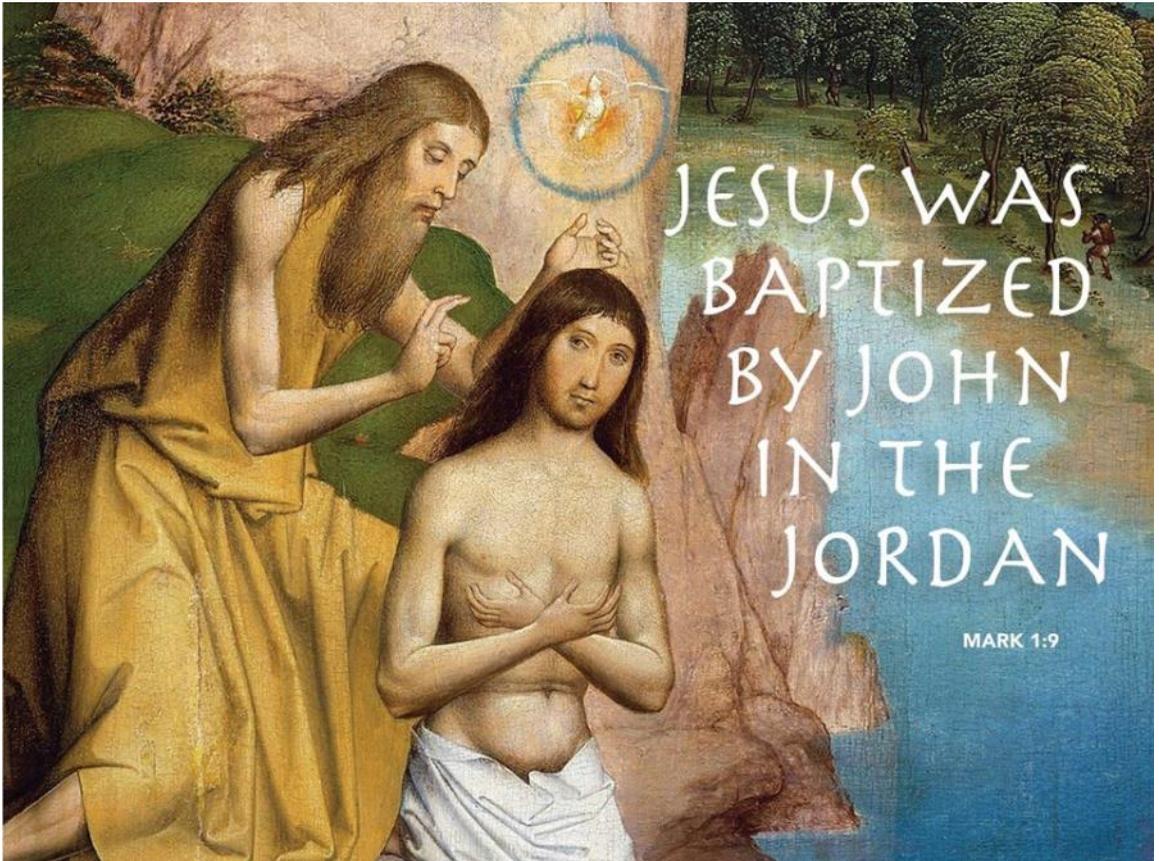


Baptism of Our Lord
January 7, 2018



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/PreacherThe Reverend Dr. Paula V. Mehmel
Assisting MinisterJanice Favreau
Lectors..... Cristine Dalton (8 am), Keren Paquette (10am)
Acolyte and Crucifer..... Alejandro Mporales and Lily Maynard
Communion Preparers Val and Craig McDonald
Greeters Gary and Diane Troutman
Director of MusicJonathan Reuning-Scherer
Musician Sarah Asmar
Assistant Music Director Katie Cox
Sound & Recording Harry Arcand

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

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Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit/wind moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

PRELUDE

Noel X

Claude Louis D'Acquin

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

WELCOME

** Please stand as you are able*

* LUTHER'S CATECHISM

P: What is Baptism?

C: **BAPTISM IS NOT WATER ONLY, BUT IT IS WATER USED TOGETHER WITH GOD'S WORD AND BY HIS COMMAND.**

P: What is this Word?

C: **IN MATTHEW 28 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST SAYS: "GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."**

P: What benefits does God give in Baptism?

C: **IN BAPTISM GOD FORGIVES SIN, DELIVERS FROM DEATH AND THE DEVIL, AND GIVES EVERLASTING SALVATION TO ALL WHO BELIEVE WHAT HE HAS PROMISED.**

P: What is God's promise?

C: **IN MARK 16 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST SAYS: "HE WHO BELIEVES AND IS BAPTIZED WILL BE SAVED; BUT HE WHO DOES NOT BELIEVE WILL BE CONDEMNED."**

P: How can water do such great things?

C: **IT IS NOT WATER THAT DOES THESE THINGS, BUT GOD'S WORD WITH THE WATER AND OUR TRUST IN THIS WORD. WATER BY ITSELF IS ONLY WATER, BUT WITH THE WORD OF GOD IT IS A LIFE-GIVING WATER WHICH BY GRACE GIVES THE NEW BIRTH THROUGH THE HOLY**

SPIRIT. ST. PAUL WRITES IN TITUS 3: "HE SAVED US...IN VIRTUE OF HIS OWN MERCY, BY THE WASHING OF REGENERATION AND RENEWAL IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHICH HE Poured OUT UPON US RICHLY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR, SO THAT WE MIGHT BE JUSTIFIED BY HIS GRACE AND BECOME HEIRS IN HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE. THE SAYING IS SURE.

P: What does Baptism mean for your daily life?

C: **IT MEANS THAT OUR SINFUL SELF, WITH ALL ITS EVIL DEEDS AND DESIRES, SHOULD BE DROWNED THROUGH DAILY REPENTANCE; AND THAT DAY AFTER DAY A NEW SELF SHOULD ARISE TO LIVE WITH GOD IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PURITY FOREVER.**

***OPENING HYMN** *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* **304**

*** 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* **167**

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over
 the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit,
 that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for
 ever.

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: Genesis 1:1-5

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the primeval darkness, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for any person living in the chaos and darkness of despair. God created and continues to create new life.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Word of God. Word of Life

PSALM: Psalm 29

The voice of the Lord is a pow - er - ful voice; the
voice of the Lord is a voice__ of splen - dor ____

¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor. R**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

⁷The voice | of the LORD
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh. R**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, “Glory!”

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. R

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John’s baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptized them, the Holy Spirit came upon them and empowered them with gifts of the Spirit.

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

Word of God. Word of Life

*** 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!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

P: The holy gospel according to Mark

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

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

* 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.

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 melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The second staff continues the melody, featuring a 3/8 time signature change and a 6/8 time signature change. The third staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes. The fourth staff concludes the piece 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

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

All are welcome!

As you come forward for Communion please dip your hand into the Baptismal Font.

*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

Baptized and Set Free

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We are Baptized in Christ Jesus

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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: God for whom we wait,
you come to us
in the broken bread and the cup we share.
Make us ready always
to welcome Christ into our hearts,
and send us forth to be your people in the world,
announcing your coming among us
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*** BLESSING**

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**

*** SENDING HYMN**

Wade in the Water

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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!*

PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

Melanie Sinche † Janice Favreau † Ann Louise Swanson † Mal Doyle †
Tom LaPointe † Carol Johnson † Dick Johnson † Elaine Wilson † Kathryn LaPointe †
Joan Feldmann † Doris Barron † Pamela Vigil † Betty Lois Benson † Eliana † Vincent
† for those working to recover from hurricanes, earthquakes, & fires †

*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

January 14	Second Sunday of Epiphany Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday School	John 1:43-51
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

Emanuel Events This Week

Sunday, Jan 7	Pastor Paula's Installation at 4:00 PM
Tuesday, Jan 9	Calumet Interviews at 2:00 PM
Thursday, Jan 11	Prayer Shawl Ministry at 9:30 AM in the Lounge Bible Study with Pastor Paula at 10:00 AM in the Conf Room
Friday, Jan 12	Friday Night Program from 3:30 to 9:00 PM
Saturday, Jan 13	Sprout from 10:00 AM to noon Youth Group "Lock In" Starting at 5:00 PM.

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

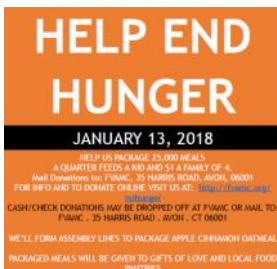
Emily Tenison at 517-262-3777 or etenison@hartford.edu



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.



FOOD PACKAGING EVENT

We had a very successful Food Packaging Event at Emanuel with members of the Farmington Valley American Muslim Center helping us out. It's our turn to return the favor by helping them with their event. Please join us on January 13th from 9:00 AM-12:30 PM at the FARMINGTON VALLEY AMERICAN MUSLIM CENTER— 35 HARRIS ROAD, AVON, CT 06001

Contact us at: info@fvamc.org

CONTENT FOR 2017 ANNUAL REPORTS IS DUE



All content needs to be received no later than January 8, 2018. We would appreciate it if all submissions are provided to us in an electronic format, for example Microsoft Word or Google Doc. Submissions should be sent on or before January 8, 2018

to John.Franzis@emanuelhartford.org. Paper submissions should be received in the Church Office no later than January 8th

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, the Ushers have blank cards for you to complete. 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.

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