

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.)

### **Holy Communion - Distribution**

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

\*Lord's Prayer: *Traditional Version*

\*Benediction

\***Song: "All Praise to you, O Lord"—LBW #78**

\*Dismissal:

P: 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*

*Sound/Video Recording: Don Holtan*

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

**Membership 2022:** Thanks is offered to those who have chosen to make Emmanuel a church home in their walk of discipleship.

The Council has approved 62 Discipleship Covenants (53 adults & 9 youth). A Covenant Renewal Liturgy will be held on Jan. 22.

**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 II  
January 15, 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 giver of all that is good, through the power of your Holy Spirit you abundantly bless your children with gifts for the building up of the body of Christ. Empower us to recognize and value the gifts of others and through the strengthening of faith use our own gifts for the work of the kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

**\*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: John 2:1-11

Children’s Message: “A Sign” (Posted on Facebook)

Sermon: “Wedding Gifts for you!” Rev. David Steffenson

**\*Song: “Songs of Thankfulness & Praise” —LBW #90**

**\*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 goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

**Song: “All Praise to you, O Lord”—LBW #78**  
*(To the tune of LBW #176—For All Your Saints, O Lord)*

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; Obedient to your word,  
The water redd'ning into wine, Proclaims the present Lord.
3. Oh, may that grace be ours, In you fore'er 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.

**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.

**Men's Bible Study:** Men of Emmanuel Lutheran meet on Tuesday mornings at 8:30am via email & study the Bible Readings for the upcoming weekend. Let Pastor Dave know if you would like the study notes emailed to you. In-person study will be offered on **Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 11am.** At the Oasis Church.

**Women's Bible Study!** A Bible Study on “Women of the Bible” continues on Wednesdays at 1pm at the home of Judy Pearce with Leitha Bothun as the study leader. Given the high incidents of COVID-19, the women have decided to postpone meeting until February 19. Contact Judy or Leitha with questions.

**January is Sanctity of Human Life (SOHL) Month.** Emmanuel is celebrating the sanctity of every human life on January 16. It is celebrated every year on the Sundays closest to the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision by the U.S. Supreme Court. Life is sacred: “For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made...Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.” PSALM 139:13-14,16.

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# The Emmanuel Weekly

**January 15, 2022**  
**Epiphany II - 6 pm**

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

## Welcome Epiphany!

Oh! that we would search as diligently for Christ as the wise men did so long ago. Imagine for a moment what those years of searching were like for the wise men. Every morning they woke up with one clear purpose, to search for the king. Every night, they made camp and went to bed dreaming of finding the child who had been foretold. They shared one, clear purpose. May we also spend our days with similar clarity of purpose, and having ourselves been found by the King, offer him our worship, and bring him our very lives as gifts.

**Annual Meeting—Saturday, Jan. 29**  
This Year's Emmanuel Lutheran Church Annual Meeting will be held on Sat, Jan. 29 immediately following our evening worship. The Annual Report has been sent out via email and is available in printed form tonight.

**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 15  
Sanctity of Human Life  
Worship at 6pm with  
Holy Communion
- New Life Family Services  
Mission: “To honor the  
sanctity of human life by  
assisting clients in life-  
affirming decisions with  
the love & compassion  
of Christ.”
- Wed, Jan. 19—Men's  
Bible Study at 11am
- Saturday, January 22 -  
Eve of Epiphany 3;  
Discipleship Renewal  
Liturgy; Distribution of  
Annual Report
- Saturday, Jan. 29  
Annual Meeting at 7pm

**Acts 4:31—The  
Church Prayed!**

## Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11

### Isaiah 62:1-5 — I Will Not Keep Quiet

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, and 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.**

### 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 — Many Gifts, One Spirit

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!" & 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.**

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

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

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup>Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. <sup>9</sup>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 <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>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.**

### Song: "Songs of Thankfulness & Praise" —LBW #90

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
Manifested by the star, To the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem, In thy birth at Bethlehem:  
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
2. Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, & King supreme;  
And at Cana wedding guest, In the God-head manifest;  
Manifest in pow'r divine, Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
3. Manifest in making whole, Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill:  
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
4. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, Present in thy holy Word;  
Grace to imitate thee now, And be pure, as pure art thou;  
That we might become like thee, At thy great epiphany,  
And may praise thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

## Community Prayers - Epiphany 2 (January 15, 2022)

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

### *A brief silence*

L: Heavenly Father, thank you for loving your people so passionately. In Christ, you are the bridegroom and we are your beloved bride. Grant that we may live in this covenant of marriage faithfully. Thank you for the healing and forgiveness that you bestow in Jesus. Thank you for your Holy Spirit, who constantly forms us into Christ's image as his beloved bride.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Adorn your Church with faithful teaching and preaching, and with deeds of mercy and reconciliation. Grant that its worship befits the adoration and delight of a bride for her beloved. Give the wedding-presents of joy and faithfulness, forbearance and forgiveness to all married couples. Bring healing to homes fractured by sin and suffering. Gather those who are single – by choice or circumstance – into your loving embrace. Form us all into your big, boisterous, and blessed family. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Lord, for many of our congregations “we are family” is very literally true! Bind us together with the cords of your love, as well as our kinship ties and traditions. Make this congregation a place where we are adopted into your family, and where the bounties of your blessings are lovingly shared with all. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Let your steadfast love and righteousness dwell in the hearts of our elected and appointed leaders; in the minds of all who take counsel for the nations; and in the actions of everyone in positions of authority in our society. Give us grace to share the gifts and skills you have so generously bestowed – especially with the poor and lonely, the suffering and the sorrowing. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: We plead on behalf of everyone who struggles with pain, grief, addiction, fear, shame, doubt, or despair. We lift before you this day the needs of: [**NAMES**]. Give them courage 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.**

L: Thank you, heavenly Father, for all our beloved dead who clung faithfully to your promise of salvation. Dry our tears and ease our sorrow. Give us grace to live in faith toward you, and with fervent love for one another. Then, by your great mercy, gather us, with all whom your dear Son is pleased to call his bride and his beloved, at the table of that marriage feast which has no end. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Graciously hear, and generously answer our prayers, dear Father, in accordance with your wisdom and mercy for us. We pray in the name of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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