

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: "O Lord, Now Let Your Servant" —LBW #339

1. O Lord, now let your servant, depart in heav'nly peace,
for I have seen the glory, of your redeeming grace:
a light to lead the nations, unto your holy hill,
the glory of your people, your chosen Israel.

2. Then grant that I may follow, your gleam, O glorious Light,
till earthly shadows scatter, and faith is changed to sight;
till raptured saints shall gather, upon that shining shore,
where Christ, the blessed day-star, shall light them evermore.

*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

Greeters: Lee & Judy Pearce

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



**Worship—Eve of
Epiphany IV
January 29, 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: Jeremiah 1:4-10, 17-19

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

***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 4:31-44**

Children’s Message: “Excellent!” (Posted on Facebook)

Sermon: “Agape LOVE for you!” Rev. David Steffenson

***Song: “Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling” —LBW #381**

(Tune of “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”—#551)

***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: "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling" —LBW #381
(Tune of "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"—#551)**

1. Hark, the voice of Jesus crying,
"Who will go and work today?
Fields are ripe and harvests waiting;
who will bear the sheaves away?"
Long and loud the Master calls you;
rich reward he offers free.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
"Here am I, send me, send me"?
2. If you cannot speak like angels,
if you cannot preach like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus,
you can say he died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
with the judgment's dread alarms,
you can lead the little children
to the Savior's waiting arms.
3. If you cannot be a watchman,
standing high on Zion's wall,
pointing out the path to heaven,
off'ring life and peace to all,
with your prayers and with your bounties
you can do what God demands;
you can be like faithful Aaron,
holding up the prophet's hands.
4. Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
while the multitudes are dying,
and the Master calls for you.
Take the task he gives you gladly,
let his work your pleasure be;
answer quickly when he calls you,
"Here am I, send me, send me!"

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The Emmanuel Weekly

**January 29, 2022
Epiphany IV - 6 pm**

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



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, January 29
Eve of Epiphany 4
worship at 6pm; Annual
Meeting at 7pm
- Wednesday, Feb. 2
Men's Bible Study at
11am; Candlemas (40th
Day of Christmas)
- Saturday, Feb. 5 - Eve of
Epiphany 5 worship @
6pm;
- Sunday, Feb. 6 —Mtg. pf
the Implementation
Team at 5pm
- Wednesday, Feb. 9 -
Men's Bible Study at
11am (Oasis); Women's
Bible Study at 1pm
(home of Judy Pearce's)

Annual Meeting—Saturday, Jan. 29
This Year's Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting will be held tonight,
immediately following our evening
worship. The Annual Report has been
sent out via email & is available in print-
ed form. See update/correction sheet!

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.

Emmanuel 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 67 Discipleship
Covenants (58 adults & 9 youth).

Women's Bible Study

Resumes on February 9 (1pm) at the
home of Judy Pearce with Leitha Bothun
as the study leader. Please join us!

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

**Acts 4:31—The
Church Prayed!**

Jeremiah 1:4-10, 17-19 — Appointed as a Prophet

4 Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” 6 Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” 7 But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. 8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord.” 9 Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. 10 See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.” … 17 “But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them. 18 And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land. 19 They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the Lord, to deliver you.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13 — Greatest Gift: Agape!

12:31b I will show you a still more excellent way. **13:1** If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will

pass away. 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. 13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:31-44

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

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

31 [Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, 32 and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. 33 And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, 34 “Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God.” 35 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. 36 And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” 37 And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region. 38 And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon’s house. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. 39 And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. 40 Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. 41 And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. 42 And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, 43 but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” 44 And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Community Prayers - Epiphany 4 (January 29, 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, sometimes your holy Word seems stern and offensive. But in Jesus, you assure us that every Word which proceeds from your mouth is good. In Him, your never-failing love is fleshed out for us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that we can thank you for every Word you speak to us. Help us to model, however imperfectly, your perfect love for your people. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: In your Church, you have appointed prophets, martyrs, pastors, bishops, teachers, & ordinary saints to speak your word and to lead all people to new life in Christ. We pray that your Church speaks your word boldly, acts fearlessly, & mirrors your love, revealed to the world in your beloved Son. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Let this congregation overflow with words of praise to you, and deeds of love toward others. Help us to be rich in patience and kindness; and to be lacking only in resentment, irritability, and self-promotion. Let everyone know we are Christians by Jesus' love, which touches them through us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: With authority and power, Jesus drove out demons, healed the sick, and forgave and raised up people held in bondage to sin, evil, and death. In his name, we pray for all who suffer from any kind of affliction, especially those we name before you [**NAMES**]. Be their rock, their strong deliverer, and their hope. Strengthen all who care for them; and grant them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: We commend into your care our loved ones who have died and are at rest in you. Comfort those whose grief runs deep. Help us to be gentle, patient, and kind to one another, so we can endure whatever afflicts us in this mortal life. Lead us, with all whom you have redeemed by your dear Son, into your Kingdom. There let our faith become sight, our hope become joy, & your love become our all in all. 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.

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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