

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.*)

Offering (No passing of baskets; offerings may be placed in the basket located by the church entrance as one leaves; offerings of support may also be given electronically or sent via U.S. mail. Thanks for supporting the ministry of Emmanuel.)

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

Lord's Prayer: *Traditional Version*

\*Benediction

\***Song:** "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"—WOV #721

\*Dismissal:

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

***WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:***

*Pianist: Jane Cabaya*

*Greeters: Gary & Julie Engle*

*Assisting Minister, Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson*

*Sound/Video Recording: Don Holtan*

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

***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 & practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! Shining Bright for Jesus!  
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**Worship—Eve of  
Epiphany VI  
Feb. 12, 2022  
6:00 p.m.**

**“Epiphany Liturgy - Service of the Word”**

\* *indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

\***Song:** “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”—WOV #649

1. I want to walk as a child of the light, I want to follow Jesus. God sent the stars to give light to the world, The star of my life is Jesus. **Refrain:** *In Him, there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

2. I want to see the brightness of God, I want to look at Jesus. Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, And show me the way to the Father. **Refrain:**

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ, I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus. **Refrain:**

\*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*)

**\*Scripture Song: “Word of God, Come Down”—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, you are the strength of all who put their trust in you. Because of the weakness of our human nature we can do no good thing apart from you. Help us to keep your Word, that we may receive the blessings you so freely give to those who love you. Make us like trees planted by flowing streams, that we would thrive in your love and keep your commandments all our days. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Psalm 1 (*Read Responsively*)

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

**\*Gospel Verse: “Arise, Your Light Has Come!” - WOV #652**

1. Arise, your Light has come! The Spirit’s call obey;  
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

2. Arise, your Light has come! The WORD of God is here.  
With Alleluias rise and sing, The Gospel now appears!

\*Holy Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

Children’s Message: “It’s a Fact!” (Posted on Facebook)

Sermon: “Blessings & Woes!” Rev. David Steffenson

**\*Song: “Blest Are They” — WOV #764**

**\*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, & 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 & 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

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**February 12, 2022**  
**Epiphany VI - 6 pm**

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

## **MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP**

Faith Practices! Signposts guide our way—  
Disciples pray daily, worship weekly,  
grow spiritually, read & study Scripture  
on a regular basis, serve others, share the  
good news, and live & give generously.

### **Women's Bible Study**

Resumes on February 23 (1pm) at the  
home of Judy Pearce with Leitha Bothun  
as the study leader. Please join us!

### **Men's Bible Study**

The men of Emmanuel Lutheran meet on  
Tuesday mornings at 8:30am via email &  
study the Bible Readings for the upcoming  
weekend. An in-person study will be  
offered on **Wednesday: Feb. 16 at 11am** at  
Oasis Church. Bring a Bible, a friend, & a  
heart eager to hear God's Word.

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

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## **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- Saturday, February 12 -  
Eve of Epiphany 6  
worship @ 6pm
- Wednesday, Feb. 16 -  
Men's Bible Study at  
11am (Oasis)
- Saturday, Feb. 19 - Eve  
of Epiphany 7 worship @  
6pm; Treats hosted in  
Fellowship Hall by Judy  
& Lee Pearce @ 7pm
- SEMAC Mission Trip:  
February 13-25, 2022 in  
Gibson City, IL.
- Feb. 26—Installation of  
Council; Bring Palm  
Fronds to Worship

**Acts 4:31—The  
Church Prayed!**

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones: they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.

**Refrain: Rejoice, and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are  
you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!**

3. Blest are they, who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God! **Refrain!**

4. Blest are they, who seek peace; they are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.

**Refrain!**

5. Blest are you, who suffer hate, all because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.

**Refrain!**

## **Song: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"—WOV #721**

1. "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

2. "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story,  
here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

3. I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.  
I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.  
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, & Brother.  
Go my children, I will keep you, and give you peace.

**Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany:** What does it mean to be  
blessed? God and the world have two different definitions. The  
prophet Jeremiah shares God's Word saying, to be blessed is to  
trust in the LORD and to be cursed is to put our trust in idols and  
material goods. Jesus taught his followers that they will be blessed  
when they follow his ways; it will happen when they least expect  
it: when they are poor, hungry, weeping, hated, and excluded.

## Jeremiah 17:5-8 — Like a Tree Planted by Water

5 Thus says the Lord: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. 6 He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. 7 Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. 8 He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 1 (Read Responsively)

L: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

**C: Nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

L: But his delight is in the Law of the LORD,

**C: And on his Law he meditates day and night.**

L: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

**C: In all that he does, he prospers.**

L: The wicked are not so,

**C: But are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

L: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

**C: Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

L: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

**C: But the way of the wicked will perish.**

## 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 — Christ Died for our Sins

12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised

Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. 20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading: Luke 6:17-26

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke the 6th. Chapter.

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

17 [Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, 18 who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. 19 And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all. 20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 21 Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. 22 Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! 23 Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. 24 But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 25 Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. 26 Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Song: “Blest Are They” — WOV #764

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

**Refrain: Rejoice, and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!**

## Community Prayers - Epiphany 6 (February 12, 2022)

L: Let us draw near to the Light of Christ, offering prayer and supplication on behalf of the Church, the world, and one another.

*A brief silence*

L: Heavenly Father, thank you for grafting us to Christ, the Tree of life rich with abundant fruit. Thank you for immersing us in the streams of living water: the Spirit flowing from your Son's pierced side. Thank you for raising us to new life in him. May our lives delight in him, meditate on him day and night, and produce the sweet fruit of repentance & righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Father, we pray, as you have commanded, for our enemies and for everyone hostile to your Word. Soften their hearts and forgive their sins. Heal their souls, and lead them to the foot of your Son's Cross. Give us the grace to welcome them there as sisters & brothers, fellow debtors to your amazing grace. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Guide our earthly leaders in pathways of righteousness and integrity. Give them grace to delight in your Law. Help them use their authority to benefit all people, especially the poor. Help us all to refrain from sowing seeds of discord and violence. Instead, let us share friendship, respect, and mercy with those who need them most. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Bring healing to the bodies, minds, hearts, and relationships of everyone burdened by sin, sickness, suffering, or sorrow. We pray for [NAMES]. Cheer their spirits, renew their hope, and bless their loved ones and caregivers. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Thank you, Father, for the lives of all your faithful people who are now at rest in you. Thank you for their witness, example, and goodness towards us. Nourish us on our pilgrimage with your Word. Refresh us with your Spirit and guide us by your Son's Cross. Keep us constant in faith toward you and in love for one another. Bring us, we pray, into the Resurrection-life he has won for all who love him. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: For all these things, dear Father, & for whatever else you desire for us in your wisdom and compassion, we pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior, Lord, and King.

**C: Amen.**

*Prayers adapted from: Cathy Ammlung, Lutheran Core.*