

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.**

L: 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 2022, & 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.**

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.*)

\*The Lord’s Prayer: Traditional Version

\*Benediction

\***Sending Song: “O Jesus I Have Promised”—LBW #503**

\*Dismissal:

P:Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Worship—Eve of  
Epiphany III  
January 22, 2022  
6:00 p.m.

## “Epiphany Liturgy - Service of the Word”

### Covenant Renewal Service

\* *indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements: “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!”

\***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 have provided for your people the gift of Holy Scripture through which your salvation in Jesus Christ is made known. Grant that we may study, learn, meditate upon your word that we may live according to your will following the way of the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, our Lord. It is in his most holy name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

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

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

**\*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 4:16-30**

Children’s Message: “Puzzled Pieces” (Posted on Facebook)

Sermon: “Anointed to Preach Good News” Pastor Steffenson

**\*Song: “God of Grace & God of Glory” —LBW #415**

## **\*2022 Membership Covenant Renewal Ceremony**

P: God’s chosen people entered the Promise Land and participated in a Covenant Renewal Ceremony (Joshua 24). Joshua assembled God’s people & reminded them of God’s eternal faithfulness and 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, & 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

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.

### Song: “God of Grace & God of Glory” —LBW #415

1. God of grace & God of glory, on your people pour your pow’r;  
Crown your ancient Church’s story, bring its bud to glorious  
flow’r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo, the hosts of evil round us, scorn the Christ, assail his ways.  
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and  
praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the living of these days, for the living of these days.
3. Save us from weak resignation, to the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of your salvation, be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
Serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

### Sending Song: “O Jesus I Have Promised”—LBW #503

1. O Jesus, I have promised, To serve thee to the end;  
Be thou forever near me, My Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle, If thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway, If thou wilt be my guide.
2. O Jesus, thou hast promised, To all who follow thee  
That where thou art in glory, There shall thy servant be.  
And, Jesus, I have promised, To serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, My Master and my friend.

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# The Emmanuel Weekly

January 22, 2022  
Epiphany III - 6 pm

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

### WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight

Pianist: Jane Cabaya; Assisting Minister,  
Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie  
Steffenson; Sound/Video Recording:  
Don Holtan; Set-up and Take-down:  
Julie Steffenson & Peg Holtan

### 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. Pick up your copy of the Annual  
Report in the Gathering Space.

### Membership 2022

Thanks is offered to those who have  
chosen to make Emmanuel a church  
home in their walk of discipleship. 64  
Discipleship Covenants (55 adults & 9  
youth) have been approved.

### 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.

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 22  
Eve of Epiphany 3  
Worship at 6pm;  
Discipleship Renewal  
Liturgy
- Tues, Jan. 25—Men’s  
email Bible Study
- Wed, Jan. 26—Worship  
Madonna Tower’s 11am
- Saturday, Jan. 29 - Eve  
of Epiphany IV Worship  
at 6pm; Annual Meeting  
at 7pm; Council Meeting  
follows Annual Mtg.
- Men’s Bible Study: Wed,  
February 2 at 11am at  
Oasis Church
- Women’s Bible Study:  
Wed, Feb. 19 at 1pm at  
Judy Pearce’s place

**Acts 4:31—The  
Church Prayed!**

## **Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 — Ezra Reads the LAW**

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, & 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.**

## **1 Corinthians 12:12-31a — Baptized into One Body**

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 Reading: Luke 4:16-30**

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke the 4th. 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

### Community Prayers - Epiphany 3 (January 22, 2022)

L: 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 brief silence*

L: Lord God, thank you for your Word, given to us as Holy Scripture, the sure foundation for life as your beloved community. Thank you for your Word made flesh in your Son, Jesus Christ. Conform our lives to His. Send us with your Word to all who are blinded by distractions, deafened by voices of pleasure & power, lamed by suffering, imprisoned by sin, and impoverished in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Make your Church a place where your Word is faithfully proclaimed, eagerly heard, and gladly heeded. Grant that we who are anointed may preach good news to the poor. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: We are your puzzled pieces! Build up the Body of Christ in this congregation. Help us to accept, develop, and share the gifts you have given each of us. Teach us to encourage and rejoice in the gifts of others, whether those gifts seem small or great. Let all be done to glorify you, to build up your body, and to share your mercy with those around us.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Your Son bestowed healing, sight, freedom, and good news to all who are in bondage to the powers of sin, evil and death. We lift before you the needs of all who need his strong saving love, [NAMES]. Visit them with your salvation; heal their bodies and revive their hearts; and let them rejoice you and the gift of Jubilee. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Thank you, heavenly Father, for receiving into your Kingdom those who died trusting in your Word. Keep us close to Jesus. Speak your Word of life, and let us feed on it. Fill us with your Spirit, and help us share it. Knit us into Christ’s Body, and make us rejoice in it. Keep us faithful unto death. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

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

**Looking Ahead:** Ash Wednesday & the Season of Lent - March 2. This year our midweek worship will celebrate “The Miracles of Jesus.” Palm Fronds will be collected on the Feast of Transfiguration (February 26) and used for imposition on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022.

*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! Visit us at: [www.emmanuelofrochester.org](http://www.emmanuelofrochester.org)*