

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Baptism of Our Lord

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



PRELUDE

"Skye Boat Song"

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"This is the Spirit's Entry Now"

ELW 448

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

AM: Let us pray together.

C: O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

L: A reading from Isaiah.

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

"The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

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



¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;**

worship the LORD in the beauty 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 powerful 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 cedars 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 wilderness 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 above the flood;**

the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

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

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

L: A reading from Acts.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Marcus

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Crashing Waters at Creation"

ELW 455

INSTALLATION: Emanuel's Congregation Council and Day School Board

NICENE CREED

AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Nicene Creed.

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only

Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. Calling God, you speak with power to your church. Open our hearts and minds to the new things you are declaring. Strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, lay leaders, and teachers of the faith. Equip the baptized for your reconciling and redeeming work.

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.

OFFERING HYMN

"Jesus Come! For We Invite You"

ELW 312

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Giving information is located on the back of the bulletin.

OFFERING PRAYER

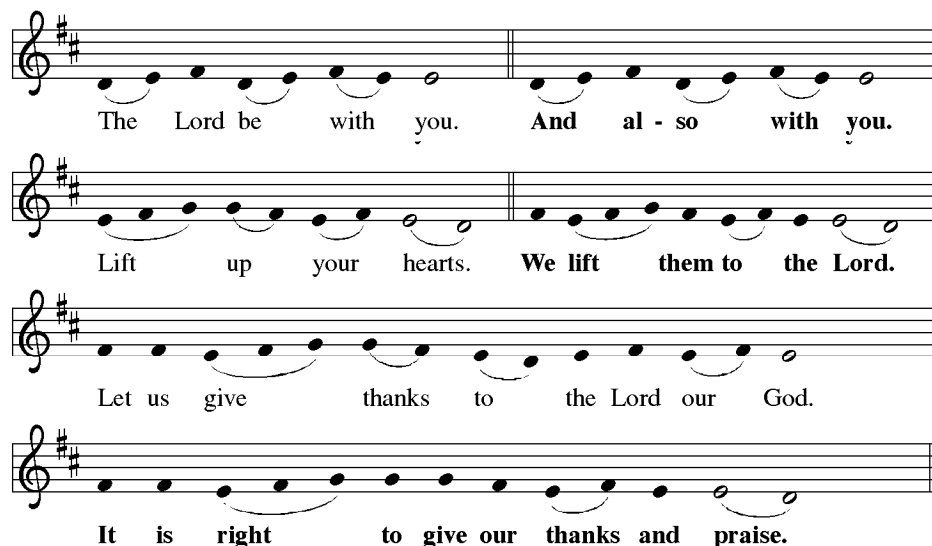
AM: Let us pray.

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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EUCCHARISTIC 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.

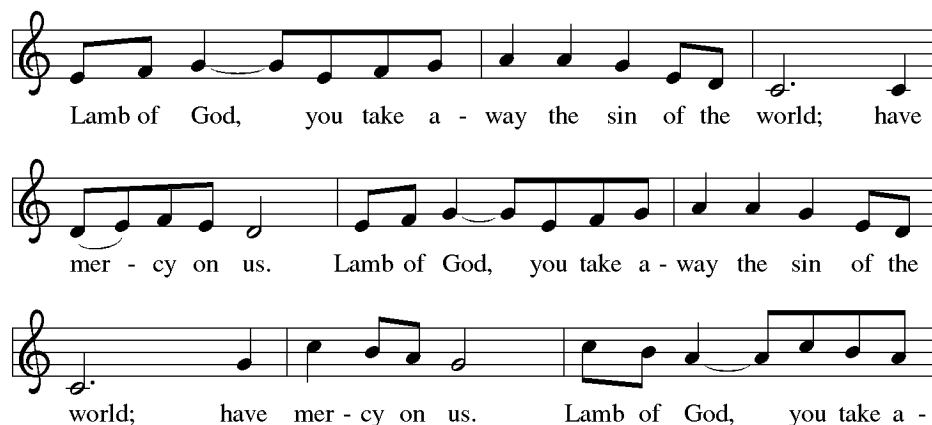
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come and taste the joy of God!

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb 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

"Spirit of Gentleness"

ELW 396

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

ELW 310

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Guardame Las Vacas"

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MUSICIANS TODAY: Wayne Stalsworth, cantor; Chris Teague, guitar

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, January 8, 2023: Preaching: Pastor Marcus; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Marsha Schroeder; **Acolytes:** Rayleigh Kent, Logan Adair; **Communion Assistants:** Bill Elley, Natalie Alexander, John Van Deusen, Deb Haug, NEEDED; **Reader:** Cathy Anderson; **Ushers:** Doug Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; **Altar Guild:** Marsha Schroeder, John Van Deusen, Faye Van Deusen; **AV/Tech:** Steve Anderson; **Council Greeter:** Sarah Kennedy **Hospitality:** Cathy Anderson, Susan Yeatts, Judy Sagebiel

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, January 15, 2023: Preaching: Pastor Marcus; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Melissa Barbre; **Acolytes:** Elle Hepp, Bella Jo; **Communion Assistants:** Liz Witten, Cindy Pique, Bev Sidenschwarz, NEEDED, Emily Prochnow; **Reader:** Carolyn Blumberg; **Ushers:** Jacqueline Springs, Rissa Springs, Ilene Cherry, Darlene Zies; **Altar Guild:** Marsha Schroeder, Cindy Pique; **A/V Tech:** Jonathan Zitelman; **Council Greeter:** Debby Richardson; **Hospitality:** Gloria Hanna, Carol Hamilton, Doris Jefferies

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

Children's Sunday School (1st 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

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*. There is no class on December 25.

"Discerning an Exotic Species: A Lutheran Evangelist," will kick off an 8-week study in the Family Life Center on **Sunday, February 12**. Led by Paul Sims, Dennis Sagebiel, and Pastor Marcus, this conversation-style class seeks to dive deeper into our understanding of evangelism, what the Bible teaches about being an evangelist, and how it applies to our everyday faith walk. 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): 1st Wednesdays at 2:00 except in July

CONFIRMATION CLASS gathers next, **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.

PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP is scheduled for **July 7-14, 2023**. Pastor Marcus has been sending out emails and garnering great interest but needs to confirm numbers by the end of January. If your current, 2022-2023 high schooler, is interested in attending, please email Pastor Marcus. Cross Trails Ministry is our host for this trip, but we are responsible for travel so solidifying flights is crucial to our overall cost. We hope your high schoolers can participate!

COUNCIL & BOARD INSTALLATION is today, **Sunday, January 8** during our Sunday worship service. This time of prayer and celebration will formally install our 2023 Church Council and Officers, our Day School Board of Directors, and our Day School Director.

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP monthly luncheon will be on **Sunday, January 8** at noon in the Women's Ministry Room. This ministry is for widowed, divorced, and separated people. Everyone is to bring a side or dessert to share.

CHILDREN SERMONS are a blessed part of our worship service that have come and gone and come again over the many years of our ministry. If you would be interested, in the coming year, to help facilitate this important time of learning during our worship services, please email Pastor Marcus.

ACOLYTE FAMILIES were sent a Sign-up Genius link to get their youth signed up for Sundays starting in January and ending in May. Please take a look at the link and find the Sundays that work for you and your youth. If your youth have never been an acolyte before and they are interested, please email Pastor Marcus for training. We can always use more faces!

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER: You are invited to lift in prayer our church, community, and the world every **Thursday morning at 10am**. Join us in the chapel each week for this *Sweet Hour of Prayer*. Contact [Donna](#) for more information.

HEALING THROUGH CONVERSATION is a support group for those who have lost a loved one to death. The group meets on **First Thursdays** at 11 a.m. in the Family Life Center. If you have questions please contact Donna Simmons at donna@elcseguin.org.

DO YOU PLAY 42? *Experienced players* are invited to pull up a chair on **Thursdays in 2023 from 1-4pm** and join in the fun with "The 42 Crew" at Emanuel's. Contact: Alton Mattke at 433-1193.

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.

ELCA GOOD GIFTS: As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we believe that God is calling us into the world – together. And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference. ELCA Good Gifts provides critical support to meaningful ministries and programs around the world. In 2022 our Emanuel's families made donations totaling \$1,760 for the following gifts in memory and honor of friends and loved ones.

Chicks
Piglets
Share of a cow
Honeybees
Water filter
Computer for a community center
Environmentally friendly cookstove
One month of internet connectivity for students
School fees and uniform for a girl
School supplies for a child
Fruit-tree seedling
Seeds and gardening tools
Mosquito net
Stock 4 health clinics for a week
Nutrition for a child: one month
Feed a refugee family: one week

2023 CALENDARS NEEDED: If you have some 2023 wall Calendars that you don't need, we would love to have them to post around the building. Please bring to the church office anytime. Thank you!

GIVING AT EMANUEL'S: Donations and tithes to the church may be given by: envelopes in the pews; mailed to Emanuel's Lutheran Church, 206 N. Travis Street Seguin, TX 78155, online through <https://tinyurl.com/emanuelsgiving>, or scanned with QR Code below.



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This Is the Spirit's Entry Now



- 1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,
2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;
3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day
4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r



the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.
the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.
to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol - l'wers of his way.
that wash-es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

Text: Thomas E. Herbranson, b. 1933

Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional

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Crashing Waters at Creation



- 1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
- 2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,
- 3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,
- 4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
wash - ing off the chains of bond - age — chan - nel to a life made new.
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: STUTTGART, attr. Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716; adapt. Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

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Jesus, Come! For We Invite You



1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,
 2 Je - sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - to
 3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in
 4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing



friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,
 paths un - known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser - vants,
 pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,
 to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,



speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or
 let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may work in
 chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of your dis -
 all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den



doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.
 se - cret, all shall see what you have done.
 ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!
 rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

Text: Christopher Idle, b. 1938

Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905–1958

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Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen-tle-ness, blow through the wil-der-ness



call-ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest-less-ness,



stir me from plac-id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an-cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis-pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

Refrain

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Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley
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Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



- 1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
- 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
- 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,