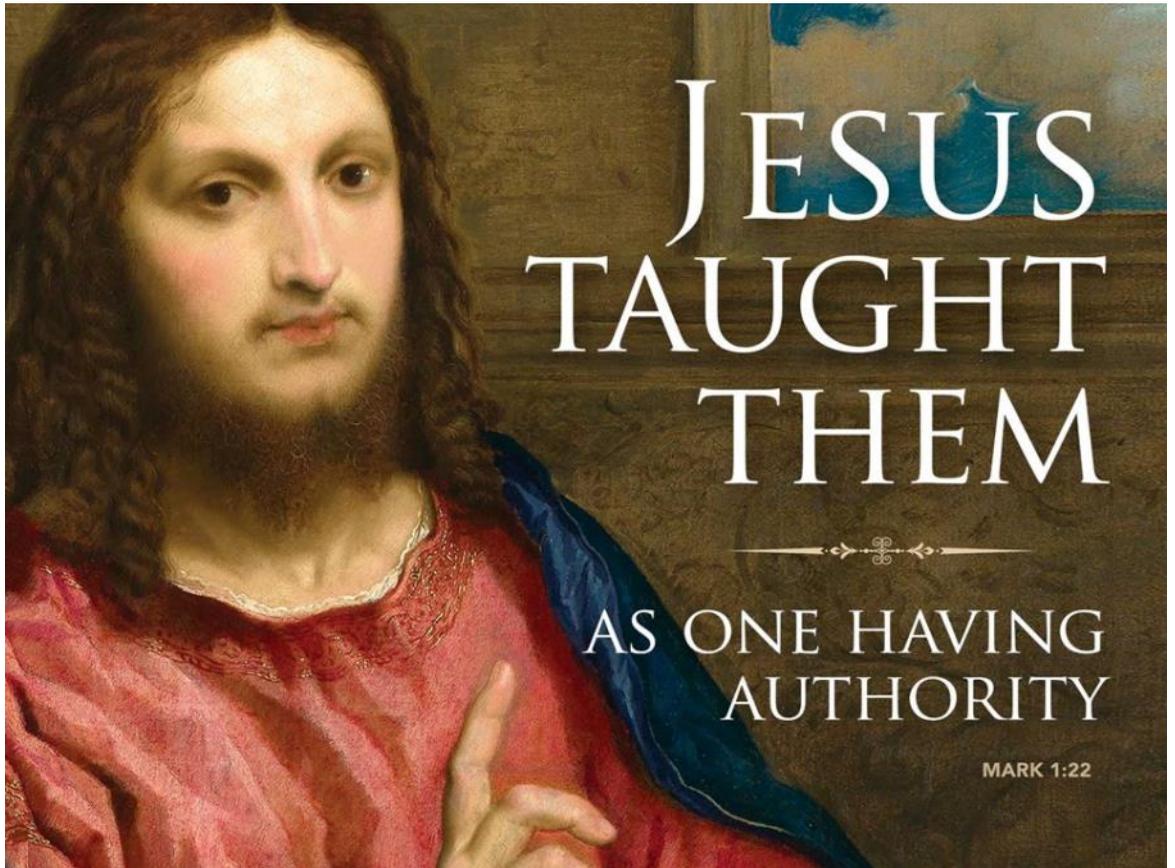


Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 28, 2018



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. You can also call the Church Office with your request.

SERVING TODAY - January 28, 2018

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

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In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

PRELUDE

Trio Sonata in E-flat (Bach)

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**

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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*** 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: Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, 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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Word of God. Word of Life

PSALM: Psalm 111



¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

²Great are your | works, O LORD,
pondered by all who de- | light in them.

³**Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- | dures forever.**

⁴**You cause your wonders to | be remembered;
you are gracious and full | of compassion. R**

⁵You give food to | those who fear you,
remembering forev- | er your covenant.

⁶You have shown your people the power | of your works
in giving them the lands | of the nations.

⁷**The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice;
all of your pre- | cepts are sure.**

⁸**They stand fast forev- | er and ever,
because they are done in | truth and equity. R**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant
forever;
holy and awesome | is your name.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- | dures
forever. R

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Paul is concerned about how some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable, believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause a sister or brother to sin.

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will

not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Word of God. Word of Life

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

*** GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28**

The story has barely begun, and already the battle is joined. Jesus sides with humanity against every force that would bring death and disease. These forces recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. This, however, is only the first fight. The war will go on much longer.

P: The holy gospel according to Mark

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

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there

was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit,²⁴ and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.”²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!”²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

* HYMN OF THE DAY

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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* THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us confess our faith, in the words of the Apostles Creed.

C: **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

After each petition

P: Lord in your mercy

C: **Hear 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.

*** 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**

The musical score for 'HOLY, HOLY' is written on four staves of a treble clef in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the lyrics: 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might;'. The second staff changes to a 3/8 time signature and contains: 'Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the'. The third staff contains: 'high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -'. The fourth staff contains: 'san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!'. 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

There is a Balm in Gilead

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I Want to Walk as Child of the Light

815

*** 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**

The Lord of Light

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*** DISMISSAL**

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Carillon (Vierne)

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

The Lord of Light

Refrain

The Lord of light is my sal - va - tion.
Whom shall I fear? He's the source of life.

Verses 1 & 2

Though wars may rage and pain sur - rounds you, your
Wait, be still. God's strong arms keep you.
heart will hope. He's the source of life.
Wait, be strong. He's the source of life.

Verse 3

For in the day of trou - ble He will keep me safe.
Though en - e - mies sur - round me, I will sing to the Lord.

February 2018

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28 4th Sunday of Epiphany 11:30-1:30 Mission & Ministry (Lounge)	29 7:00 – 9:00 PM Mission & Ministry (Dwyer Residence – West Hartford)	30 5 – 7 pm Manna Meal 7:00 PM Council Meeting	31	1 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:45 – 9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	2 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program	3 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout!
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11 Transfiguration of Our Lord <i>Annual Meeting</i>	12 7:00 PM Property Committee	13 7:00 PM Property Committee	14 Ash Wednesday 6:15 – 6:45 PM Soup & Sandwich 6:45 – 7:15 PM "Living as a Disciple" 7:30 PM Service	15 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 – 9:00 PM Mission & Ministry (Lounge) 7:45 – 9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	16 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program	17 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout! Hands on Harford Immersion Experience Lock-In
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Please remember the following individuals in your prayers:

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Doris Barron † Pamela Vigil † Betty-Lois Benson † Eliana

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@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 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.



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.



YOUTH GROUP COLLECTING CANS OF SOUP

The Youth Group is collecting cans of soup after worship in Luther Hall today...and on Super Bowl Sunday February 4th

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

**SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR THE MISSION AND MINISTRY MEETINGS
ARE AVAILABLE IN LUTHER HALL**

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