

Sunday, January 28, 2024
4th Sunday after Epiphany
WELCOME to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



PRELUDE

"Shine, Jesus Shine"

arr. J. Honore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

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

C: God, our rock and refuge, 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.

AM: 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.

Children's Church: Kindergarten to 5th Grade gathers in the Chapel.

GATHERING HYMN

"Bright and Glorious Is the Sky"
verses 1-4

ELW 301

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: Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

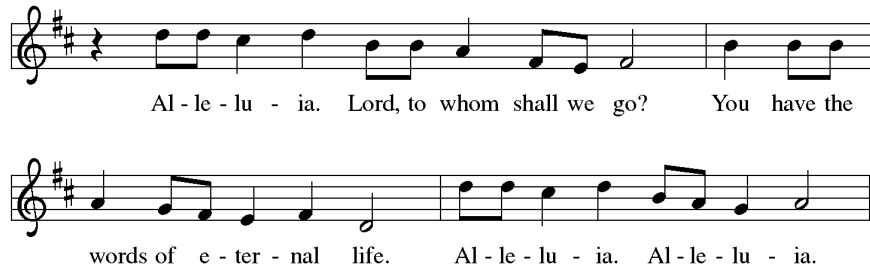
L: A reading from Deuteronomy.

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Authority"

Pastor Marcus

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

ELW 765

APOSTLE'S CREED

AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Apostle's 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: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation. Loving God, we pray that your example of teaching with confidence and authority builds up your church in love. May all church leaders and teachers honor your instruction and model your inclusive ways.

Response to each petition: AM: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

AM: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING HYMN

"Rise, Shine, You People!"

ELW 665

Giving information is located on the back of the bulletin.

OFFERING PRAYER

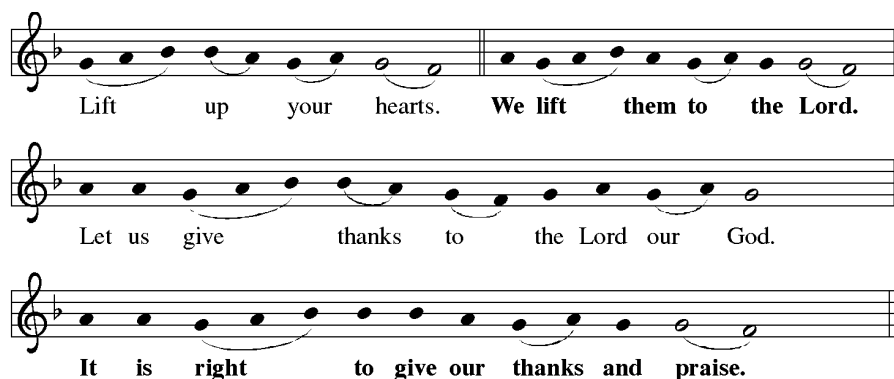
AM: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Holy One, 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.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING





EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

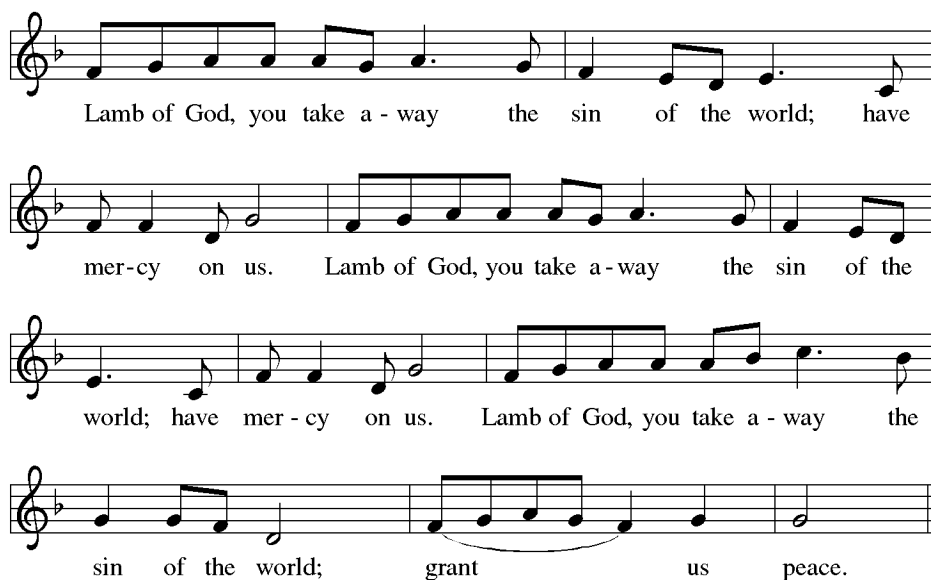
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"



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 welcome to be brought forward to receive a blessing. Participants to the right will be offered a wafer and invited to eat with these words, "the body of Christ given for you." Gluten free

wafers are available. Next, 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, simply cross your arms for a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

ELW 612

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.

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.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

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

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

ELW 774

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Allegro Maestoso"

G.F. Handel

MUSICIAN TODAY: Leah Matocha, organ

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, January 28, 2024: Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Lory Alves; **Communion Assistants:** Melissa Barbre, Darlene Zies, Bill Salt, Fran Vinyard, Dave English; **Acolytes:** TBD; **Reader:** Stephanie Robbins; **Ushers:** Tim Troell, Joe Kane, Deborah Almquist, Bev Seidenschwarz, Steve Tschoepe; **Altar Guild:** Cathy Anderson, Elizabeth Jandt, Jimed Darnell, Tonya Darnell; **AV/Tech:** Allan Bode; **Council Greeter:** Tim Kent; **Hospitality:** Deborah Almquist, Gerry Harrison, Carolyn Blumberg, Sheila English; **Safety Attendants:** TBD

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, February 4, 2024: Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Elizabeth Jandt; **Acolyte:** Elle Hepp, Rayleigh Kent; **Communion Assistants:** Carrie Moseley, Jeannie Hall, Earlene Jarzombek, Jeanne Palmer, Barbara McCall; **Reader:** Wayne Stalsworth; **Ushers:** Allan Bode, Bill Meier, Ron Schneider, Keith Vinyard; **Altar Guild:** Carrie Moseley, Cherrly Baethge, Denise Hufnagl, Pam Grandstaff; **A/V Tech:** Jonathan Zitelman; **Council Greeter:** Debby Richardson; **Hospitality:** Nancy Meier, Bill Meier, Fran Vinyard, Keith Vinyard; **Safety Attendants:** TBD

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in honor of Mike Haug's birthday on January 28.
Gig 'em Aggies!

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHURCH NURSERY is available for children 4 and under on the 2nd Floor Hallway anytime between 9-Noon with Khrist Garcia.

SUNDAY MORNING STUDIES:

- **THE HERITAGE CLASS** (307): 9:15am. Participants explore the deeper meaning found in the Bible and seek to unlock its' wisdom through fellowship and robust group discussion. The aim is to make the Bible relevant and applicable to daily life.
- **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.
- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** is for PK to 5th grade learners. During worship the Vicars lead students to designated classrooms, just down the hall from the sanctuary, as we begin the "Gathering Hymn" and then guide them back as we "Share the Peace." We hope you will make this a part of your family's weekly worship rhythm!

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

THE COMPASS COOPERATIVE gathers weekly at Spirit of Joy for our weekly gathering on **Sundays @6pm** for 6th to 12th grade students, hosted by our four church partners - Emanuel's, St. Andrew's, Spirit of Joy, and Friedens Church- and held on Spirit of Joy's campus. We eat, worship, play games, and enjoy each other's company. Join us!

CONFIRMATION CLASS gathers **today, January 28, 2024**, at 1pm in the Family Life Center. Instruction for the year takes place monthly at either Emanuel's or Spirit of Joy.

JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF meets today, **Sunday, January 28, 2024** in the Family Life Center. Emanuel's Bereavement Coordinator, Donna Simmons, leads this monthly gathering of people who have lost a loved one. Call Donna about any of our bereavement programs at 830-379-5046.

SAFETY TEAM MEETING is **today, January 28** following worship in the Family Life Center. We have a growing group of engaged members addressing safety and security. If you are interested in learning more about safety policies and procedures on the Emanuel's campus, then please join us.

CAREGIVER CAFÉ: Join other caregivers over a cup of coffee and refreshments. Share with others who understand and care. We are meeting at Spirit of Joy the first Thursdays of each month, starting Feb 1st, at 9am and also at Emanuel's Lutheran Church the third Sunday of each month, starting Feb 21st, at 2pm. For more information contact Donna Simmons at 830 556 3542.

SONGS & STORIES for HOPE & HEALING featuring singer and songwriter David Kauffman at Emanuel's on **Sunday, February 25** at 2pm. You are invited to join us for an afternoon of music, sharing, and celebrating the lives of our loved ones who have passed. Led by David's powerful witness and music, this time together is certain to be one of hope and healing.

Preparing for Easter at Emanuel's

LET'S MARDI GRAS!

Tuesday, February 13 at 5:30 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

It's that time of year again! Next month is Mardi Gras, which refers to events of the Carnival celebration, beginning on or after the Christian feasts of the Epiphany (Three Kings Day) and culminating on the day before Ash Wednesday, which is known as Shrove Tuesday. Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday", reflecting the practice of the last night of celebrations and eating rich, fatty foods before the ritual Lenten sacrifices and fasting of the Lenten season.

This year we will hold our annual Mardi Gras celebration in the Fellowship Hall to accommodate the awesome, overflow crowd of over 80 celebrants we had last year. There will be a pancake supper, games, masks, beads, pancake eating contest and costume competition (with HEB gift cards as prizes), King Cake, photographs, and all sorts of merriment for all.

Brush off last year's mask, create your own costume and come hungry. It's time to party!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

February 14

Ashes-to-Go will be outside the church on Gonzales Street from **Noon to 1pm**. Pastors will distribute ashes and give blessings to passers-by who may not have time to attend our evening service.

Worship with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes will be in the Sanctuary at **7:00 PM**.

LENTEN SUPPERS and HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Wednesdays, February 21 through March 20

Please join us in the Women's Ministry Room at 5:30 pm for a light supper before Evening Worship, "A Wandering Heart" Lenten series focused on the life and faith of Peter with Holden Evening Prayer liturgy.

"WANDERING HEART" LENTEN STUDY

In our Lenten study series from *A Sanctified Art*, we are invited to look for ourselves in the stepping stones of Peter's story. We will reflect on the stages of our own faith journeys as well as who and what has shaped us along the way, letting our hearts sing of God's grace and rest in streams of mercy, never ceasing. Devotional booklets will be available in the Narthex and Church office before Ash Wednesday. Make sure to see the progression of the beautiful art installation on the 2nd floor, just past the chapel door, as it develops throughout the Lenten season.

EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL

President, Rissa Springs, *Worship Team*
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ALL MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT Wednesday, February 7 at 5:30pm Women's Ministry Room

All of Emanuel's Ministry Teams gather on a single evening each month to share a meal, collaborate, plan, and schedule 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 STAFF

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

GIVING AT EMANUEL'S: Donations and tithes to the church may be given by envelopes in the pews, mailed to the church, online, or scanned with QR Code below.



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Bright and Glorious Is the Sky



1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the
 2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night through the dark - ness
 3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this
 4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no



heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.
 beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,
 won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions
 di - a - dem; there they saw a maid - en low - ly



All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to
 all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous
 and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the
 with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her



heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.
 star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.
 new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.
 lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

5 Guided by the star, they found
 him whose praise the ages sound.
 We too have a star to guide us,
 which forever will provide us
 with the light to find our Lord,
 with the light to find our Lord.

6 And this star, as bright as day,
 that will never lead astray
 with its message so appealing,
 is the word of God, revealing
 Christ, the way, the truth, the life,
 Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Jens Christian Aaberg, 1877–1970, alt.

Music: DEJLIG ER DEN HIMMEL BLÅ, Danish, 19th cent.

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Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901-1953
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
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Rise, Shine, You People!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.

Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003

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Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924