect.

Invitation is an essential part of our walk of faith, but here we frequently see ourselves not as the invited but rather the one who is supposed to be doing the inviting. We can misuse invitation, maybe using the phrase “invite Jesus into your heart,” which often results in the misunderstanding that we are carrying a little bit of Jesus wherever we go. But today’s gospel (John 1:43-51) emphasizes not invitation as our call to others to join the walk of faith but rather Jesus’ invitation to us to follow him. Jesus’ invitation is not that we carry him with us but rather that we follow where he would lead. When Christ invites Philip to “follow me,” may we hear that invitation in our own ears.

PRELUDE

During the prelude, the congregation is invited into a time of silent prayer.

WELCOME

The congregation is invited to stand for the parts of the Service that are marked with an asterisk “”.
If you are unable to stand you may remain seated.*

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who stretches out the heavens,
who sends light to the nations,
who gives breath to us all.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Loving God,
C: **we confess that we have turned from your way
to follow our own ways.
Forgive us for the times
we have spoken or acted too quickly;
we have not spoken or acted at all;
we have hurt those closest to us;
we have hurt those we have yet to know;
we have thought more about ourselves than others;**

we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.
**Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,
so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.
Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.
God's love never runs out.
God never tires of calling us beloved children.
Hear God say to you now:
Your sins are forgiven,
for the sake of **+** Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN** *Lord Speak to Us, That we May Speak* 676

*** 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.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE** *Now the Feast and Celebration* 167
10:00 am Service Only

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the
countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly,
love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you,
with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.
The children are invited to come forward.*

ACCLAMATION *This Little Light of Mine, I'm Gonna Let it Shine*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ACCLAMATION *This Little Light of Mine, I'm Gonna Let it Shine*

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-9

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'"

Word of God. Word of Life

PSALM: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18



¹LORD, you have | searched me out;

O LORD, you | have known me.

²**You know my sitting down and my | rising up;**

you discern my thoughts | from afar.

³You trace my journeys and my | resting-places

and are acquainted with | all my ways.

4Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it | altogether. **R**

5You encompass me, behind | and before,
and lay your | hand upon me.

6Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.

13For you yourself created my | inmost parts;
you knit me together in my | mother's womb.

14I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;
your works are wonderful, and I | know it well. **R**

15My body was not hid- | den from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths | of the earth.

16Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were
written | in your book;
my days were fashioned before they | came to be.

17How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!
How great is the | sum of them!

18If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to | be like yours. **R**

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Hal le, le, hal le lu jah! Hal le, le, hal
le jah! Hal le, le, hal le
lu jah! Hal le lu jah! Hal le lu jah!

*** GOSPEL: John 1:43-51**

In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."

P: The holy gospel according to John

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

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

*** HYMN OF THE DAY**

Here I Am, Lord

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*** PRAYERS** *After each petition*

P: Let us pray

C: **Have mercy, O God.**

*** PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

We offer each other a sign of God's peace.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

* PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

P: We offer our gifts – our time, our talent, and our treasure - to God,
in thanksgiving for all that God has given us.

C: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* OFFERING PRAYER

P: Together, let us pray ...

C: **Merciful God,**
receive the gifts we bring,
our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Through this meal unite us as your body,
shining with the light of your justice and mercy;
for the sake of him who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

* 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.**

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.
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
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**

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho-ly are you, God of pow-er and might;
Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 6/8 time signature. The second staff changes to a 3/8 time signature, then to a 6/8 time signature, and finally to a 3/4 time signature. The third and fourth staves continue in 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*** LORD'S PRAYER**

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 COMMUNION

All are Welcome!

P: We who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one bread.
Come. Be filled with light and life.

LAMB OF GOD



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

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*The sacrament is offered using the practice of **intinction**. Please dip the bread into either the red wine or white grape juice.*

Gluten-free wafers are offered on a special tray, along with contaminant-free glasses of wine and grape juice. Please indicate your need to the Communion Servers.

*If you are **unable to come forward**, please let the usher know and we will be happy to bring communion to you.*

Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Children will receive a goldfish cracker as a reminder of God's love for them.

COMMUNION MUSIC

*O Jesus, I Have Promised
Will You Come and Follow Me*

810
798

*** TABLE BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: **Amen.**

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: O Morning Star, fair and bright,
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.
You are our dearest treasure.
Go with us now—
today, tomorrow, every day—
that we tell the story of your never-ending love
and sing your praise both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*** BLESSING**

P: The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

C: **Amen**

*** SENDING HYMN**

Listen, God is Calling

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*** DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Please join us downstairs in Luther Hall for coffee and fellowship
All are welcome!*



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

Melanie Sinche † Karin Gottier † Janice Favreau † Ann Louise Swanson †
Tom LaPointe † Carol Johnson † Dick Johnson † Elaine Wilson † Kathryn LaPointe †
Joan Feldmann † Doris Barron † Pamela Vigil † Betty Lois Benson † Eliana † Vincent

*If you would like to add or remove a name from our congregational prayer list,
please let the Church Office know, or fill out a blue form on the back usher's table.*

Sundays in January & February

January 21	Third Sunday of Epiphany Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday School	Mark 1: 14-20
January 28	Fourth Sunday of Epiphany Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday School	Mark 1: 21-28
February 4	Fifth Sunday of Epiphany Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday School	Mark 1: 29-39
February 11	Transfiguration of Our Lord Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday School	Mark 9: 2-9
February 18	First Sunday of Lent Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday School	Mark 1: 9-15
February 25	Second Sunday of Lent Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday School	Mark 8: 31-38



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14 2nd Sunday after Epiph- any <i>Worship Ser- vices at 8 & 10 a.m.</i>	15 5:00 p.m. Finance Committee	16 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	17	18 9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry meet in Lounge 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	19 Friday Night Program 3:30—9 p.m.	20 Sprout! 10:00 a.m.— 12:00 noon
21 3rd Sunday after Epiph- any <i>Worship Ser- vices at 8 & 10 a.m.</i> Town Hall Meeting	22	23	24	25 9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry meet in Lounge 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	26 Friday Night Program 3:30—9 p.m.	27 Sprout! 10:00 a.m.— 12:00 noon
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TOWN HALL MEETING ON JANUARY 21 AFTER THE 10:00 A.M. SERVICE

During December, Pastor Paula, Jonathan Reuning-Scherer and Chet Brodnicki visited the Trinity Academy located at Trinity Episcopal Church, 120 Sigourney Street in Hartford. Envisioned eight years ago by Trinity Episcopal's Rector, the Rev. Dr. Don Hamer, Trinity Academy is a tuition-free extended day school for children in the community, grades 2 through 4. Currently the school has 40+ students, 85% of whom come from Hartford and the rest from Bloomfield and New Britain. Most of the school's funding comes from sponsors, donations, grants and annual appeals, but also benefits from rent-free space and utilities provided by Trinity Episcopal along with volunteers helping in various capacities to enrich the programs.

With an eye to partnering with Trinity in its ministry, Emanuel invited the leaders of Trinity Academy to tour our facilities. They are as excited as we are about the possibilities of using Emanuel's spaces to expand the program. As a result, we have agreed to begin to explore what a partnership might look like.

These discussions are still in the very early stages. The purpose of the "Town Hall Meeting" is to involve the congregation in exploring this possible partnership and to address any questions that you may have.

DONATIONS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD FAMILIES



There is a dark blue bin near the Luther Hall restrooms for donations to neighborhood families. We are looking for clothes for babies, kids and teens and household items such as kitchenware, blankets, pillows, lamps, and other small furnishings. We are also accepting diapers and other items for babies. If you have a larger item that requires pick-up you can contact Emily Tenison at 517-262-3777 or etenison@hartford.edu



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

The long-standing, important tradition of after-church Coffee Hour is in need of hosts for the new year. Please prayerfully consider if you, your friends, or your family could commit to this fellowship ministry for a date or dates. **We need YOU to keep Coffee Hour from becoming endangered.** It can be really fun to serve your fellow congregants, and it needn't be complicated or expensive. We all have gifts to share! Please contact Monica Swanson at mwalshswanson@gmail.com or 860-205-2836 if you have any questions or comments. You can contact Monica to sign up for a date as well. There will be a sign-up sheet in Luther hall on the table under the bulletin board by the rear door.

EMANUEL

In response to God's promises in Christ,
I/we make this commitment for the year 2018: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

How do I do this? See back.

Please check one:
I/we will be contributing to Emanuel.
I/we will be contributing to the Church.
I/we will be contributing to the Church and Emanuel.

PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2018

If you have already returned your Pledge Cards—THANK YOU! If you have not we encourage you to do so. If you need a new one, blank ones are available on the ushers table at the back of the Church. You can also call the Church Office and one will be mailed to you. Please help the ministry and mission of our Church during 2018 by making a pledge of financial support. No amount is too small.



MISSION AND MINISTRY MEETINGS

Beginning the week of January 21 Pastor Paula will be holding small group Mission and Ministry Meetings. The general flow of the meeting include some time of socializing over refreshments with Pastor Paula asking the participants to tell her a little about themselves, what drew them to Emanuel, and ways they would like to be engaged in the church. She will also answer any questions the participants have of her.

The tentative schedule is to have meetings on Sunday after the Service, Thursdays after Bible Study and an evening during the week. Each meeting will have 8 to 10 participants. Hosts are currently being identified and a schedule being developed. Once these activities have been completed you will have an opportunity to sign-up for a meeting at a location and time that is most convenient for you.

More details to come....

PARKING BEHIND THE CHURCH



There are a limited number of parking spaces behind the Church. If you are able to safely walk from the State lot please park in that lot.. Let's save the parking spaces behind the Church for those that need them.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FRIDAY NIGHT PROGRAM



The Friday Night Program needs Volunteers! There are two time slots available each Friday, one from 3:30—6:00 PM and one from 6:00 PM—9:00 PM. We need two volunteers for each time slot.

The primary duty of the Volunteers is to check participants in (a check in table is set up in the lobby of the new entrance) and direct them up the stairs to the Gym. You do not need to know anything about basketball!

A sign up sheet is available in the back of the church next to the Name Tags. You can also call the church or email john.franzis@emanualhartford.org with the dates and timeslots that you are able to volunteer for.

MANNA MEAL ON JANUARY 30th



Emanuel is hosting our next Manna Meal on Tuesday, January 30th from 5pm-7pm.

At 45 Church St, Hartford, CT 06103

We have to plan on feeding 120 people, so we will need volunteers to bake 10 casseroles, 10 dozen cup-

cakes, and to help serve the meals.

Signup sheets as well as the pans and recipe for the casseroles will be available in Luther Hall starting Sunday, January 14.

If you have any questions or ideas, please call or text Dave Kiersznowski at 860-716-9753.

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