

Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 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 - January 21, 2018

Ministers....All the people of Emanuel

Presider/PreacherThe Reverend Dr. Paula V. Mehmel
Assisting Minister Alan Meeds
Acolyte and Crucifer Maya Johnson and Ava Johnson
Lector Rosie Vojtek (8 am) and Claudia Wieber (10 am)
Communion Preparer Bobbee Canfield
GreetersMartha Nyama and Family
Director of MusicJonathan Reuning-Scherer
Musician Sarah Asmar
Assistant Music DirectorKatie Cox
Sound & RecordingLindsey Anderson

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Ava Mae Polvinen on her Baptism.

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Stories of the call to discipleship continue as the Time after Epiphany plays out the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of fisherman brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

PRELUDE

Arioso—Bach

Emanuel Bell Choir

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**

Come Follow Me, the Savior Spake

799

*** 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.

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Word of God. Word of Life

PSALM: Psalm 62:5-12



Je-sus is a rock in a wea-ry land, a wea-ry land, a wea-ry land, my Je -



- sus is a rock in a wea-ry land, a shel-ter in the time of storm_____



⁵For God alone I | wait in silence;
truly, my hope | is in God.

⁶**God alone is my rock and | my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall nev- | er be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance | and my honor;
God is my strong rock | and my refuge.

⁸**Put your trust in God al- | ways, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who | is our refuge. R**

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate can- | not
be trusted.

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less | than a breath.

¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.**

¹¹God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it,
that power be- | longs to God.

¹²**Steadfast love belongs to | you, O Lord,
for you repay all according | to their deeds. R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

P: The holy gospel according to Mark

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

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

* HYMN OF THE DAY *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore* 817

* PRAYERS *After each petition* P: Let us pray
C: Lord here our Prayer.

* 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.

OFFERING MUSIC *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Emanuel Choir

* 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 in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff begins with a 6/8 time signature. The second staff changes to 3/8 time, then back to 6/8, and finally to 3/4 time. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*** 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

Will You Come and Follow Me

798

I Love to Tell the Story

661

*** 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**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

597

*** 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 and then return for the Town Hall Meeting.

All are welcome!

Upcoming Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
21 3rd Sunday after Epiphany Town Hall Meeting	22	23 7:00 PM Council Meeting (Budget)	24	25 9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	26 Friday Night Program 3:30—9 p.m.	27 Sprout! 10:00 a.m.— 12:00 noon
28 4th Sunday after Epiphany	29	30 5—7 pm Manna Meal 7:00 PM Council Meeting	31	Feb 1 9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	2 Friday Night Program 3:30—9 p.m.	3 Sprout! 10:00 a.m.— 12:00 noon
4 5th Sunday after Epiphany	5	6	7	8 9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	9 Friday Night Program 3:30—9 p.m.	10 Sprout! 10:00 a.m.— 12:00 noon
11 Transfigura- tion of Our Lord ANNUAL MEETING	12	13	14 Ash Wednesday	15 9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	16 Friday Night Program 3:30—9 p.m.	17 Sprout! 10:00 a.m.— 12:00 noon
18 1st Sunday of Lent <i>No Sunday</i> <i>School</i>	19	20	21	22 9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	23 Friday Night Program 3:30—9 p.m.	24 Sprout! 10:00 a.m.— 12:00 noon

- ◆ Services on Sunday mornings are at 8:00 am and 10:00 am.
- ◆ Sunday School occurs every Sunday except for February 18.



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

*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.*

TOWN HALL MEETING TODAY 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.

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 this "Town Hall Meeting" is to begin to involve the congregation in exploring this possible partnership.



YOUTH GROUP COLLECTING CANS OF SOUP

The Youth Group is collecting cans of soup after worship in Luther Hall on Sunday January 21st, on Sunday January 28th...and on Super Bowl Sunday February 4th

The soup will be donated to *Hands on Hartford* for their "supermarket store" shelves.



MISSION AND MINISTRY MEETINGS

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 plan is to have meetings on Sundays after the Service and then some each week during the day and on some evenings. Each meeting is expected to 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 these important meeting at a location and time that is most convenient for you.

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 Luther Hall. You can also call the church or email john.franzis@emanuelhartford.org with the dates and timeslots that you are able to volunteer for.



MANNA MEAL
SO THE HUNGRY CAN EAT

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 cupcakes, 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.



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

The long-standing, important tradition of after-church Coffee Hour is in need of hosts! 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. Please contact Monica Swanson at mwalshswanson@gmail.com or

860-205-2836 if you have any questions or to sign-up. There is also a signup sheet in Luther hall on the table under the bulletin board by the rear door.



NOISY OFFERING

Beginning Feb. 4, the Sunday School Children will be taking an offering in lieu of a Children's Sermon. Please bring your "loose change" (although dollar bills of any denomination are welcomed as well) to put into the buckets the Children will pass around the Congregation. The Children will then decide, in the context of Sunday School, where to designate this offering. They will be encouraged to look both locally and globally.. Once they have decided, we will let the congregation know. The idea behind the "Noisy Offering" is to instill a sense of excitement about stewardship in children as well as identify opportunities to give beyond themselves to support the needs of others. It also helps us all to see that no offering is too small and when we unite together, we can accomplish more.



ARE YOU RECEIVING E-MAILS FROM EMANUEL?

If you have an email address and ARE NOT receiving E-Mails from Emanuel, including the weekly "Emanuel News", please send your E-Mail address to john.franzis@emanuelhartford.org. We do not sell E-Mail addresses so don't worry!

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