

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.*)

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:** "Freely, Freely" - See Insert

*Dismissal:

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Mary Ann Groven Greeters: Gary & Julie Engle

Assisting Minister, Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Sound/Video Recording: Don Holtan Fellowship: Pearces'

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 VII
Feb. 19, 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 sent your Son, Jesus, to show us how to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us. Fill us with your love, and give us the strength we need to meet all people with lovingkindness, especially those who seek to harm us because we follow Jesus. Let your holy light shine through us, that we may show the world your never-ending joy and mercy. We pray this through the precious name of your Son, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

First Lesson: Genesis 45:3-15

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

***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 6:27-38

Children’s Message: “Measuring Up!” (On Facebook)

Sermon: “Give & You’ll Get!” Rev. David Steffenson

***Song: “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”—LBW #307**

***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.**

The Emmanuel Weekly

February 19, 2022
Epiphany VII - 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.

Pastor Dave—Continuing Education

Pastor Steffenson will be spending the
week of February 20-27 writing up a
narrative of our Emmanuel Church "10
Year" History. Emmanuel turns 10 on
February 25.

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. 23 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.**



CALENDAR ITEMS

- 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 in Gibson City, Illinois
- Wednesday, Feb. 23 - Men's Bible Study at 11am (Oasis); Women's Bible Study at 1pm
- Fri, Feb. 25—Funeral of Barb Steffenson (11am) at Autumn Ridge Church
- Saturday, Feb. 26 - Eve of Transfiguration worship @ 6pm; Collecting Palm Fronds; Installation of 2022 Church Council

**Acts 4:31—The
Church Prayed!**

Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; 38 give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Song: "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"—LBW #307

1. 'Forgive our sins as we forgive,' you taught us, Lord, to pray,
But you alone can grant us grace, to live the words we say.
2. How can your pardon reach and bless, the unforgiving heart,
That broods on wrongs & will not let, old bitterness depart?
3. In blazing light your cross reveals, the truth we dimly knew:
How trifling others' debts to us, how great our debt to you!
4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, & bid resentment
cease;
Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Song: "Freely, Freely"

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you,
To share His love as He told me to

**Chorus: He said, "Freely, freely you have received
Freely, freely give
Go in my name, and because you believe
Others will know that I live"**

2. All power is givin' in Jesus' name,
In earth and Heaven in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you,
To share His power as He told me to. **Chorus:**

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Genesis 45:3-15 — I Am Joseph

3 Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. 4 So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. 7 And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. 10 You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. 11 There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ 12 And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. 13 You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” 14 Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. 15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42 — Christ the Firstfruits

21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ... 30 Why are we in danger every hour? 31 I

protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! 32 What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” 33 Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” 34 Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. 35 But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” 36 You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37 And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. 38 But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. 39 For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. 40 There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. 42 So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

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.

27 [Jesus said,] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 29 To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. 30 Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. 31 And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. 32 If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. 35 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. 36 Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. 37

Community Prayers - Epiphany 7 (February 19, 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: Loving Father, forgiveness is the hardest thing we ever do – but refusing to forgive is worse. Thank you for the forgiveness that you have given us in Jesus. Let it sink in and work deep within us. Although it is so hard, teach us how to forgive, and to ask for forgiveness. Restore us to yourself, and to those who are separated from us, by their sins or by our own. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Make your Church unflinching in exposing sin, humble in confessing it, and generous in forgiving all who repent of it. Do not let it re-brand sin as virtue, nor reject those who stumble. Make it wise in exhortation and counsel. Make it gracious in restoring & healing all who repent and turn to you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Embrace the people of this congregation with your holy and forgiving love. Make us eager to seek out those estranged from us, and patient in the work of reconciliation. Let all we say and do shine with love for Jesus, and with Jesus' love for everyone we meet. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Restore the faith and the health of all who are burdened by suffering of body, mind, or spirit – especially [**NAMES**]. Give them the joy of your saving help; and restore them to fellowship with all who love them. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Heavenly Father, we commend our beloved dead into your care, trusting your promise of mercy. Keep us, we pray, in

your care as well! Help us bring your mercy to those who are lost, broken, estranged, or despairing. Sustain us with your grace, won for us in death and resurrection of your Son and given to us by your Holy Spirit. Reconcile us to yourself and to each other. And welcome us into your kingdom and reunite us with all your people. There let us praise your goodness forever and ever. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: For all these things, dear Father, and 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.

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Barbara Mae Steffenson as they grieve the passing of their beloved child of God. A Funeral Service will be held in the Timothy Chapel at the Autumn Ridge Church on Friday, February 25, 2022 at 11am. Visitation will take place an hour prior to the Service at 10am. Refreshments will be service following the Service. In lieu of flowers, Barbara requested that Memorials be given to the Emmanuel Lutheran Building Fund, or the American Cancer Society - Mayo Clinic.