

Sunday, January 23, 2022
Third Sunday of Epiphany
WELCOME to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



PRELUDE

"The Round Battle Galliard"

John Dowland

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: Rhett Anthony Koepsel

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GATHERING HYMN

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

ELW 886

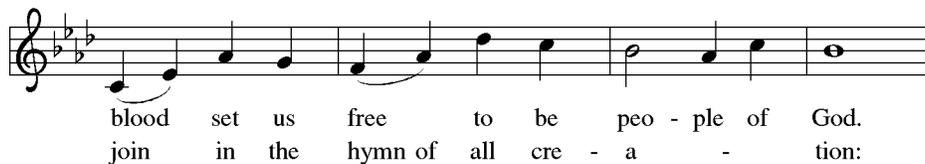
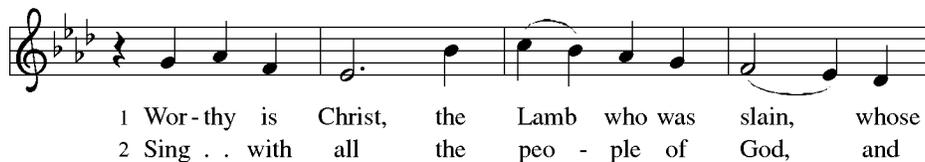
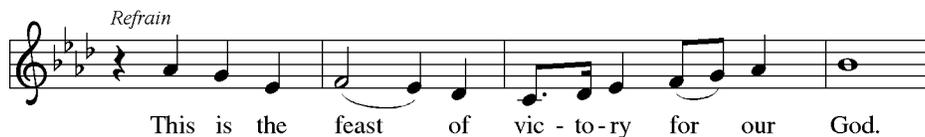
GREETING

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW p. 101



Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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AM: Let us pray together.

C: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

L: A reading from Nehemiah.

¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine

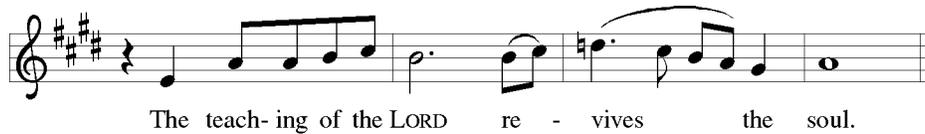
and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 19

The congregation is invited to sing the bold verses and the refrain.



¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its | maker’s handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale | to another,
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**

³Although they have no | words or language,
and their voices | are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the world,**

where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of | it again;**

nothing is hidden from its | burning heat. R

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. R**

¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one’s | own offenses?
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,**

O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer. R

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

L: A reading from Corinthians.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor John

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Let Streams of Living Justice"

ELW 710

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made. All creation proclaims your handiwork. Teach us to love the intricate and beautiful bodies that you have created. Bless tiny insects, enormous whales, and every creature in between. Sustain species at risk of extinction.

Response to each petition: AM: God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

AM: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

PEACE

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P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING HYMN

"The Rice of Life"

ACS 965



1 The rice of life from heav - en came to
2 True rice the hun - gry world has fed, the
3 The rice of God for all is meant; no
4 The liv - ing rice, for all a sign, came



bring true life from God a - bove. Re - ceive this gift; God's
rice re - quired for life be - low. Pro - vide this gift; God's
one who comes is turned a - way. Be - lieve in Christ whom
down e - ter - nal life to give. A - bide in Christ, the



mer - cy claim; in joy and pain give thanks for love.
mer - cy spread; in weak - ness God's com - pas - sion show.
God has sent; in hum - ble trust God's will o - bey.
liv - ing vine; in Christ, with peo - ple, die and live.

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MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING INFORMATION

For online giving: <https://tinyurl.com/emanuelsgiving>

Mailing Address: Emanuel’s Lutheran Church, 206 N. Travis Street Seguin, TX 78155

OFFERING PRAYER

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AM: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW p.107

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.

PREFACE

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SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy”

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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LORD’S PRAYER

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P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

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P: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

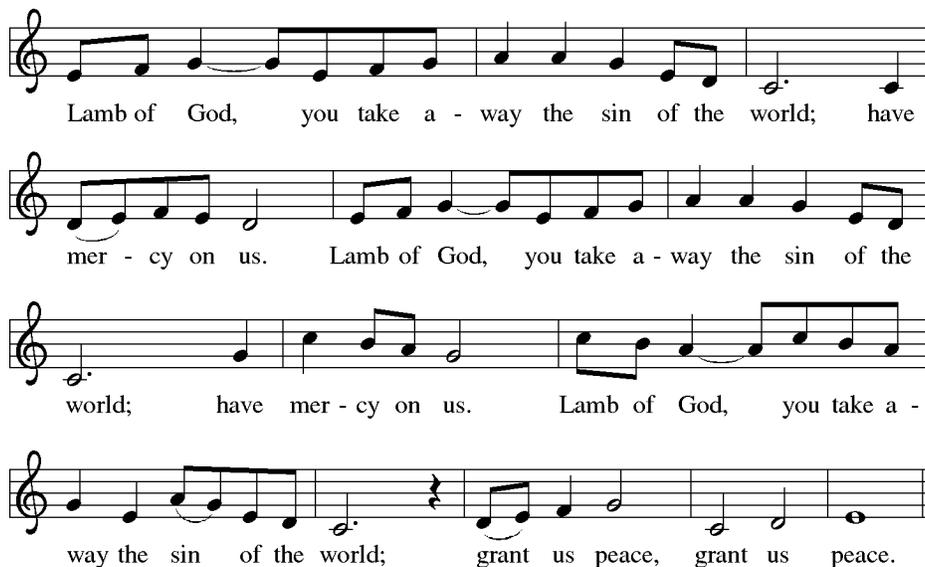
COMMUNION

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Communion will take place via continuous line. We welcome all baptized persons to the Lord's Table who believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. Children are also welcomed to be brought forward to receive a blessing. Participants will be offered a wafer and invited to eat with these words, "the body of Christ given for you." If you would like a gluten free wafer, please ask the pastor or communion assistant for one. They will present you with a plate where you may retrieve the wafer. Each will then step to the silver tray that contains glasses of white grape juice at the center and outer empty glasses. Please take an empty cup if you prefer wine. Lastly, participants will step the last assistant who will pour the wine and share these words, "the blood of Christ shed for you." Place your glass in the small silver bowl at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat. If you wish to come forward and not receive either element, cross your arms for a blessing.

COMMUNION SONG

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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 HYMN

"Hark, the Glad Sound"

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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

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AM: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

ELW p.114

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ☩ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

ELW 551

DISMISSAL

ELW p.164

P: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"This is the Day"

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS and **RADIO BROADCASTS** are sponsored by Emanuel's members. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one in this way, please call the church office, or sign up on the calendar in the office. Thanks to all who participate in this memorable ministry.

The 2022 Calendar is now posted!

MUSICIANS TODAY: Jubilation Singers; Thomas Engler, cantor; Chris Teague guitar.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, January 23, 2022: Preaching: Pastor John; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Carolyn Blumberg; **Communion Assistants:** Elizabeth Jandt, Deb Haug, Bev Seidenschwarz, Emily Prochnow; **Acolytes:** Elle Hepp; **Reader:** Steve Anderson; **Ushers:** Tim Troell, Joe Kane, Deborah Almquist, Bev Seidenschwarz; **Altar Guild:** Cathy Anderson, Elizabeth Jandt; **AV/Tech:** Walt Seidenschwarz; **Council Greeter:** Emily Prochnow; **Hospitality:** Deborah Almquist, Darby Clardy, Carolyn Blumberg.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, January 30, 2022: Preaching: Pastor Marcus; **Presiding:** Pastor Kelsie; **Assisting Minister:** Kai Seidenberger; **Communion Assistants:** Fran Vinyard, Keith Vinyard, Bill Salt, Karen Weinstein; **Acolytes:** Rayleigh Kent; **Reader:** Brandon May; **Ushers:** Jacqueline Springs, Rissa Springs, Ilene Cherry, Darlene Zies; **Altar Guild:** Marsha Schroeder, Denise Hufnagl, Cherryl Bathge; **AV/Tech:** Jonathan Zitelman; **Council Greeter:** Lindsay May; **Hospitality:** Bev Seidenschwarz and Walt Seidenschwarz.

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP is in-person, online via YouTube and our website, and aired on KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m.

designed to create a safe place to: embrace your grief and learn to bear it, discover how your loved one can live on into your life story, strengthen your characteristics of resilience, and plan for how you will continue to heal and live a meaningful life. *Attending all sessions is most beneficial, therefore no new participants are accepted after the second session. Please contact Donna Simmons at 830-556-3542 with questions or to register.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Emanuel's hosts a community Support Group for Caregivers currently caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Dementia, and other aging issues. Meeting next at **10am** in the **Family Life Center** on **Saturdays, Feb 19, Mar 19, & Apr 16**. Facilitators are the Rev. John and Faye Van Deusen. You can reach Pastor John at (830) 305-5658 and Faye at (830) 305-8851.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY is **Sunday, January 30th**. If you, or you and your family, are interested in joining us in the mission and ministry here at Emanuel's, you are invited to reach out to Pastor Marcus for a conversation of welcome. Our next Sunday to receive new members is January 30th. This special service includes a welcoming liturgy with a time to be recognized and prayed for by the congregation. Contact [Pastor Marcus](#) with your membership questions.

POSTPONED: FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK that was scheduled for January 30th.

SUMMER CAMP 2022! This year, we're taking our youth to camp the week of **June 19-24, 2022**. This week encompasses Please contact Pastor Kelsie for more details and information on how to sign-up!

NURSING HOME WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS are needed. Please contact Pastor John at (830) 305-5658 if you wish to participate in this midweek service ministry at our area care facilities.

OFFERING ENVELOPE UPDATE: We are trying something new this year in an effort to save shipping costs. Instead of mailing offering envelopes on a monthly basis, we have printed the entire year's envelopes at once. You can **pick up your offering envelopes in the narthex** over the next couple weeks. Please contact Jeni Payton if you have any questions by email jeni@elcsequin.org

DOOR CODE UPDATES: Door Codes used to access the Mountain Street entrance are being updated this month. New codes are being issued to current ministries on a rolling basis. If you need access to the church, or are in need of a temporary code for an event, please contact Sherry in the church office or sherry@elcsequin.org

Emanuel's Lutheran Church welcomes
Rhett Anthony Koepsel
Son of Sarah and Christopher Koepsel
into the body of Christ and into the mission we share as
a New Member of Emanuel's Lutheran Church
through the Sacrament of Baptism.
Thanks and praise to God.

Sponsors: Jessica Davis and Brett Davis
Grandparents: Celeste and Mark Koepsel

EMANUEL'S MISSION STATEMENT: "To be the church God is calling us to be by declaring God's love, serving others, and embracing all."

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