

First Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm 19 (*Responsively by half verse*)

SEE INSERT

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 12:12-31a

***Gospel Verse: "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"**

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*Holy Gospel: Luke 4:16-30

Children's Message: "Anointed to Preach Good News!"

Sermon: "Sermon Time"

Rev. David Steffenson

***Song of the Day: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"**

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*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, 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: 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. (Share God's peace with one another.)

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*

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Invitation & Distribution:

Communion Song: "Blessed Assurance"

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*Table Blessing

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*Benediction

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***Sending Song: "I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light" #649**

*Dismissal

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Postlude

CLOSING PRAYERS

L: Lord God, thank you for your Word, given to us as Holy Scripture as the sure foundation for our life as your beloved people. Thank you for your Word made flesh in your beloved and only Son, Jesus Christ. Shape us more perfectly into His image. Send us with your Word of life to all who are blinded by the distractions of life, deafened by the voices of pleasure and power, lamed by the sufferings of life, imprisoned by sin, and impoverished in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

L: Build up the Body of Christ in this congregation. Help us to claim, grow, and share the gifts you have given each of us; to encourage and rejoice in the gifts of others. Let all be done to glorify you and to share your mercy with those around us. Lord, in your mercy
C: Hear our prayer.

L: Lord of compassion and mercy, no suffering passes before you unnoticed. Give to the sick, those hospitalized, those recuperating from illness, those in treatment and those troubled in mind and heart both your healing presence and your healing peace. Especially hear us on behalf of those now named in our hearts (**NAMES**). Be their companion in solitude, their healing in affliction, their deliverer from trouble and their life in death. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, most merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Karen Salz

Scripture Reader & Prayers: Darald Bothun

Communion Server: Leitha Bothun

Ushers: Bob Harms & Creig Anderson

Acolyte: Mason Edwards

Sound: Don Holtan

NO TREATS after worship due to our Annual Meeting & Potluck

Set-up: Julie Steffenson Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends

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**Worship—Eve of
Epiphany III
January 26, 2019
6:00 p.m.**

“Service of Word & Sacrament”

With One Voice

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

***Gathering Song: “Arise, Your Light Has Come”**

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***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: “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”**

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***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, graciously look down on our weakness. Reach out to us with your majestic Right Hand, and satisfy us with his glory. We ask through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 — Attentive Ears

1 All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. 2 So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. 3 And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men & the women & those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. ... 5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. 6 And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ... 8 They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. 9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. 10 Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 (Responsively)

L: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

C: The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

L: The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

C: The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

L: The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;

C: The rules of the LORD are true, & righteous altogether.

L: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

C: Sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

L: Moreover, by them is your servant warned;

C: In keeping them there is great reward.

L: Who can discern his errors?

C: Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

L: Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;

C: Let them not have dominion over me!

L: Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

C: Let the words of my mouth & the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

I Corinthians 12:12-31a — One Body, Many Members

12 Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit. 14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." 22 On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, 24 which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, 25 that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. 27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Verse: "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"**

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The Emmanuel Weekly

January 26, 2019
Epiphany III - 6 pm

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

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 31; and February 7 & 28.

Care Ministry Team

Recruiting and training servants of Emmanuel for the ministry of Greeting in conjunction with our Worship Services. Contact Judy Pearce for more information. Servants wanted!

Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who attended today’s Annual Meeting and Church Potluck. Special thanks to our child care providers, and to Lee & Judy Pearce for providing the meat for our meal. We’ve got a great year ahead of us.

Keep SEMAC in your prayers!

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



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, January 26
Annual Mtg. at 3:30pm;
Potluck at 4:45pm; NO
Saturday School or
G.I.F.T.; Epiphany III
Worship at 6pm
- Tuesday, Jan. 29—Men’s
Bible Study at 8am;
Clergy Text Study at
10:30am
- Thursday, January 31
Women’s Bible Study at
Oasis Church (1pm)
- Saturday, February 2
“The Purification of Mary
& the Presentation of
our Lord”; Saturday
School & G.I.F.T. at
5:10pm; Epiphany IV
worship at 6pm
- Saturday, February 9
Baptism of Bodhi Konop

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.

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.

Candlemas – Christmas Day 40: Traditionally, February 2 is
the day when Church Candles are blessed. This is fitting seeing
Jesus is the Light of the World and February 2 falls in Epiphany,
the Season of Light. Candlemas celebrates three events in the life
of Jesus: the presentation of the child Jesus; Jesus’ first entry into
the temple; & the Virgin Mary’s purification.

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
Services will be on Wednesdays, Feb. 6 & 27 at 1pm. Give Lee
Pearce a call if you would like to help with this 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 29): Psalm 71.

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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Gospel Reading — Luke 4:16-30

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke the 3rd. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

16 [Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. 17 And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, 18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” 20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” 22 And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” 23 And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” 24 And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. 25 But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, 26 and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. 27 And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” 28 When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. 29 And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. 30 But passing through their midst, he went away.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

By: James Montgomery

1. Hail to the Lord’s anointed, Great David’s greater son!
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,
To take away transgression, And rule in equity.
2. He comes with rescue speedy, To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy, And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned & dying, Were precious in his sight
3. He shall come down like showers, Upon the fruitful earth;
And love, joy, hope, like flowers, Spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains, Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness in fountains, From hill to valley flow.
4. Kings shall fall down before him, & gold & incense bring;
All nations shall adore him, His praise all people sing.
To him shall prayer unceasing, And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end. .

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.
- Tue, Aug 7th - Thu, Aug 9th, 2019 - NALC Convocation at Indianapolis, IN, includes the election of a new NALC Bishop.