

Gospel Reading—Matthew 3:13-17

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew the 3rd. Chapter.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

13 Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, & do you come to me?” 15 But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. 16 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove & coming to rest on him; 17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Annette Engelmann

Scripture Reader & Prayers: Deb Vomhof

Communion Server: Judy Caudill

Ushers: Larry Vomhof & Joe Vomhof

Acolyte: Mason Edwards

Sound: Don Holtan

Treats: Judy Pearce

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Set-Up: Julie Steffenson

Take-Down: Janet Sunde & Friends

2020 Covenant Membership at Emmanuel Lutheran: The Emmanuel Church Council approved 57 Discipleship Covenants on Friday, January 10. Thanks for making Emmanuel your Church Home in 2020. Next Saturday night, we will have our annual Covenant Renewal Ceremony as a part of our worship.



**Worship—Eve
of
The Baptism of
Our Lord
Jan. 11, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

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P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, in Jesus’ baptism you declared him to be your beloved Son and set him apart as your agent of grace for your creation. May we who are baptized into his life also be sent as agents of grace in your world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9

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Second Lesson: Romans 6:1-11

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Children’s Message: “If the Shoe Fits...”

Sermon Hymn: “To Jordan Came” (Verses 1-4) #79

Sermon: “It is Fitting!” Rev. Dave Steffenson

***Hymn of the Day: “To Jordan Came” (Verses 5-7) #79**

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<i>Holy Communion is the Lord’s Supper for the Lord’s People: “All are welcome to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.” We are practicing head of the aisle Communion tonight by means of Intinction. Gluten free wafers are also available.</i>	
Communion Hymn: “When Christ’s Appearing”	#85
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The Prayers

A: Let us pray that the light of Christ may shine upon the Church, the world, and all people according to their need.

A brief silence

A: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, we adore you! Blessed Father, Glorious Son, most Holy Spirit, you reveal your heart to us in the Baptism of Jesus. By the Spirit’s power, unite us to Christ so completely that we may hear the Father say to each of us, “You are my beloved child; in you I am well pleased.” Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Fill the Church throughout the world with your Spirit; bind it to your Son; and give it your Word of truth. Make it lovely with your goodness,

radiant with your truth, & fruitful in its humble discipleship to your Son. Use it to lead many people to the waters of Baptism, there to be transformed into your beloved children. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Do not quench the spirit or break the hearts of your persecuted servants, O Lord; nor let them grow discouraged or faint when they suffer on account Christ. Give them such patience and gentleness that their tormentors turn to you and repent. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Put your Spirit upon the leaders of this and every nation, that they may faithfully bring forth and establish justice throughout the world. Give them the wisdom and the will to rightly protect and provide for their people, especially those who are like “bruised reeds and faintly burning wicks.” Make them prefer mercy over might; righteousness over renown; and integrity over influence. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We beseech you on behalf of everyone afflicted by pain, sorrow, loneliness, or despair, and especially those we name before you [NAMES]. Bring them out of the dungeon of suffering and the prison of darkness, and lead them into the brightness of your presence and the company of all who love them. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: we praise and adore you for the powerful mercy you have shown to your servants who have died to us, but are alive eternally to you. Grant that we, who have passed through the waters of Baptism, may walk the bent and broken pathways of this mortal life, refreshed by your Spirit, and conformed to your Son. And, by that same powerful mercy, bring us through the floodwaters of death into your presence, where with all your redeemed children we may worship and adore you in the beauty of your holiness forever. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

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The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020
Baptism of our Lord — 6 pm

***“Praising, Proclaiming and Practicing
Emmanuel—God with us—in daily life!”***

Emmanuel Annual Meeting

Next Saturday, January 18!

Meeting at 3:30pm—Oasis Church

Potluck Supper at 4:45pm

Worship at 6pm

Covenant members of Emmanuel will meet to celebrate the gifts & blessings of 2019, to receive reports, to approve the mission plan budget for 2020, and to conduct elections. Childcare will be provided during the meeting. Meats and Beverages will be provided for the meal. Please bring a side-dish, salad or dessert to share with your church family.

Marks of Discipleship

Signposts guide our way—Disciples seek to pray daily, worship weekly, grow spiritually, read & study Scripture on a regular basis, serve others, share the good news, and live & give generously. Thanks for letting your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and glorify your Heavenly Father.

January Emmanuel Prayer Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are available in print! Also, pick up your copy of the current “Our Daily Bread” Devotional.

Communication Cards/Offering Envelopes: The offering envelope, in your bulletin is being used as a visitor communication card. If you are visiting with us, please know that your presence is your gift to us. We have a very generous congregation & ask only that you share your contact information with us. Members & visitors may use the offering envelopes to indicate a desire for a pastoral visit, a prayer concern, or changes in contact information. Envelopes may be placed in the offering basket. Thanks.

Men’s Bible Study: Men of Emmanuel are meeting at Oasis Church and looking at the Augsburg Confession (*Augustana*) on Tuesdays at 8am. Please join us for coffee & conversation!

Women’s Bible Study—Oasis Church Fellowship Hall: A new study (6 sessions) on Luther’s Small Catechism has begun! Sessions will be held on Thursdays at 1pm at Oasis Church. Dates: January 16, 23, 30; and February 6 & 13.

Madonna Towers Worship: Twice a month on Wednesdays, Emmanuel members are invited to participate in a ministry to area seniors. Our next Madonna Towers Worship Service will be on Wednesday, January 22 at 1:00 pm. Contact Lee Pearce. If you would like to participate in this ministry.

Emmanuel Nominating Committee: Leitha Bothun, Lee Pearce, & Julie Steffenson are serving on this year’s Nominating Committee. Please pray about leadership opportunities that are available in 2020: Three church council positions, four people for the nominating committee, one member for the audit committee, and two people for the NALC Convocations.

Emmanuel Care Committee Meeting: Judy Pearce & members of the Emmanuel Care Committee are meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 10:30am at the Barlow HyVee. All are welcome to attend.

Looking Ahead: LENT: Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 26. We will be using the Holden Evening Prayer Liturgy. We will enjoy homemade soup each Tuesday night at 5pm. Set up and entrance to the Oasis Building will be at 4:30pm. Worship will be at 6pm. Our Theme this year is: **“Faith Stories”**. Members and Friends of Emmanuel will be sharing their faith stories with us. Gary Melin and Julie Steffenson have already agreed to be being lay storytellers. Three more volunteers are needed. Contact Pastor Dave to sign up or to receive more information. We are also looking for a Lenten SOUPervisor to coordinate our weekly soup suppers.



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, January 11
Saturday School & G.I.F.T. at 5pm;
Baptism of our Lord
Worship at 6pm
- Sun, Jan. 12—Pastor Dave preaching at Peace Lutheran in Northwood (8:30am))
- Tues, Jan. 14—Men’s Bible Study at 8am; Text Study (10:30am); Care Mtg. (10:30am)
- Thursday, January 16
Women’s Study on Martin Luther’s Small Catechism (1pm)
- Saturday, January 18
NO Saturday School & G.I.F.T.; Annual Mtg. at 3:30pm; Potluck meal at 4:45pm; Epiphany II Worship & Covenant Renewal at 6pm

Isaiah 42:1-9 — A Servant Song

1 Behold 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. 2 He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; 3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. 4 He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. 5 Thus 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 on it & spirit to those who walk in it: 6 “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand & keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, 7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. 8 I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. 9 Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29—responsively

L: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

L: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

C: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

L: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

C: He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

L: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

C: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

L: The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

C: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

L: May the LORD give strength to his people!

C: May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Romans 6:1-11 — Walk in Newness of Life

1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free from sin. 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Word and Sacrament is a blessing to you. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever we are praising, proclaiming and practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! May the Light of Christ shine bright in our hearts!

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