

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 4, 2024



WELCOME TO EMANUEL

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please ask an usher.

ALL ARE WELCOME AT EMANUEL

Recognizing that we live in a broken world, Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness. As members of Emanuel Lutheran Church and children of a loving and merciful God, we acknowledge that this reconciliation extends to people of any gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, race, culture, physical or mental ability, economic circumstances, relationship status, or any person that has ever experienced pain or oppression. Because members of different communities may have been excluded from the Church in the past, we wish to make explicit our welcome to all. It is for this purpose that we affirm that ALL people are welcome here, just as they are, contributing their individuality to the wholeness of the Body of Christ.



SERVING TODAY

Presider.....Pastor Mark Olsen
Assisting Minister.....John Foote
Lector.....Marjorie Johnson
Communion Preparer.....Yvonne Gardner
Director of Music.....Jonathan Reuning-Scherer

EMANUEL MUSICIANS

Sarah Asmar, David Altschuler, Reham Atef, Adam Desmarais, Hillary Ekwall, Andy Foreman, Trey Hazard, Linda Helmke, Rachel Helmke, Aron Kiehne, Kathryn Lees, Maureen Leyes, Dan Luddy, Honoka Masuyama, Kari Olsen, Morgan Pope, Joel Reuning-Scherer

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given for the glory of God.

TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK

Transfiguration of Our Lord
2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Though not expected, when it happens, applause is a spontaneous expression of our thanksgiving to God for the gifts of music and of musicians that enrich our lives and enhance our worship.

Soli deo gloria – Glory to God alone

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: We pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

**We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.**

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.**

Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us,

that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of † Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

C: Amen.

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;

praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813
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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 always.

C: **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Everlasting God,

C: **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. Amen.**

The children are now dismissed for Sunday School.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

This Little Light of Mine

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine; this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine; this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final cadence on the fourth staff.

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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.

²¹Have 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?

²²It 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;

²³who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely 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.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift 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.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸Have 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.

²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
³¹but 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.

L: Word of God, word of Life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-23

God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

L: Word of God, word of Life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

***ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL: MARK 1:29-39**

Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people 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.**

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And 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.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He 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." ³⁹And 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

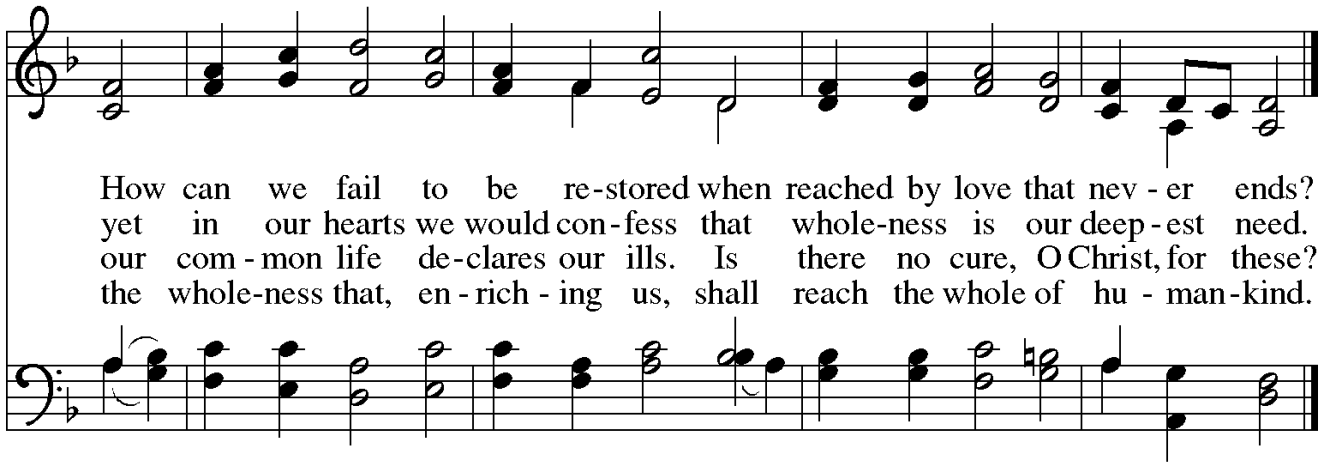
Pastor Mark Olsen

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

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1 O Christ, the heal-er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
2 From ev - 'ry ail-ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
 yet in our hearts we would con-fess that whole-ness is our deep - est need.
 our com - mon life de-clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
 the whole-ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man-kind.

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 Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835
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***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 OF INTERCESSION

After each petition

A: God of Grace,

C: Receive our prayer.

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

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

OFFERING MUSIC

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Emanuel Choir

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



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

*To make your gift online, scan this code using your phone's camera
or QR scanner app.*

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Holy One,

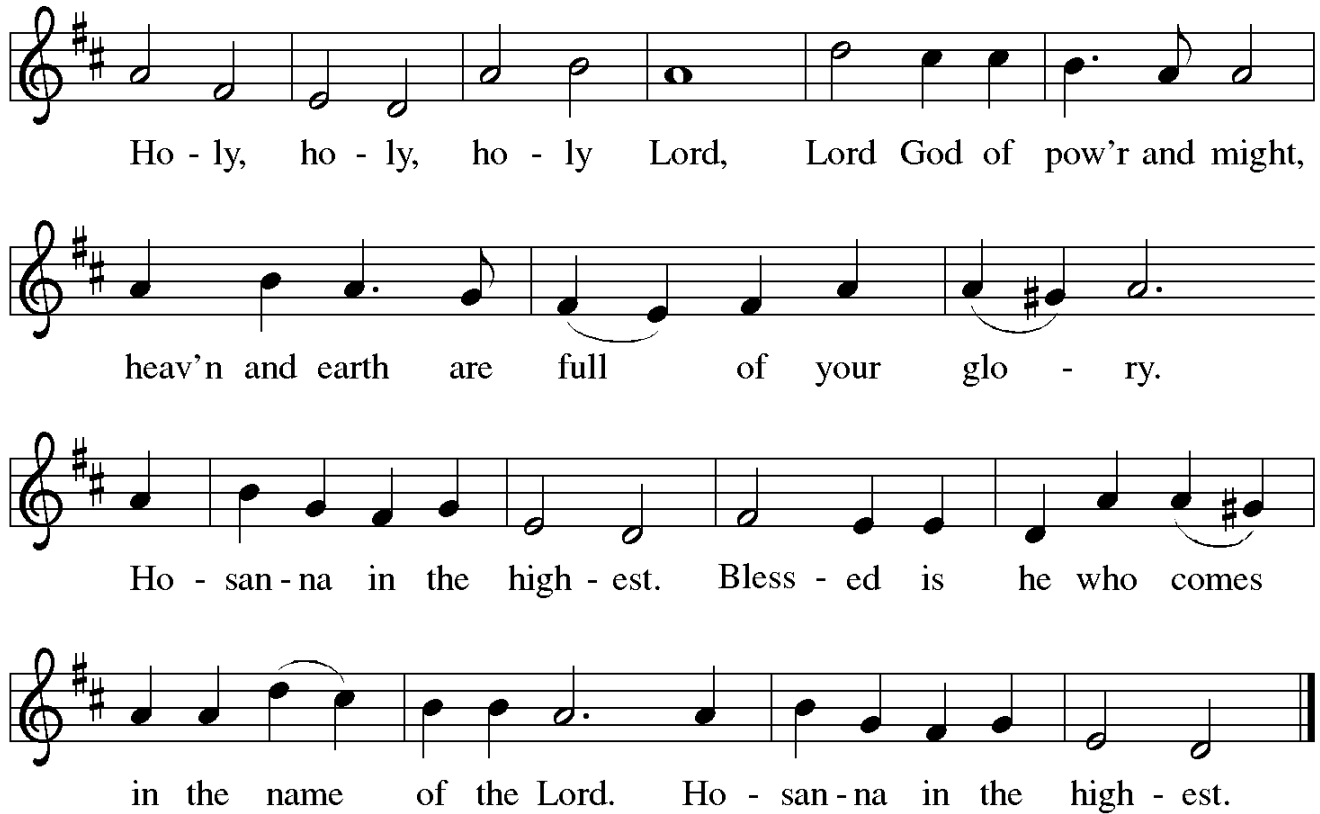
C: **Blessed are you, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . Join in our unending hymn:

***HOLY HOLY HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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 at the Table!

P: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

This is the Lord's Table and all are welcome to receive the bread & wine of communion.

Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available as needed.

The ushers will guide you out of your pew down the center aisle to the front of the church. Once you receive communion, please return to your seat by the side aisles.

If you would like to receive communion at your seat, please let an usher know. If, for any reason, you choose not to receive the bread and wine, we invite you to come forward for a blessing.

***LAMB OF GOD**



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



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

When the Poor Ones

ELW 725

(Found in ELW)



1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
 2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries
 3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -
 4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly



signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and
 known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's fra - gile blend with
 spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a
 with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by



light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
 air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
 dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.
 grace un - til we praise you face to face.

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 Music: DUNEDIN, Vernon Griffiths, 1894–1985

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*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

C: **Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.**

*BLESSING

P: God who names you,
 Christ who claims you,
 and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
 ✠ bless you and remain with you always.

C: **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

The Lord of Light

Refrain

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

The musical notation for the Refrain is written on two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is common time (C). The second line of the second staff ends with a triplet of notes.

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.

The musical notation for Verses 1 & 2 is written on two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is common time (C). The second line of the second staff ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign, with the word "(Refrain)" written above it.

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.

The musical notation for Verse 3 is written on two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 7/8.

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Pantry

For February, we are asking for donations of canned tuna, tomato sauce, and oil. Monetary donations are always appreciated, as well. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!

Coffee Hour

If you, your ministry team, or another organization would like to sponsor our after-service coffee hour, please sign-up using this QR code.



Prayer Shawls are available for anyone to take for themselves or give to a friend or family member. A basket with shawls is in the Narthex and a larger supply is in the lounge in the Parish Building. Please take a shawl and write your name on the list provided so we can keep track of the number of shawls that are given. In addition, we have Baby Blankets for any newborn that you may know. They are in the lounge in the Parish Building. If you need help, the Prayer Shawl Committee can help - Bobbee Canfield, Lynne Strecker, Abby Stadtlander and Lynn Sherman.

Be Part of Emanuel's Worship Leadership!

Have you ever thought of serving as an Assisting Minister, lector, acolyte, usher, choir member or musician, communion assistant, altar guild, or greeter? If you are interested in any of these ministries, let Maureen Leyes know (except for choir and musicians—let Jonathan know) - and she'll connect you with the people that handle the scheduling. Information on becoming a lector is shared below.

Lectors Needed

Parishioners of all ages are invited to read the weekly Bible lessons. If you are interested, please email Lynn Sherman at lynnsherman480@gmail.com or call her cell phone: (860) 550-0518.

Altar Flowers

Each Sunday we are blessed to have beautiful flowers in the sanctuary. You can sponsor these flowers by accessing the Sign-Up Genius with this QR code or by calling the church office at 860-525-0894. You can give the flowers in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone. You might want to mark a special birthday or anniversary or even give thanks for one of our ministry teams that is special to you. Your donation of \$75 will cover the cost of the flowers.



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

Carol Johnson † Karin Gottier † Bert Johnson † Betsyann Carter † Anne Louise Swanson
† Lee Sherman † Jennings-Marzett Family † Mckenna Jobes † Brooklyn King † Elaine Wilson
† Vito Vitrano † Brud Wilson † Monique Jennings † Rae Ann Gremel
† Harris Kannah † Jerry Vigil † Matthew Toscano + Glenna Brodnicki

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