

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: "All Who Believe & Are Baptized"—LBW #194**

*Dismissal:

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Jane Cabaya

Greeter: Peg Holtan

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 in 2022. The Council approved 56 Discipleship Covenants this past week. 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! **Visit us at:** www.emmanuelofrochester.org



**Worship—Eve of
Baptism of Our
Lord
January 8, 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, in Jesus’ baptism you declared him to be your beloved Son and set him apart as your agent of grace for your creation. May we who are baptized into his life also be sent as agents of grace in your world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7

Second Lesson: Romans 6:1-11

***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: Luke 3:15-22

Children’s Message: “Calling Cards” (Posted on Facebook)

Sermon: “Called by Name!” Rev. David Steffenson

***Song: “Children of the Heavenly Father”—LBW #474**

***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 and 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.

3. Neither life nor death shall ever,
From the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth,
And their sorrows all he knoweth.
4. Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely,
To preserve them pure and holy.

Song: "All Who Believe & Are Baptized"—LBW #194

1. All who believe and are baptized Shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ, They are a new creation.
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand, Among the
glorious, heav'nly band, Of ev'ry tribe and nation.
2. With one accord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Holy Spirit.
Help us in our infirmity, Through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day, By holy Baptism that we
may, Eternal life inherit.

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 **Wednesdays, January 12 & 19 at 11am.** Location: Oasis Church. Bring a Bible, & a friend.

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 9. Contact Judy or Leitha with questions.

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The Emmanuel Weekly

January 8, 2022 Baptism of our Lord - 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 will be distributed one week prior to the Annual Meeting. Deadline for Annual Report submissions is Saturday, January 15.

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 8
Baptism of our Lord
Worship at 6pm; Audit
Comm. Mtg. @ 7pm
- Sunday, January 9
Implementation Team
Mtg. at 5pm (Oasis)
- Wed, Jan. 12—Men's
Bible Study at 11am at
Oasis; Women's Study at
1pm at Judy Pearce's.
- Saturday, January 15 -
Sanctity of Human Life
Worship at 6pm with
Holy Communion

Snow Removal

Emmanuel is responsible for removal of snow on the Oasis sidewalks, on Mondays throughout the winter months.

Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed!

Isaiah 43:1-7 — I Have Called You by Name

1 Now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. 3 For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. 4 Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. 5 Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. 6 I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, 7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Romans 6:1-11 — Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ

1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free from sin. 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 So you also

must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-22

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke the 3rd. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

15 As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, 16 John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” 18 So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. 19 But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, 20 added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. 21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Song: “Children of the Heavenly Father —LBW #474

1. Children of the heav’nly Father
Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird or star in heaven
Such a refuge ne’er was given.
2. God his own doth tend and nourish;
In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them;
In his mighty arms he bears them.

Community Prayers - Baptism of our Lord (January 8, 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 revealing a tiny part of the mystery of the Trinity, in the Baptism of your beloved Son. Thank you for uniting us to him, in the power of the heaven-descended Dove. Thank you for naming us your beloved children in our own Baptism. Give us grace to live lives well-pleasing to you. Let all of our thoughts, words, and deeds cry “Glory!” Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Bless your Church throughout the world. Through it, let the world hear the thunder of your voice and know the beauty of your holiness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Bestow your blessing on all who are baptized or who are reaffirming their baptismal promises. Stir up your Spirit in them, that they may be freed from sin, united to Christ, and named as your children forever. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Bless the people and the ministry of this congregation. Make us dead to sin and alive to you in Christ. Burn away the chaff from our hearts; gather up and sanctify all that you have cleansed; and use us to share with family and neighbors the new life we have in our Savior. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: We pray for our country and for our world. Establish peace, concord, and righteousness among us. Keep watch over those who protect us. Bring healing to families and communities wounded by violence, and fractured by injustice and hatred.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Say to all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, “Do not fear, for I am with you.” Especially we name before you: **[NAMES]**. Gather them from the far reaches of suffering and sorrow; restore them to all who love them; and remind them always that they are precious in your sight. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: We remember before you our loved ones whom you have delivered from the waters of death. You have also called us by name, and made us your own in Baptism. Keep us united with Jesus. Strengthen us by your Spirit to daily walk in the newness of his life. At the last, say to us and to all whom you name as your own, “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. You are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.” 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.