# Sunday, January 22, 2023 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

**WELCOME** to Emanuel's Lutheran Church! It is our joy to have you worship with us today



### PRELUDE

"Brightest and Best"

David Angerman

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#### GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

### C: Amen.

- P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin. Holy One, source of our renewal,
- C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- C: Amen.

# **GATHERING HYMN**

# "Thy Strong Word"

**ELW 511** 

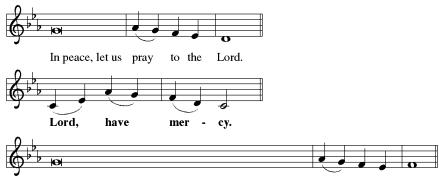
Verses 1-4

# GREETING

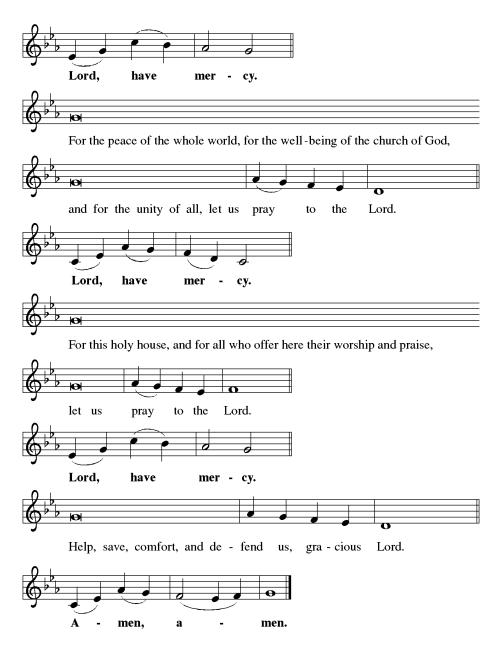
- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

# **KYRIE**

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For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



# **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

AM: Let us pray together.

C: Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

L: A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in

the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. "The word of the Lord.

## C: Thanks be to God.

# PSALM 27:1,4-9

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



<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then <sup>1</sup> shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I <sup>1</sup> be afraid?

#### <sup>4</sup>One thing I ask of the LORD; one <sup>1</sup> thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God  $^{+}$  in the temple.

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will <sup>1</sup> give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- <sup>1</sup> on a rock.

#### <sup>6</sup>Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies <sup>|</sup> who surround me.

# Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music $^{\rm |}$ to the Lord. R

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, <sup>1</sup> when I call;

have mercy on me and <sup>1</sup> answer me.

## <sup>8</sup>My heart speaks your message— | "Seek my face."

## Your face, O LORD, | I will seek.

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser-<sup>1</sup> vant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of  $^{\rm I}$  my salvation.  ${\bf R}$ 

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

L: A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize

also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

# C: Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

# C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: <sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup>"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— <sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." <sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. <sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

# C: Praise to you, O Christ.

### SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 

"Will You Come and Follow Me" Verses 1, 3, and 5 ELW 798

Pastor Marcus

# **APOSTLES CREED**

AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using 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 OF INTERCESSION

AM: Make your church one in purpose, proclaiming the message of the cross. Help us to work together across differences. Energize ecumenical partnerships, including the World Council of Churches and Lutheran World Federation (*other ecumenical ministries in which the congregation takes part may be named*).

Response to each petition: AM: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.

AM: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen.

#### PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you.

#### C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

#### **OFFERING HYMN**

#### "Jesus, Come! For We Invite You"

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#### OFFERING

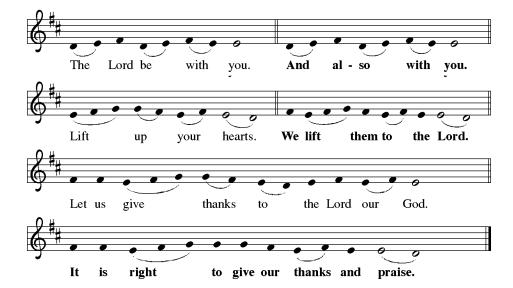
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#### OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray.

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, **C: Amen.** 

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



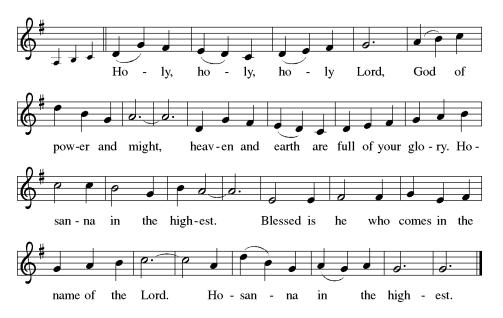
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## "Holy, Holy, Holy"



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

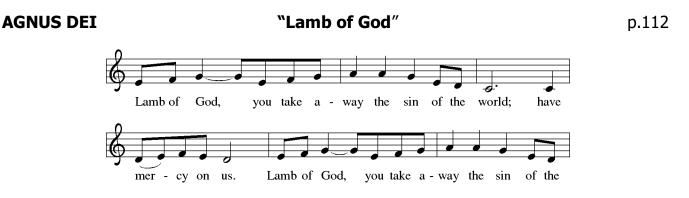
#### LORD'S PRAYER

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

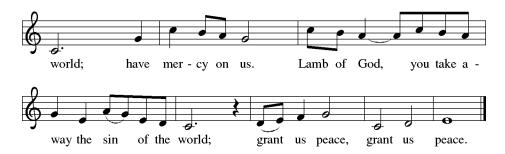
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come and taste the joy of God!



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#### COMMUNION

Communion will take place via continuous line (right side) and continuous kneeling (left side). 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. For those taking communion via continuous line, please make your way up the right-hand side of the main aisle. 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 and they will present you with a plate where you may retrieve the wafer. Each will then step, to the right, to the silver tray that contains glasses of white grape juice at the center and outer empty glasses for wine. Lastly, participants will step to 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, please cross your arms for a blessing. For those kneeling for communion, please make your way up the left-hand side of the main aisle. The bread and wine will be presented to you as you kneel, following the outline above. Please place your communion glass in the small tray on the back side of the kneeler after you have drunk the juice or wine before departing from the rail as you are ready and return to your seat.

#### **COMMUNION HYMN**

#### "Here I Am, Lord"

ELW 574

### 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

AM: Let us pray.

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **C: Amen.** 

#### SENDING

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

#### C: Amen

"We Are Marching in the Light"

#### SENDING HYMN

#### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### POSTLUDE

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**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** today are placed in honor of Family January Birthdays by the Weinstein Family.

MUSICIANS TODAY: Heavenly Ringers Bell Choir; Chris Teague, guitar

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, January 22, 2023: Preaching: Pastor Marcus; Presiding: Pastor Marcus; Assisting Minister: Bill Salt; Acolyte: Leland May; Communion Assistants: Karen Weinstein, Fran Vinyard, Keith Vinyard, Steve Anderson, Elizabeth Jandt; Reader: Gerry Harrison; Ushers: Tim Troell, Joe Kane, Deborah Almquist, Bev Seidenschwarz; Altar Guild: Cathy Anderson, Elizabeth Jandt; AV/Tech: Walter Seidenschwarz; Council Greeter: Lindsay May; Hospitality: Deborah Almquist, Gerry Harrison, Carolyn Blumberg

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, January 29, 2023: Preaching: Pastor Marcus; Presiding: Pastor Marcus; Assisting Minister: Jordana Gutierrez; Acolyte: Bella Jo; Communion Assistants: Melissa Barbre, Bill salt, Darlene Zies, Stephanie Robbins, John Van Deusen; Reader: Allison Eladhari; Ushers: Jacqueline Springs, Rissa Springs, Ilene Cherry, Darlene Zies; Altar Guild: Marsha Schroeder, Cindy Pique; A/V Tech: Jonathan Zitelman; Council Greeter: Melissa Barbre; Hospitality: Bev Seidenschwarz and Walt Seidenschwarz

# **EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**COVID-19 SAFETY UPDATE:** Masks are welcomed but no longer required on the church campus. Please refer to the entire updated *2022 Emanuel's Covid-19 Policy* on our website.

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

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES SUNDAY MORNINGS

**The Heritage Class** (307): Augsburg Fortress Quarterly Adult Bible Study led by various class members at 9:15am. Winter study is *From Darkness to Light.* 

**Children's Sunday School** (1<sup>st</sup> Floor Green Room near elevator): Preschool to 5th graders are invited to join the Education Team for a rotation style Sunday morning education program starting at 9:15am. *Unit 4- Daniel and the Lions:* 01/08 - Feelings and Prayer – Science,; 01/15 - Kings – Art; 01/22 - Lions - Creative Drama; 01/29 - Helping - Bible Skills and Games; 02/05 - Belief - Cooking

**"Discerning an Exotic Species: A Lutheran Evangelist**," will be a 5-week sermon series, beginning February 12th, featuring new and familiar voices and faces from our congregation, led by Paul Sims, Dennis Sagebiel, and Pastor Marcus. Then March 19 & 26th, we will gather to unpack our topic further in the Family Life Center during the education hour. Come join us!

**Joy Class** (Women's Ministry Room): Bible stories and songs for adults with intellectual disabilities. Gathering at 9:15 on the First Sundays of the month.

#### **WEEKDAY STUDIES**

**Faith Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 3rd Tuesdays at 2:30; **Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 2nd Thursday at 9:30, **Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Rm): 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays at 2:00 except in July

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** gathers this **Sunday, January 22** at 1pm in Emanuel's Family Life Center. Instruction for the year take place monthly at either Emanuel's or Spirit of Joy.

**JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF** session will be held on **Sunday, January 29** from 3-5pm in the Family Life Center. Anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend.

**RECIPES NEEDED** by **February 1<sup>st</sup>.** The Emanuel's Ladies Aid is in the process of compiling a Cookbook to be published prior to this April. We are requesting recipes from Emanuel's members along with their families and friends. All recipes are welcome and should be submitted to the church office or to any Ladies Aid member by February 1. If there are questions, please contact Karen Weinstein by calling 832-654-7229 or **email:** <u>srweinst@hotmail.com</u>.

**CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD** provides food and other basic need items to those living in Guadalupe County. Emanuel's has collection sites in the Narthex and the Mountain St. entrance. Most needed items include: cans of tuna and other meats; cans of fruit, veggies, beans, soup; mac & cheese; dried beans and rice; pasta and sauces; PB&J; cereal; toilet tissue, soap and egg cartons.

**PARK & PLAY, Saturday, February 11** from 10:30am-12:30pm: Join the Education Team at Starcke Park for a morning of play and fellowship on the large play structure directly across from the golf course. Bring your favorite chairs and drinks and we will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs, along with all the fixings. This will be a great time to get to know each other in this mew year! Please reach out to our Vicars or Pastor Marcus for more information.

**BEACH TRIP!** Interested in worship on the beach and camping as a church? Pastor Marcus is planning an "Emanuel's at the Beach" weekend in early June. Camping spaces will soon need to be reserved at Pioneer RV Park at Port A, along with additional housing, so interest from our church is needed ASAP. Our dates are **June 2-4th**, with those wishing to come early arriving on Thursday the 1st. If you'd be interested in participating, please reach out to Pastor Marcus.

**2023 SUMMER CAMP** at Chrysalis, Ebert Ranch, and Port Aransas: If you have a youth who has completed 1st grade through 11th grade, and they are interested in attending one of our Synod's camping programs, please reach out to Pastor Marcus ASAP. An email was sent this past week to all families who have participated before or who have youth who are now able to on participate, but if you didn't get the information, please email or call. This ministry is a wonderful chance to experience God in some incredible ways and we want everyone to go who wishes too!

**MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT** meets for the first time in 2023 on **Monday, January 23** at 6:30pm in the Women's Ministry Team. There is much to plan for the new year! All of Emanuel's Ministry Teams now gather on a single evening each month to collaborate, plan, and schedule for upcoming events and ministry projects. Council Members act as team leaders/coordinators, but Ministry Teams are open to, and run by, everyone in the congregation. Please join us!

# **EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

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# Thy Strong Word



glory, glory be to thee.

praise the holy Trinity!

Mortals, angels, now and ever

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May the light which thou dost send

fill our songs with alleluias,

alleluias without end!

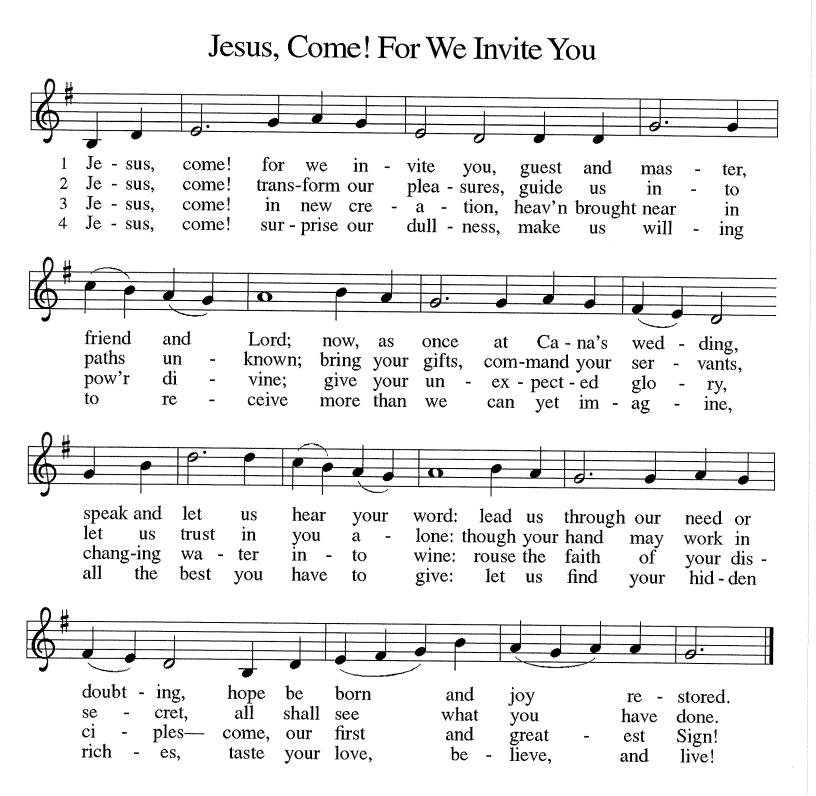
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# Will You Come and Follow Me The Summons



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# Here I Am, Lord



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