

First Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 36 (*Responsively by half verse*)

SEE INSERT

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 12:1-11

***Gospel Verse:** “Alleluia”

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*Holy Gospel: John 2:1-11

Children’s Message: “What’s Your GIFT?”

Sermon: “Wedding Presence”

Rev. David Steffenson

***Song of the Day:** “Jesus, Come! For We Invite You” See INSERT

***2018 Membership Covenant Renewal Ceremony**

P: God’s chosen people entered the Promise Land & participated in a Covenant Renewal Ceremony (Joshua 24). Joshua assembled God’s people & reminded them of God’s eternal faithfulness & providential care for His people. Joshua commanded God’s people to choose whom they will serve, the false gods of this world, or the LORD God Almighty. Joshua ended his exhortation with these familiar words: “As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

C: The people responded with one voice: We also will serve the LORD for He is our God. His voice we will obey.

P: Tonight we remember God’s grace & faithfulness to us, and we renew our pledge to Him. God has made us His people through our baptism into Christ. 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 & born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, He rose again. He ascended into Heaven, and 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, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: Beloved Servants of Emmanuel, you have made public profession of your faith. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever, do you intend to continue in the covenant that God

made with you in baptism: to live among God’s faithful people, to hear His Word and share in His Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word & deed, to serve all people following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, & to strive for justice & peace in all the earth? Do you intend to practice the marks of discipleship (daily prayer, weekly worship, spiritual growth, Bible reading, service to others, sharing the good news, generous living & giving), and to grow up into the full maturity of Christ?

C: I do and I ask God to help and guide me.

A: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. (*Each petition ends with “Lord in your mercy,” ... followed by “HEAR OUR PRAYER”*).

P: Loving God, we thank you for the ministry opportunities that await our congregation in 2019, & for the Servants of Emmanuel who have committed themselves to membership and the walk of discipleship. Grant that all baptized believers may praise, proclaim, and practice your saving presence in daily life. Into your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray; trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering—**Gift of Music by our Worship Pianist**

*The Great Thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer for Epiphany

*Lord’s Prayer: *Traditional Version*

Invitation & Distribution

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 & 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.

Communion Song: "Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness" #224
*Table Blessing Page 92
*Benediction Page 95
***Sending Song: "When Christ's Appearing" #85**
*Dismissal Page 95
Postlude

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Mary Ann Groven
Scripture Reader & Prayers: Lee Pearce
Communion Server: Lee Pearce
Ushers: LeRoy Quam & Matt Serr with his daughters
Acolyte: Addison Siebenaler
Coffee: Peg Holtan
Treats: Margaret Quam
Sound: Don Holtan
Set-up: Julie Steffenson
Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends

Covenant Renewal: Emmanuel has 61 members who have signed discipleship covenants for 2019. Tonight we participate in our annual liturgy of "covenant renewal" in similar fashion as God's people in the Holy Scriptures have done. May God bless us as we walk in the footsteps of Jesus and practice discipleship in daily life.

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**Worship—Eve of
Epiphany II
January 19, 2019
6:00 p.m.**

"Service of Word & Sacrament"

LBW—Covenant Renewal

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

***Gathering Song: "Songs of Thankfulness & Praise" #90**

***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 dwelt among us,

C: And we have seen His glory, full of grace and truth.

***Scripture Song: "All Praise to You, O Lord" See INSERT**

***Salutation and Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Almighty and eternal God, you restrain the powers of heaven and earth. Mercifully hear your people's prayers for peace in our time. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Isaiah 62:1-5 — My Delight is in Her

1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. 2 The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. 3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. 4 You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, & your land shall be married. 5 For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 36 (Responsively)

L: Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart; there is no fear of God before his eyes.

C: For he flatters himself in his own eyes that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated.

L: The words of his mouth are trouble and deceit; he has ceased to act wisely and do good.

C: He plots trouble while on his bed; he sets himself in a way that is not good; he does not reject evil.

L: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

C: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD.

L: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

C: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

L: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

C: Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright of heart!

L: Let not the foot of arrogance come upon me, nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.

C: There the evildoers lie fallen; they are thrust down, unable to rise.

I Corinthians 12:1-11 — Spiritual Gifts

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Verse: "Alleluia"*

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Gospel Reading — John 2:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John the 2nd. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. 3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6 Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. 9 When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." 11 This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Emmanuel Weekly

January 19, 2019
Epiphany II - 6 pm

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

Annual Meeting—January 26
3:30pm—Annual Meeting (child care provided), 4:45pm—Potluck Dinner, 6pm Worship. Lee & Judy Pearce are providing the meat for the meal. Bring a side dish or a dessert to share.

Scott Schilbe’s Address

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Care Ministry Team

Recruiting and training servants of Emmanuel for the ministry of Greeting. Contact Judy Pearce for more info.

Women’s Bible Study

Women of Emmanuel have completed their study on the Book of Psalms. A new 5-Week Study on the “Song of Songs” began on January 10 at 1pm at Oasis Church. Remaining Study Dates: January 24 & 31; February 7 & 28.

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 19
Saturday School and G.I.F.T. at 5:10pm; Epiphany II Worship at 6pm—Covenant Renewal
- Tuesday, January 22
Men’s Bible Study at Oasis Church at 8am; Text Study at 10:30am
- Wednesday, January 23
Worship at Madonna Towers (1pm)
- Thursday, January 24
Women’s Bible Study at Oasis Church (1pm)
- Saturday, January 26
Annual Mtg. at 3:30pm, Potluck at 4:45pm; No Saturday School and G.I.F.T.; Epiphany III Worship at 6pm

Communication Cards/Offering Envelopes: The offering envelope, in your bulletin is also being used as a visitor and communication card. If you are visiting with us, please know that your presence is your gift to us. We have a generous congregation & ask only that you share your contact information with us. Members & visitors may use the communication 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.

Worship at Madonna Towers Skilled Care Chapel: Twice a month on Wednesdays, Emmanuel members are invited to participate in a ministry to area seniors. Our next Worship Service will be on Wednesday, Jan. 23 at 1pm. Give Lee Pearce a call if you would like to help with this wonderful ministry.

Men’s Bible Study: Men of Emmanuel are looking at the Book of Psalms on Tuesdays at 8am & discussing the appointed Psalm for the week. This Week (January 22): Psalm 19.

*Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Word & 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! Thanks for Shining Bright for Jesus!
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Calendar Items:

- Sunday, February 10 - Friday, February 22, 2019 - SEMAC Mission Work Trip to Wilmington, N.C.
- Wednesday, March 6th, 6pm - Ash Wednesday Worship Service. Lenten Theme: “Singing & Praying the Psalms”.
- Monday, April 22nd, 6am - Public Reading of the entire New Testament at Oasis.
- Saturday, April 27th - Children’s Choir of St. John’s Lutheran, Howard Lake, MN. Evening meal provided.
- Saturday, May 4 - Emmanuel Choir, Grafton, IA. Expanded refreshments will be provided.
- Monday, July 29th - Thursday, August 1st - Mega Kids Camp.
- Sunday, August 4th - Emmanuel picnic at the Vomhof home.

Community Prayers—See page 3 of bulletin

A: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. (*Each petition ends with “Lord in your mercy,” ... followed by “HEAR OUR PRAYER”*).

A: Holy God, thank you for loving your people with passion and faithfulness. As a bridegroom loves his bride, so have you loved your church. You have given us a new name. No longer shall we be called *Forsaken*, but rather, *My Delight Is In Her*. May your Holy Spirit, constantly form us into your image, as your beloved bride. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Blessed Jesus, grant we pray the wedding presents of joy & faithfulness, forbearance & forgiveness to all married couples. Bring hope and healing to homes fractured by sin and suffering. Form us all into your big, boisterous, and blessed family. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Great Physician, healer of our every ill, we plead on behalf of everyone who struggles with pain, grief, addiction, fear, remorse, doubt, and despair. We lift before you this day those in need of healing [**NAMES**]. Give your people the hope and courage they need to cling to you in times of trouble. And give to those who care for them a double portion of your compassionate and loving Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Dearest Jesus, you manifested your glory at a wedding in Cana. It was your first sign of many signs. We praise you for turning water into wine & giving gladness to all who attended the wedding. We praise you for the gift of your Holy Spirit, which creates faith in us so that we may confess you as Lord. Grant that we may use our spiritual gifts to build up your body and to bring glory to your name. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Heavenly Father, bless we pray the compassionate work of the Eagles Telethon. For Sixty-five years members of our greater community have labored to bring hope and healing to families battling cancer. We thank you for all who have generously supported this ministry of mercy.

Lord in your mercy,

C:Hear our prayer.

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C: Amen.

Scripture Song: “All Praise to You, O Lord”

Words from LBW #78

Sing to the tune of LBW #370 —“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

1. All praise to you, O Lord,
Who by your mighty pow'r
Did manifest your glory forth,
In Cana's marriage hour.
2. You speak, and it is done; o
Obedient to your word,
The water redd'ning into wine,
Proclaims the present Lord.
3. O, may this grace be ours:
In you always to live
And drink of those refreshing streams,
Which you alone can give.
4. So, led from strength to strength,
Grant us, O Lord, to see
The marriage supper of the Lamb,
The great epiphany.

Song of Day: “Jesus, Come! For We Invite You”

Sing to the tune LBW #50 —“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

1. Jesus, come! for we invite you,
Guest and Master, Friend and Lord;
Now, as once at Cana's wedding,
Speak, and let us hear your word:
Lead us through our need or doubting,
Hope be born and joy restored.
2. Jesus, come! transform our pleasures,
Guide us into paths unknown;
Bring your gifts, command your servants,
Let us trust in you alone:
Though your hand may work in secret,
All shall see what you have done.
3. Jesus, come in new creation,
Heaven brought near by power divine;
Give your unexpected glory
Changing water into wine:
Rouse the faith of your disciples
Come, our first and greatest sign!
4. Jesus, come! surprise our dullness,
Make us willing to receive
More than we can yet imagine,
All the best you have to give:
Let us find your hidden riches,
Taste your love, believe, and live!

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