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*Prayers (*L: Lord in your mercy... C: **Hear our Prayer.***)

*Lord's Prayer: *Traditional Version*

*Benediction

***Sending Song: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"**

(Tune: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service — LBW #423)

*Dismissal:

L: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Mary Ann Groven

Assisting Minister, Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Ushers: Pending

Sanitizing Team: Lee & Judy Pearce

Sound: Don Holtan

Set-up and Take-down: Julie Steffenson & Peg Holtan

Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed!

"And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the Word of God with boldness.

Each day at 4:31pm, Members and Friends of Emmanuel are connecting for prayer while staying put in their own homes. Send prayer requests to Pastor Dave Steffenson. Thanks for joining us.

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father."

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**Worship—Eve of
Epiphany II
January 16, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

Service of the Word

"Sanctity of Human Life"

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements: "Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are praising, proclaiming & practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life!"

***Gathering Song: "Son of God, Eternal Savior" — LBW #364**

*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.

P: In the beginning was the Word,

C: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

P: In the Word was life,

C: And the life was the light of all people.

P: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C: And we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth. (John 1)

*Song: "Word of God, Come Down on Earth" **WOV #716**

"Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heaven descending: touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending. Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation, Word that came from heaven to die, crucified for our salvation; saving Word, the world restoring, speak to us, your love outpouring."

*Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: Heavenly Father, we give you thanks, that through our baptism you call all of your people, young and old alike, to new life in Christ. By the power of your Holy Spirit sanctify us & help us to daily know, follow, & love you more fully & faithfully; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: I Samuel 3:1-20

Psalm 139:1-18 (*Responsively by half verse*) **SEE INSERT**

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 6:12-20

***Gospel Verse: “Alleluia” — WOV page 31**



*Holy Gospel: John 1:43-51

Children’s Message: “Listen! God is Calling!” (On Facebook)

Sermon: “What Do You Know!” Rev. David Steffenson

***Song of the Day: “Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace” — LBW #419** (*Verses 1-2 before the sermon; Verses 3-4 after the sermon*)

*Confession:

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, & was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, & is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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, & the life everlasting. Amen.

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: Pray in the Holy Spirit.

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God,

C: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you. (*Sharing of God’s peace may be done as an expression from the heart, without actual contact.*)

I Corinthians 6:12-20 — Your Body Is A Temple

12 “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. 13 “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food” — and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. 14 And God raised the Lord & will also raise us up by his power. 15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! 16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” 17 But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. 18 Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: John 1:43-51

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John the 1st. Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip & said to him, “Follow me.” 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew & Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael & said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law & also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” 46 Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him & said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” 48 Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” 49 Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” 50 Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” 51 And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Emmanuel Weekly

January 16, 2021

Eve of Epiphany II - 6 pm

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

Sanctity of Human Life (Jan. 16 & 17)

This weekend and throughout the month of January, Emmanuel Lutheran is celebrating the holiness of human life. Knit together in our mothers’ wombs, we are fearfully and wonderfully made by God Himself. All of life is sacred and precious to our Creator. Human life is no accident to God. We are known and chosen by God before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4).

Virtual Baby Shower (Jan. 16 & 17)
“First Care: New Life Family Services

Emmanuel is hosting a virtual baby shower benefiting the young mothers who visit New Life Family Services. The Zoom Baby Shower will take place on **Sunday, January 17 at 3pm**. Baby shower gifts may be dropped off at the home of Pastor Dave & Julie before 3pm on Jan. 17. Those who drop off a gift, will receive a Game Card and a store-bought dessert. The Game Card will give directions for the Virtual Shower. We’ll play a couple of games & give out some prizes. It’s going to be fun.

The January Emmanuel Epistle Newsletter & Prayer Calendar are available! Also, pick up your copy of Our Daily Bread Devotional for December-February .



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, January 16 Epiphany II Worship at 6pm—“Sanctity of Human Life” (SOHL); Drop off Baby Shower gifts from 4-6pm
- Sunday, January 17 **Baby Shower via Zoom** benefiting “New Life Family Services (3pm)
- Wednesday, Jan.20 Men’s in-person Bible Study at 11am (Oasis)
- Saturday, January 23 Epiphany III Worship at 6pm—“Covenant Renewal Liturgy”; Holy Communion served following worship!
- Saturday, January 30 Annual Meeting (7pm)
- **4:31 — Prayer Time!**

I Samuel 3:1-20 — Listen! God is Calling!

1 The boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. 2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. 3 The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. 4 Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" 5 and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. 6 And the Lord called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 8 And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." 11 Then the Lord said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. 12 On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. 13 And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. 14 Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever." 15 Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. 16 But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." 17 And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." 18 So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the Lord. Let him do what seems good to him." 19 And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. 20 And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-18 — Read responsively

L: O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

C: You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

L: You discern my thoughts from afar.

C: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

L: Even before a word is on my tongue,

C: Behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

L: You hem me in, behind and before,

C: And lay your hand upon me.

L: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

C: It is high; I cannot attain it.

L: Where shall I go from your Spirit?

C: Or where shall I flee from your presence?

L: If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

C: If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

L: If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

C: Even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

L: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"

C: Even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

L: For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

C: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

L: Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

C: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

L: Your eyes saw my unformed substance;

C: In your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

L: How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

C: How vast is the sum of them!

L: If I would count them, they are more than the sand.

C: I awake, and I am still with you.

Save the Date: Annual Meeting—Saturday, January 30, 2021.
This Year's Emmanuel Lutheran Church Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 30 immediately following evening worship. The Annual Report will be distributed one week prior to the Mtg.

Discipleship Membership 2021: We have received 56 signed covenants already. MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP: Signposts guide our way—Disciples seek to pray daily, worship weekly, grow spiritually, read and study Scripture on a regular basis, serve others, share the good news, and live & give generously. Thanks for making Emmanuel Lutheran a church home in your life; a place where discipleship is lived & practiced for the glory of God!

Men's Bible Study IN-PERSON: Join us on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021 from 11am-12:00 Noon for a study of the appointed Bible Readings for the week ahead. We'll meet in the Oasis Church, practicing safe, physical distancing. Bring a Bible and a heart eager to receive God's WORD.

Children's Worship Bags: Worship Bags are available for kids each week. We hope children enjoy these resources during worship. Please take the bags home with you.

Epiphany Season: "The WORD Made Flesh"

- A Special Liturgy will be used during the Season of Epiphany.
- Saturday, January 16, 2021: Sanctity of Human Life (SOHL)
- Sunday, January 17, 2021: ZOOM Virtual Baby Shower at 3pm in support of New Life Family Services (First Care).
- Saturday, January 23, 2021: Annual Covenant Renewal Service celebrating the gift of Membership at Emmanuel Lutheran, and Discipleship in the name of Jesus. Holy Communion will be distributed following worship. Annual Reports distributed!
- Saturday, January 30 — **Annual Meeting** following worship!
- Saturday, February 13, 2021—Feast of Transfiguration (Bring Palm Fronds from last year; Ashes for Ash Wednesday).

Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Worship 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! Epiphany! Shining Bright for Jesus!
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Song: "Son of God, Eternal Savior" (LBW #364)

1. Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us,
Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory,
For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
2. As You, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted;
Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty,
Held in solemn trust will be.
3. Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us,
Hallows all our human race.
By Your praying, by Your willing,
That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth Your will be done.

Song: "Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace"—#419 (Verses 1-2 before sermon; Verses 3-4 after sermon)

1. Lord of all nations, grant me grace,
To love all people, ev'ry race;
And in each person may I see,
My kindred, loved, redeemed by Thee.
2. Break down the wall that would divide,
Thy children, Lord, on ev'ry side.
My neighbor's good let me pursue;
Let Christian love bind warm and true.

3. Give me Thy courage, Lord, to speak,
Whenever strong oppress the weak.
Should I myself the victim be,
Help me forgive, rememb'ring Thee.
4. With Thine own love may I be filled,
And by Thy Holy Spirit willed,
That all I touch, where'er I be,
May be divinely touched by Thee.

Song: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"
Tune: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service—LBW #423

1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness,
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands,
With the very Bread of peace.
2. Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious,
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.

PRAYERS

L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence

L: For the Holy Christian Church, gathered here and scattered throughout the world, that by the grace of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we may believe and rejoice that He creates, redeems, sanctifies, and calls every human life as His own precious treasure. Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

L: For our Christian witness, that this Gospel of Jesus Christ may motivate us to speak His truth & show His love to every neighbor, no matter what age, appearance, or ability. Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

L: For this land & its authorities, that God would grant them wisdom, nobility, & responsibility to safeguard in policy & practice the sanctity of every member of our race. Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

L: For all medical professionals, that our Savior lend them His own courage and compassion to deliver relief and health, and to reject every temptation to use death as a solution to suffering. Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

L: For those experiencing surprise pregnancies, those awaiting adoption, those enduring chronic pain, & those approaching death, that our Heavenly Father would grant them wisdom from above & sustain them in their distresses; and open our hearts and hands to embrace, accompany, and care for them. Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

L: For those who permit or participate in acts of violence against life. For those whose hearts have been broken by the loss of their own children, that God may bestow His healing hand upon them. Remind us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

L: For our brothers and sisters suffering injuries, illnesses, or disabilities [NAMES], that the good Lord visit them in their affliction through the fellowship of His body, preserve their life and their faith, and grant both quick remedy & complete recovery. Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

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