

*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 4, 2018*



**Jesus  
took her  
by the  
hand and  
lifted  
her up**

MARK 1:31

**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.

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### **SERVING TODAY - February 4, 2018**

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*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.*

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*In Isaiah it is the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars—it is that God who strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up to health and diakonia. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.*

### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

*Siyahamba*

Bell Choir

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

*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.*

#### \* CONFESSON 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**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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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: Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint.  
Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news  
may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.  
C: **Amen**

*The assembly may be seated.*

*The children are invited to come forward.*

**NOISY OFFERING**

**ACCLAMATION**

*We Are Marching in the Light*

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## FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

*The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.*

- <sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
- <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
- <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
- <sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows upon them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
- <sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
- <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these?  
He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power,  
not one is missing.
- <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
- <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

- <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.
- <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;
- <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

### Word of God. Word of Life

#### PSALM: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

3 Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, by his  
power we trust in his love. **c**

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- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God!  
How pleasant it is to honor | God with praise!
- <sup>2</sup>The LORD re- | builds Jerusalem,  
and gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.
- <sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the | brokenhearted  
and binds | up their wounds.
- <sup>4</sup>The LORD counts the number | of the stars  
and calls them all | by their names. R
- <sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and might- | y in power;  
there is no limit | to God's wisdom.
- <sup>6</sup>The LORD lifts | up the lowly,  
but casts the wicked | to the ground.

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD | with thanksgiving;  
make music upon the harp | to our God,  
<sup>8</sup>**who covers the heav- | ens with clouds**  
**and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up- |**  
**on the mountains. R**

<sup>9</sup>God provides food | for the cattle  
and for the young ravens | when they cry.  
<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might | of a horse,**  
**and has no pleasure in the speed | of a runner,**  
<sup>11</sup>**but finds pleasure in those who | fear the LORD,**  
in those who await God's steadfast love. <sup>20c</sup> | Hallelujah! R

\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



\* GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

*Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals them and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.*

P: The holy gospel according to Mark

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

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by

the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you."

<sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

### \* HYMN OF THE DAY

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

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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 Prayers**

## \* 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

### *O Nata Lux*

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

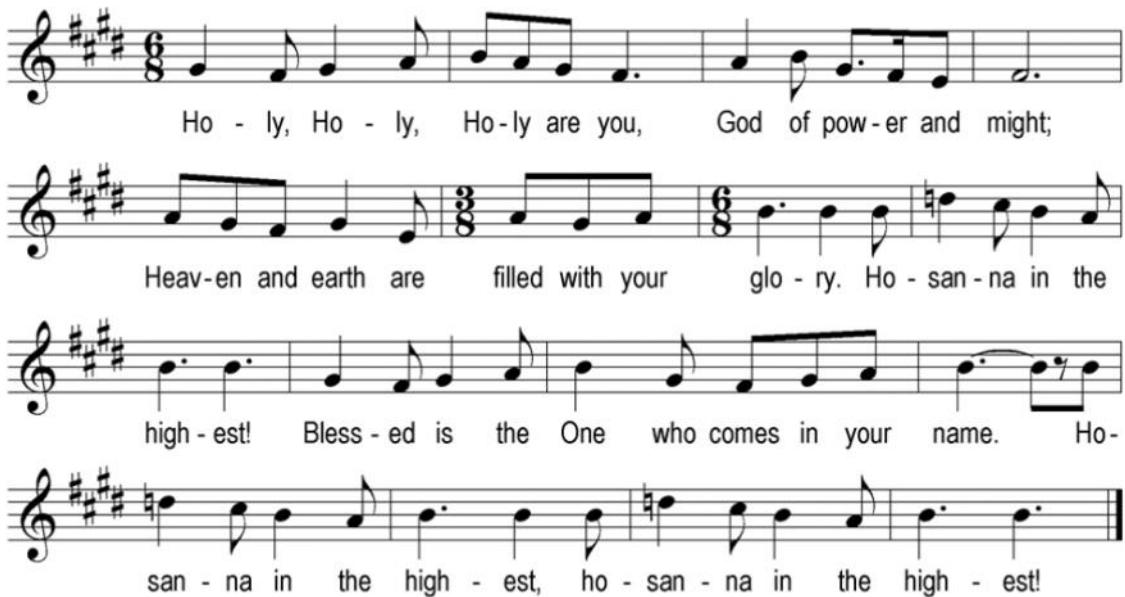
P: Together, let us pray ...  
C: **Merciful God,**  
**receive the gifts we bring,**  
**our selves, our time, and our possessions.**  
**Through this meal unite us as your body,**  
**shining with the light of your justice and mercy;**  
**for the sake of him who gave himself for us,**  
**Jesus Christ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

\* **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

*Christ, Be Our Light  
In the Singing*

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### \* 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

*I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

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### \* DISMISSAL

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Processional on 'Lobe Den Herren'*

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

## **MISSION AND MINISTRY MEETINGS AND PRAYER CHAIN**

The Mission and Ministry meetings have begun and are going well. I am learning so much and getting amazing ideas for our life together. If you haven't signed up for one, please do so. I know they are filling up, but 4 more times in later February and March will be made available later this week, with more to follow. If you are willing to host one--at church or in your home--let me know. I would like to have at least 2 or 3 additional ones.

Some of the ideas raised involve long term planning and dreaming and others we can attend to immediately. One of those is an improved prayer chain which will also keeps people up to date on members who may be in hospital or in need of some TLC/outreach.

This will be a work in progress, which I will be tweaking, but essentially, people on the prayer chain will receive prayer requests from members/friends of Emanuel, who may or may not be members of Emanuel. (For example, I request prayers for my dear friend, Gail Duek, who had a dissected aorta and will be spending 3 months of rest, seeking to recover, but who still has life threatening concerns.) In addition, you will receive updates that have been approved by the member/family members about the health of members who have been hospitalized or are recovering from an illness or surgery.

Our first priority will be confidentiality, so we will only share what those who are in need of prayer permit, but I believe this will help us build community and support each other intentionally as we "stand in the need of prayer."

There will be two ways to be on the prayer chain. Those who use email will get an email when there is a request of an update. Those who do not, will receive a call. To facilitate that, we will need people who are willing to be "prayer chain callers."

In order to be on the prayer chain, we ask that you let the office know--you can do that by simply emailing [john.franzis@emanuelhartford.org](mailto:john.franzis@emanuelhartford.org) with "I'm in." We will also need callers, so if you are willing to do that, also let us know. We will get the word out about the prayer chain to those who don't use email via announcements and God with Us and we will give prayer callers the names of people to call with the requests.

I suspect I will have to make some additional changes/tweaks as this moves forward, but I wanted to get it going as fast as possible because I believe it is a great way to model how a congregation can focus on outreach while also building a stronger sense of community and support.

I pray you will have a blessed week. I do look forward to getting to know more of you in the *Mission and Ministry Meetings*. As always, if you have any concerns or pastoral needs, let me know.

It is a joy and honor to be your pastor.

*Peace, Pastor Paula*



## **Please remember the following individuals in your prayers:**

Dr. Candito Carroccia † Gail Duek † Melanie Sinche † Karin Gottier †  
Rudy Peterson † Tom LaPointe †

Carol Johnson † Dick Johnson † Elaine Wilson † Kathryn LaPointe † Joan Feldmann †  
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. A sign up sheet is available in Luther Hall and online at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e45ada82aa7fc1-friday>



### **NOISY OFFERING**

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

In addition to the cans of Soup for Super Bowl Sunday the Food Panty also needs:

Boxes of Cereal, Peanut Butter and/or Jelly, Potatoes (fresh or boxed), White rice  
Hygiene products and Perishable food items (ex: fresh fruit, vegetables). If you wish to donate any perishable items please let the Church Office know and they will arrange for prompt delivery to *Hands on Hartford*.

### **KICK-OFF FOR THE NEXT FUNDRAISER EVENT FOR THE YOUTH GATHERING TRIP TO HOUSTON, TX.**

Instead of selling buckets of chicken wings, Greg Gardner - General Manager for J. Timothy's Taverne is helping us to raise money by selling bottles of medium heat buffalo spice chicken wing sauce & bottles of buffalo chipotle dry run spice.

Bottles will be available for purchase Today in Luther Hall directly following the 10:00 am Service.  
If we run out, we will take orders from the members of the congregation.

### **REMINDERS**

- Pastor Paula will be at Camp Calumet on Feb 6 through Feb 8. Pastor Elizabeth will be available for emergencies.
- There will be an annual meeting of the congregation next Sunday (Feb 11) after the 10:00 AM Service.

# February 2018

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Transformation of Our Lord Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 7:00 PM Property Committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ 12:15 Service</li> <li>▪ 6:15 – 6:45 PM Sup &amp; Sandwich</li> <li>▪ 6:45 – 7:15 PM "Living as Disciple"</li> <li>▪ 7:30 Service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry</li> <li>▪ 10:00 AM Bible Study</li> <li>▪ 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal</li> <li>▪ 7:00 – 9:00 PM Mission &amp; Ministry: Lounge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3:30– 9:00 PM Friday Night Program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout!</li> <li>▪ 5:00 – 12:00 AM Hands on Hartford Immersion Experience Lock-in</li> </ul>	
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